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**Looking at Immersion**  
**By The Ruach and By Fire**  
**Part 3**



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And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **seven sabbaths shall be complete**: Even unto the **morrow after the seventh sabbath** shall ye number fifty days Leviticus 23:15,16

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**Happy Shauba!**

**This is the final and Part 3 from Steve Berkson who has had a Messianic congregation in Chattanooga, TN since 2010. We have really enjoyed the insight he brings from being raised as a Hebrew in New York. He found Yahusha through the World Wide Church of G- in 1986 but as we see now, through deeper study, he is using his Hebrew Roots to re-examine Scripture and beliefs of Christianity and trying to get to the truth of it all.**

**Unfortunately, he is still teaches from Paul, so in our opinion, he still has a big cleansing from that in the future hopefully to come.**

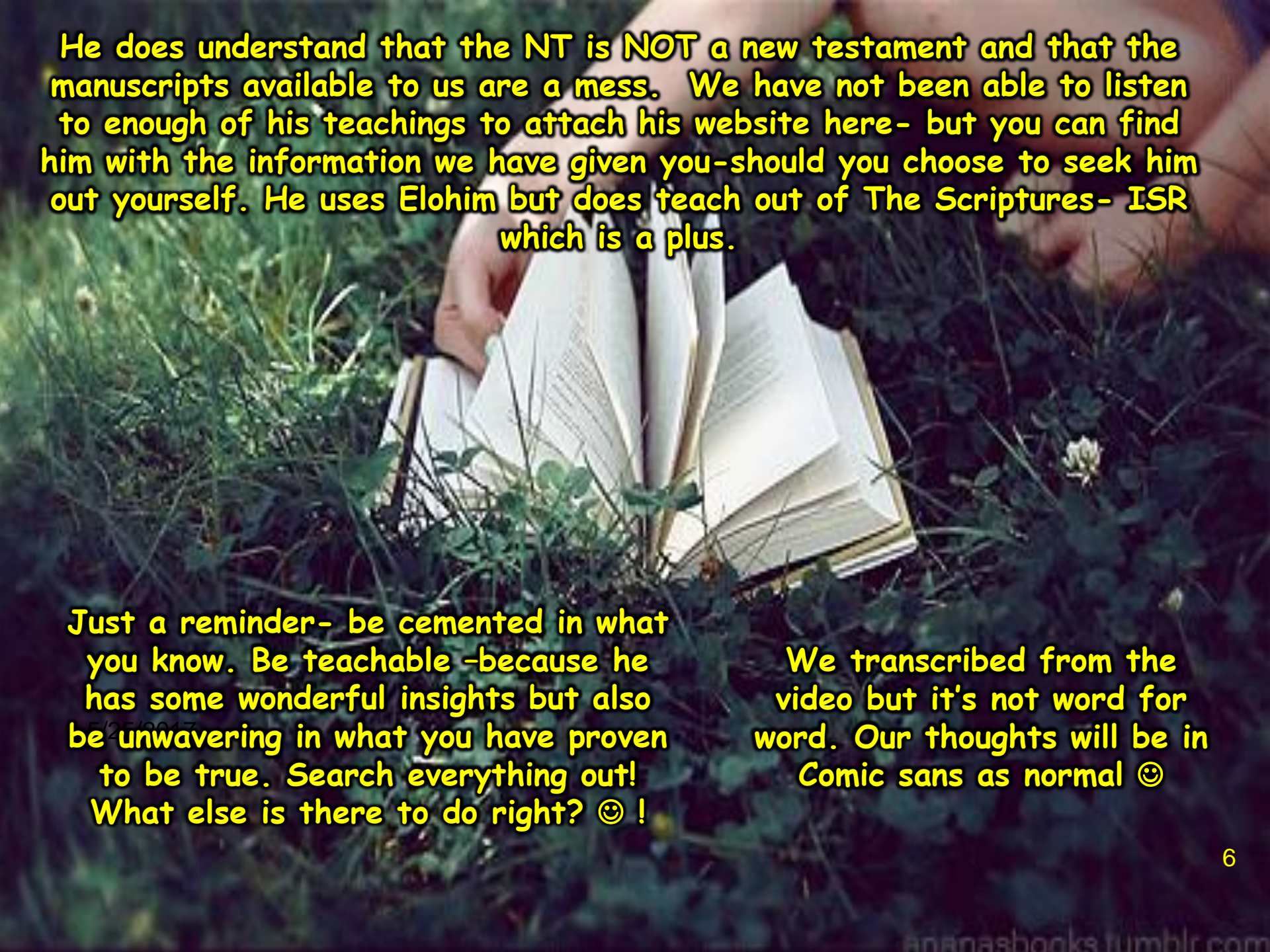
**Additionally, being Messianic he still retains the schizophrenia or split personality of Yahusha and Yahuah (Yahweh) in the Eyewitness accounts that somehow they turned into one being.**



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He does understand that the NT is NOT a new testament and that the manuscripts available to us are a mess. We have not been able to listen to enough of his teachings to attach his website here- but you can find him with the information we have given you-should you choose to seek him out yourself. He uses Elohim but does teach out of The Scriptures- ISR which is a plus.

Just a reminder- be cemented in what you know. Be teachable -because he has some wonderful insights but also be unwavering in what you have proven to be true. Search everything out! What else is there to do right? 😊 !

We transcribed from the video but it's not word for word. Our thoughts will be in Comic sans as normal 😊



**A recap of what we learned in part one and two. We need to remember how the word baptism can be confusing. A better word is immersion. It means being filled and surrounded by and overflowing with something.**



**As we recall what Yahuchanon the immerser was talking about, he would be immersing in water but that one would come that would immerse in the Ruach ha Qodesh and fire.**

