

A journey of seven weeks to Mount Sinai ...

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As soon as you are exposed to the Hebrew Roots teaching, you get confronted with a few basic concepts, namely:

- The need to love God with all your heart.
- The need to love your neighbor with real acts of compassion.
- The understanding that God's Calendar is different to the one we use on a daily basis.
- The Commandment by God to come into alignment with His Times by "keeping" the Feasts.

Recently, I spent some time considering the fact that God would not only focus on "highlights" of Feasts, but would have an equally important experience for His Children during the times *in between*.

It is the “in between” time that this study will focus on ... the seven weeks leading up to Mount Sinai, the Feast of Shavuot. This journey in the physical was called the “counting of the Omer”.

Leviticus 23:15–16 *“15 And you shall count from the day after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering, seven Sabbaths; [seven full weeks] shall they be. 16 Count fifty days to the day after the seventh Sabbath; then you shall present a cereal offering of new grain to the Lord.”*



Now it seems that we have a Commandment to keep – if you are an obedient son of God – each person must count.

We can see that:

- We have individual accountability.
- We need to focus – not on the day – but on the goal.

The goal was Mount Sinai. But the Israelites were not told what the goal was. It is therefore clear that each person was to be:

- Doing introspection of their lives.
- Hearing from God what it meant to move from being a slave to man, things, culture ... to being a slave to God.

Every slave knew what they had – a job, food, house, and so forth. Every Israelite was getting an opportunity to become intimate, to walk back into God's Presence. We will see that the Israelites often longed to return back to Egypt. They always had a sense of having "lost" something. Their walk through the desert was to "gain" something.

Believers who feel they have "lost" something when they are following God are still slaves in their minds.

The journey begins with a song ...



This seven week journey to Mount Sinai begins with a song. Those who had accepted God's Plan of deliverance by faith, who had **done nothing** to earn their salvation, stepped out to follow God's Call into the desert.

Interestingly, we already see an example, in the physical domain which portrays the spiritual reality, that Paul would reveal many years later. Paul tells us that the Body of Messiah will be:

- Made of Jew and Gentile,
- Wild and Natural Olive,

And that this Body/Tree would have ONE root in Y'shua the Messiah.

The group that starts out on this journey consists of 600, 000 men of the house of Jacob, and 400, 000 men of the nations. The deliverance from pharaoh's slavery, his attempt to recapture them, and the Egyptian defeat in the Red Sea was so great that Moses and Miriam sing a song.

I have already alluded to the Law of Parallels. Paul tells us that we must live out and role-model God's Will in the physical before we will manifest it in the spiritual domain.

1 Corinthians 15:46–49 “46 But it is not the spiritual life which came first, **but the physical and then the spiritual.** 47 The first man [was] from out of earth, made of dust (earthly-minded); the second Man [is] the Lord from out of heaven. [Gen. 2:7.] 48 Now those who are made of the dust are like him who was first made of the dust (earthly-minded); and as is [the Man] from heaven, so also [are those] who are of heaven (heavenly-minded). 49 And just as we have borne the image [of the man] of dust, so shall we and so let us also bear the image [of the Man] of heaven.”

Moses and Miriam sing ...

Exodus 15:14–21 “**THEN MOSES** and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord, saying, I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider or its chariot has He thrown into the sea. 2 The Lord is my Strength and my Song, and He has become my Salvation; this is my God, and I will praise Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. 3 The Lord is a Man of War; the Lord is His name. 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host has He cast into the sea; his chosen captains also are sunk in the Red Sea. 5 The floods cover them; they sank in the depths [clad in mail] like a stone. 6 Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power; Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy. 7 In the greatness of Your majesty You overthrow those rising against You. You send forth Your fury; it consumes them like stubble. 8 With the blast of Your nostrils the waters piled up, the floods stood fixed in a heap, the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my desire shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. 10 You [Lord] blew with Your wind, the sea covered them; [clad in mail] they sank as lead in the mighty waters. 11 Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, awesome in splendor, doing wonders? 12 You stretched out Your right hand, the earth's [sea] swallowed them. 13 You in Your mercy and loving-kindness have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. 14 The peoples have heard of it; they tremble; pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Now the chiefs of Edom are dismayed; the mighty men of Moab [renowned for strength], trembling takes hold of them; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away—little by little. 16 Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of Your arm they are as still as a stone—till Your people pass by and over [into Canaan], O Lord, till the people pass by whom You have purchased. 17 You will bring them in [to the land] and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O Lord, You have made for Your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. 18 The Lord will reign forever and ever. 19 For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea. 20 Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand, and all the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing. 21 And Miriam responded to them, Sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously and is highly exalted; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.”

Their song declares thanks for what the LORD has done for them ... for deliverance, for victory over pharaoh, and for the fact that the pagan nations will be afraid of them. But also interestingly enough, this song makes a prophetic declaration of *our future destination*.

Exodus 15:17–18 “17 You will bring them in [to the land] and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O Lord, You have made for Your dwelling, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. 18 The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

Moses prophesizes God's Holy Mountain, God's Dwelling Place [Tabernacle], and God's Sanctuary made by His Hands. Moses declares that God will reign forever. Moses declares that *he will* sing. He *sang in faith*. He sang by the stirring of the Spirit in looking at the promise. He sang knowing that God *would answer*.

We who follow Messiah should likewise sing *in faith*, based on the promise. Which promise? The one which says that *we will overcome* and *we will sing*.



