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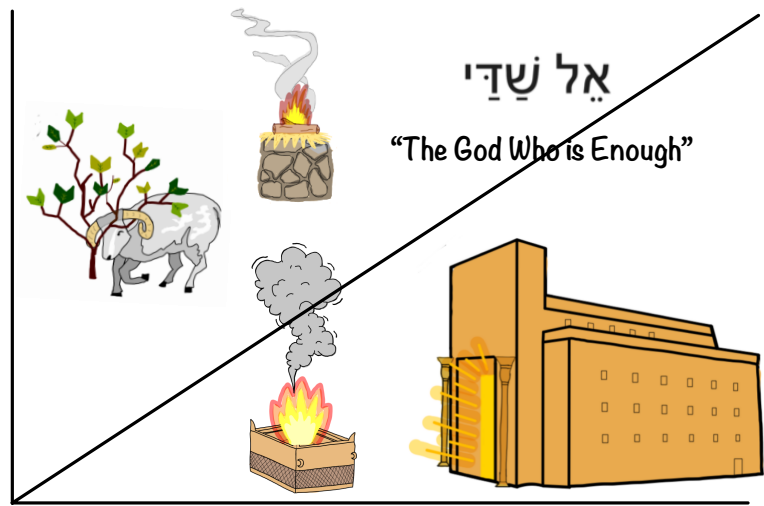
Pray First

Father God,

We praise You because You deserve all honor, glory and praise! There is no other God but You. Your Word is eternal and will never pass away. We thank You for Your Word and all the blessings Your Word offers us. We do not deserve Your great love. Please help us to submit to Your perfect Word. Please increase our desire to know and serve You more with each passing day. In Yeshua's Name we pray. A-men

Next Read

Deuteronomy 11:26-16:17



In this week's Parasha Moshe (Moses) commanded the Children of Yisra'el (Israel) to behold or look at this simple truth from God's Word: Obedience to the Word of God results in blessings from God, and disobedience to His Word results in curses from Him. Because God's Word is eternal, these outcomes for behavior will always come to pass.

Once the Children of Yisra'el crossed the Jordan River to take possession of the land God gave them, they were commanded to stop doing whatever seemed right in their own eyes. Obedience to the commandments of God are of utmost importance while living in the land God has set apart for the establishment of His Kingdom.

The Yisra'elites were commanded to utterly destroy all traces of idol worship within the land of Yisra'el. They were to worship God at the place He chose out of all the tribes to put His Name for His habitation. All sacrifices, tithes and offerings to worship Him were to be brought to this location only. The LORD God is never to be worshiped with anything or in any way that has been used to worship false gods!

The outcome of the Children of Yisra'el's redemption from Egypt was for them to become the Children of God, obediently living in the Land of Promise with the LORD God dwelling in their midst. In this way they would demonstrate to the world that God had set them apart from all other people on the face of the earth.

The Children of Yisra'el were to consume only what God declared to be food. They were to bring their offerings in worship of God only to the place He caused His Name to abide. Every seven years they were to cancel all debts. They were to sanctify all firstborn males from their herds and flocks to the LORD. They were to continue doing all these things while living in the Land of Promise throughout their generations.

Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today: and the curse, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28

The Children of Yisra'el were to guard the month of Aviv because it was in this month that the LORD redeemed them from Egypt. They were to keep the Pesach (Passover) to the LORD God in the month of Aviv each year. The Feast of Matzah (Unleavened Bread), the Feast of Shavuot (Weeks) and the Feast of Sukkot (Tabernacles) were to be celebrated at the place where the LORD God's Name would abide. The Feast of Matzah demonstrated that their sins had been paid for by the blood of the lamb. The Feast of Shavuot demonstrated that they could now live obediently before God as stated in His law. The Feast of Sukkot demonstrated that they could confidently rest from their enemies living in the Land of Promise because the LORD God dwelt in their midst. During these Moedim (appointed days) everyone was commanded to give as they were able, according to the blessings the LORD had given them. No one was to appear before the LORD God to worship Him empty-handed!

