

# Assembly of Eloah

This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

## The Fifth Commandment

Honor your Father and your Mother

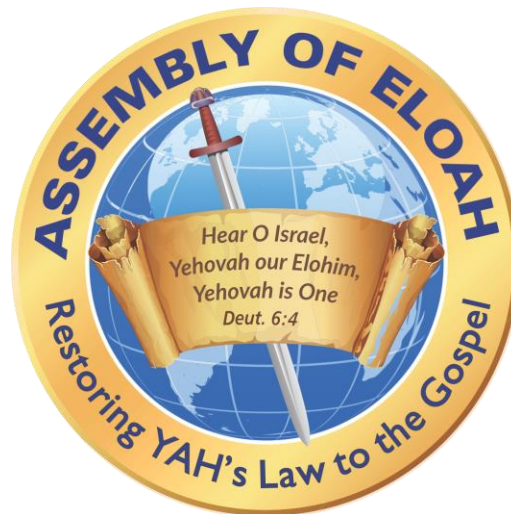
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Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16 "Honor your father and your mother, as Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you".



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## Honour your father and mother

On the sixth day of our recent creation Y<sup>e</sup>hovah our Father made male and female as the first family. They were told to reproduce and populate or fill not refill the earth. The family is the foundation for all our future relationships.

Genesis 1:27-28 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." (ESV used throughout except where noted)

Y<sup>e</sup>hovah is our Father as progenitor and Jesus Christ will be our future husband in a future arranged marriage. We are required to honor our Father in Heaven first and then our physical father and mother or guardians in adoption.

Genesis 2:18 Then Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

We must all honor our parents whether we think they deserve it or not. We all can and should keep the peace in our families where it is possible. We honor God our Father first and this may destroy the peace in this world order but it is necessary in some cases.

Matthew 10:34-37 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not

come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup> And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (Luke 12:53)

Some people will place God their Father first, above all, meaning above their parents. This is not dishonoring them but establishing the correct priority. They must learn and accept this as must all of the offspring. This is appropriate but strife often ensues.

The English word dictionary defines honor as a noun meaning personal integrity; allegiance to moral principles. As a verb it means to hold in esteem; to show courteous behavior towards; to confer a distinction upon from the old French *onor* or latin *honor*.

Jesus Christ's acceptable sacrifice is the means for redeeming the fallen creation. The correct understanding of this is at odds with most peoples and is seen as provocation.

Our example Jesus or Yeshua

Luke 2:41-50 Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup> And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup> but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and

acquaintances,<sup>45</sup> and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him.<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.<sup>48</sup> And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress."<sup>49</sup> And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"<sup>50</sup> And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them.<sup>51</sup> And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

Yeshua did not dishonor his parents but was about His Father's business. He thought they knew and he did not intend to cause them distress. Seems odd they did not know he was not in their group that was leaving the Feast for a whole day.

Mark 7:1-13 Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem,<sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed.<sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders,<sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.)<sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?"<sup>6</sup> And he

said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "' This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; <sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' <sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men." <sup>9</sup> And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition!" <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'<sup>11</sup> But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban' (that is, given to God) <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do." (Matt 15:1-11)

Honoring means providing for parental needs if required. Funds that one may have thought to give or gave to the temple treasury or Korbanus, to make a show of. Or because they hoped thereby to receive a benefit from Y<sup>e</sup>hovah. As if He then owed them something.

Luke 21:1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, <sup>2</sup> and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. <sup>4</sup> For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

These corban funds should have been given to the parents for any required assistance. This dishonor and neglect of

parents in need, makes the Word of God, void.

It is the false doctrines of the oral law which were being taught by the Pharisees that are condemned in Matthew 15 and Mark 7. They were condemned then and they also are modern Rabbinic traditions.

This washing is done by pouring water from a special bowl over their hands three times and making the statement "Blessed art thou Lord, king of the universe, who has commanded us to wash the hands." Nowhere in Scripture are we commanded to wash the hands in this manner.

They believe that Rabbinic enactments overrule the Almighty and that it is a death sentence to disobey them. (*Babylonian Talmud*, Eirubin 21b)

Mind control like this is seen in some modern churches who believe if you are not a member of their corporate body you are put out of the Kingdom of God.

The quote from Isaiah referred to in verse 6 above is below.

Isaiah 29:12-14 And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."<sup>13</sup> And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, 14 therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men

shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

There is nonstop talk about Who or What God is but He is dishonored as most do not do what he says. They add to and take away from His Covenant.

Deuteronomy 4:1-2 "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God that I command you.

Deuteronomy 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

## Honor your parents

Marriage is 1 man and 1 woman.

Genesis 2:20-25 The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

1Corinthians 7:2 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband.

Matthew 19:3-8 And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful to divorce one's wife for any cause?" <sup>4</sup> He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, <sup>5</sup> and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh'? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce and to send her away?" <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

From the beginning it was not so.

Adam and Eve became as one in their life long relationship as they were one in blood. As a result of Eve being conned by the Nachash or serpent, life is made more difficult than was planned.