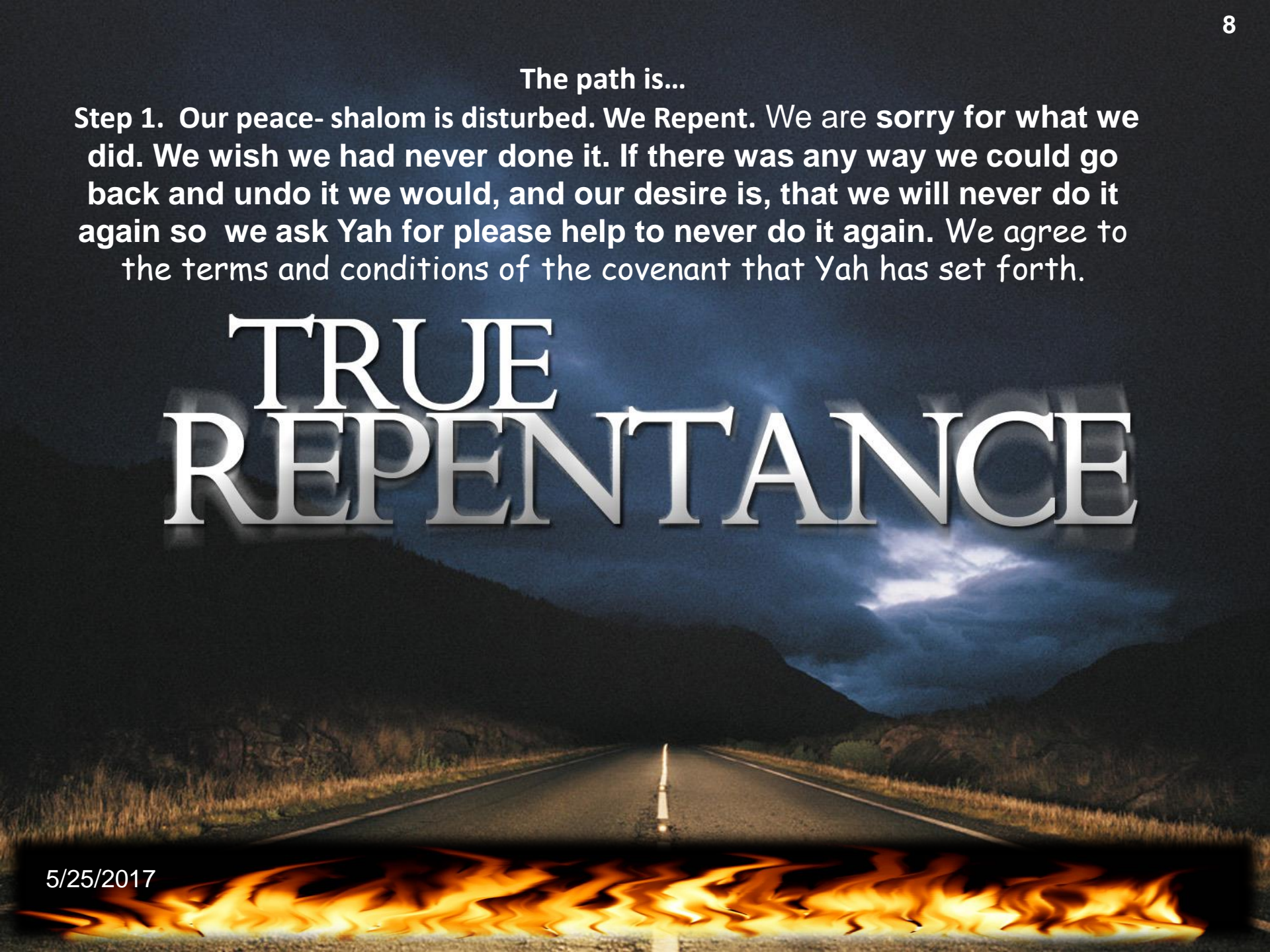


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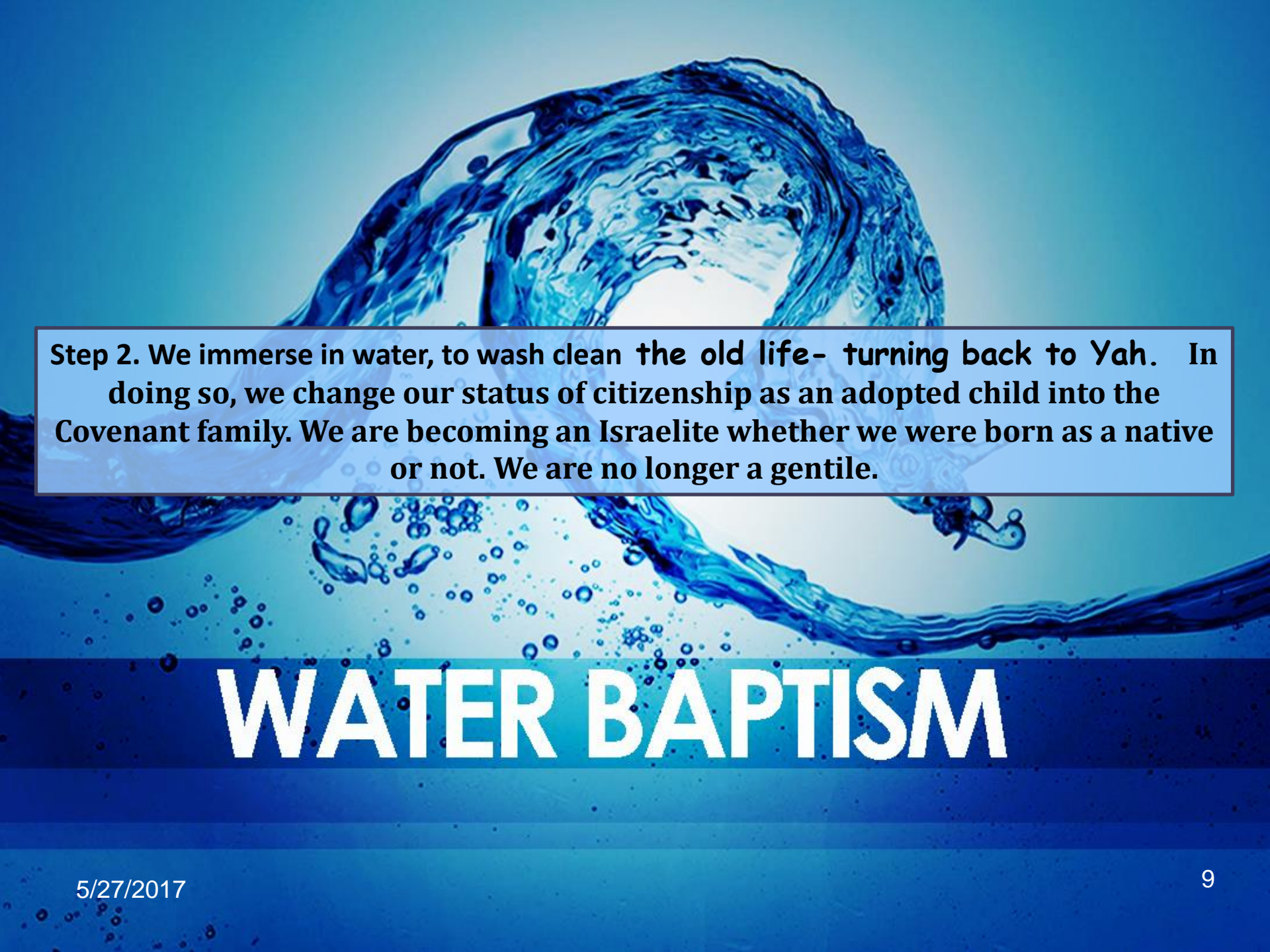
Step 1. Our peace- shalom is disturbed. We Repent. We are sorry for what we did. We wish we had never done it. If there was any way we could go back and undo it we would, and our desire is, that we will never do it again so we ask Yah for please help to never do it again. We agree to the terms and conditions of the covenant that Yah has set forth.

# TRUE REPENTANCE

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A dark, stormy sky with heavy clouds hangs over a road that stretches into the distance. The road is flanked by dry grass and hills. At the bottom of the image, a bright, wavy fire or lava flow is visible, suggesting a path of purification or a warning.





**Step 2. We immerse in water, to wash clean the old life- turning back to Yah. In doing so, we change our status of citizenship as an adopted child into the Covenant family. We are becoming an Israelite whether we were born as a native or not. We are no longer a gentile.**

# **WATER BAPTISM**



**Step 3. We now need the Ruach Ha Qodesh to instruct and guide us into fully understanding the Torah Instructions and the character of Yahuah. Immersion in the Ruach ha Qodesh is instead of just having piece of it, we would be fully immersed in Torah teaching and guidance. Filling us to overflowing. It's taking the amount to the highest level.**

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**Step 4. The baptism of fire. As you walk along this narrow path, Yah will then allow us to be tested from time to time to see how we are doing in our walk. How far along you are going on the path. To see how we are growing in our knowledge and wisdom by applying what we have learned. To see how we behave and react now in difficult situations, which should be different than before we started this process. A measuring stick for us and Yahuah to get us ready to endure until the end so He can fully fulfill His promises.**





The immersion of fire has to do with being tested through trials. That is the purification process and also a marking point of how well we are doing in understanding what we are learning. Testing how strong our convictions about this covenant we made to Yahuah is, in observing His terms and conditions.



This gives us the chance to make the choice to either impress and make Yah smile or not. By bringing up the dross of impurities in our character we can really look at it. If we own it, learn from the experience and thank Yah for the opportunity to be shown where we are falling short, we can fix it and the Ruach can blow that dross away from us.



**One of the questions that came up was how much of the trials are punishment – a reaping and sowing- those things that we bring upon ourselves and how much of it is a testing? The answer can be found in Leviticus Chapter 26:**

**Lev 26:13** 'I am יהוה your Eternal, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from being their slaves. And I **have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk upright.**

**Yah is saying I am the one who redeemed you. All of us can claim a redemptive moment. We were delivered out of ignorance, and we came to understand about Yah and the path home. It was like coming out of Egypt and being introduced personally to Yahuah. We learned there was a difference between how the world does things and the way Yahuah wants them done.**



"Now I will break the yoke of bondage from your neck  
and tear off the chains of Assyrian oppression."

BONDAGE

NAHUM 1:13

NLT





We are told about the terms and conditions of becoming a part of the covenant family. Once we make the decision to be adopted, we are under obligation to observe Yah's instructions. They are good for us and will keep us protected. Mostly, because we love Yahuah and want to please Him. He talked about the yoke that was on us that He broke so we can now walk upright.

However, just because He did all of that, He reminds them/us if we don't keep our word regarding the terms and conditions of the code of wisdom, if we reject it, we are in fact breaking our covenant. It's a big deal! Our word is not trustworthy! We are trying to be like Yah and Yahusha whose words are the standard of truth and trustworthiness. We want Yah to keep His word for sure about eternity. He wants us to do the same to stay in His protection so He can honor His word. It's our choices that decide our eternity. Yah will be true to His word one way or another depending how we choose.

Lev 26:14 'But if you do not listen to Me, and do not do as a strong covenant mark, all these Mitswah- terms and conditions, 26:15 and if you reject and despise My Khook-kah- ordinances-enactments, or if your being loathes as a strong covenant mark My Mishpat-right-rulings, so that you do not do as a strong covenant mark all My Mitswah-terms and conditions, but break as a strong covenant mark, My covenant,



Before we find out what Yah will do if we break His Covenant, you should stop and review the Covenant in Exodus 19:16 and Exodus 20. 16

After He gave them the 10 words Moshe said something very interesting!

Exod 20:18 And all the people saw the thunders, the lightning flashes, the sound of the ram's horn, and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled and stood at a distance,

Does this not sound similar to Acts chapter 2? You have the lighting, the sound of the rams horn which is breath and of course smoke from fire. Yah was immersing them in Torah instructions!

Exo20:19 and said to Mosheh, "You speak with us and we hear, but let not Eternal speak with us, lest we die." 20:20 And Mosheh said to the people, "Do not fear, for Eternal has come to prove you, and in order that His awesomeness be before you, so that you do not sin."

Right from the start of the covenant Yah gave it to them not to scare them half to death but to show He was serious about His plan to get us home and what an awesome power He is. He is going to PROVE THEM. It would make no sense for Moshe to tell them not to fear because Yah had come to put the fear in them right!?!?



Exo 20:22 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Say this to the children of Yisra’el:  
‘You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from heaven.

**He did it to make sure they knew these were from Him and not any mortal man!**

Deu 28:1 “And it shall be, if you diligently listen, heed, pay close attention and understand (shamah x2) the voice of יהוה your Eternal, to guard, protect and heed to do as a strong covenant mark, all His Mitswah- Terms and conditions, which I appoint and give charge to you today, that יהוה your Eternal shall set you high above all nations of the earth.



28:2 “And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you hear intelligently and consent to the voice of יהוה your Eternal:



# BLESSINGS AND CONSEQUENCES

Yah lays it all out. The blessings and the consequences. Now when He describes the punishments, He is expecting the **“all this”** to change our minds and inspire us to get back on track.

**Lev 28:14** ‘But if you do not listen to Me, and do not do as a strong covenant mark all these Mitswahs- terms and conditions, **15** and if you reject My Khook-Kaws- ordinances, enactments, or if your being loathes as a strong covenant mark, My right-rulings- Mishpat, so that you do not do as a strong covenant mark, all My Mitswah-terms and conditions, **but break as a strong covenant mark,** My covenant,



**16** I also do this to you: And I shall appoint sudden alarm over you, as a strong covenant mark, a wasting disease and inflammation, destroying the eyes, and consuming the life. And **you shall sow your seed in vain**, for your enemies shall eat it.

