

Be an Eternal Nation Removal of Death

"The Laws of Nature will be Suspended from you if you Keep God's Teaching and Instruction!"

"That '**Havayah**' is greater than (any) Elokim (name used to describe a god, plural in form, but singular in concept; i.e. judges, form, judge, concept)," **Exodus 18:11 (and Ex. 6:2)** . . . *simply defined, the G-d who defies all the Laws of Nature and is above all gods* . . . All the miracles performed by G-d in Egypt which defied all known laws of nature, were *invoked by this Ineffable* (too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words) **Four-lettered Name of God**. *All other attributes (i.e. names) of G-d are derived from the Ineffable Name, "Havayah"*.

Luke 18:18-30

The Rich Ruler

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, **what must I do to inherit eternal life?**"¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You **know the commandments**: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. **Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.**" ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. ²⁴ Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ Those who heard it said, "**Then who can be saved?**" ²⁷ But he said, "**What is impossible with man is possible with God.**" ²⁸ And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." ²⁹ And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, **there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.**"

John 5:30-46

Witnesses to Jesus

³⁰ "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me. ³¹ If I alone bear witness about myself, my testimony is not true. ³² There is another who bears witness about me, and I know that the testimony that he bears about me is true. ³³ You sent to John, and he has borne witness to the truth. ³⁴ Not that the testimony that I receive is from man, but I say these things so that you may be saved. ³⁵ He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for a while in his light. ³⁶ But the testimony that I have is greater than that of John. For the works that the Father has given me to accomplish, the very works that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father has sent me. ³⁷ And the Father who sent me has himself borne witness about me. His voice you have never heard, his form you have never seen, ³⁸ and you do not have his word abiding in you, for you do not believe the one whom he has sent. ³⁹ You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, ⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. ⁴¹ I do not receive glory from people. ⁴² But I know that you do not have the love of God within you. ⁴³ I have come in my Father's name, and you do not receive me. If another comes in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴ **How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?** ⁴⁵ Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one who accuses you: Moses, on whom you have set your hope. ⁴⁶ **For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. ⁴⁷ But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?**"

Note: All those who would *find Christ* must *search the scriptures*; not only read them, and hear them, but search them, which denotes, 1. *Diligence* in seeking, labour, and study, and close application of mind. 2. *Desire* and *design* of finding. We must aim at some spiritual benefit and advantage in reading and studying the scripture, and often ask, "*What am I now searching for?*" We must search as for *hidden treasures* (Prov. 2:4), as those that *sink* for gold or silver, or that *dive* for pearl (Job 28:1-11). This was *the goal* of the Bereans (Acts 17:11).

Now there are two things which we are here directed to have in our eye, in our searching the scripture: *heaven* our end, and *Christ* our way.

Therefore we must *search the scriptures*, and may hope to find eternal life in that search, because they testify of Christ; for this is *life eternal*, to *know him*; see 1 John 5:11. Christ is the treasure hid in the field of the scriptures, the water in those wells, the milk in those breasts.

"And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

1 John 5:11

The Jews made Moses the patron of their opposition to Christ; but Christ here shows them their error, that **Moses was so far from writing against Christ that he wrote for him, and of him**. He proves this charge from their disbelief of him: *Had you believed Moses, you would have believed me*.

Deuteronomy 18:15-19

A New Prophet like Moses

¹⁵ "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷ And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.

John 17:3

"And **this is eternal life, that they know you**, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but **have eternal life**.

John 5:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, **whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life.** He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

John 6:27-47

²⁷ **Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you . . .** ⁴⁰ **For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day . . .**
⁴⁷ **Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.**

John 10:27-29

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ **I give them eternal life,** and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 12:25

²⁵ Whoever loves his life loses it, and **whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.**

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation”
2 Corinthians 5:18

Week 38 - CHUKAT (Statute or Decree)
Numbers 19:1–22:1; Judges 11:1–33; Hebrews 9:1–28

“This is a requirement [חֻקָּה / *Chukat* / statute] of the law [Torah] that the LORD has commanded:
Tell the Israelites to bring you a red heifer [*parah adumah*].” Numbers 19:2

Last week in *Reading Korach*, the Levite Korach incited mutiny against Moses. He and 250 chieftains of Israel questioned the anointed position of Moses as leader and Aaron as high priest.

