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## Come, Kingdom of God

Shalom,

When God instructed the people of Israel with His Word, He showed them the way to maintain peace and harmony. His way is applicable to all people of faith. In the Torah reading for this week, which includes two portions that are found in **Numbers 30:2–36:13, Matot (Tribes) and Masei (Journeys)**, God indicated that **every tribe of Israel was to take their place in possessing the inheritance that He had purchased for them. It is very important for us to understand that the tribal division of the land of promise carries with it the assurance of a deeper and eternal inheritance for all who have become born-again, new creation citizens through the shedding of the blood of Yeshua the Messiah.**

**Believers in the Messiah Jesus are the seed of Abraham**, according to the promise of Galatians 3:16 and **have been grafted into the commonwealth of Israel**. We should seek to recognize these great truths through the revelation the Holy Spirit offers in the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings of the Older Testament, as well as in the Newer covenant writings

*For this reason it depends on trust, so that the promise according to grace might be guaranteed to all the offspring—not only to those of the Torah but also to those of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. (Romans 4:16 TLV)*

*Therefore, keep in mind that once you—Gentiles in the flesh—were called “uncircumcision” by those called “circumcision” (which is performed on flesh by hand). At that time you were separate from Messiah, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **But now in Messiah Yeshua, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah. For He is our shalom, the One Who made the two into one and broke down the middle wall of separation.** Within His flesh He made powerless the hostility— (Ephesians 2:11-14 TLV)*

God’s specified inheritance for every tribe was based on the size of the tribe. Whether large or small, God indicated that **everyone had an important role in possessing** that which God had given them. It is through choosing to embrace God’s way of doing things by trusting Him that determines whether we take possession of what He has given. Throughout the history of Israel, it is clear that their failure to trust in His Word always resulted in defeat, sickness, and poverty, but **for those who chose to simply and obediently trust, prosperity, health, and victory was assured.**

YHWH, through the redemption provided in Messiah has made believers completely new, free from the old natural way of doing things if we choose His provision by faith. Every believer in Messiah is **a new creation that may live a supernatural, Spirit-led existence, but that requires that we listen and obey what we hear. We must be led by the Spirit of God and choose to walk in what He says.**

*My sheep listen to My voice, I recognize them, they follow Me... (John 10:27 CJB)*

Our old way of doing things prevents us from entering the rest of God, because we are led by circumstances and fleshly desires and reasoning to work things out from our human understanding, but **the New Creation functions according to the Word and voice of the anointed Jesus Who directs us by His Spirit.** Although this is clearly taught by the scriptures, it is foreign to most believers who have never recognized that our inheritance, **our place of rest, is not a physical place but an abiding in the presence of God by consciously choosing and adhering to the ways of the Spirit that bring us, in this present time, into a place of wholeness that is unattainable in any other way. It is heaven on earth.**

*These things happened to them as prefigurative historical events, and they were written down as a warning to us who are living in the acharit-hayamim. Therefore, let anyone who thinks he is standing up be careful not to fall! No temptation has seized you beyond what people normally experience, and God can be trusted not to allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear. On the contrary, along with the temptation He will also provide the way out, so that you will be able to endure. (1 Corinthians 10:11-13 CJB)*

Why would anyone want to live life never knowing what is coming next? God has delivered us from such an existence by anointing us with the same anointing of Jesus, equipping us, in every way, to hear what He says and carry out His perfect will in our lives on earth.

As we consider the children of Israel and their journeys through the wilderness, it really makes no sense that after witnessing the mighty hand of YHWH protecting, providing, and directing them with His glorious presence, they would insist on trusting in their own understanding and, in so doing, block themselves from receiving everything God had prepared for them in His love. We who trust in Jesus the Messiah, in the same way, have heard God's Word that our inheritance lies before us and depends, not on our own planning and efforts, but upon hearing with God and acting in the Spirit. **We must determine that we will continually, and with keen expectation, hold fast to His**

**promises, saying them aloud with our own mouths, so that doubt and unbelief cannot find an entry point in us.** We will reap if we stand firm and never give up.

It should not be necessary to write this to people who believe the Bible, but some always seem unsure about God's relationship with mankind. **God does not change. He has always been a Faith God and has always shown that the only way to please Him is to trust Him.** As it was recorded of Abraham, the father of those who believe:

*Then he believed in Adonai and He reckoned it to him as righteousness. (Genesis 15:6 TLV)*

*Now without faith it is impossible to please God. For the one who comes to God must believe that He exists and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6 TLV)*

**The way to please God has never changed.** What He requires of us today is the same thing He looked for in Older Covenant believers, and that is to **trust and walk in faith**, being led by His Spirit. **He watches over His Word to perform it.**

Trusting His faithfulness,  
Terry

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