**17** ‘And I shall set My face against you, and you shall be smitten before your enemies. And those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you. **18** ‘And after all this, if you do not listen to Me, then I shall punish – H3256 Yaw-sar – instruction by chastising, correct, you seven times more for your offense – H2403 Chatta-ah.



He says if that does not work, then I will punish you 7 times more for you missing the mark. Then He describes how He will do that. Then He says and if you are still walking contrary to Me and will not heed Me, He will bring on 7 times more plagues for missing the mark and being stubborn. He then describes those. So these are the trials by fire – **which last as long as we are stiff necked, by the way.**

Lev 26: 19 'And I shall **break the pride of your power**, and shall make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.

26:20 'And your **strength shall be spent in vain** and your land not yield its crops, nor the trees of the land yield their fruit.

26:21 'And if you walk contrary, **hostile to Me**, and refuse to **listen to Me**, I shall **bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your offenses,**

26:22 and send wild beasts among you, which shall bereave you of your children. And I shall cut off your livestock, and make you few in number, and your highways shall be deserted.

Lev 26:23 'And **if you are not instructed, reformed** by Me **by these**, but walk contrary, hostile to Me, 26:24 then I also shall walk contrary, hostile to you, and **I Myself shall smite you seven times for your offenses.**



This makes the point crystal clear. Some translations say **chastised or corrected**. The point is the definition of the word means chastised or correction by means of instruction to get a result that is desired. It's to teach us something. Like a parent saying, "I'm going to teach you a lesson", then they punish you. What did they mean by that? Punishment to teach. Instruction is much closer to the meaning than chastised or corrected.

So instructed by "**these**"- **these** what? They are the 7 times punishments, then if we don't get it, 7 times more, then if we still don't get it, 7 times more.



We have had 3 major wake up calls here that should have gotten our attention that we are on the wrong path but if we still are not asking Yah what we need to see and correct it, if we keep walking contrary to Him, **then He says I will also walk contrary to you and I Myself** will smite you seven times for you missing the mark! Notice by what He is laying out here, each time He has to teach us on the same thing, it gets progressively worse. That is just logical. He must ratchet it up to a point where we finally turn around and say Yikes what is going on here? He is escalating these lessons. This is way too uncomfortable! I need to listen to what Yah is trying to tell me and make a change.



Do not miss that the fact of the matter is **we control the severity of the test and instruction.** We don't keep moving down the line to the next lesson until we get the lesson we are on. Because we don't want to push our teaching lesson to that last level where Yah is now walking contrary to us and takes personal interest to mete out the consequences. Let's get it the first time. We don't want to keep escalating these lessons!

**Are we seeing now the connection?**

**We don't  
recommend we  
push Him to  
that point.**

**Yah is not an  
ogre! There is a  
purpose to the  
testing and a  
purpose to the  
instructions with  
consequences**

**It is so we can get back on the path and He can  
do good to us in the end. That is the sole purpose!**



**It is the fruit of our actions that brings the punishments but it is still meant to be a trial by fire to get our attention to instruct us. By getting off the path we are going to be reaping consequences. If we persist in doing these things which we shouldn't be doing it will bring a consequence. That is why He begs us to please pay attention. No matter how long it takes, our job in this, is to learn from it and make the necessary changes. This ties it all beautifully together. When we make the proper adjustment then we can move forward and get ready for the next test armed with more information than we had before.**

Before Yah gets pushed to that last point, He is allowing things to happen that He could have protected us from. It may start out as a warning – a close call. Let us pay close attention going forward and be hyper aware of what is going on in our lives so Yah does not have to escalate the situation because we blew it off as no big deal or didn't even notice it at all as a warning.

Don't miss the point that this is not just an academic exercise. We are filthy and disgusting in our present state. He is cleaning us up to be able to understand what the expectation of the standard of living (The Torah) will be in the eternal. He expects us to want to live like that now! We don't have to wait.

Lev 26:25 'And I shall bring against you a sword executing the vengeance of My covenant, and you shall gather together in your cities, and I shall send pestilence among you, and you shall be given into the hand of the enemy. 26 'When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back to you your bread by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.





**Lev 26:27** 'And if in spite of this, you do not listen to Me, but walk contrary-hostile to Me, **28** then **I shall walk contrary, hostile to you in wrath.** And **I Myself shall punish you seven times for your offenses.**

**Wow now is He not only walking contrary to us, but now it is wrath there will be another 7 times punishment for missing the mark. Key point- Pay attention so we can be instructed in these things.**

**Now don't be alarmed by this or think this is scary or a drudgery. Remember when you studied for a test and you really got the information and took the test and aced it? How did you feel? Elated, right? Victorious! Man! We are on the top of the world. It's the same thing- that is where we want to get to. Really be excited about learning the subject matter, know we know it and be ready for the test, and rock it! There is power in that. That is the foundation Yah is talking about! What good is the Torah being the foundational rock if you don't know it or understand it? It's just a book! It is not something that you can learn from just listening to someone talk about it. You yourself will have to study it, however that works for you. But we need to be immersed in this or we will not progress. We won't feel safe. We won't trust Yah. We won't look forward to finding out more. We will stumble and not pass the tests.**



Remember, a little is given to us. If we do well, then we are trusted with more. This is not just for some people who are gifted or like to research. This is a requirement for all of us. Why do we say that? Because if you have agreed to the terms and conditions, and then do not take the trouble to find out what they are and how to guard them in Babylon, Yah will hold you accountable. You broke your covenant with Him by sheer ignorance. If you think you are a family member, you need to take this very, very, seriously.

Deu 29:19 And it come to pass,<sup>H1961</sup> when he heareth<sup>H8085</sup> as a strong covenant mark **ל** (H853) the words<sup>H1697</sup> of this<sup>H2063</sup> curse,<sup>H423</sup> **that he bless himself<sup>H1288</sup> in his heart,<sup>H3824</sup> saying,<sup>H559</sup> I shall have<sup>H1961</sup> peace,<sup>H7965</sup> though<sup>H3588</sup> I walk<sup>H1980</sup> in the imagination (a sense of twisted, obstinacy, stubbornness -sher'e'ruth)-<sup>H8307</sup> of mine heart,<sup>H3820</sup> to<sup>H4616</sup> add<sup>H5595</sup> drunkenness<sup>H7302</sup> to<sup>H854</sup> thirst:<sup>H6771</sup>**

Deu 29:20 **אָיָאֵל**<sup>H3068</sup> will<sup>H14</sup> not<sup>H3808</sup> spare (to forgive, pardon- calach)<sup>H5545</sup> him, but<sup>H3588</sup> then<sup>H227</sup> the anger<sup>H639</sup> of **אָיָאֵל**<sup>H3068</sup> and his jealousy (not bearing a rival- qin'ah)<sup>H7068</sup> shall smoke<sup>H6225</sup> against that<sup>H1931</sup> man,<sup>H376</sup> and all<sup>H3605</sup> the curses<sup>H423</sup> that are written<sup>H3789</sup> in this<sup>H2088</sup> book<sup>H5612</sup> shall lie<sup>H7257</sup> upon him, and **אָיָאֵל**<sup>H3068</sup> as a strong covenant mark **ל** (H853) shall blot out(wipe out, obliterate, exterminate, wipe out the memory of- machah)<sup>H4229</sup> as a strong covenant mark **ל** (H853) his name<sup>H8034</sup> from under<sup>H4480 H8478</sup> heaven.<sup>H8064</sup>

Deu 29:21 And **אָיָאֵל**<sup>H3068</sup> shall separate<sup>H914</sup> him to evil<sup>H7451</sup> out of all<sup>H4480 H3605</sup> the tribes<sup>H7626</sup> of Israel,<sup>H3478</sup> according to all<sup>H3605</sup> the curses<sup>H423</sup> of the covenant alliance, pledge, treaty, agreement – byriyth)<sup>H1285</sup> that are written<sup>H3789</sup> in this<sup>H2088</sup> book<sup>H5612</sup> of the **TORAH**.<sup>H8451</sup>



**Yah is being a wonderful Father because if He never tested us we would never know when we got off base. Just a slight shift or wrong turn completely changes our trajectory and we would never even know it. We would think we were just fine. Like most Christians for example. Have you ever experienced working on a project and were an hour into it and nobody told you there was a mistake and once you realized it, you were already pretty far along. Nobody ever said anything to alert you. People may have been walking by you and never said a word, now you have lost all that time and must undo what you did. Sounds like our walk to Yah right?**

**We must undo the Christianutty-ness we have been taught. We have go back and relearn what we thought we knew and were getting right. We need these tests. That is why we need to count it as Joy!**

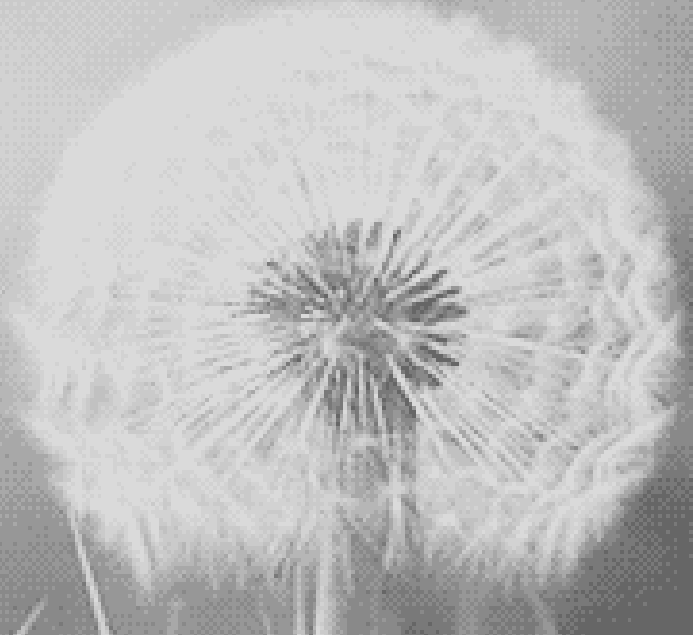
**We need to change our attitude in how we look at them and it's easier to do when we realize and fully understand the reason for them, and that they are going to be continual until the end. We must endure, keep working through it. Keep striving to be the best mirror of Yahusha we can be in doing Yahuah's will.**

Now let us look at this Yoke reference in Matthew chapter 11:25 . The hypothesis is that what is going on in Lev 26 and Matthew 11 is discipleship language. Being a disciple you are being instructed. Yahuah is saying if I'm going to disciple you as a nation, and you're not going to take My instruction, I'm going to have to punish you. *Let you feel the consequence of that.* And that is where this word Yoke is involved.