~ Focus Passage of Scripture ~

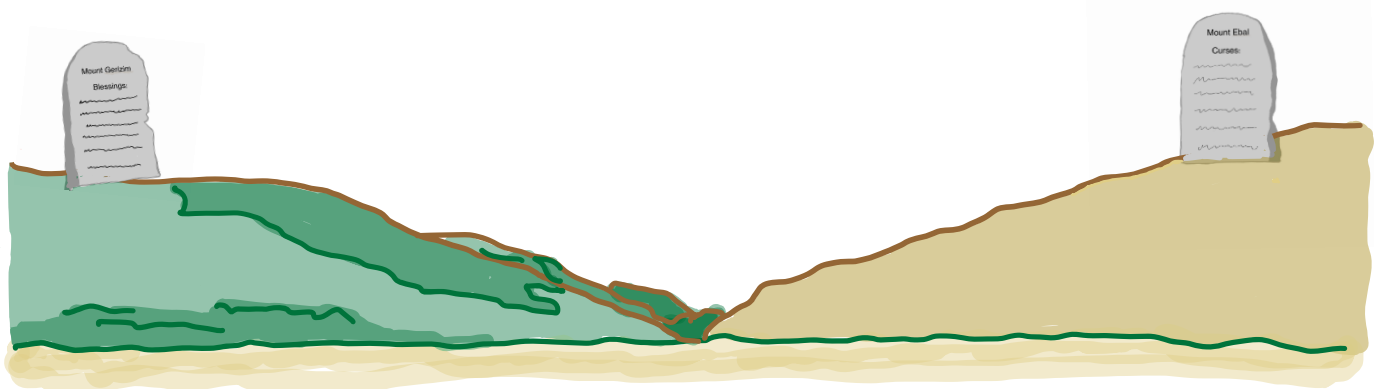
Deuteronomy 12:29-13:18

It was very important that the Children of Yisra'el living in the Land of Promise never be influenced by other nations. God judged the other nations that lived in the land for their idol worship and refusal to honor Him by destroying them and displacing them from the land. In Deuteronomy 12:29-32 the Children of Yisra'el were warned to be very careful not to do as these other nations had done while living in the Promised Land in order to avoid the same outcome.

God commanded His people not to concern themselves with how the other nations had served their false gods. The Children of Yisra'el were never to use any of the nations practices to worship and serve the LORD God. Every abomination that the LORD God hates the nations had done for their gods. They had even burned their own sons and daughters in the fire to worship their gods. For this reason God commanded His people to be careful to worship Him only as He commanded. They were not to add anything to His commandments nor take anything away from them.

“Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it.”

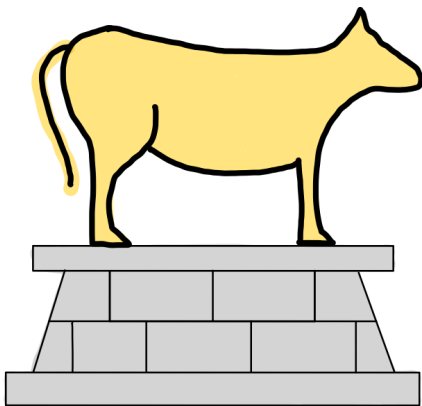
Deuteronomy 12:32



In Deuteronomy 13:1-3 we learn that the Children of Yisra'el were never to follow a prophet or dreamer of dreams who enticed them to go after and serve other gods even if they gave them a sign or a wonder that came true. Such a prophet or dreamer of dreams was a false prophet and must not be followed! The LORD wants His people to obey Him because He loved them first and has done great things for them. He wants them to obey Him because they love Him and trust only in His Word. He does not want them to obey Him for selfish reasons that only give glory to themselves. The LORD God allows these false prophets to arise among His people to test them! If a Child of God follows after other gods to serve them when they perform a sign or wonder they do not truly love God with all their heart and all their soul. They have believed a lie instead of trusting in the truth of God's Word. They have failed to pass God's test!

In Deuteronomy 13:4-5 it is emphasized that God's people must walk after Him, make Him the top priority of their lives, keep His commandments, obey His voice, serve Him and hold fast to Him. The Children of Yisra'el were commanded to physically put all false prophets or dreamers of dreams who arose among them in the land to death. Anyone who tries to persuade a Child of God to leave Him in order to serve false gods is an enemy of God! God's enemies are evil and must not be allowed to remain in the Land of Promise that the LORD God gave the Children of Yisra'el to possess.