Revelation 15:1–5 “*THEN I saw another wonder (sign, token, symbol) in heaven, great and marvelous [warning of events of ominous significance]: There were seven angels bringing seven plagues (afflictions, calamities), which are the last, for with them God’s wrath (indignation) is completely expressed [reaches its climax and is ended]. [Lev. 26:21.] 2 Then I saw what seemed to be a glassy sea blended with fire, and those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his statue and from the number corresponding to his name were standing beside the glassy sea, with harps of God in their hands. 3 And they sang the song of Moses the servant of God and the song of the Lamb, saying, Mighty and marvelous are Your works, O Lord God the Omnipotent! Righteous (just) and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the ages (King of the nations)! [Exod. 15:1; Ps. 145:17.] 4 Who shall not reverence and glorify Your name, O Lord [giving You honor and praise in worship]? For You only are holy. All the nations shall come and pay homage and adoration to You, for Your just judgments (Your righteous sentences and deeds) have been made known and displayed. [Ps. 86:9, 10; Jer. 10:7.] 5 After this I looked and the sanctuary of the tent of the testimony in heaven was thrown open,*”

After all, we will be *standing on* God's Holy Mountain, *in the* Tabernacle made by Him.

A critical point to make here is that we analyze the description of these "overcomers".

Revelation 14:12 "2 And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of great waters and like the rumbling of mighty thunder; the voice I heard [seemed like the music] of harpists accompanying themselves on their harps."



Note, there are two criteria to define an overcomer.

1. Those who follow *Y'shua in faith*.
2. Those who *keep the Commandments*.

It is easy to gain courage when you are in a crowd, when everyone's spirits are high. However, we are called to action. The question to ask is, what is the action *required* in our "seven-week journey"?

We see an interesting interchange between Moses and the people as pharaoh drew near to attack.

- Those who want to change the world from within.

Exodus 14:12 "12 Did we not tell you in Egypt, Let us alone; **let us serve the Egyptians?** For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness."

- Those who want to retreat, to be a slave.

Exodus 14:13 “13 Moses told the people, **Fear not**; stand still (firm, confident, undismayed) and see the salvation of the Lord which He will work for you today. For the Egyptians you have seen today you shall never see again.”

- Those who want to fight, to be a warrior.

Exodus 14:14 “14 The Lord **will fight for you**, and you shall hold your peace and remain at rest.”

- Those who want to pray through every circumstance.

But God’s Vision for us is to be an “advancing Hebrew [crossing over bearing] the Fruits of God”.

Exodus 14:15 “15 The Lord said to Moses, Why do you cry to Me? **Tell the people of Israel to go forward!**”

The next stop in the journey ... the bitter pool of Marah.

Exodus 15:22–23 “22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea and they went into the Wilderness of Shur; they went three days [thirty-three miles] in the wilderness and found no water. 23 When they **came to Marah**, they could not drink its waters for they were bitter; therefore it was named Marah [bitterness].”



As we read this passage we need to focus on some key messages. Man needs water as a life-sustaining item. The deprivation that comes on man when he feels that every bit of life will seem to be taken from him is tremendous. The thought of thirst is therefore not to be taken lightly. We must understand that [1] *miracles do not build your character*. This group [those who stayed in the land of Goshen] of people has seen:

- That they are supernaturally protected from the last seven plagues.
- That their firstborns have been spared by the blood of the lamb.
- That pharaoh was destroyed by the water of the Red Sea.

But a few days later, their faith has no substance. [2] *They were bitter*. A careful reading of this verse tells us that the people were bitter. The wording “they” used here is Strong’s Hebrew 1992:

hem: a **prim. pron.**; *they*:— both(1), both(1), ones(1), others(1), part(1), places(1), same(1), side(1), such(1), theirs(8), theirs(3), themselves(9), there(5), these(13), things(1), this(2), those(65), very(1), where(1), which(8), which(1), who(5), whom(3), women(1).

We see that it is because the people were bitter that the water tasted brackish.

In the physical, we know that water which rises out of the sand, will tend to take on the property of the sand. So in a sense, we would expect this to be the case!

We know that a wood/tree exists which “seems” to have the properties needed to cleanse the water.

“Moringa oleifera”¹

One of the most remarkably useful trees is one being cultivated heavily for use in the Sudan. Village women have successfully used the tree *Moringa oleifera* to cleanse the highly turbid water of the River Nile. After trying other moringa species in Egypt, Namibia, Somalia, and Kenya, they too have shown properties that clarify water quickly.

When moringa seeds are crushed and poured into a pot or bottle of dirty water, the water turns transparent within seconds. The seeds’ anti-bacterial properties can turn low, medium, and high turbidity waters into tap-water quality in an hour or two.

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Studies on the effectiveness of moringa seeds for treating water have been done since the 1970s, and have consistently shown that moringa is especially effective in removing suspended particles from water with medium to high levels of turbidity [muddiness or dirtiness].

In water with high turbidity, a liter of water needs only one of the horseradish-smelling seeds for effective treatment. In low turbidity, one seed may do four liters. When the water is boiled, this increases its nutritional effectiveness by making inactive a nutrition-inhibiting protein [lectin].

So we know that physically it is possible for this miracle to occur. However ...

Exodus 15:25 *"25 And he cried to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a tree which he cast into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There [the Lord] made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there He proved them,"*



This verse reveals an interesting fact. If we analyze the word “showed” [Strong’s Hebrew 3384] we find the following:

- To flow as water – to rain.
- To throw as an arrow, which parents should be doing with the Torah and their children. This is a root word of Torah, which has been mistakenly rendered in English as “Law”.
- To point out or teach – another root word of Torah.