“We should not allow strife, jealousy, self-expansion of power, or any other sin to taint our calling as royal children of the Most High King.”

Fruit Inspection

Matthew 7:15-20 and Luke 6:43-45

Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit; nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits.”

Based on the book of Jude verse 11 it appears that the false prophets and teachers have three basic traits in common. Jude says, “*For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.*”

Cain, Balaam and **Korah** have several things in common with one another. Each of them intimately knew God, heard Him speak, and was placed in a position of prominence by God. They each worshipped God and made offerings to Him. However, none of them was content with God. Each was motivated by covetousness and wanted to override God authority by doing things their own way. And each of them was responsible for the death of God's people.

These men's primary focus was self-promotion. Their actions show they were motivated by personal gain not by the love of God and man. Cain (Genesis 4), Balaam (Numbers 22-25) and **Korah** (Numbers 16) are used in Scripture as examples that wrong motivation can occur in the three different aspects of man: body, soul, and spirit. The way of Cain involves the body. It is satisfying the desires of the flesh and is evidenced by 1) unholy living in the midst of the people of God. The error of Balaam is satisfying the desires of the soul by greed and is evidenced by 2) teaching that causes the people of God to fall. The rebellion of Korah involves the spirit. Its basis is pride and consists of grumbling and complaining against God, His leaders and His ways. It is evidenced through 3) causing division in the people of God.

We Must Make a Concerted Effort to Walk in Holiness and Unity because this is where The Anointing Is.

This week's Torah reading, called *Reading Chukat*, presents the ritual laws of the **Reading Red Heifer** (Adumah Parah Adumah)) and the deaths of Aaron and the prophetess Miriam, Moses and Aaron's sister.

“Be an Eternal Nation – Removal of Death”

Red Heifer (the Removal of Death):

1. Become an Eternal Nation by **Removing Death**, by allowing our Healer to Flow Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

Miriam's Death & The Water:

2. Become an Eternal Nation by **Allowing Rivers of Living Water to Flow** Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

The Bronze Serpent:

3. Become an **Eternal Nation** by *Looking Upon* our Lord and Savior and allowing our Healer to Flow Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

King Og Defeated (Moses' Personal Command to Defeat the King of Og):

4. Become an **Eternal Nation** by *Obeying* our Lord and Savior's Commands and allowing His Word to Flow Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

Numbers 19:1-22

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Numbers 19:1-22

Laws for Purification

19 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²“This is the statute of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the people of Israel to bring you a red heifer without defect, in which there is **no blemish**, and **on which a yoke has never come**. ³And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and it shall be taken outside the camp and slaughtered before him. ⁴And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. ⁵And the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its skin, its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, shall be burned. ⁶And the priest shall take cedarwood and hyssop and scarlet yarn, and throw them into the fire burning the heifer. ⁷Then the priest shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. But the priest shall be unclean until evening. ⁸The one who burns the heifer shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his body in water and shall be unclean until evening. ⁹And a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place. And they shall be kept for the water for impurity for the congregation of the people of Israel; it is **a sin offering**. ¹⁰And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. And this shall be a perpetual statute for the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

¹¹“Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days. ¹²He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean. ¹³Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.

¹⁴“This is the law when someone dies in a tent: everyone who comes into the tent and everyone who is in the tent shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁵And every open vessel that has no cover fastened on it is unclean. ¹⁶Whoever in the open field touches someone who was killed with a sword or who died naturally, or touches a human bone or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁷For the unclean they shall take some ashes of the burnt sin offering, and fresh water shall be added in a vessel. ¹⁸Then a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water and sprinkle it on the tent and on all the furnishings and on the persons who were there and on whoever touched the bone, or the slain or the dead or the grave. ¹⁹And the clean person shall sprinkle it on the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day. Thus on the seventh day he shall cleanse him, and he shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water, and at evening he shall be clean. ²⁰“If the man who is unclean does not cleanse himself, that person shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, since he has defiled the sanctuary of the Lord. Because the water for impurity has not been thrown on him, he is unclean. ²¹And it shall be a statute forever for them. The one who sprinkles the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and the one who touches the water for impurity shall be unclean until evening. ²²And whatever the unclean person touches shall be unclean, and anyone who touches it shall be unclean until evening.”