In the 1<sup>st</sup> century, it was understood that when you came under a teacher, you are in essence, being yoked so that you can be steered and guided- like they did with cattle. You would be taking on the teachers yoke. This was commonly understood discipleship language. The yoke was like saying - he was a student of Gamliel or Plato etc. The students had their yoke on them because they were taking on their world view and then moving in that direction. It was the yoke of influence.



**Matt 11:25** At that time יְהוֹשֻׁעַ responding, said, “I thank You, Father, Supreme Authority of the heavens and earth, because You have hidden these *matters* from clever and learned ones and have revealed them to babes. **11:26** “Yes, Father, because so it was well-pleasing in Your sight.



You come to your teacher as a babe. If you come as an adult you're going to argue with your teacher, you won't be as teachable. You will think you know better, because after all I'm an adult and I know things. Of course some babes think they know everything too, but they really know they don't.

So he says approach as a babe, who knows he doesn't know. Thankfully that is an *easy requirement!* That yoke is quite light! Yah is brilliant! Most of the time when you ask a child to do something they say, “I don't know how to do that, I need help”. But as adults we say “oh yeah we got this, even if we know we don't know”.

So hiding it from the clever and learned who “think they know”- even though they don't, and show them to babes through this discipleship process.

Because it was pleasing in Yah's sight. The son reveals the Father and there are verses that say that the

Father reveals the son. None comes except who the Father draws.

Father draws and reveals the son, the son reveals the Father.

Its discipleship.

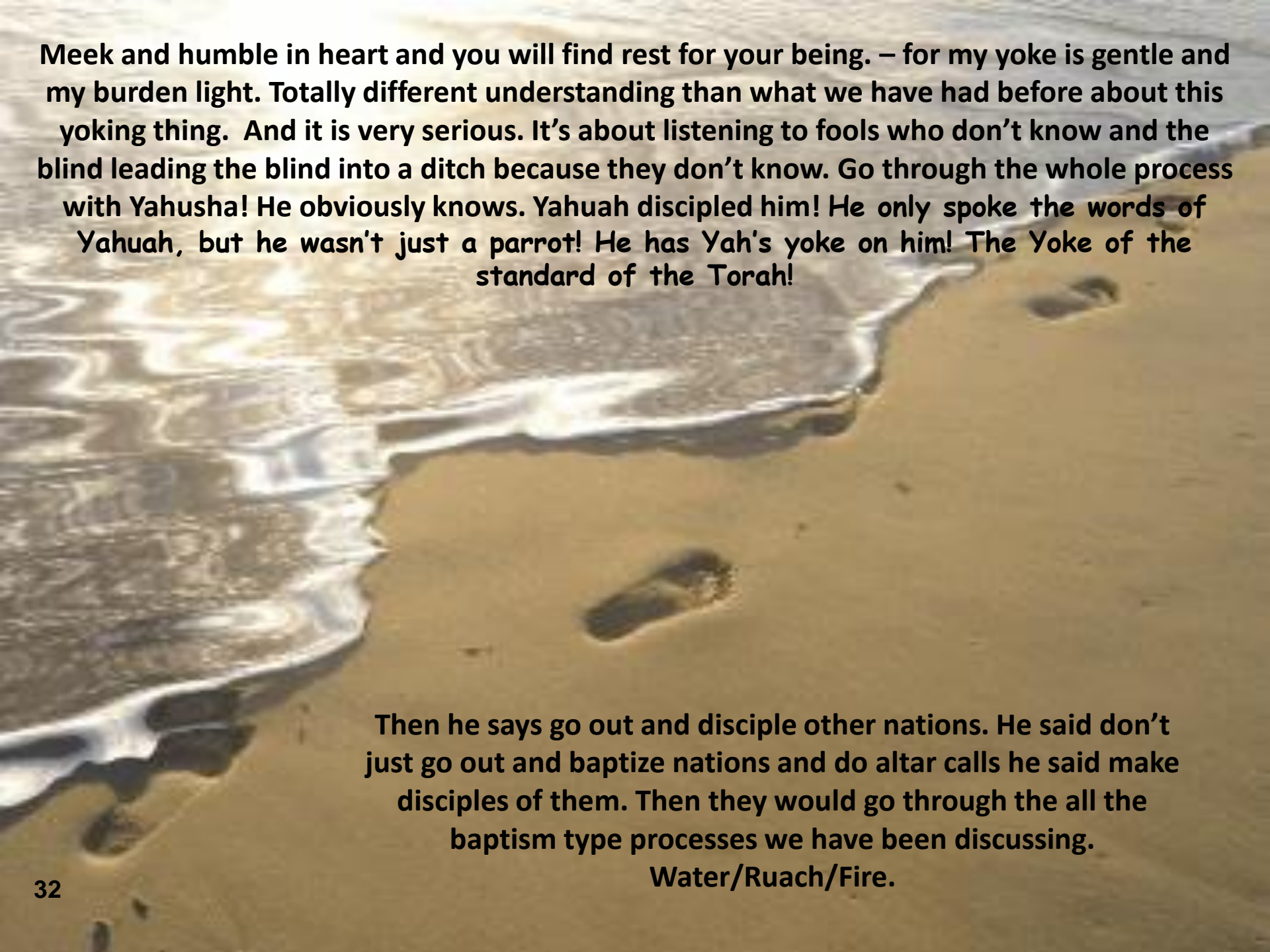
**Matt 11:27**

“All have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him.



**Matt 11:28** “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I shall give you rest. **29** “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your beings. **30** “For my yoke is gentle and my burden is light.”

**I don't think he is talking about anything here except the concept of instruction. Not physical labors. Because he talks about understandings being revealed and hidden. It's about information. If you are struggling, burdened and have no rest in trying to understand things, come to me. Isn't that different than what you have been taught? Come to me he says if you're doing things and your frustrated because things aren't working and you don't understand why. He says take my yoke upon you and learn from me! See! It's right there! His Yoke is his instruction, his discipleship. Take that and learn from him!**

An aerial photograph of a sandy beach. The ocean waves are washing onto the shore, creating white foam. The sand is a light tan color. The text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

**Meek and humble in heart and you will find rest for your being. – for my yoke is gentle and my burden light. Totally different understanding than what we have had before about this yoking thing. And it is very serious. It's about listening to fools who don't know and the blind leading the blind into a ditch because they don't know. Go through the whole process with Yahusha! He obviously knows. Yahuah disciplined him! He only spoke the words of Yahuah, but he wasn't just a parrot! He has Yah's yoke on him! The Yoke of the standard of the Torah!**

**Then he says go out and disciple other nations. He said don't just go out and baptize nations and do altar calls he said make disciples of them. Then they would go through the all the baptism type processes we have been discussing.**

**Water/Ruach/Fire.**



**When we go back into the Leviticus and it says He has broken the bonds of their yoke because they were yoked into a whole wrong system, into the wrong mindset. Guess what? We have the same problem. We have a western mindset. A Christian-ease mindset. Whatever your mindset was before you accepted the terms and conditions of being a covenant family member.**

**We need to break that yoke, because that's the yoke that keeps steering your head in the direction it wants you to go, not the direction the Creator wants. Which is why you struggle to let go of things. You're still yoked in that area. When it talks about being unequally yoked with an unbeliever, it's talking about study, instruction and understanding the word. It's not talking just about marriage.**

**For the most part the yoking phrase is talking about instruction. He is saying why would you be instructed by an unbeliever?**

**Let us go to YirmeYahu  
Chapter 6 V 16  
YarmeYahu**

**Jer 6:16** Thus said “ , יהוה Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and find rest for yourselves. But they said, ‘We do not walk *in it.*’