And so we can formulate another picture, namely that God caused the Torah to *rain* on them so that the bitterness and lack of faith *could be revealed to them*. Even more interesting is the fact that [in the Book of Revelation] in the New Jerusalem, we will be getting fruit and leaves from the trees planted near the River of Life.

Revelation 22:1–2 *“THEN HE showed me the river whose waters give life, sparkling like crystal, flowing out from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 Through the middle of the Broadway of the city; also, on either side of the river was the tree of life with its twelve varieties of fruit, yielding each month its fresh crop; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing and the restoration of the nations. [Gen. 2:9.]”*

In another verse we see that the “laver” in the Tabernacle is a place where man was purified by washing.

Exodus 30:17–18 *“17 And the Lord said to Moses, 18 You shall also make a laver or large basin of bronze, and its base of bronze, **for washing**; and you shall put it [outside in the court] between the Tent of Meeting and the altar [of burnt offering], and you shall put water in it;”*

Critically, we are told that this was a test from God.

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What are we being tested on? Whether we are keeping the Commandments, Instructions, and Statues? Please remember the so-called “Law of Moses” had not yet been given.

James writes of the Tribes that have been scattered abroad and declares that those who:

- Believe in Messiah, those who look into the perfect Law of Liberty and,
- Who is not a forgetful hearer but a *doer*,

Will be blessed.

James 1:25 “25 But he who looks **carefully into the faultless law**, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and **perseveres in looking into it**, being not a heedless listener who forgets but an active doer [who obeys], **he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).**”

James 2:14, 18, 20, 22 “14 What is the use (profit), my brethren, for anyone to profess to have faith if he has no [good] works [to show for it]? Can [such] faith save [his soul]? 18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I by [good] works [of obedience] will show you my faith. 20 Are you willing to be shown [proof], you foolish (unproductive, spiritually deficient) fellow, that faith apart from [good] works is inactive and ineffective and worthless? 22 You see that [his] faith was cooperating with his works, and [his] faith was completed and reached its supreme expression [when he implemented it] by [good] works.”

Clearly we have to *role-model* and walk in obedience to the Commandments of God in order to get our blessing.

Why then do the modern-day church leaders reject the “Law”? The answers are varied. However, if they continue to teach this, they should take note of the consequence. Those *who keep* the Commandments *will not be sick*.

Exodus 15:26 “26 Saying, If you will diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God and will do what is right in His sight, and **will listen to and obey His commandments** and keep all His statutes, **I will put none of the diseases upon you** which I brought upon the Egyptians, for I am the Lord Who heals you.”

More importantly, those who are “keeping” God’s Torah will ...

- Come to a place of refreshing [water],
- Come to a place where they can be strengthened [dates],

Before they continue further on the journey.

Exodus 15:27 “27 And they came to Elim, where there were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees; and they encamped there by the waters.”

Next stop on the journey ... bread from Heaven.



Exodus 16:4 “4 Then the Lord said to Moses, Behold, I will **rain bread** from **the heavens** for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or not.”

It is a fact that the body needs food to sustain life. It seems that hunger has the same power as thirst, namely to negate the power of miracles.

We have shown in the previous stop on the journey, that miracles – even great numbers in a short space of time – do not change character.

We know however that this is a test from God! The question will be how do we react?

What is the rain ... and what is the bread?

Deuteronomy 32:2 “2 My message shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the light rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb.”

God declares that His Teachings and Torah drops like rain.

Proverbs 4:2 “2 For I give you good doctrine [what is to be received]; do not forsake my teaching.”

An abundance of good – when we eat the Word and Torah – will fall into our hearts. Even more powerfully, Deborah sings that the heavens dropped with the promise of provision for us.

Judges 5:4 “4 Lord, when You went forth out of Seir, when You marched out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled and the heavens also dropped, yes, the clouds dropped water.”

Again we see that the benchmark is ... do you walk in the Ways of God and His Torah?

It is clear that the Israelites focus on the “food” element of the manna. Note however, this bread is not of earth, but of Heaven. God says clearly that He will rain down manna *from Heaven*. How does bread from Heaven differ from bread from the earth?

Bread of earth ... *Bread of Heaven ...*

Will bring forth
waste.

*Is timeless and
digestible.*



We can see that this manna from Heaven had *within it* the Seed of Life, the Messiah. In confirmation, we see Y'shua tell us that he is the Bread of Life.

John 6:35 "35 Jesus replied, I am the **Bread of Life**. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time)."