The Bridge from Impurity to Purity

To purify the Temple vessels and priest, the chosen red heifer (a young female cow that has not yet borne a calf) was to be blemish and defect free. It also must never have borne a yoke.

It would be slaughtered under the supervision of the Jewish Priest (Cohen), who would then sprinkle its blood seven times toward the Tabernacle. Its body would be burned outside the camp and its ashes used to create the waters of purification. – *Jesus does this on the Cross for His New Temple, the Church as Individuals, dedicating us through His Blood, our Passover Lamb, without Sin, and purify His Church for the Presence and Working of God in the Earth; and just over 50 days later He dedicated the Temple with the Out Pouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, empowering the Church to be the Church in Power.*

The waters of purification are necessary to ritually cleanse those who had been contaminated by death through contact with a corpse, bone, or grave. Once purified, they could enter the Tabernacle to draw near to the Living God.

Red Heifer sacrificed on the Mount of Olives!!!!

Cleans from the Curse of Death!

Temple Can not be built without a Red Heifer.

Red Heifer to Purify those who would build the Temple.

A Red Heifer will be ready, maintains its purity, will be ready March 2021.

Hebrews 10:1

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

10 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

Hebrews 9

The Earthly Holy Place

9 Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ²For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. ³Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, ⁴having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸**By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing** ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

Redemption Through the Blood of Christ

¹¹But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) ¹²**he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.** ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, ¹⁴**how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.**

¹⁵Therefore **he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.** ¹⁶**For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.** ¹⁷For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." ²¹And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²²Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 10:4-14

⁴For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Consequently, when Christ^[a] came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,

but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings

you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"

⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ^[b] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Romans 12:1

A Living Sacrifice

I appeal to you therefore, brothers,^[a] by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

John 1:29

Behold, the Lamb of God

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

*Origin of the Contract of:
The Law of Sin and Death*

¹⁴The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵*I will put hatred/animosity (enmity) between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.*"

Genesis 3:14-15

Romans 5:12-21

Death Through Adam, Life Through Christ

¹²Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—

¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴**Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.**

¹⁵But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

¹⁸Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

²⁰The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Contract Broken!

The Law of Sin and Death

"Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die."
Ezekiel 18:4

You Need to Understand 'The Law of Sin and Death':
The Soul that Sinneth, it Shall Die

If you have sinned you have been sentenced to die.

This Rule has Ruled from the beginning of mankind up to Jesus Christ.

All of us Owed the Penalty of Sin

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that **had the power of death, that is, the devil.**" **Hebrews 2:14**

Satan had the power of death, though somehow, through the death of Jesus, Satan was destroyed and Satan lost the power of death.

How did God do this?

Jesus did not want us to die, but have Eternal life.

So he created a Plan so that we might have Eternal Life.

How did God do this?

First of all, God became a human being.

He said, I will be spirit and flesh.

As a man I will live a sinless life.

I am going to trick Satan into killing me illegally, because, 'The Law of Sin and Death' says, the Soul that Sinneth, it shall die.

Again, Ezekiel 18:4, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**"

I am not going to sin, but I know Satan, and he is going to end-up killing me anyway, because that is what he does, he has come to kill, steal, and destroy.

And by so doing he is going to break the contract of 'The Law of Sin and Death' that has enslaved the human race from Adam and Eve until now (the time of Jesus). I am going to die in their place so that they do not have to die. It is true they owe the bill, but since I do not owe the bill I will pay it for them.

Satan tried to get Jesus to sin in the Temptation, and even offered him to become the one world dictator of his kingdom, in essence proposing him to be the antichrist.

Satan finally, after trying everything, killed him and said he would work out the details later, I do not know what is going on here, so he nailed him to the cross.

If the Princes of this World would have known the Mystery that Jesus was really God manifest in Flesh, he would never have tried to kill him, because he would've known he couldn't kill God. (1 Corinthians 2:7-9)

Had Satan known the plan of God, he would have never killed Jesus. Because he would have known that he could not kill God.

He did not understand the Plan of God

Jesus was in the Grave 3 Days

Revelation 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and **have the keys of hell and of death.**"

Satan had the power of death up until then, but because Satan disobeyed and transgressed, 'the Soul that Sinneth, it shall die,' the contract was broken, and no longer has power over us, once we believe in Jesus Christ.