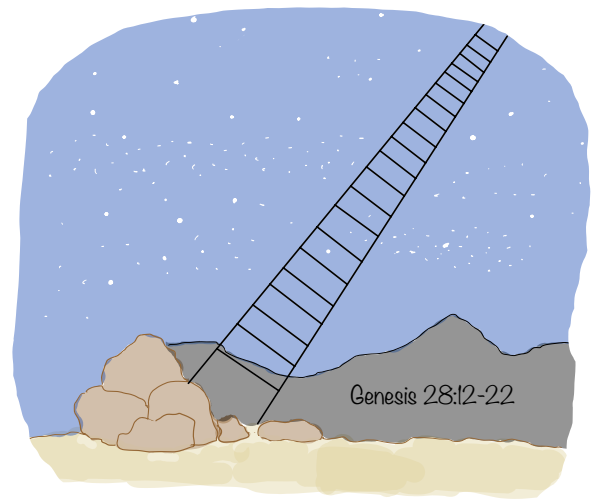
In Deuteronomy 13:6-11 we learn that even if an Yisra'elite's brother, son, daughter, spouse or very close friend secretly tried to get them to go and serve other gods who are worshiped by the nations nearby or in a land far away they must not listen to them. They must not tolerate or consent to them in any way. They must not pity them, conceal them or spare them. They must be the first one to put them to death by stoning them, and all the people must agree by stoning them as well. This type of evil opposition to God must be handled in this way so that it will put an end to such wickedness in the Land of Promise amongst the Children of Yisra'el.



In Deuteronomy 13:12-18 we learn what God commanded regarding entire cities that were corrupted by men who convinced the people to go and serve other gods. When the claim of a city's corruption was proven to be true and it was certain that such an abomination against God had been committed, the inhabitants of the city were to be killed by the sword! Everything within the city was to be utterly destroyed including the livestock. All the plunder from the city was to be gathered in the middle of the street, and the city and its plunder were to be completely burned with fire! That city would remain a heap forever. It was never to be inhabited again. The Children of Yisra'el were commanded not to take anything from the evil city for themselves so that the LORD's fierce anger would not break out against them, and His mercy and compassion would remain on them to multiply them in the Land of Promise, just as He had sworn to their fathers. The LORD God will have mercy and compassion on all His Children when they listen to His voice to keep His commandments! It is very important that we do what is right in the eyes of the LORD God and stop doing whatever seems right to us.

Haftarah

Isaiah 54:11-55:5



In this week's Haftarah the prophet Yeshayahu (Isaiah) spoke about the kingdom change that is coming upon the nation of Yisra'el at the end of days. Yisra'el has been afflicted, tossed about and has not been comforted because she has been disobedient to God. She has not accepted her Messiah. God will prepare her to receive Messiah Yeshua by beautifying her with precious stones as a requirement for the Kingdom of God to be established in the Land of Promise.

When the nation of Yisra'el receives Messiah Yeshua, the Children of Yisra'el will have knowledge of the LORD producing abundant peace in their lives. They will know and obediently do the will of God. What is the will of God for the nation of Yisra'el? To be a light proclaiming salvation through Messiah Yeshua to the nations of the world! When they know and accept this truth it will make them righteous, and oppression will be far from them. They will no longer give the other things that have brought disaster and destruction upon them in the past priority in their lives. As they surrender to God, being committed to His will, they will no longer experience the judgment of God. All these things will occur for the nation of Yisra'el in the future and can be true spiritually for the believer in Messiah Yeshua today!

The enemy will continue to assemble against the Children of Yisra'el, just as he currently assembles against the believer, desiring to dwell in their presence. However, he will fall because he is not sent by God. In the future the Children of Yisra'el will need only to stand firm as they obediently pursue the Word of God, knowing confidently that they are in His will by doing so. Obedience to the Word of God today brings this same victory spiritually to the one who places his trust in Messiah Yeshua. God works within the believer to both build up the things that are needed to serve and worship Him and to destroy the things that are opposed to worshiping and serving Him.

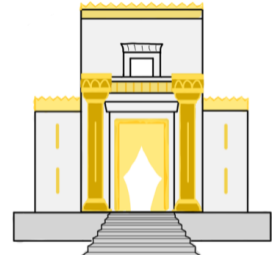
Once the Children of Yisra'el are taught of the LORD, knowing Messiah Yeshua, there will be no weapon the enemy can use against them that will be successful. The words of accusation from the enemy will be condemned by God just as they are now condemned for the believer in Messiah Yeshua. This is the inheritance of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is with the LORD! The LORD God has spoken all these Words, and everything He has spoken will happen!



