

Renewing the Mind: Preparation for Living a Kingdom Life

For four hundred years, Israel had been in Egypt; many of those years they lived as slaves. The Israelites had been in bondage, forced labor, surrounded by idolatry, unable to make decisions for their own lives, and forced to comply with the instructions of their slave masters.

They lived and breathed amongst the Egyptians, were forced to comply with Egyptian law, and they were without a way of life prescribed by YeHoVaH.

Immediately after delivering them, YeHoVaH began to instruct them and caused them to implement a New way of life which required a New way of thinking. The New way was necessary to comply with their New Master, YeHoVaH, who had delivered them out of the hands of their former slave masters.

This powerful prescription was designed by the Creator of the Universe for the purpose of turning slaves into a nation to be envied by the kingdoms of the world.

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The goal of YeHoVaH was to make these former slaves a New Nation, a New Creation, Holy, Priests, royal, and peculiar.

There was only one caveat, they had to obey Him.

YeHoVaH, Himself, called out a people, set them apart, walked with them, led, trained, and equipped them. YeHoVaH personally disciplined, Moses, Israel, and the multitude. Moses was the focal point as the leader chosen by YeHoVaH.

The powerful prescription was discipleship, the process of renewing the mind in preparation for Kingdom life as a New Holy Nation.

Israel was the only nation in history called a Holy Nation. The land of Israel is the only land in history called "The Holy Land". The people of Israel, and those that join themselves to the true Israel, are called and invited to be a "Holy People" who serve a "Holy Elohim".

The Process:

Ex 19:3 And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel;

Ex 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

Ex 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

Obey – 08085 שמע shama` {shaw-mah'}

Meaning: v 1) to hear, listen to, obey 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to hear (perceive by ear) 1a2) to hear of or concerning 1a3) to hear (have power to hear) 1a4) to hear with attention or interest, listen to 1a5) to understand (language) 1a6) to hear (of judicial cases) 1a7) to listen, give heed 1a7a) to consent, agree 1a7b) to grant request 1a8) to listen to, yield to 1a9) to obey, be obedient

Usage: AV - hear 785, hearken 196, obey 81, publish 17, understand 9, obedient 8, diligently 8, shew 6, sound 3, declare 3, discern 2, noise 2, perceive 2, tell 2, reported 2, misc 33; 1159

My Voice – 06963 קוֹל qowl {kole} or קָל qol {kole}

Meaning: 1) voice, sound, noise 1a) voice 1b) sound (of instrument) 2) lightness, frivolity

Usage: AV - voice 383, noise 49, sound 39, thunder 10, proclamation + 05674 4, send out + 05414 2, thunderings 2, fame 1, misc 16; 506

Indeed – 08085 שָׁמַע shama` {shaw-mah'}

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Keep – 08104 שָׁמַר shamar {shaw-mar'}

Meaning: 1) to keep, guard, observe, give heed 1a) (Qal) 1a1) to keep, have charge of 1a2) to keep, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, save life 1a2a) watch, watchman (participle) 1a3) to watch for, wait for 1a4) to watch, observe 1a5) to keep, retain, treasure up (in memory) 1a6) to keep (within bounds), restrain 1a7) to observe, celebrate, keep (sabbath or covenant or commands), perform (vow) 1a8) to keep, preserve, protect 1a9) to keep, reserve

Usage: AV - keep 283, observe 46, heed 35, keeper 28, preserve 21, beware 9, mark 8, watchman 8, wait 7, watch 7, regard 5, save 2, misc 9; 468

Ex 19:7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him.

Ex 19:8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD

Ex 19:9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD.

Ex 19:10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes,

Ex 19:11 And be ready against the third day: for the third day YeHoVaH will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai.

The people are brought out of the Camp to meet YeHoVaH.

Ex 19:17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount.

YeHoVaH spoke the Commandments to all the people.

The first ten Commandments came directly from YeHoVaH's mouth to the people, who heard Him with their own ears.

Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of YeHoVaH.

Dt 8:1 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers.

Dt 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Dt 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Just as Moses was sent to call and lead Israel, Yeshua was sent to call, lead, and disciple the Nation and Kingdom of YeHoVaH by walking with, living among, and personally discipling the Ambassadors and Representatives of His Kingdom.

Heb 11:23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Heb 11:24 By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

Heb 11:25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:26 Esteeming the reproach of Messiah greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

Heb 11:27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

Heb 11:28 Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

Here is an analogy for men.

Some people want the booty of YeHoVaH without the mind of Messiah, like some men want the woman's booty without their mind, when it is all a packaged deal.

Yeshua quoted Moses during the temptation.

Mt 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Lk 4:4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

Yeshua's message was concerning the Kingdom of God NOT the kingdom of Israel.

Yeshua's response to the disciples concerning the kingdom of Israel:

Ac 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Ac 1:7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Ac 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Ro 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Ro 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

1Pe 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1Pe 2:10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

1Pe 2:11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

1Pe 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Renewing the mind (Romans 12:1-2) requires:

Faith in YeHoVaH though Yeshua the Messiah
Mark 11:22

Obedience to YeHoVaH's Commandments as Yeshua was
Hebrews 5:8

Hearing, speaking, meditating, and doing the Word/Commandments
Joshua 1:8

Guarding His Word in our hearts and minds
Psalms 119:11

Replacing our way of thinking with Yeshua's way of thinking
1st Corinthians 2:16

Taking on the mind of Messiah
1st Corinthians 2:16

Following Yeshua's instructions as given by YeHoVaH
John 14:12

Addressing issues and circumstances like Yeshua did throughout His ministry

Confronting circumstances and people like Yeshua did throughout His ministry

Denying ourselves the pleasures of this life if they violate YeHoVaH's Commandments
Luke 9:23

Doing and teaching what Yeshua did and taught
John 14:12; Matthew 28:20

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