

FAMILY BREAKDOWN – THE REMEDY – WEEK SEVENTEEN.

*“Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Moshiach. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Moshiach is head of the assembly, He himself saviour of the body. As the assembly is subordinate to Moshiach, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Moshiach loved the assembly and handed Himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the assembly in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Moshiach does the assembly, because we are members of His body. **‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’** This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Moshiach and the assembly. In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself, and the wife should respect her husband.”*
Ephesians 5:21-33 [NAB]

When we are trying to bring about reconciliation we need role models. Perhaps even more important are role models that we can follow that will help prevent the need for reconciliation. In other words role models that set an example for others to follow that both prevent and heal. In our societies and especially for the Children of Israel, these role models should be husband and wife. The foundations for a healthy fully functioning nation are imbedded in the obedience to Torah of husbands and wives. If all husbands and wives submitted to biblical Torah as taught by Yeshua, then we would have a cohesive nation, full of joy and wonder. I can safely say this because it means husbands and wives would be following and adhering to the instructions of HaShem. When HaShem intervenes in our lives it all works out for the better. When “man” intervenes in our lives then things begin to go astray.

Sadly, the present state of our nation Israel reflects the leadership of man. All citizens of Israel have in one way or the other chosen to allow “man” to intervene in their lives. Some much more than others, but we are all guilty of straying from the instructions of HaShem. This has caused the present condition that we find ourselves in.

Let us go back to the very beginning and see what happens when husbands and wives disregard the instructions of HaShem. We should all know the historical account of what happened between Adam, Chava and the serpent. Husband and wife disregarded the instructions of HaShem and as they say the rest is history.

I cannot convince the Orthodox arm of Rabbinical Judaism of the “light” found in believing and trusting Yeshua as HaMoshiach, just as I cannot convince the Christian Church of the “light” and beauty found in the Torah of Moshe. Each house would say and do say they have no need of such. This rejection of Yeshua by Judah and the Torah by Ephraim has opened the door for “serpents” to enter the houses and cause havoc. The result has been that both houses have covered themselves with fig leaves sown together by man and thus have not covered themselves with the protective wings of HaShem. I can say this with confidence as we have been driven out of the “Garden”. As a nation we do not dwell in the Promised Land, the “Garden of Eden”. We are a lost nation, and could be compared to a wayward wife, who has left the protection and headship of her husband. At this point there are those in Judah who would say that HaShem only divorced Ephraim and only Ephraim can be compared to a wayward wife. To this I say, go and reread the bible, as there is plenty of evidence that the behaviour of both Houses could easily be compared to a wayward adulteress wife. The nation of Israel is looking for a faithful master/husband to lead them back to HaShem.

This master/husband must be full of compassion and mercy, able to heal the rift between himself and his wife. He must be one who fully adheres to the instructions of HaShem, refusing to be influenced by any outside influence. His dedication to his wife must be the result of his dedication to HaShem, the Holy One of Israel, blessed be He. This husband must be one who can bring the union of husband and wife back to being echad, where the two are once again one. He must tenderly take his wife and bath her in the healing waters of Torah, where she will recover and once again take up her rightful position as his life time companion. This union will restore the Household to the correct order whereby children can be raised and taught in the way and instructions of HaShem. Some may ask, where do we find such a “husband”? Others will know where this one can be found, but they still refuse to listen to his instructions, thinking they can be faithful whilst “playing the field” with other men. This husband who can heal the rift between the family members and his wife, must be one anointed from HaShem. He must be one who has been sent to bring all back to the Household of HaShem. He must be a Shepherd willing to die to protect the flock. He must be a healer who can supply and apply the healing balm of HaShem. He must be the perfect counsellor, one who can bring true shalom to the Household. He must be one who can absorb and take care of the sins committed by the wife, removing them completely.

“For as high as heaven is above the earth, has His kindness overwhelmed those who fear Him. As far as east from west, has He distanced our transgressions from us. As a father is merciful towards his children, so has HASHEM shown mercy to those who fear Him.
Psalms 103:11-13 [AST]

To fulfil this role as regards to the Children of Israel, this “husband” can be no ordinary man, as no ordinary man is capable of doing this. Not even Moshe Rabbeinu was capable of this role. That is one reason one had to arise even greater than Moshe, one that spoke the words given to him by HaShem, words that were to be adhered to by all the Children of Israel.