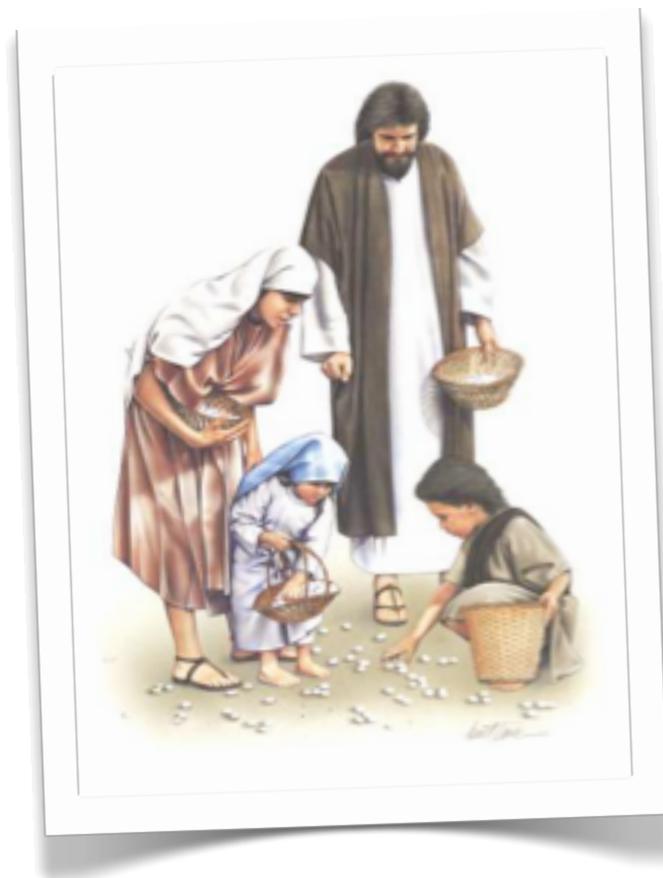
Y'shua speaks to some Israelites. They tell him that their forefathers "ate" the manna from Heaven.

John 6:31 "31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as the Scripture says, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat. [Exod. 16:15; Neh. 9:15; Ps. 78:24.]"

Y'shua answers, after He had first performed the same type of miracle – the feeding of the multitude – that:

- They do not "change" when they see God's Miracles.
- Moses did not give the manna, God did.
- They don't need manna, they need Him.

John 6:53 "53 And Jesus said to them, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, you cannot have any life in you unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood [unless you appropriate His life and the saving merit of His blood]."



We need an earthy body. Just as the Israelites had to “go out” to pick up the manna – they do not really have to do any work – and eat the bread of Heaven to live, so we today have to eat of the Body of Messiah to live. The manna that fell everyday spoke prophetically of Y’shua the Messiah.

We need to be obedient to the Torah and God’s Commandments. Let’s try to understand *what these* Commandments included!

- Every man *had to gather* the manna.
- Every man could only gather *enough for one day* – one Omer.

Exodus 16:17 “17 The [people] did so, and gathered, some more, some less.”

Interestingly, we see that obedience to this Commandment teaches us not to *be greedy or envious*. Some of us have a mentality to always want to take more than we need. The concept of being grateful for enough still needs to be ingrained in our way of life.

- Every man would take only what he needed.

Exodus 16:16, 18 “16 This is what the Lord has commanded: Let every man gather of it as much as he will need, an omer for each person, according to the number of your persons; take it, every man for those in his tent. 18 When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack; each gathered according to his need.”



Equally, the world system’s focus is on performance, on being the boss/king, and so forth. In this drive for success, we find that man starts to get an appetite for more than enough, or what is needed. The striving for bigger houses, cars, possessions, and so forth, as a sign of power and status is a clear violation of the principle of taking *only what you need*.

- Every man – irrespective of his position, title, and so forth – need to understand that he had to get up, go out of his tent, while the dew was still on the ground, so that he could witness the “rain of the bread of heaven”.
- Every man would praise God for this provision by keeping the Shabbat.

Exodus 16:25–26 “25 Moses said, *Eat that today, for **today is a Sabbath** to the Lord. Today you shall find none in the field.* 26 *Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there shall be none.*”

It would be good for those who are still concerned with the debate between “law vs. grace”², to observe that this Commandment of Shabbat³ came before the Ten Commandments. Shabbat is clearly not so much about the “not working day” part, but more about the recognition that we should have faith that when God says He will provide ... that it will come to pass and that our own works to provide for ourselves *will entirely fail!*

Bread of Heaven ... pot of Testimony.

Exodus 16:33–34 “33 *And Moses said to Aaron, **Take a pot** and put an omer of manna in it, and lay it up before the Lord, to be kept throughout your generations.* 34 *As the Lord commanded Moses, Aaron laid it up before the **Testimony to be kept** [in the ark]. [Heb. 9:4.]”*

We have already previously shown that God tells us what will happen in the end from the very beginning of His Torah.

Isaiah 46:10 “10 *Declaring the end and the result from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure and purpose,*”

In this portion of Exodus, we see that Moses tells them to do a prophetic act:

- **To take a pot** [Strong’s Hebrew 6803], a type of vase with a tapered mouth,
- **Make it full** [Strong’s Hebrew 4393] as in completely filled, a multitude,
- **Lay it before God** [Strong’s Hebrew 5117], literally to settle down, rest, and dwell,

² For additional study, please see the book “Law vs. Grace – Replacement Theology” available as a free download from the website, or for order from the office.

³ For additional study, please see the book “A Messianic Perspective Of Shabbat”, available as a free download from the website, or for order from the office.

- **To be kept** [Strong's Hebrew 4931], which literally means to act as a sentry, watch or guard, duty of safe-guarding,
- **For your generation** [Strong's Hebrew 1755], a revolution of time.

Amazingly, God gives the Israelites something in the *physical domain* – “a pot of manna” that speaks spiritually of the time when Y’shua would [1] feed the multitude with physical bread and [2] the Body of Messiah with the bread of Heaven.

Fourth stop on the journey ... water from the rock.