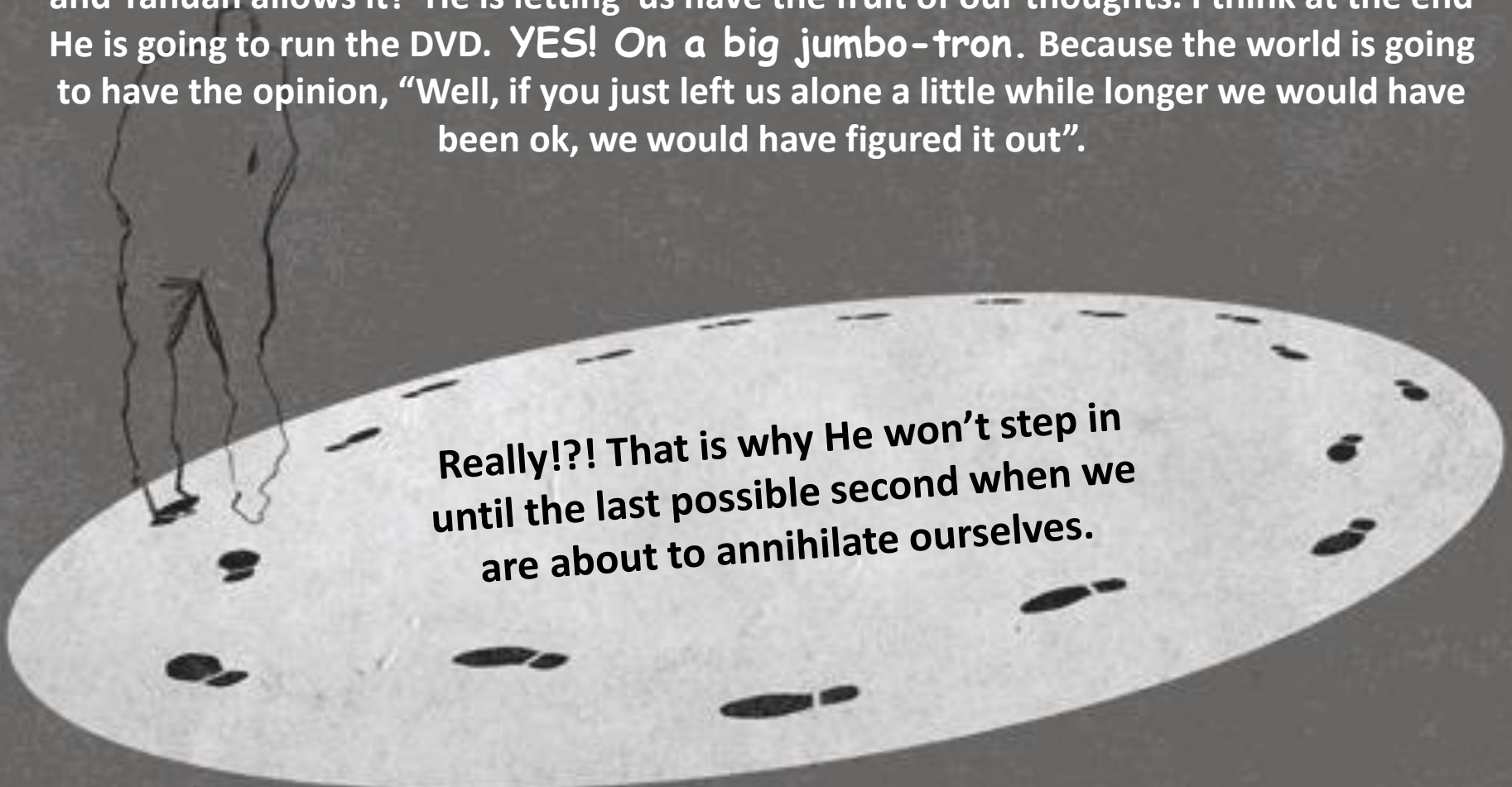


**Doesn't this sound exactly like what Yahusha is talking about? You ask and seek after the old paths and ways and you will find rest. Where did Yahusha say you will find rest? Its instruction in the old ways! Here we are seeing stubborn people! Now check that out- I will bring evil upon them, even the fruit of their thoughts- that is consequences! We can't point and blame others- it is the fruit of our thoughts! He is going to allow that to happen, let's us do what we want. And after we have fallen then Yah checks in and says- "So how's that working for you"? Ready to listen now?**



How you think will eventually have emotions attached to it, which then ends up bearing fruit or action, and then the action will over time forms habits and habits over time form your destiny.

They were refusing to be disciples. Do you ever wonder why the world is such a mess and Yahuah allows it? He is letting us have the fruit of our thoughts. I think at the end He is going to run the DVD. **YES! On a big jumbo-tron.** Because the world is going to have the opinion, “Well, if you just left us alone a little while longer we would have been ok, we would have figured it out”.



**Really!?! That is why He won't step in until the last possible second when we are about to annihilate ourselves.**

**He is pleading with us to do it His way now! And guess what “almost right” doesn’t work either. It’s like putting diesel in a regular car. We are designed to walk in the Torah observant – to walk in the Torah light! The Torah was put into the world to be lived! We were created to live in the world based on Torah. We don’t get to argue about that. Our way leads to destruction.**

**Some of the trials are because we are not listening and some of them are to see where we are at. You can tell when you start to see bad things happen like a pattern is forming, it is because we are off the path. We set consequences in motion. That is different than being put in a challenging place.**

# Torah Study



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Here is an example of a challenging place. You're best friend or relative tell you they are getting married and want you to of course go and participate but it's on a Shabbat. That is a trial by fire.

The other type. Reaping and sowing is as if everything is starting to break in your house, appliances, the car, the roof – these are probably things your bringing upon yourself. Not all of them, but if you start seeing a trend, it's probably an attention getter. One thing is probably time and chance. If its 6 or 8 things, Abba is probably trying to get your attention.



If you are seeing a pattern you are reaping something and you have to ask Yahuah to let you know what it is. You wake up in the morning and you stubbed your toe it's probably nothing. But if you stub your toe then later banged your arm, knocked over something, and this is happening all day long something is going on.







**Now never ever tell somebody else it is because they brought it upon themselves. That's only for you. You are not to tell anybody else, "well what did you do?" "You must have done something." We are not qualified to determine time and chance for someone else. For ourselves, we can always assume we might have done something that Yah is trying to get our attention. It's a good place to start.**

**But don't assume that for anyone else. That is completely unacceptable. The only person who gets to wonder if they have done something is in our own personal circumstances.**

Now if they come to you ask you what you think – you say "hey whatever it is Yah is allowing it, maybe it is to get your attention about something, only you would know that, and I would pray about it." That is a very gentle way of getting them pointed to asking Yah instead of another human who has no earthly idea what the real reason could possibly be. The baptisms by fire are personal so be careful when trying to interpret somebody else's. It could be just time and chance. The world is a terrible place and bad things do happen. Sometimes they happen a lot.



Sometimes a trial is there because we are impatient people and it's teaching us patience. Or maybe we have trust issues and He wants to see if we really trust Him. There are all kinds of things He could be trying to show you. So remember it may not be the event itself, **it may be how you handle the event.** It may not be we're doing something wrong, He is allowing the test **to see how we react and handle it.** Are we trusting Him in it? Do we have fear and doubt in it? Are we being impatient in it? Are we getting angry in it.. and on and on. Fill in the blank.



PATIENCE

Is A Virtue





**Look at Yob. He had done nothing to reap all of that terrible stuff, but Yah wanted to show the adversary and see for Himself, how Yob would respond. The adversary predicted Yob would curse Yah. That is basically what Mrs. Yob told him to do. She said "curse Yah and die".**



**Maybe He lets things get broken, destroyed or stolen because your too attached to things. Point is Yah will never waste any opportunity to give us useful instruction on being better people. But you have to be open to it. Embrace it. Grow from it.**

***Nobody loves me***

**Matt 18:8** “And if your hand or foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the everlasting fire.

**Again this is a parable – he is saying if there is something that you love that is so dear and such a part of you that it is causing you to stumble, cut it off.**

**Get rid of it.**

**WOW- that could be a family member or friend. Things. It could be anything that is really in competition with Yah for your attention and love-so much that it is a part of you. You don't need that, if its going to cause you to stumble.**

**But we wail- “You don't understand! It's a part of me like my hand or my foot”! That is why he is using the analogy of the hand and foot. It's attached to us. We like it . But he says its better to be lame or crippled as you go in as long as you get to go in! It goes back to James 4:9 where he says lament mourn and weep – get it over with about the things you don't want to give up, but then once you give it up, He is going to lift you up and bless you. If you have humbled yourself as you go through this process.**




**Better to let go of your daughter or sister or brother or son or your best friend or some stuff or a job or house – whatever it is.**

**What is your price? “OH”! but we wail! “You don’t understand”. And your right. He does not understand! Why we would want to hang on to something that will keep us separated from Him? Why put more preference on that thing than what is coming? It was not Yah’s intent to have any person not make it, but He has a standard.**

**We have to figure out honestly what is causing us to stumble. This is a terribly difficult time of year that Shabua falls in. Graduations and weddings on Saturdays. Some will make the decision to go anyway. That is stumbling.**

**Once you stand up, the more you don’t give in and the more we are consistent and push back as gently as possible, at some point they will come to respect you. They may not agree with you but they have to respect the lines you won’t cross for anybody for any reason. Husbands and wives that are not on the same path must have the conversation. “Look you don’t want to go down this path with me, I respect that but you must respect my choice and not plan things on Shabbat or feast days because I won’t cross that line”.**



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Most of the people that give you grief about these things don't really have a vertical relationship with the Creator like they think they have. Because if they did and knew how important that relationship was, they would respect you for doing the same thing, although they see things differently than you.





# Choices have consequences

What's going to cause us to stumble sometimes are really the lighter things like graduations and things. We all talk big- "when push comes to shove I'm going to stand for and with Yahuah and they can throw me in that fire"! Well there you go, your in that fire. Oh your family members are never going to talk to you again if you miss that day. That doesn't mean that they will never speak to you, in time, maybe they will.