Jesus says I have the keys of hell and death now.

The Bible tell us when we are Baptized in 'Jesus Name' we are Baptized into his death.

Romans 6:3, "know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

So when we are baptized in Jesus name, that is when his death pays our bill, and is why Peter says at Pentecost, Repent and be Baptized for the *cancellation of debt, charge, and penalty* (remission) of sins, to pay your bill.

When you go down in the name of Jesus Christ in Baptism, your bill that you owe, the bill of death, is stamped 'Paid in Full' by Jesus Christ.

Baptism That is when his death pays your bill, that is when your sin is imputed (assigned) to Jesus Christ.

When you go through this process, you pass from a person with a sentenced of death, to a sentence of eternal life. Waling into the water Having death holding over your head, but when you walk out of that water, death is gone.

Jesus having no sin paid our penalty.

2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

When you're baptized your sins are imputed (assigned) to Jesus, and his righteousness is imputed (assigned) to you!

Was the agony that Jesus was experienced in the Garden because he was going to die?

No!

Jesus understood that he was getting ready to taste sin for every person.

2 Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Jesus cried out, "My God, My God, why has thou forsaken me."

Did God forsake him? How could He? He was God! He was God Manifested in the Flesh!

Why would God forsake him when he needed him the most?

God did not forsake him! He just had the God forsaken feeling that every sinner gets when they know they have sinned directly against God.

We must Understand 'The Principle of Imputation':

2 Corinthians 5:19, "To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing (assigning) their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation."

Do you know what 'Reconcile' means? It means to bring together again.

We were separated by our guilt our sin.

Romans 4:7-8, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute (assign) sin."

Once you're in Christ Jesus, you are able to live a guilt-free life.

The key to reconciliation is God will not impute (assign) your sin to you because your sin was imputed (assigned) to him and his righteousness is imputed (assigned) to you.

Romans 4:6, “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom god imputeth (assign) righteousness without works.”

When you are baptized you are taking on God’s righteousness

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

It is wonderful to live a guilt free life, so if you do fall short, as long as you do your best, it is not even imputed (assigned) to you.

Romans 8:1-2, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”

Walking by the Spirit and not the Flesh any longer.

Galatians 5:19-26

¹⁹Now the **works of the flesh** are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

Again, what is the ‘law of sin and death’:

Ezekiel 18:4, “Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: **the soul that sinneth, it shall die.**”

Does ‘the law of sin and death’ apply to you anymore? Not once you are ‘Born Again’, you are under a ‘New Law’. Jesus has come to deliver us from ‘the law of sin and death’. And now the ‘law of the Spirit of life’ in Christ Jesus has made me free from ‘the law of sin and death.’

Only to those who are ‘Born Again’ in Christ Jesus through confession and baptism.

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the BLOOD of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from ALL SIN.”

cleanseth = continues to cleans

Our blood is a Cleansing Agent, happening when I do not even know it is happening; the same BLOOD offered to us through Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:2, “For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.”

The Bible Teaches when we are Bapatzized we are Espoused to Jesus Christ, when we take the name of the Bridegroom, we take his name, your married; but of course, there was always an approving period between the espousal and the time of the consemation of the marriage, to prove the purity and the faithfulness of that virgin to her husband.

When your baptized then from then on you stay faithful to Jesus Christ until He Comes Back!

And when He Comes Back, that is when our Bridegroom Jesus is going to consemation the marriage to His Bride.

So, since He’s our Bridegroom that’s the reason we’re baptized in His name.

Baptism is a Marriage Ceremony. The Bible says when Jesus comes back He’s coming back after a Bride that Bears His Name.

<https://watch.endtime.com/salvation-series/videos/born-again-three-steps>

Miriam’s Death & The Water:

2. Become an Eternal Nation by Allowing *Rivers of Living Water to Flow* Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

Numbers 20:1-13

The Death of Miriam

20 And the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month, and the people stayed in Kadesh. And Miriam died there and was buried there.

The Waters of Meribah

²Now there was no water for the congregation. And they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. ³And the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Would that we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord! ⁴Why have you brought

the assembly of the Lord into this wilderness, that we should die here, both we and our cattle? ⁵ And why have you made us come up out of Egypt to bring us to this evil place? It is no place for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink." ⁶ Then Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the entrance of the tent of meeting and fell on their faces. And the glory of the Lord appeared to them, ⁷ and the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ⁸ "Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle."⁹ And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as he commanded him.