Exodus 17:5-6 “5 And the Lord said to Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel; and take in your hand the rod with which you smote the river [Nile], and go. 6 Behold, **I will stand before you there on the rock at [Mount] Horeb**; and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. [1 Cor. 10:4.]”



The Israelites are walking and moving at God’s Command. They see the cloud by day and fire by night ... what we would call His Manifest Presence. Again, we see that one miracle after another is needed to satisfy the soul and body of man, but faith to build up in a people who had just come out of slavery. It seems that the people are keeping and walking in God’s Commandments. We find *no* reference to God testing them. Instead we see that man is still wavering and standing in doubt ... “Is God amongst us or not?”

Exodus 17:7 “7 He called the place Massah [proof] and Meribah [contention] because of the faultfinding of the Israelites and because they tempted and tried the patience of the Lord, saying, **Is the Lord among us or not?**”

Again it is valuable to analyze this statement in more detail.

- **Is** [Strong's Hebrew 3426]
 - Does God exist or stand as an entity?
 - Does God have substance?
- **Amongst** [Strong's Hebrew 7130]
 - Is He near to us?
 - Is He in the center of us?
- **Or not** [Strong's Hebrew 369]
 - He does not exist.
 - He is nothing.
 - He is a none-entity.



With that background to this statement and questions, we see clearly now the picture of the water from the rock really means in the physical as well as the spiritual domain.

The Israelites will – in a few days – be at Mount Sinai. Here they will be introduced to the Bridegroom, given a Ketubah [marriage proposal], and hear and see the Word [Torah/Commandments] of God spoken out over their lives as a set of living, creative words destined to change those who chose to hear, do, and obey.

But critically at Horeb, something else happens ... something which prophetically *points to the Messiah*, and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is these two “events” that are needed in one life *in order to know that you know*, that God is substance, that He is real and exists ... to know Him as He is in Truth.

Let us study this statement from God in more detail.

- ***I will stand*** [Strong’s Hebrew 5975]
 - Literally meaning God will stand, abide, dwell, endure and remain at that Rock.
- ***Before thee*** [Strong’s Hebrew 6437]
 - That God’s Face will be turned towards them.
- ***Upon the rock*** [Strong’s Hebrew 5921]
 - Meaning above, over, and against.
- ***Horeb*** [Strong’s Hebrew 2722]
 - Meaning desolate.
- ***You shall smite*** [Strong’s Hebrew 5221]
 - Meaning to strike, give wounds, to kill or slaughter, to be stricken, to have stripes.
- ***The rock*** [Strong’s Hebrew 6697]
 - The “Mighty One” – God.
- ***Water*** [Strong’s Hebrew 4325]
 - Water or juice, such as semen, meaning the seed of life.
- ***People*** [Strong’s Hebrew 5971]
 - A congregated unit or tribe.
- ***May drink*** [Strong’s Hebrew 8554]
 - To imbibe as at a banquet, getting drunk.

Later on Moses would miss out on his End-Time purpose when in anger he strikes and wounds the Rock that gave the water.

Numbers 20:1–13 “AND THE Israelites, the whole congregation, came into the Wilderness of Zin in the first month. And the people dwelt in Kadesh. Miriam died and was buried there. 2 Now there was no water for the congregation, and they assembled together against Moses and Aaron. 3 And the people contended with Moses, and said, Would that we had died when our brethren died [in the plague] before the Lord! [Num. 16:49.]”

Many years later, many of the Israelites would stand by as the Rock [Y’shua] is once again struck, wounded, and killed in order that the Seed of Everlasting Life could be released into everyone that chosēs.

On this journey, Y’shua stops at the well of Samaria and tells the woman ... if you drink of this water, you will live!

