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The End Revealed from the Beginning.

Dear Mishpocah (Family),

As we begin a new year of Torah study, we encourage you to study the New Testament along with the scheduled Torah portions so that you will have read all the first five books (Torah) and the B'rit Chadasah (New Testament) by this time next fall. We should always read to understand, and trust God to give us revelation knowledge of His Word.

The name of this first portion from **Genesis 1:1—6:8**, as well as the name of the first book of Torah in Hebrew is called **Bereishith**. the study of the beginning, and we often, because of its familiarity to most of us, move quickly through the creation story, but I want you to stop and meditate on this beginning revelation of the Word of God to recognize the foundation that YHWH has set to reveal His plans and purposes for His creation, and especially for mankind.

Genesis 1:3 (CJB) ³ Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

A literal understanding of God's action in verse three would be that He, the Creator of Light, was calling for light which was not yet manifest in the created realm. Another way of saying it is found in the last words of Romans 4:17 (CJB) where we read, "Avraham is our father in God's sight because he trusted God as the One Who gives life to the dead and calls nonexistent things into existence." As we continue through the creation story, we read many times, "God called" and "God said," indicating that all creation was accomplished through the Word of God, and we can see that the operation of the Word was to call for manifestation of things that had previously existed only in the realm of the Spirit.

John 1:1-4 (CJB) ¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning ³ All things came to be through Him, and without Him nothing made had being. ⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of mankind.

John 8:12 (CJB) ¹² Yeshua spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light which gives life."

Everything was made through the Living Word of God, Yeshua, but notice the relationship between the Word of God and light. The Jews say that light is a metaphor for Torah, which literally translated means, "instruction", not "law." Therefore, Torah must actually include all of the Bible, and in its entirety, it is the source of all light and life. **Yeshua is the Living Word of God!** I believe that there is a root connection between the Hebrew word for light which is "**or**" and the word for teaching and instruction which is "**Torah.**" It is evident from Scripture that there is a definite connection between light and the Word of God, whether or not one word is derived from the other.

Psalms 119:130 (CJB) ¹³⁰ Your words are a doorway that lets in light, giving understanding to the thoughtless.

Proverbs 6:23 (CJB) ²³ For the mitzvah is a lamp, Torah is light, and reproofs that discipline are the way to life.

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Light is a good thing and represents that which is from God, while darkness corresponds to that which is from evil. It is important for us to recognize that what God established in the beginning is that which will endure until the very end.

Revelation 1:8 (TLV) ⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says Adonai Elohim, "Who is and Who was and Who is to come, the Almighty!"

YHWH reveals Himself to us as **Creator** in the book of Genesis, and we can see that He is a God of order. Everything that He has made fits into the order, or the plan and purpose that He established. God's plan was not to establish a religion, but rather a **realm** by which His plans and purposes would be realized by conformity to His stated principles. Another way to refer to this realm is as The Kingdom of God. Rather than a religion or philosophy, His will for creation is that, as King of the Universe, His human subjects in His kingdom would rule and reign with Him. He stated this in the following verse:

Genesis 1:26 (CJB) ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make humankind in Our image, in the likeness of Ourselves; and let them rule over the fish in the sea, the birds in the air, the animals, and over all the earth, and over every crawling creature that crawls on the earth."

The plan of the Great Creator and God of Love was clearly spoken in the beginning that mankind should exercise dominion over the realm that He had created as they walked in the precepts that He showed to them. We know that we (mankind) relinquished our place of dominion through sin, but God, Who never changes, brought us back to Him by His love through the gift of His only begotten Son, the King of Kings, Yeshua HaMashiach. He completed all of the precepts of the kingdom in righteousness, and through His blood brought forth a new species of humankind empowered by the Spirit of God to fill the place originally ordained for us. We now take our place in Him through trusting. We, the subjects of the King, are elevated, through the new birth, to rule and reign with Him.

Revelation 1:5-6 (ESV) ...To Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Revelation 5:9-10 (ESV) ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰ and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

The Kingdom of God, or the way God does things has been stated from the beginning, and is reiterated throughout Scripture, even unto the end of days. He is the Lord of Light, and His redeemed people carry that same kingdom light (glory) in their mortal bodies through His Spirit that lives in them. His grace gives us the ability to abide in Him, and His indwelling Spirit empowers us to carry out His will.

Matthew 5:14 (TLV) ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

1 John 1:7 (CJB) ⁷ But if we are walking in the light, as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of His Son Yeshua purifies us from all sin.

God's very countenance is light. His kingdom will show forth His light in this time, and for eternity.

Revelation 21:23 (CJB) ²³ The city has no need for the sun or the moon to shine on it, because God's Sh'khinah gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

As we begin another cycle in God's glorious revelation of Himself and His plans and purposes, believe that He will show us the truth laid out in the beginning that is true for all time and eternity, that His righteous congregation may take their place to show forth the glory of God.

Colossians 1:25-27 (CJB) ²⁵ I became a servant of the Good News because God gave me this work to do for your benefit. The work is to make fully known the message from God, ²⁶ the secret hidden for generations, for ages, but now made clear to the people He has set apart for Himself. ²⁷ To them God wanted to make known how great among the Gentiles is the glorious richness of this secret. And the secret is this: the Messiah is united with you people! In that rests your hope of glory!

In His Kingdom reality,
Terry