All the glorious promises of God are available through His Grace to anyone who is thirsty and comes to drink from His life giving waters. Money can not buy these gifts from God nor is it necessary for payment. These gifts are spiritual gifts that will be fully realized in the Kingdom of God which Messiah Yeshua will establish when He returns. Meanwhile, these spiritual gifts supply the believer with abundant joy and sustenance. Therefore, why seek and pay for things that do not give abundant life? Instead, listen diligently to God and pursue His perfect will so that your soul may delight in His abundance!

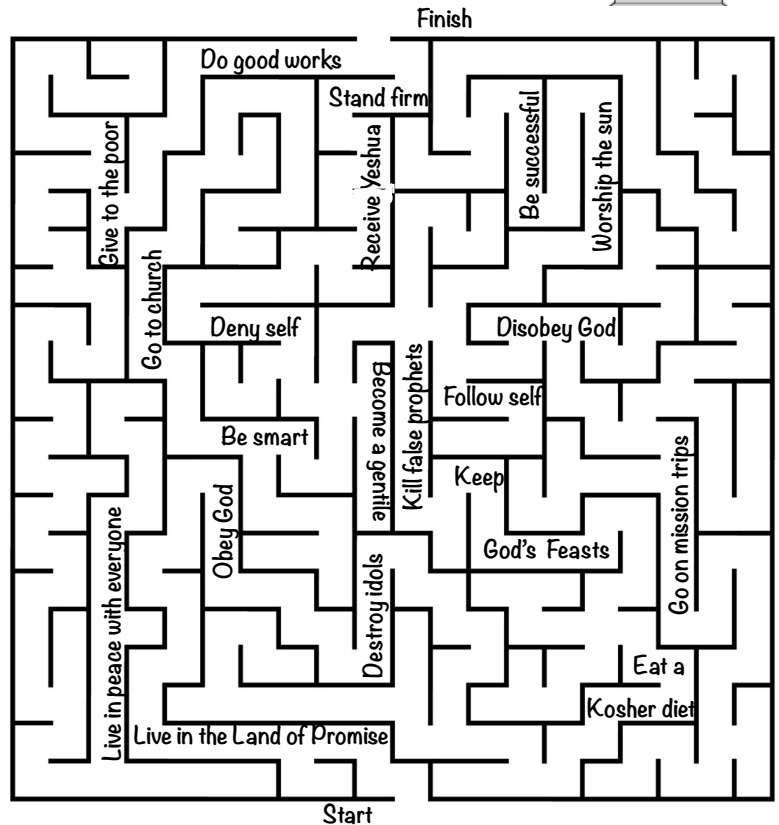
When Messiah Yeshua returns and establishes God's Kingdom on earth, all those who incline their ear to come to God will also be given eternal life. God will cut an eternal kingdom covenant with all who come to Him through Messiah Yeshua. He will extend the same grace to the nation of Yisra'el for their past disobedience that He extended to King David. God has given King David as a witness to the nations to demonstrate His grace, which He extends to all who deserve death but receive life instead. The leader and commander of the nation of Yisra'el was spared, just as the nation of Yisra'el will be spared in the last days. God has set apart the nation of Yisra'el for this purpose! Yisra'el will call a people to repentance that they do not know, and a people who do not know them will run to receive the covenant of redemption that can only be found in Messiah Yeshua. All these things will happen because the Holy One of Yisra'el, Messiah Yeshua, has glorified the nation of Yisra'el for this purpose!

~ Kingdom Maze ~



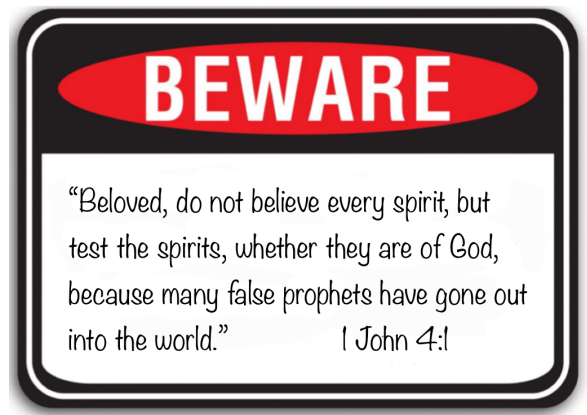
Directions: Navigate through the maze to determine what the Children of Yisra'el must do for the Kingdom of God to be established on earth in the Land of Yisra'el. List them in the blanks below.