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**Remember Yahusha said, mother against daughter son against father. Did we think he was joking? Did we think this would not apply to us? Whose shalom are we trying to keep? Yahuah's or a family member. We read about it but we don't like it when it happens to us. Yahuah is not the one that made graduations on Saturday. But most of them are. And guess what, whoever is graduating will still graduate whether your there or not. Maybe that will be a lynch pin moment in their life if they are spiritually lost, to ask you how you could be so strong minded about that.**



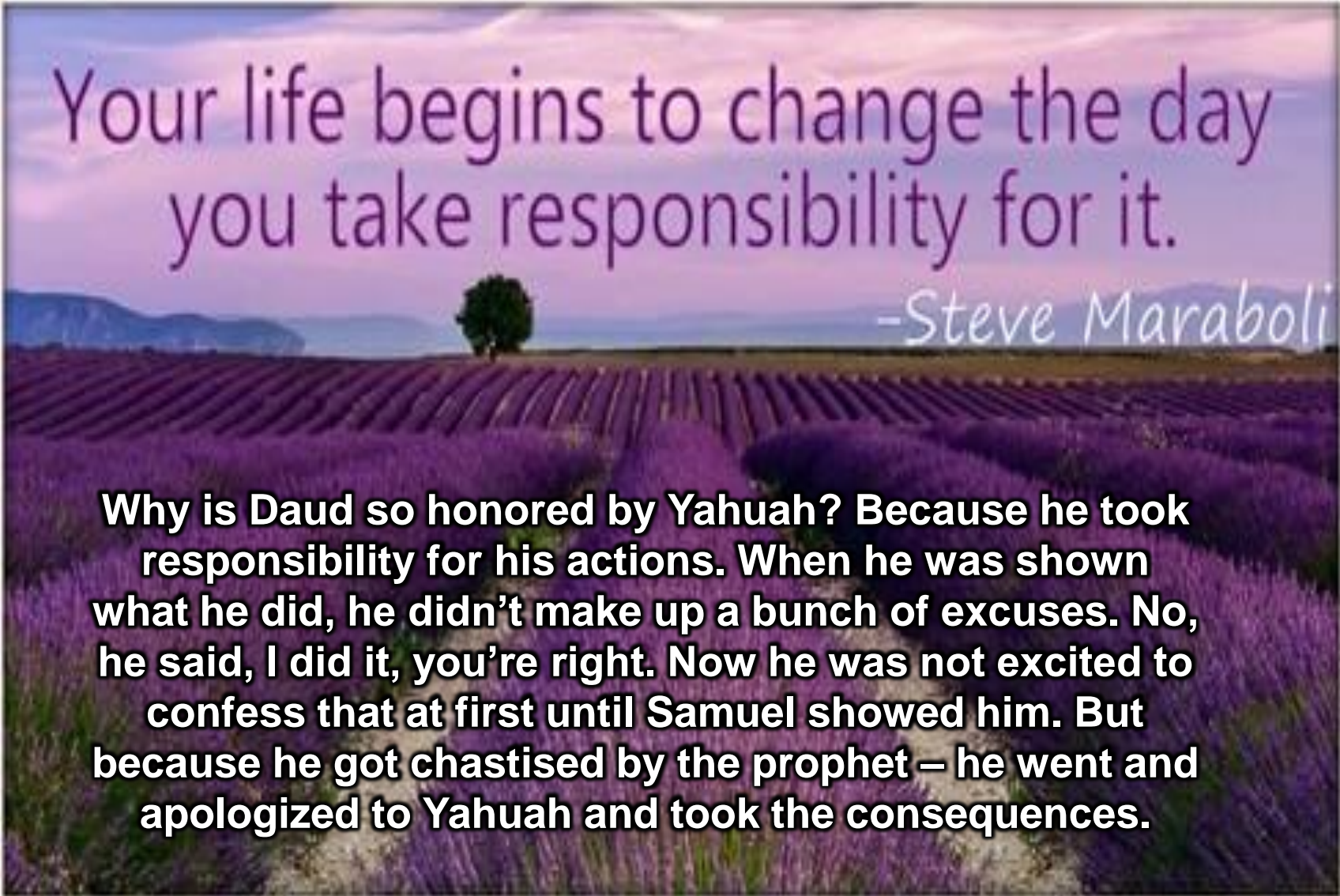


**It says Yahuah chastises those He loves like a father chastises his son. That is still the baptism of fire. The hard choices. IF your not instructed by the corrective chastisement and instruction what is the point? But we are awesome at finger pointing and terrible about taking responsibility for the things we do.**



**This is the problem. We don't recognize it and say, "I caused the problem". Do you know a few people without even looking in the mirror, that are terrible at accepting blame and taking responsibility? Don't you hate when they do that to you? When something happens and they refuse to acknowledge it. Well guess what? You do that too. But you can't stand it when other people do it. They get into a situation when something goes wrong and right away they are blaming everybody but themselves when its full on obvious that it is their fault.**

**When you blame others,  
you give up your power to  
grow.**



Your life begins to change the day  
you take responsibility for it.

-Steve Maraboli

**Why is Daud so honored by Yahuah? Because he took responsibility for his actions. When he was shown what he did, he didn't make up a bunch of excuses. No, he said, I did it, you're right. Now he was not excited to confess that at first until Samuel showed him. But because he got chastised by the prophet – he went and apologized to Yahuah and took the consequences.**



But we all have the issue that there are times we are uncorrectable. We are unable to receive the correction. It takes a certain maturity to receive correction. And a definite understanding of what the purpose of correction is for. Not to belittle or hobble that person, but to help get them back on the right path so they don't waste any more time going the wrong way and having to go back and undo what we did.

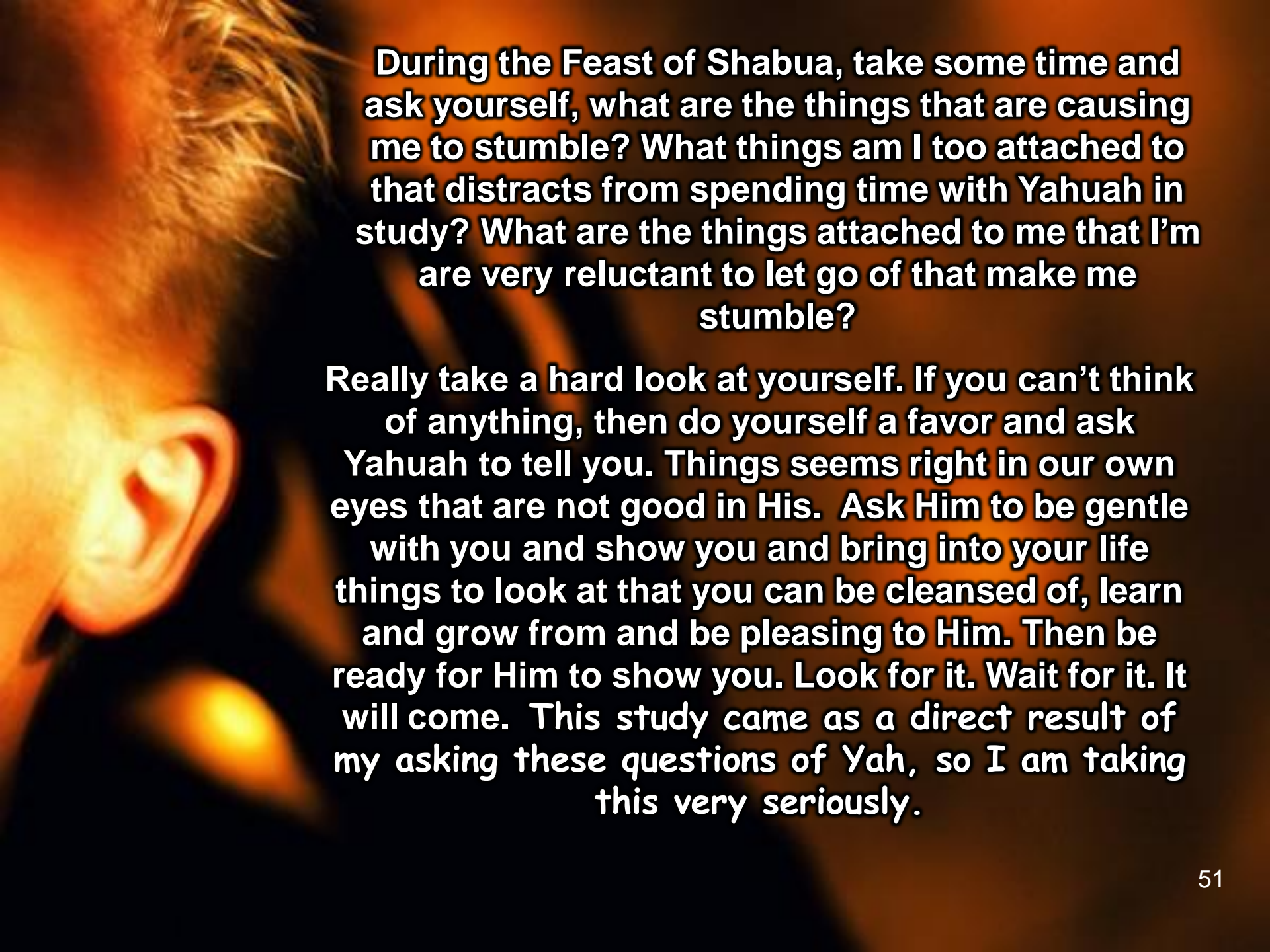




We have to make up our minds that we are going to take correction from Yahuah and be under His authority. Instead we act like teenagers who reject the authority of their parents. We have to voluntarily submit to Yah. Then He can correct us and it won't be so harsh. Lev 26 is how He handles people who want the goodies but refuse to accept His authority. If you have pretty teachable kids and they do something wrong, you don't come out the gate screaming at them and putting on them the harshest punishment. They are learning. You teach and correct for the purpose of them understanding so you both can move on. If they do it again, then you take sterner actions. It is the exact same thing with Yahuah.