Moses Strikes the Rock

¹⁰ Then Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels: shall we bring water for you out of this rock?"¹¹ And Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock with his staff twice, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. ¹² And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them." ¹³ These are the waters of Meribah, where the people of Israel quarreled with the Lord, and through them he showed himself holy.

John 7:37-39 says:

On the last and greatest day of the festival ("The Feast of Tabernacle" – The Promised Wedding Feast of the Lamb), Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."³⁹ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

This took place during the Festival of Booths (Tabernacles). The water-drawing ceremony was an important activity at this festival. The priests drew water from the Pool of Siloam and with much *gravity/seriousness* would proceed to the temple and pour the water out on the altar. This was a graphic *call/appeal* in **Ezekiel 47** and **Zechariah 14**, so it was appropriate and ingenious of Jesus to reference the image. Of course, Jesus turned the whole idea on its head (as he was known to do frequently) by insisting that the "rivers" would not actually flow out of the temple or Jerusalem, but out of the believer himself – and each believer is seen as a "temple" in which the Spirit dwells.

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Water Flowing from the Temple

¹ Then he brought me back to the door of the temple, and behold, water was issuing from below the threshold of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east). The water was flowing down from below the south end of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar.² Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east; and behold, the water was trickling out on the south side.

³ Going on eastward with a measuring line in his hand, the man measured a thousand cubits, and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. ⁴ Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again he measured a thousand, and led me through the water, and it was waist-deep. ⁵ Again he measured a thousand, and it was a river that I could not pass through, for the water had risen. It was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be passed through. ⁶ And he said to me, "Son of man, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back to the bank of the river. ⁷ As I went back, I saw on the bank of the river very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸ And he said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the **Arabah** (is a geographic area south of the Dead Sea basin, which forms part of the border between Israel to the west and Jordan to the east; This included the Jordan River Valley between the Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea, the Dead Sea itself), and enters the sea; when the water flows into the sea, the water will become fresh. ⁹ And wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish. For this water goes there, that the waters of the sea may become fresh; so everything will live where the river goes. ¹⁰ Fishermen will stand beside the sea. From Engedi to Eneglaim it will be a place for the spreading of nets. Its fish will be of very many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. ¹¹ But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. ¹² And on the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither, nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for healing."

Zechariah 14

The Coming Day of the Lord

¹ Behold, a day is coming for the Lord, when the spoil taken from you will be divided in your midst. ² For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken and the houses plundered and the women raped. Half of the city shall go out into exile, but the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city. ³ Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. ⁴ On that day his feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward. ⁵ And you shall flee to the valley of my mountains, for the valley of the mountains shall reach to Azal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

⁶ On that day there shall be no light, cold, or frost (late summer/early fall – the Feast of Trumpets – the feast known as the day and hour unknown, as it is a two day feast, celebrated on the first night of the observance of the new moon – the new moon being a picture of our Messiah – likened to the day of Elijah's Rapture). ⁷ And there shall be a unique day, which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, but at evening time there shall be light.

⁸ On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea. It shall continue in summer as in winter.

⁹ And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

¹⁰ The whole land shall be turned into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem. But Jerusalem shall remain aloft on its site from the Gate of Benjamin to the place of the former gate, to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's winepresses (a time of year of the

Grape Harvest – Judgment and New Wine/Spirit/Beginning). ¹¹ And it shall be inhabited, for there shall never again be a decree of utter destruction. Jerusalem shall dwell in security.

¹² And this shall be the plague with which the Lord will strike all the peoples that wage war against Jerusalem: their flesh will rot while they are still standing on their feet, their eyes will rot in their sockets, and their tongues will rot in their mouths.

¹³ And on that day a great panic from the Lord shall fall on them, so that each will seize the hand of another, and the hand of the one will be raised against the hand of the other. ¹⁴ Even Judah will fight at Jerusalem.^[e] And the wealth of all the surrounding nations shall be collected, gold, silver, and garments in great abundance. ¹⁵ And a plague like this plague shall fall on the horses, the mules, the camels, the donkeys, and whatever beasts may be in those camps.