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New Testament

1 John 4:1-6



Father God,

We thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit Who lives within us the moment we receive Messiah Yeshua as our Redeemer and LORD. Help us to beware of evil spirits manifesting through false prophets. When they tempt us not to trust in the truth of Your Word, please quickly remind us to tell them, “No and go, in the Name of Yeshua by the power of Your Holy Spirit.” In Yeshua’s Name we pray. A-men

In this week’s New Testament Scripture, John, an apostle of Messiah Yeshua and a pillar among the believers of Yeshua in Jerusalem, was speaking to believers about the danger of unclean spirits. He warned believers not to trust everything that is supernatural. There are two sources of supernatural activity. One is from God, but the other is from the devil. In fact most supernatural activity is not from God!

It is very important to test all spirits to discern if they are good being from God or evil being from Satan. Do you remember that God commanded His people living in the Land of Promise to put all false prophets to death? Disobedience to the commandments of God allows false prophets to gain power and remain in the world. From the time of the first sin committed against God false prophets have gone out, are going out and will continue to go out into the world. Do you remember

when the first sin occurred? It was when Adam and Chavah (Eve) listened to the serpent/false prophet in the Garden. They ignored the truth of God and disobeyed Him hoping to benefit themselves. God did not tempt them, but He allowed the serpent to arise among them for the purpose of testing them. Adam and Chavah failed God’s test! All those who trust in false prophets over God experience His judgment.

A false prophet or false teacher is one who twists the Scriptures to mean things they were not intended to mean. They take Scripture out of context and use the Word of God to deceive people. A prophet or teacher from God is careful to always build the believer up in truth, which increases their faith in the Word of God. A true prophet or teacher from God is rare, and his greatest effort is given to always base what he says accurately on Scripture.

You might be asking yourself this question, “How can I know if a spirit is from God?” The apostle John helps us by answering this question very simply : All spirits from God confess that Messiah Yeshua Who is the Divine Son of God, has already come from God in heaven to earth. They confess He came to lay down His life to redeem the world from sin at Passover. They confess that He is coming back in the future to establish the Kingdom of God on earth in the land of Yisra’el. Any spirit or teacher who does not confess all these things about Messiah Yeshua does not come from God. That one is from the Antichrist, who is already in the world.



All those who are redeemed by Messiah Yeshua's blood have been adopted by God, becoming His Children! All Children of God have overcome these unclean spirits. We have total victory over false prophets because within us dwells the gift of the Holy Spirit from God. The Holy Spirit Who dwells within the believer is greater than the Antichrist spirit that is in the world! The Holy Spirit Who dwells within the believer gives us the power to identify evil spirits and tell them, "No and go." All we need to do is stand firm on the truth of God's Word.

False prophets or teachers are of the world, so when they speak the world hears and understands them. When a Child of God speaks, only those who know God and are also His Children hear and understand. For this reason those who are not Children of God do not hear or understand the truth when it is spoken. They must first become Children of God in order to understand the truth of Scripture. Just as every Spirit of God is connected to truth and the Holy Spirit, likewise, every spirit of the Antichrist is connected to deception and false prophets or teachers.

~ Pop Quiz ~

Directions: Put a "T" for true or "F" for false before each statement below

1. ___ There is only one source for supernatural activity.
2. ___ It is very important to test all spirits.
3. ___ A spirit can be good, bad or neutral.
4. ___ God allows false prophets to arise in order to test believers.
5. ___ A prophet or teacher from God can be trusted even if they do not teach the truth of Scripture.
6. ___ A false prophet or teacher takes Scripture out of context to gain popularity and deceive people.
7. ___ All spirits from God confess that Messiah Yeshua is the Divine Son of God.
8. ___ A child of God must work hard everyday to overcome unclean spirits.
9. ___ The Holy Spirit that dwells inside a believer is greater than the Antichrist spirit that is in the world.