*Egypt*





**During the Feast of Shabua, take some time and ask yourself, what are the things that are causing me to stumble? What things am I too attached to that distracts from spending time with Yahuah in study? What are the things attached to me that I'm are very reluctant to let go of that make me stumble?**

**Really take a hard look at yourself. If you can't think of anything, then do yourself a favor and ask Yahuah to tell you. Things seems right in our own eyes that are not good in His. Ask Him to be gentle with you and show you and bring into your life things to look at that you can be cleansed of, learn and grow from and be pleasing to Him. Then be ready for Him to show you. Look for it. Wait for it. It will come. This study came as a direct result of my asking these questions of Yah, so I am taking this very seriously.**

**Yah let Yob be tested to see how attached he was to his things, didn't he? He took everything! Health, wealth, family, reputation and he still did not stumble.**

# **Refined by Fire**

**We need to ask ourselves, how would we do if just a few of these things were taken away?  
What if all were?**



The lesson here is to **not get attached to temporary things** and then it won't be a problem. Are we more concerned with acquiring things horizontally or vertically? Looking at that question, it is interesting that of course the answer is to be more concerned with the vertical, and in doing **so we stand up** for what we believe and **stand up for** Yahuah's Torah and we stand unwavering in our trust of His promises. **We don't bow down.**

# BAPTISM OF FIRE

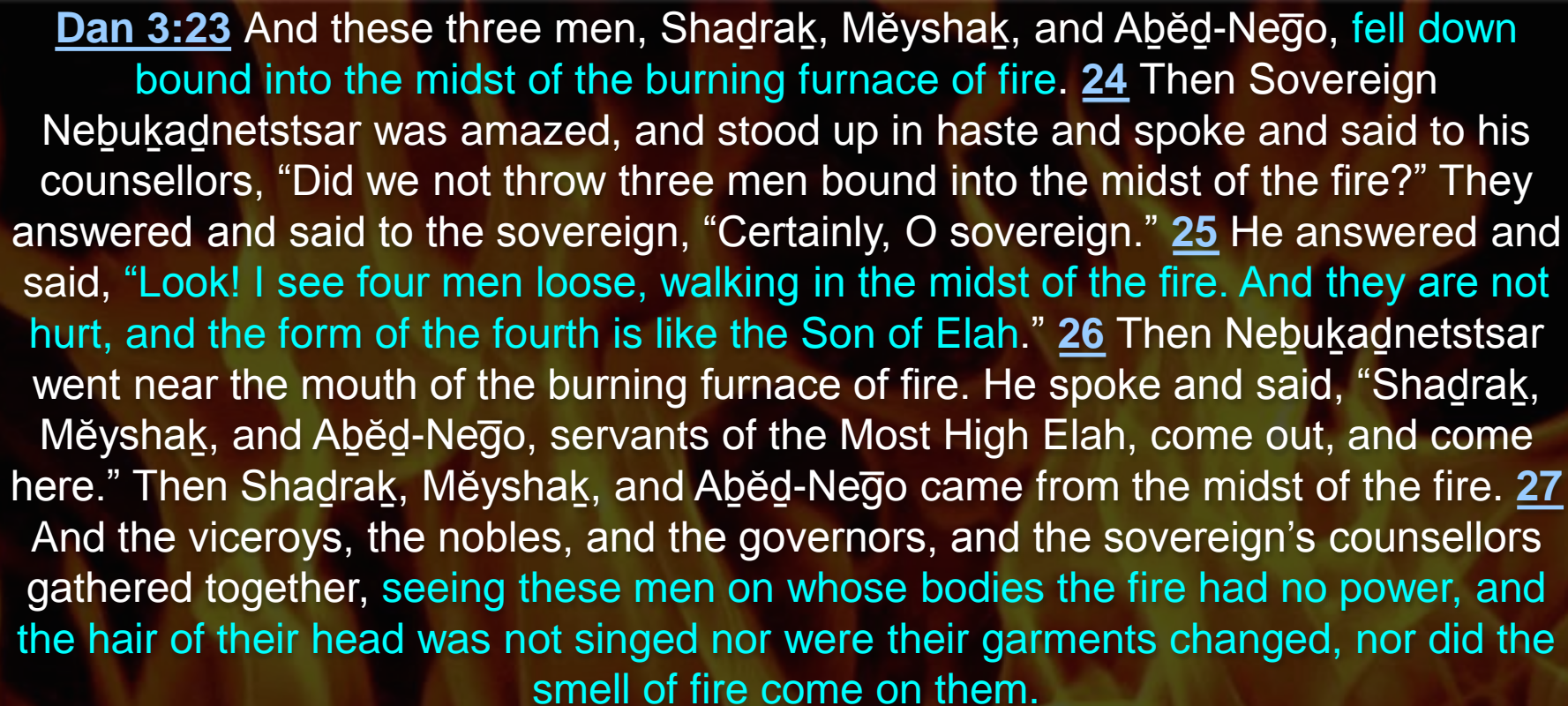
**Dan 3:12** “There are certain Yehudim whom you have set over the work of the province of Babel: Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō. These men, O sovereign, pay no heed to you. They do not serve your elahin, **and they are not doing obeisance to the gold image which you have set up.**”

**3 :15** “Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, the flute, the zither, the lyre, the harp, the pipes, and all kinds of instruments, and you fall down and do obeisance to the image which I have made, good! **But if you do not do obeisance, you are immediately thrown into the midst of a burning furnace of fire.** And who is the elah who does deliver you from my hands?”

**3:16** Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō answered and said to the sovereign, “O Neḅuḅadnettsar, **we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17** “For if so, our Elah whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning furnace of fire and from your hand, O sovereign – He does deliver! **18** “But if not, let it be known to you, O sovereign, that we do not serve your elahin, nor do we do obeisance to the gold image which you have set up.”

**Don't miss the fact that the lads did not feel any need to answer to him, but they were happy with whatever result Yahuah would allow to happen. They just wanted it on the record they did not bow down. They were not concerned with the temporary life! They had expectations of Torah promises.**





**Dan 3:23** And these three men, Shadrak, Mēyshaq, and Abēd-Neō, fell down bound into the midst of the burning furnace of fire. **24** Then Sovereign Nebūkadnetstsar was amazed, and stood up in haste and spoke and said to his counsellors, “Did we not throw three men bound into the midst of the fire?” They answered and said to the sovereign, “Certainly, O sovereign.” **25** He answered and said, “Look! I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire. And they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of Elah.” **26** Then Nebūkadnetstsar went near the mouth of the burning furnace of fire. He spoke and said, “Shadrak, Mēyshaq, and Abēd-Neō, servants of the Most High Elah, come out, and come here.” Then Shadrak, Mēyshaq, and Abēd-Neō came from the midst of the fire. **27** And the viceroys, the nobles, and the governors, and the sovereign’s counsellors gathered together, seeing these men on whose bodies the fire had no power, and the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments changed, nor did the smell of fire come on them.

Now that is protection and an amazing opportunity to witness regarding Yahuah!

The three stood in perfect Torah and then a messenger stood in the fire with them.

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The Key is, you have to stand and not waver.

Dan 3:28 Nebukadnetzar responded and said, “Blessed be the Elah of Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō, who sent His Messenger and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and changed the sovereign’s order, and gave up their bodies, that they should not serve nor do obeisance to any elah except their own Elah!



29 “Therefore I make a decree that whoever of any people, nation, or language who speaks any wrong against the Elah of Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō, his limbs shall be taken, and his house made a dunghill, because there is no other Elah who is able to deliver like this.” 30 Then the sovereign promoted Shadrak, Měyshak, and Aběd-Neō in the province of Babel.



# Selling Out Pentecost to Islam

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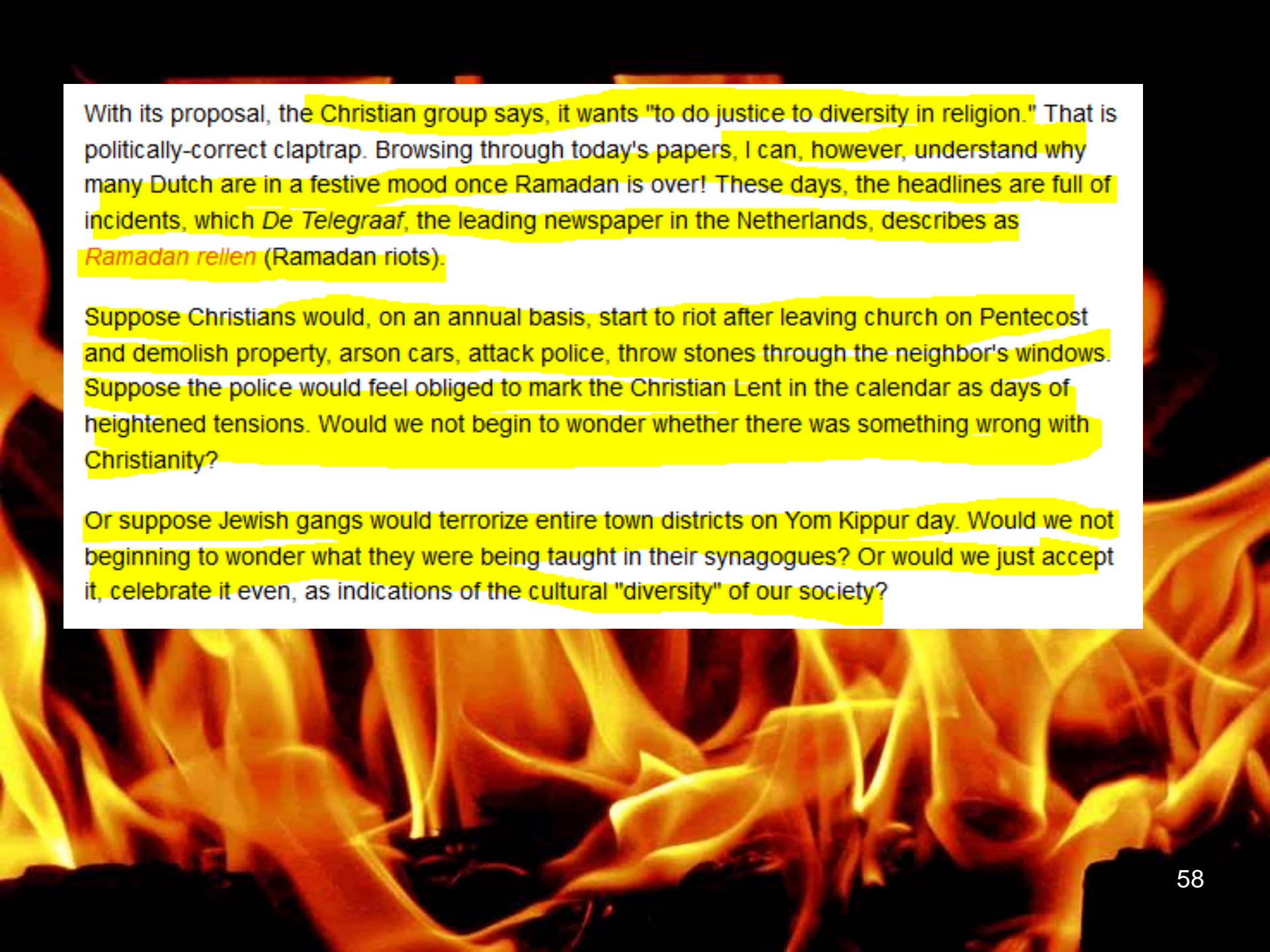
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Comment