Genesis 3:13-20 Then Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his

heel." <sup>16</sup> To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." <sup>17</sup> And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup> thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." <sup>20</sup> The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

All women are now cursed by excessive pain in childbirth, verse 16 above. Everyone must do what our creator instructs and life will improve even in its present cursed condition.

Adam and Eve became as one and the instruction for all of their progeny was to leave, not abandon them. This was in order to get married under contract with their spouse and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah and populate the earth.

Men will leave their parents and acquire a wife and establish their own family or 'household' from their parent's blood line which then becomes extended.

Exodus 12:3 Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.

Matthew 19:5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh?' (*Mark 10:7; Eph 5:31*)

Proverbs 19:14 House and wealth are inherited from fathers, but a prudent wife is from Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).

Women take the responsibility of having offspring to this new family or House of an older family line from the same Tribe.

Genesis 24:67 And Isaac led her into his mother Sarah's tent; and he took Rebecca, and she became his wife, and he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after the death of his mother.

John 2:1-2 On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples.

There are specific rules governing this extended family by marriage and which must be maintained by all.

Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

This is because the inheritance of family lands and property must flow only to those born to the parents and adultery with conception causes a breach of trust.

Y<sup>e</sup>hovah is to be witness to the marriage and He and not the state must sanction it. It is a three party contract between the husband and wife with the Almighty. It is not made with the modern state or a church who will then govern the spouses

and marriage and children. The Almighty will govern.

Malachi 2:14-16 But you say, "Why does he not?" Because Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. <sup>15</sup> Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth. <sup>16</sup> "For the man who hates and divorces (SHD7971), says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the God of Israel, covers his garment with violence, says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and do not be faithless."

<07971> (shalach)

Meaning: to send

16 But if thou shouldest hate thy wife and put her away, saith the Lord God of Israel, then ungodliness shall cover thy thoughts, saith the Lord Almighty: therefore take ye heed to your spirit, and forsake them not, (LXX)

The context of put or send away can have the meaning of separation as different from divorce. Some couples may not be able to remain together but usually because of some sin.

Deuteronomy 17:17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold.

## Role of Parents or Guardians

Instruct your children in the Covenant which they inherit as their birthright.



Deuteronomy 32:46-47 he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. <sup>47</sup> For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

Proverbs 15:32-33 Whoever ignores instruction despises himself, but he who listens to reproof gains intelligence. <sup>33</sup> The fear of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is instruction in wisdom, and humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 19:18 Discipline your son, for there is hope; do not set your heart on putting him to death.

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it ..... <sup>15</sup> Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline drives it far from him.

For some children a sharp oral correction can be excessive, while others may require corporal punishment that should never be too harsh.

Proverbs 23:13-14 Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you strike him with a rod, he will not die. <sup>14</sup> If you strike him with the rod, you will save his soul from Sheol.

Instruct children Who, When and How they must worship the One and Only God, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah.

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 "Hear, O Israel: Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) our God, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul

and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Everyone must have the 10 Commandments posted on the lentils of their homes and entrance gates.

1Corinthians 8:4-6 Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." <sup>5</sup> For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth- as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" <sup>6</sup> yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

Children must learn all of the Covenant over time. Learning how to apply the principals in all of their future circumstances is the most important.

Deuteronomy 4:40 Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you for all time."

Deuteronomy 5:29 Oh that they had such a mind as this always, to fear me and to keep all my commandments, that it might go well with them and with their descendants forever!

Deuteronomy 7:11-16 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. <sup>12</sup> "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. <sup>13</sup> He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you. <sup>14</sup> You shall be blessed above all peoples. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your livestock. <sup>15</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will take away from you all sickness, and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which you knew, will he inflict on you, but he will lay them on all who hate you. <sup>16</sup> And you shall consume all the peoples that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will give over to you. Your eye shall not pity them, neither shall you serve their gods, for that would be a snare to you.

This parental instruction should be done in a pleasant repetitive manner that will encourage learning and acceptance from success.

Colossians 3:20 Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.

Deuteronomy 4:9-10 "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children <sup>10</sup> how on the day that you stood before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God at Horeb, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) said to me, 'Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on

the earth, and that they may teach their children so.'

Expanded families are organized in clans With their own flags for identification.