¹⁶ Then everyone who survives of all the nations that have come against Jerusalem shall go up year after year to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Booths. ¹⁷ And if any of the families of the earth do not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, there will be no rain on them. ¹⁸ And if the family of Egypt does not go up and present themselves, then on them there shall be no rain: there shall be the plague with which the Lord afflicts the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths. ¹⁹ This shall be the punishment to Egypt and the punishment to all the nations that do not go up to keep the Feast of Booths.

Jeremiah 2:13 says: The LORD said, "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water."

God's children were seeking life in everything but Him, yet He is the very source of life. It begs the question for each of us: Where have we put our hope for finding life? Do we pour ourselves out looking for fulfillment and a quenching of our soul, only to feel empty and drained – never satisfied and never fulfilled – like a broken cistern?

God had to allow His children to experience hardship, a scattering of His nation in Jeremiah, to discover that only **He could satisfy their deepest thirst and desires**. It's a type of thirst quenching that true believers in Christ experience through the Holy Spirit's presence within our hearts. As scripture says, "rivers of living water will flow from within them." And as **Psalm 34:8** says, "Taste and see that the LORD is good." The more we taste, the more we want Him.

1 Corinthians 10:1-22 Warning Against Idolatry

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. **For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.**"

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did.⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. **Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come.** ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. **God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.**

¹⁴ **Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.** ¹⁵ I speak as to sensible people; judge for yourselves what I say . . . ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. ²² *Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than he?*

There is another passage in **Ezekiel** that talks about what life will be like after Jesus is crucified, rises again, returns to heaven, and believers are waiting for His return.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Here I see a connection between water and the Holy Spirit in a believer's life. Salvation is pictured as people being cleansed with water and the Holy Spirit is in them.

At first I didn't think this passage showed the Holy Spirit flowing FROM believers. Until I read on.

The rest of Ezekiel 36 describes what will happen to the land after the Holy Spirit comes on the people. The land which used to be in a famine and desolate becomes a flourishing garden, cultivated and highly productive. The land is even compared to the garden of Eden (Ez 36:35). What does it take for plants to grow? For a famine to end?

Water.

Water gives life. It was here that I saw the rivers of living water as a result of the Holy Spirit indwelling believers.

I also found Joel 2 which is fulfilled in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit comes upon the believers in the upper room. How is the Holy Spirit given? He is said in this passage to be poured out. A watery image of the Holy Spirit poured from a pitcher. But the believers don't bottle up the Spirit and keep

Him for themselves. They instantaneously share the good news in the Holy Spirit's power. The Holy Spirit poured into them is flowing out of them, a river of living water, a life-giving message to those who heard and received the gospel that day.

<https://readthehardparts.com/rivers-of-living-water-john-7/>

Numbers 20:14-21:3

Edom Refuses Passage

¹⁴Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom: "Thus says your brother Israel: You know all the hardship that we have met: ¹⁵how our fathers went down to Egypt, and we lived in Egypt a long time. And the Egyptians dealt harshly with us and our fathers. ¹⁶And when we cried to the Lord, he heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out of Egypt. And here we are in Kadesh, a city on the edge of your territory. ¹⁷Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or vineyard, or drink water from a well. We will go along the King's Highway. We will not turn aside to the right hand or to the left until we have passed through your territory." ¹⁸But Edom said to him, "You shall not pass through, lest I come out with the sword against you." ¹⁹And the people of Israel said to him, "We will go up by the highway, and if we drink of your water, I and my livestock, then I will pay for it. Let me only pass through on foot, nothing more." ²⁰But he said, "You shall not pass through." And Edom came out against them with a large army and with a strong force. ²¹Thus Edom refused to give Israel passage through his territory, so Israel turned away from him.

The Death of Aaron

²²And they journeyed from Kadesh, and the people of Israel, the whole congregation, came to Mount Hor. ²³And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron at Mount Hor, on the border of the land of Edom, ²⁴"Let Aaron be gathered to his people, for he shall not enter the land that I have given to the people of Israel, because you rebelled against my command at the waters of Meribah. ²⁵Take Aaron and Eleazar his son and bring them up to Mount Hor. ²⁶And strip Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron shall be gathered to his people and shall die there." ²⁷Moses did as the Lord commanded. And they went up Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. ²⁸And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments and put them on Eleazar his son. And Aaron died there on the top of the mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. ²⁹And when all the congregation saw that Aaron had perished, all the house of Israel wept for Aaron thirty days.