- The Dutch have officially been enjoying the feast of Pentecost since 1815, but the church wants it replaced by an official holiday on *Eid-al-Fitr*, the day marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.
- We are too tolerant to intolerance. We think that by allowing freedom to the enemies of freedom we prove to the world that we stand for freedom. But in reality, by refusing to draw boundaries to our tolerance, we are handing away our freedom.
- If we want to remain the free and tolerant society which we used to be, we must realize that the West has a concrete identity. Our identity is not Islamic, but based on Judaism, Christianity and humanism. Our freedoms result from this identity.

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The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a fire. The flames are bright orange and yellow, with dark, charred wood visible at the base. The fire is intense and appears to be spreading across the frame.

With its proposal, the Christian group says, it wants "to do justice to diversity in religion." That is politically-correct claptrap. Browsing through today's papers, I can, however, understand why many Dutch are in a festive mood once Ramadan is over! These days, the headlines are full of incidents, which *De Telegraaf*, the leading newspaper in the Netherlands, describes as *Ramadan rellen* (Ramadan riots).

Suppose Christians would, on an annual basis, start to riot after leaving church on Pentecost and demolish property, arson cars, attack police, throw stones through the neighbor's windows. Suppose the police would feel obliged to mark the Christian Lent in the calendar as days of heightened tensions. Would we not begin to wonder whether there was something wrong with Christianity?

Or suppose Jewish gangs would terrorize entire town districts on Yom Kippur day. Would we not beginning to wonder what they were being taught in their synagogues? Or would we just accept it, celebrate it even, as indications of the cultural "diversity" of our society?



Earlier today, I learned that the Dutch Public Prosecutor in The Hague is investigating a speech which, two years ago, I gave in Vienna, Austria. He is doing this at the request of his colleague, the Public Prosecutor in Vienna, who accuses me of *Verhetzung* (incitement). The latter is a criminal offense in Austria and is comparable to incitement.

I find this truly unbelievable. Let them catch bandits and terrorists instead of prosecuting a politician for speaking about Islam. It is a disgrace that this is happening in the city of Spinoza, who was not only a great defender of tolerance but also of freedom of thought and speech. Spinoza's face used to adorn one of our bank notes in the time when we still had our own currency. Too bad that this is no longer the case today.

Unbelievable also because it would be the third time in a few years that I would be prosecuted for saying things the elites do not want to hear. It is a legal jihad. While the elites are to blame for the existential crisis we are currently in. With their open border-policies and unprecedented love for Islam and their cultural relativism, they sell us out completely and put our freedom and security at stake. They have abandoned the legacy of Spinoza and introduced the totalitarianism of Mohammedanism in our nations. I say: no more. It is time to do our duty and defend our freedom and the freedom of our children.



Geert Wilders on March 8, 2017 in Breda, Netherlands. (Photo by Dean Mouhtaropoulos/Getty Images)



**Have mercy on me O אֱלֹהֵינוּ**

**According to Your loving kindness of Your tender mercies  
blot out my transgressions.**

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity  
& cleanse me from sin.**

**I acknowledge my transgressions & sin are ever before me.  
Against You only I have sinned & done evil in Your sight.**

**Behold You desire truth in the inward parts  
& in the hidden You shall make me know wisdom.**

**Caste me not from Your presence  
& take not The Ruach from me.**

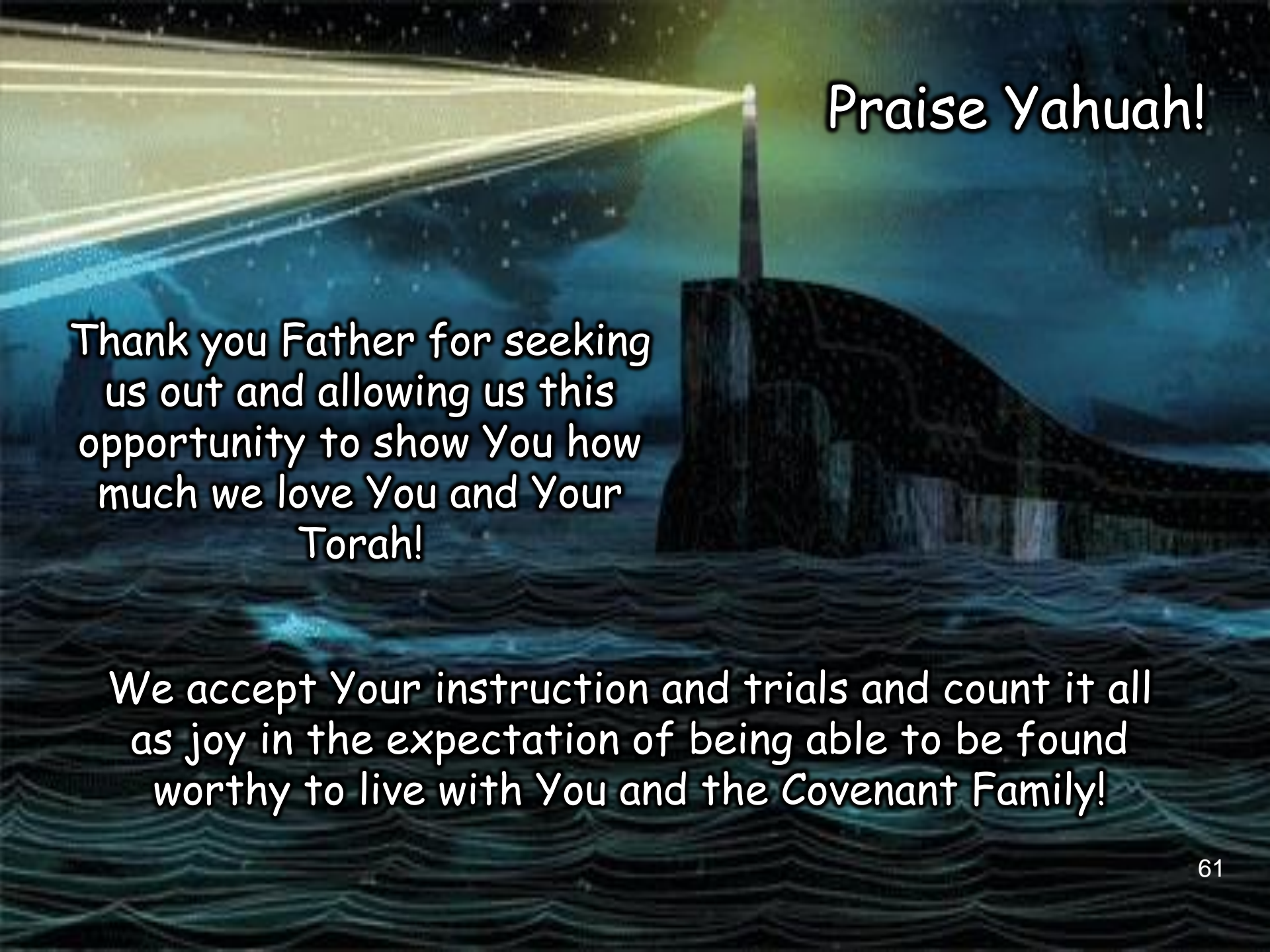
**Restore me  
The joy of  
Your  
Salvation &  
Uphold me  
With Your  
Ruach**

**All Praise to אֱלֹהֵינוּ &  
אֱלֹהֵינוּ Ha Mashiah**

**The sacrifices  
Of אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
Are a broken  
Spirit and a  
Broken &  
Contrite heart  
O אֱלֹהֵינוּ You  
Will not  
Despise.**

From Psalms 51





Praise Yahuah!

Thank you Father for seeking us out and allowing us this opportunity to show You how much we love You and Your Torah!

We accept Your instruction and trials and count it all as joy in the expectation of being able to be found worthy to live with You and the Covenant Family!

# Understanding The Path

through  
**Water**

Immersed  
in the  
Torah by  
the breath  
of the  
Ruach Ha  
Qodesh

Continual testing  
by the baptism of  
and **Fire**



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