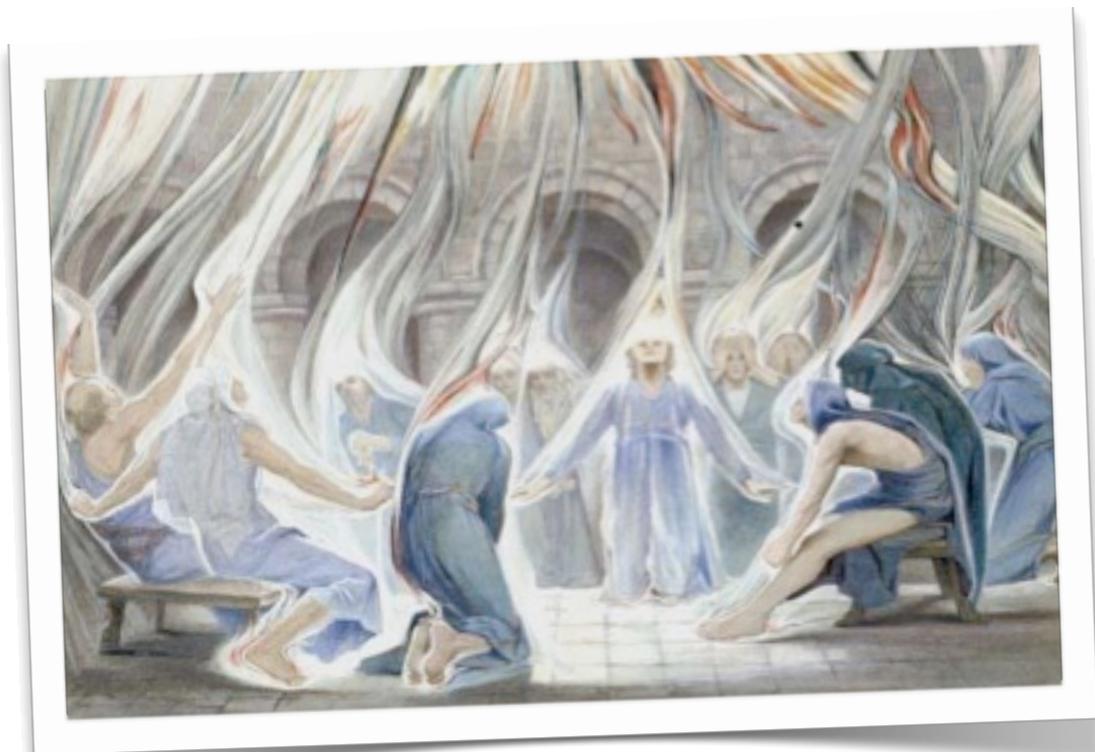


John 4:10–14 “10 Jesus answered her, If you had only known and had recognized God’s gift and Who this is that is saying to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him [instead] and He would have given you living water. 11 She said to Him, Sir, You have nothing to draw with [no drawing bucket] and the well is deep; **how then can You provide living water?** [Where do You get Your living water?] 12 Are You greater than and superior to our ancestor Jacob, who gave us this well and who used to drink from it himself, and his sons and his cattle also? 13 Jesus answered her, All who drink of this water will be thirsty again. 14 **But whoever takes a drink of the water that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.**”

At one of the last Feasts – Sukkot – that Y’shua attends, he dictates that if we want life, we need to drink from His Water.

John 7:37–39 “37 Now on the *final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!* 38 He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water. 39 But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).”

Now does this not sound like the people of Jerusalem as they describe those who had been filled with the Holy Spirit?



Acts 2: 1–4, 12–13 “AND WHEN the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, 2 When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated and distributed and which settled on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear and loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words]. 12 And all were beside themselves with amazement and were puzzled and bewildered, saying one to another, What can this mean? 13 But others made a joke of it and derisively said, They are simply drunk and full of sweet [intoxicating] wine.”

Horeb in the physical . . .

This is pure water from the Rock – sweet, no impurities – a source which it seems *kept the Israelites* for forty years. We hear of no other request for water.

Horeb in the spiritual . . .

We realize that the Israelites were *prophetically drinking* of the supernatural outpouring of the Holy Spirit which would also appear to make the men of Acts “drunk”.

1 Corinthians 10:1–6 “FOR I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, that our forefathers were all under and protected by the cloud [in which God’s Presence went before them], and every one of them passed safely through the [Red] Sea, [Exod. 13:21; 14:22, 29.] 2 And each one of them [allowed himself also] to be baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea [they were thus brought under obligation to the Law, to Moses, and to the covenant, consecrated and set apart to the service of God]; 3 And all [of them] ate the same spiritual (supernaturally given) food, [Exod. 16:4, 35.] 4 And **they all drank the same spiritual (supernaturally given) drink.** For they drank from a spiritual Rock which followed them [produced by the sole power of God Himself without natural instrumentality], and the Rock was Christ. [Exod. 17:6; Num. 20:11.] 5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with the great majority of them, for they were overthrown and strewn down along [the ground] in the wilderness. [Num. 14:29, 30.] 6 Now these things are examples (warnings and admonitions) for us not to desire or crave or covet or lust after evil and carnal things as they did. [Num. 11:4, 34.]”

Paul tells us that in order that we truly experience God as “real” and “substantive”, we need to *be filled with the Holy Spirit*.

1 Corinthians 12:13 “13 For by [means of the personal agency of] one [Holy] Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized [and by baptism united together] into one body, and all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit.”

Ephesians 5:18 “18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit. [Prov. 23:20.]”

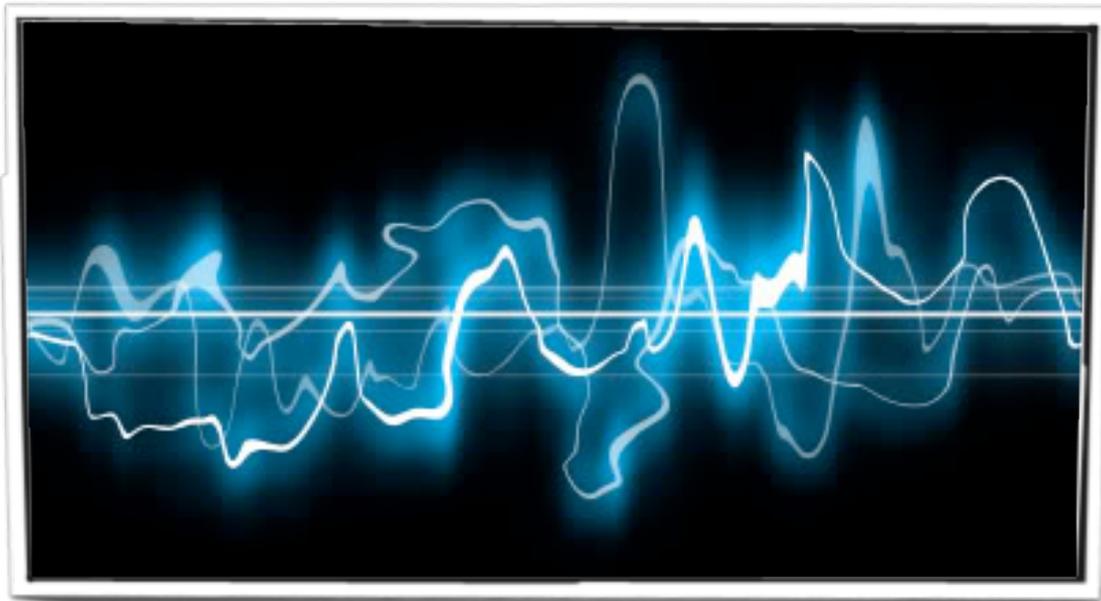
Galatians 5:22–26 “22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness, 23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge]. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires. 25 If we live by the [Holy] Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. [If by the Holy Spirit we have our life in God, let us go forward walking in line, our conduct controlled by the Spirit.] 26 Let us not become vainglorious and self-conceited, competitive and challenging and provoking and irritating to one another, envying and being jealous of one another.”