“I will establish a prophet for them from among their brethren, like you, and I will place My words in his mouth; He shall speak to them everything that I will command him. And it shall be that the man who will not hearken to My words that he will speak in My Name, I will exact from him.” Deuteronomy 18:18-19 [AST]

The One to fulfil this role is none other than HaMoshiach Yeshua. It is HaMoshiach who repairs the damage done. It is He who bathes the wayward “wife” in the Torah, applying the healing balm at the correct time in the correct manner. He is the perfect Shepherd protecting His flock, faithful to His task, dispensing perfect counsel and direction for His people, the Children of Israel. Yeshua sets the perfect example for all husbands to follow. Yeshua Himself tells us that He is the good shepherd.

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11 [CJB]

“I am the good shepherd; I know my own, and my own know me – just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father – and I lay down my life on behalf of the sheep. Also I have other sheep which are not from this pen; I need to bring them, and they will hear my voice; and there will be one flock, one shepherd.” John 10:14-16 [CJB]

Yeshua gave His life, so we could have our sins removed, and be without spot, wrinkle or defect. Yeshua loved us even when we were immersed in sin, and willingly paved the way back for us. Make no mistake HaMoshiach Yeshua is the way, the truth and the life. He is the bridge between the sinner and HaShem. He is the living Torah. He is the anointed of HaShem. Yeshua is the true Shepherd of Israel, it is He who protects and heals the “sheep”. Be assured if you trust and believe in HaMoshiach Yeshua, then you believe and trust in the God of Israel. You cannot disconnect the relationship of the biblical Yeshua and the God of Israel. Some have attempted this through lies and deception, but truth remains truth no matter what “man” has to say on the matter. We are told Yeshua knows His sheep and His sheep know His voice.

“My sheep listen to my voice, I recognize them, they follow me, and I give them eternal life. They will absolutely never be destroyed, and no one will snatch them from my hands. My Father, who gave them to me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them from the Father’s hands. I and the Father are one.” John 10:27-30 [CJB]

Yeshua claims that He and the Father are **echad** and because of this, all true and chosen Children of Israel will have the protection, mercy, comfort and love of HaShem. These are the characteristics a father and mother should have for their children. We find these characteristics by following in the footsteps of Moshiach Yeshua and the Torah as set down by HaShem. If all the human shepherds of Israel adhered to this “recipe” then we would have family unity and be able to rest in the loving “hands” of our Father. Unfortunately at the time of this writing [2016/5776] shepherds of both Houses cannot agree how best to tend the flock. When this will change only HaShem knows, but change it must, and change it will. There is coming a time when every knee will bend before HaShem and acknowledge Him as Lord.

“I swear by Myself, righteousness has gone forth from My mouth, a word that will not be rescinded: that to Me shall every knee kneel and every tongue swear.” Isaiah 45:23 [AST]

“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and those on earth, and those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Yeshua HaMoshiach is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11 [NKJB]

Whether we like it or not HaShem will have His way. If we were as faithful and smart as we claim to be, then we would follow our Father as faithful loving children. There is no better “parent” than the Holy One of Israel. Why is it, that we as a nation, refuse to follow the Shepherd HaShem has sent, to bring His people home? Yeshua is sitting at the right hand of the Father ready to receive us home.

“If then you were raised with Moshiach, seek those things which are above, where Moshiach is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on those things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Moshiach in God. When Moshiach who is our life appears, then you will also appear with Him in glory.” Colossians 3:1-4 [NKJB]

“But this one, after he had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, sat down at the right hand of God, from then on to wait until his enemies be made a footstool for his feet.” Hebrews 10:12-13 [CJB]

“The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’” Psalm 110:1 [NKJB]

Some would argue that Psalm 110:1 is not speaking of Moshiach, especially those from Judah who refuse to study the “possibility” that Yeshua is HaMoshiach with equal weights and measures. However, there is plenty of evidence that many Jewish scholars and commentators thought this Psalm to be speaking of HaMoshiach; not necessarily Yeshua but certainly Moshiach.

HaShem will have His plans for Israel and the people of Israel unfold. Foundational to these plans are HaMoshiach and Torah. Those that will be accepted into the Household of HaShem will be required to be faithful to HaMoshiach and Torah. We Children need to make sure we are not deceived into embracing false messiahs and a false or twisted torah. In today’s climate this is no easy task. Walking in the footsteps of Yeshua, our perfect role model, will go a long way in protecting us from deception.

Truly there is no God like our God, the God of Israel and no nation like the Nation Whom He elected.

Blessings to all citizens of biblical Israel,

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