Arad Destroyed

²¹When the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who lived in the Negeb, heard that Israel was coming by the way of Atharim, he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. ²And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction." ³And the Lord heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah.

The Bronze Serpent:

3. Become an Eternal Nation by Looking Upon our Lord and Savior and allowing our Healer to Flow Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

Numbers 21:4-9

The Bronze Serpent

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:14

¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

God removed the cover and removed his cover of protection from the serpents.

The People Repent, unique to what their parents did 40 years earlier, when they did not Repent.

Note: the successor of Moses is Joshua/Yeshua/Jesus

Illustration:

Look and Live

Do you recall that I have said that John 1:14-16 are functioning like a compass as we trek through this Gospel. Notice how it relates to this story. "The word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth . . . and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace." We behold his glory as he is lifted up on the cross, and in that look, we receive grace. Nicodemus, do you want the grace of the new birth? Look!

I don't know of any better way to make plain the importance of this or the meaning of it than to tell you the story of Charles Spurgeon's conversion. Here it is in his own words. The day was January 6, 1850. Spurgeon was not quite sixteen years old:

I sometimes think I might have been in darkness and despair until now had it not been for the goodness of God in sending a snowstorm, one Sunday morning, while I was going to a certain place of worship. When I could go no further, I turned down a side street, and came to a little Primitive Methodist chapel. In that chapel there may have been a dozen or fifteen people. . . . The minister did not come that morning; he was snowed up, I suppose. At last, a very thin-looking man, a shoemaker, or tailor, or something of that sort, went up into the pulpit to

preach. . . . He was obliged to stick to his text, for the simple reason that he had little else to say. The text was "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth (Isaiah 45:22)."

He did not even pronounce the words rightly, but that did not matter. There was, I thought, a glimpse of hope for me in that text. The preacher began thus: "My dear friends, this is a very simple text indeed. It says, 'Look.' Now lookin' don't take a deal of pain. It ain't liftin' your foot or your finger; it is just, 'Look.' Well, a man needn't go to college to learn to look. You may be the biggest fool, and yet you can look. A man needn't be worth a thousand a year to be able to look. Anyone can look; even a child can look.

"But then the text says, 'Look unto Me'. . . . Many of ye are lookin' to yourselves, but it's no use lookin' there. Ye will never find any comfort in yourselves. Some look to God the Father. No, look to him by-and-by. Jesus Christ says, 'Look unto Me.' Some of ye say, 'We must wait for the Spirit's workin'.' You have no business with that just now. Look to Christ. The text says, 'Look unto Me.'"

"The grace of the new birth is our seeing Christ lifted up."

Then the good man followed up his text in this way: "Look unto Me; I am sweatin' and great drops of blood. Look unto Me; I am hangin' on the cross. Look unto Me; I am dead and buried. Look unto Me; I rise again. Look unto Me; I ascend to heaven. Look unto Me; I am sittin' at the Father's right hand. O poor sinner, look unto Me! Look unto Me!"

When he had gone to about that length, and managed to spin out ten minutes or so he was at the end of his tether. Then he looked at me under the gallery, and I dare say, with so few present he knew me to be a stranger. Just fixing his eyes on me, as if he knew all my heart he said, "Young man, you look very miserable." Well, I did, but I had not been accustomed to have remarks made from the pulpit on my personal appearance before. However, it was a good blow, struck right home. He continued, "and you always will be miserable — miserable in life, and miserable in death — if you don't obey my text; but if you obey now, this moment, you will be saved."

Then lifting up his hands, he shouted, as only a primitive Methodists could do, "Young man, look to Jesus Christ. Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but to look and live." I saw at once the way of salvation. I know not what else he said — I did not take much notice of it — I was so possessed with that one thought. *Like as when the brazen serpent was lifted up, the people only looked and were healed*, so it was with me. I had been waiting to do fifty things, but when I heard that word, "Look!" What a charming word it seemed to me! Oh! I looked until I could have almost looked my eyes away.