Rest stop before we move on to the next part of the journey ...

Before we continue with the journey, it is worthwhile spending sometime thinking about the *power of the tongue*. James tells us that we have to be *doers* of the Word.

James 1:25 “25 But he who looks carefully into the faultless law, the [law] of liberty, and is faithful to it and perseveres in looking into it, being not a heedless listener who forgets **but an active doer** [who obeys], he shall be blessed in his doing (his life of obedience).”

And then goes on to say that we should put a bit into the mouth to control what comes out of our mouths.



James 3:5–12 “5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and it can boast of great things. See how much wood or how great a forest a tiny spark can set ablaze! 6 And the tongue is a fire. [The tongue is a] world of wickedness set among our members, contaminating and depraving the whole body and setting on fire the wheel of birth (the cycle of man’s nature), being itself ignited by hell (Gehenna). 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea animal, can be tamed and has been tamed by human genius (nature). 8 But the human tongue can be tamed by no man. It is a restless (undisciplined, irreconcilable) evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who were made in God’s likeness! 10 Out of the same mouth come forth blessing and cursing. These things, my brethren, ought not to be so. 11 Does a fountain send forth [simultaneously] from the same opening fresh water and bitter? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear olives, or a grapevine figs? Neither can a salt spring furnish fresh water.”

If we now think back to the Garden of Eden, we will recall that Eve is *mislead* by the *power of the words* – truth mingled with the lie – that the serpent speaks to her. After God’s Judgment on the serpent, we can see that his mouth is categorized by:

- What enters – the dust of the earth.
- What leaves – the venom of hatred to kill, steal, and destroy man.

The Israelites portray a “field of mixed seed”. On one hand they follow the cloud and pillar of fire. On the other they complain about the food that God gives them, and they speak against God, doubting His Substance.

Our words can be the reason why we so often walk in permanent battle and tribulation. Note however, the change after the people drink from the water of the rock. Up until now, at the sign of any possible problem, they want to “return to Egypt” where it was “better”. When the Amalekites attack them, they go to war. We see they no longer want to return.

*Fifth stop on the journey to Mount Sinai ... war
with the Amalekites.*

Exodus 17:8 “8 Then came Amalek [descendants of Esau] and fought with Israel at Rephidim.”



Deuteronomy 25:17–18 “17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you had come forth from Egypt, 18 How he did not fear God, but when you were faint and weary he attacked you along the way and cut off all the stragglers at your rear. [Exod. 17:14.]”

The journey to Mount Sinai has prophetic value and application. In the physical, it reflects the Covenant-relationship between God and His People with the visible reflection of it in the Tabernacle.

In the spiritual, it reflects the reality of a coming New Jerusalem, with a Tabernacle not made by hands.

Hebrews 9:11–15 “11 But [that appointed time came] when Christ (the Messiah) appeared as a High Priest of the better things that have come and are to come. [Then] through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with [human] hands, that is, not a part of this material creation, 12 He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us). 13 For if [the mere] sprinkling of unholy and defiled persons with blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a burnt heifer is sufficient for the purification of the body, [Lev. 16:6, 16; Num. 19:9, 17, 18.] 14 How much more surely shall the blood of Christ, Who by virtue of [His] eternal Spirit [His own preexistent divine personality] has offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our consciences from dead works and lifeless observances to serve the [ever] living God? 15 [Christ, the Messiah] is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance—since a death has taken place which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.”

Any plan by the kingdom of darkness to overthrow the physical city of Jerusalem,

- To cause the gates to be in desolation,
- To cause the walls to be broken down,
- To prevent God’s People from coming to live there, to settle, and develop the land,

Will be an attack after the spirit of Amalek! This attack will always have the goal:

- To prevent God’s People from fulfilling their purpose and destiny,
- To prevent God’s People from connecting to His Land,
- To prevent God’s People from worshipping a Holy God at His Tabernacle.

YOU WILL BE ATTACKED BY THIS SPIRIT . . . AND SO YOU BUILD AN ARMY.

Deuteronomy 25:17 “17 Remember what Amalek did to you on the way when you had come forth from Egypt,”

It will happen. It will be a surprise. And it will be against the weak and struggling. That is why Paul tells us to stand and put on the armor. We are called to be ready for war. Fathers and leaders must be prepared and ready to go out and chose the choicest of men to do battle, to build an army of champions.

Exodus 17:9 “9 And Moses said to Joshua, **Choose us out men** and go out, fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand.”

Ephesians 6:10–11 “10 In conclusion, **be strong in the Lord** [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides]. 11 Put on God’s whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies and the deceits of the devil.”