There and then the cloud was gone, the darkness had rolled away, and that moment I saw the sun; and I could have risen that instant, and sung with the most enthusiastic of them, of the precious blood of Christ, and the simple faith which looks alone to him. . . .

(C. H. Spurgeon Autobiography: *The Early Years*1, 87-88)

Numbers 21:10-35

The Song of the Well

¹⁰ And the people of Israel set out and camped in Oboth. ¹¹ And they set out from Oboth and camped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness that is opposite Moab, toward the sunrise. ¹² From there they set out and camped in the Valley of Zered. ¹³ From there they set out and camped on the other side of the Arnon, which is in the wilderness that extends from the border of the Amorites, for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. ¹⁴ Therefore it is said in the Book of the Wars of the Lord,

"Waheb in Suphah, and the valleys of the Arnon,

¹⁵ and the slope of the valleys

that extends to the seat of Ar,

and leans to the border of Moab."

¹⁶ And from there they continued to Beer; that is the well of which the Lord said to Moses, "Gather the people together, so that I may give them water." ¹⁷ Then Israel sang this song:

"Spring up, O well!—Sing to it!—

¹⁸ the well that the princes made,

that the nobles of the people dug,

with the scepter and with their staffs."

And from the wilderness they went on to Mattanah, ¹⁹ and from Mattanah to Nahaliel, and from Nahaliel to Bamoth, ²⁰ and from Bamoth to the valley lying in the region of Moab by the top of Pisgah that looks down on the desert. ^[g]

King Sihon Defeated

²¹ Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, ²² "Let me pass through your land. We will not turn aside into field or vineyard. We will not drink the water of a well. We will go by the King's Highway until we have passed through your territory." ²³ But Sihon would not allow Israel to pass through his territory. He gathered all his people together and went out against Israel to the wilderness and came to Jahaz and fought against Israel. ²⁴ And Israel defeated him with the edge of the sword and took possession of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok, as far as to the Ammonites, for the border of the Ammonites was strong. ²⁵ And Israel took all these cities, and Israel settled in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all its villages. ²⁶ For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon. ²⁷ Therefore the ballad singers say,

"Come to Heshbon, let it be built;

let the city of Sihon be established.

²⁸ For fire came out from Heshbon,

flame from the city of Sihon.

It devoured Ar of Moab,

and swallowed the heights of the Arnon.

²⁹ Woe to you, O Moab!
You are undone, O people of Chemosh!
He has made his sons fugitives,
and his daughters captives,
to an Amorite king, Sihon.
³⁰ So we overthrew them;
Heshbon, as far as Dibon, perished;
and we laid waste as far as Nophah;
fire spread as far as Medeba.”

King Og Defeated

³¹ Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites. ³² And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there. ³³ Then they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ³⁴ But the Lord said to Moses, “Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.” ³⁵ So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.

King Og Defeated (Moses’ Personal Command to Defeat the King of Og):

4. Become an Eternal Nation by Obeying our Lord and Savior’s Commands and allowing His Word to Flow Freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with God.

Numbers 21:31-35

King Og Defeated

³¹ Thus Israel lived in the land of the Amorites. ³² And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they captured its villages and dispossessed the Amorites who were there. ³³ Then they turned and went up by the way to Bashan. And Og the king of Bashan came out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. ³⁴ **But the Lord said to Moses, “Do not fear him, for I have given him into your hand, and all his people, and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who lived at Heshbon.”** ³⁵ So they defeated him and his sons and all his people, until he had no survivor left. And they possessed his land.

Numbers 21:26

²⁶ For **Heshbon** was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab and taken all his land out of his hand, as far as the Arnon.

Heshbon: Calculation

Before you enter the Land you must kill the King of Calculation . . . Not Calculating how it will exactly work out, because it is God who will work it out.

Matthew 19:25-29

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁶ But Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**” ²⁷ Then Peter said in reply, “See, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?” ²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

May we likewise be healers, allowing rivers of living water to flow freely out of our inner being to help bring people back into a restored relationship with Adonai through the purification we experience in Jesus the Messiah.

Numbers 22:1

Balak Summons Balaam

22 Then the people of Israel set out and camped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho.

Next Week’s Reading:

Week 38 - BALAK (Destroyer) - Numbers 22:2–25:9; Micah 5:6–6:8; 2 Peter 2:1–22