You will be attacked ... but you can win by building a prayer base.



Moses acts as intercessor. He holds up his hands as an act of faith.

Exodus 17:11 “11 When Moses **held up his hand**, Israel prevailed; and when he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed.”

Ephesians 6:16–20 “16 **Lift up over all the [covering] shield** of saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one]. 17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit wields, which is the Word of God. 18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God’s consecrated people). 19 And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), 20 For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.”

Don’t lose your first love for God. It is easy to become lax and lazy and to relax. It is also real to become tired as Moses did. His hands became heavy!



Exodus 17:12 “12 But Moses’ hands were **heavy and grew weary**. So [the other men] took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side and one on the other side; so his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.”

We focus ourselves to make sure that our daily path of walking in God’s Commandments do not get put aside ever, or at all. We keep going! The best way to do this is to:

1. Remember the altar in the physical domain.

Exodus 17:14–15 “14 And the Lord said to Moses, Write this for a memorial in the book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens. [I Sam. 15:2-8.] 15 And Moses **built an altar** and called the name of it, The Lord is my Banner;”

2. Build a prayer altar in your life. This will blot out the attacks of the Amalekites and give you a place in the New Jerusalem.

Deuteronomy 25:18–19 “18 How he did not fear God, but when you were faint and weary he attacked you along the way and cut off all the stragglers at your rear. [Exod. 17:14.] 19 Therefore when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about in the land which the Lord your God gives you to possess as an inheritance, **you shall blot out** the remembrance of Amalek from under the heavens; you must not forget.”

Sixth stop on the journey to Mount Sinai ... the leadership question.

Exodus 18:13–14 “13 Next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. 14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, What is this that you do for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?”

God's Order is to work through a family unit. *Families make up a tribe.* Tribes make up a nation. Moses was placed in this role of super-father/leader as an intermediate measure. Every individual is required to accept his or her own responsibility for life decisions. Each family has to work together, representing the “reborn” image of the original Adam and Eve.



Every individual is priest, king, and prophet. They each have to have an intimate and personal relationship with God.

Five-fold ministry does not lead families. They serve the Body by equipping each individual to interact on a higher level and to a great degree with both God and their fellow man. The Jethro-leadership-model is a manmade system. God has never imposed a system of higher-order leaders and lower-order followers.

On this last stop before Sinai, we have to make sure that we do not accept and submit to a wrong leadership model. At Sinai, we will all stand before God ... and all will [individually] have to say, "I do".

The destination ... Mount Sinai.



Exodus 19:1–8 *“IN THE third month after the Israelites left the land of Egypt, the same day, they came into the **Wilderness of Sinai**. 2 When they had departed from Rephidim and had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, they encamped there **before the mountain**. 3 And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him out of the mountain, Say this to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to Myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will obey My voice in truth and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own peculiar possession and treasure from among and above all peoples; for all the earth is Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation [consecrated, set apart to the worship of God]. These are the words you shall speak to the Israelites. 7 So Moses called for the elders of the people and told them all these words which the Lord commanded him. 8 And **ALL the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord has spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.**”*

At this moment, we “see” with our full understanding the Magnitude, Glory, and Power of God.



We become set-apart, a royal priesthood, and a holy nation when:

- We live by His Commandments and are,
- Filled by His Holy Spirit.

God tells us that the Torah [“Law”] will be *written* on our hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33 *“33 But this is the covenant which I will make **with the house of Israel**: After those days, says the Lord, **I will put My law within them, and on their hearts will I write it; and I will be their God, and they will be My people.**”*

Hebrews 8:10 *“10 For this is the covenant that I will make with the **house of Israel** after those days, says the Lord: **I will imprint My laws upon their minds, even upon their innermost thoughts and understanding, and engrave them upon their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**”*

If you have the Torah on your heart, then I should see that you sh'ma [hear and do] God's Will at all times.

May you be found faithful and revealing the Fullness of God when He returns.

Revelation 14:12 "12 Here [comes in a call for] the steadfastness of the saints [the patience, the endurance of the people of God], those who [habitually] keep God's commandments and [their] faith in Jesus."



Conclusion ...

What an experience to live with the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night!

How great to have a Father that defines the boundary of a life in a renewed Garden of Eden!

Everything that we have – if we have kept our own ambitions, self-ego, and pride out of the way – has come from the Hand of God. God asks for a firstfruit offering.

Deuteronomy 16:9–11 "9 You shall count seven weeks; begin to number the seven weeks from the time you begin to **put the sickle to the standing grain**. 10 Then you shall keep the Feast of Weeks to the Lord your God with a **freewill offering from your hand**, which you shall give to the Lord your God, as the Lord your God blesses you. 11 And you shall rejoice before the Lord your God, you and your son and daughter, your manservant and maidservant, and the Levite who is within your towns, the stranger or temporary resident, the fatherless, and the widow who are among you, at the place in which the Lord your God chooses to make His Name [and His Presence] dwell."

In the physical ... this would be a handful of wheat, the staple food that will sustain us.

In the spiritual ... this would be a dedicated offering of time to study the Torah and to react by changing our way of life and attitude to reflect God's Will. It would mean that we react to the prompting of the Holy Spirit to show love and compassion to your neighbor.



May the reality of this journey and final destination be manifested in your life ... may you accept the Bridegroom's Proposal and be sealed and filled with His Holy Spirit! May we walk in loving obedience to God's Commandments ... to sh'ma His Voice!

Many blessings and shalom!