Numbers 2:1-34 Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, <sup>2</sup> "The people of Israel shall camp each by his own standard, with the banners of their fathers' houses. They shall camp facing the tent of meeting on every side. <sup>3</sup> Those to camp on the east side toward the sunrise shall be of the standard of the camp of Judah by their companies, the chief of the people of Judah being Nahshon the son of Amminadab, <sup>4</sup> his company as listed being 74,600. <sup>5</sup> Those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Issachar, the chief of the people of Issachar being Nethanel the son of Zuar, <sup>6</sup> his company as listed being 54,400. <sup>7</sup> Then the tribe of Zebulun, the chief of the people of Zebulun being Eliab the son of Helon, <sup>8</sup> his company as listed being 57,400. <sup>9</sup> All those listed of the camp of Judah, by their companies, were 186,400. They shall set out first on the march. <sup>10</sup> "On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben by their companies, the chief of the people of Reuben being Elizur the son of Shedeur, <sup>11</sup> his company as listed being 46,500. <sup>12</sup> And those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Simeon, the chief of the people of Simeon being Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, <sup>13</sup> his company as listed being 59,300. <sup>14</sup> Then the tribe of Gad, the chief of the people of Gad being Eliasaph the son of Reuel, <sup>15</sup> his company as listed being 45,650. <sup>16</sup> All those listed of the camp of Reuben, by their companies, were 151,450. They shall set out second. <sup>17</sup> "Then the tent of meeting shall set out, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps; as they camp, so shall they set out, each in position, standard by standard. <sup>18</sup> "On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim by their companies, the chief of the people of Ephraim being Elishama the son of Ammihud, <sup>19</sup> his company as listed being 40,500. <sup>20</sup> And next to him shall be the tribe of Manasseh, the chief of the people of



Manasseh being Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, <sup>21</sup> his company as listed being 32,200. <sup>22</sup> Then the tribe of Benjamin, the chief of the people of Benjamin being Abidan the son of Gideoni, <sup>23</sup> his company as listed being 35,400. <sup>24</sup> All those listed of the camp of Ephraim, by their companies, were 108,100. They shall set out third on the march. <sup>25</sup> "On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan by their companies, the chief of the people of Dan being Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, <sup>26</sup> his company as listed being 62,700. <sup>27</sup> And those to camp next to him shall be the tribe of Asher, the chief of the people of Asher being Pagiel the son of Ochrán, <sup>28</sup> his company as listed being 41,500. <sup>29</sup> Then the tribe of Naphtali, the chief of the people of Naphtali being Ahira the son of Enan, <sup>30</sup> his company as listed being 53,400. <sup>31</sup> All those listed of the camp of Dan were 157,600. They shall set out last, standard by standard." <sup>32</sup> These are the people of Israel as listed by their fathers' houses. All those listed in the camps by their companies were 603,550. <sup>33</sup> But the Levites were not listed among the people of Israel, as Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) commanded Moses. <sup>34</sup> Thus did the people of Israel. According to all that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) commanded Moses, so they camped by their standards, and so they set out, each one in his clan, according to his fathers' house.

Numbers 26:1-65 After the plague, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) said to Moses and to Eleazar the son of Aaron, the priest, <sup>2</sup>"Take a census of all the congregation of the people of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers' houses, all in Israel who are able to go to war." <sup>3</sup> And Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, <sup>4</sup>"Take a census of the people, from twenty years old and upward," as Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) commanded Moses. The people of Israel who came out of the land of Egypt were:

<sup>5</sup> Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben: of Hanoeh, the clan of the Hanoehites; of Pallu, the clan of the Palluites; <sup>6</sup> of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the clan of the Carmites. <sup>7</sup> These are the clans of the Reubenites, and those listed were 43,730. <sup>8</sup> And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. <sup>9</sup> The sons of Eliab: Nemuel, Dathan, and Abiram. These are the Dathan and Abiram, chosen from the congregation, who contended against Moses and Aaron in the company of Korah, when they contended against Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) <sup>10</sup> and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died, when the fire devoured 250 men, and they became a warning. <sup>11</sup> But the sons of Korah did not die. <sup>12</sup> The sons of Simeon according to their clans: of Nemuel, the clan of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the clan of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the clan of the Jachinites; <sup>13</sup> of Zerach, the clan of the Zerachites; of Shaul, the clan of the Shaulites. <sup>14</sup> These are the clans of the Simeonites, 22,200. <sup>15</sup> The sons of Gad according to their clans: of Zephon, the clan of the Zephonites; of Haggi, the clan of the Haggites; of Shuni, the clan of the Shunites; <sup>16</sup> of Ozni, the clan of the Oznites; of Eri, the clan of the Erites; <sup>17</sup> of Arod, the clan of the Arodites; of Areli, the clan of the Arelites. <sup>18</sup> These are the clans of the sons of Gad as they were listed, 40,500. <sup>19</sup> The sons of Judah were Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. <sup>20</sup> And the sons of Judah according to their clans were: of Shelah, the clan of the Shelanites; of Perez, the clan of the Perezites; of Zerach, the clan of the Zerachites. <sup>21</sup> And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the clan of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the clan of the Hamulites. <sup>22</sup> These are the clans of Judah as they were listed, 76,500. <sup>23</sup> The sons of Issachar according to their clans: of Tola, the clan of the Tolaites; of Puvah, the clan of the Punites; <sup>24</sup> of Jashub, the clan of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the clan of the Shimronites. <sup>25</sup> These are the clans of Issachar

as they were listed, 64,300. <sup>26</sup> The sons of Zebulun, according to their clans: of Sered, the clan of the Seredites; of Elon, the clan of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the clan of the Jah-leelites. <sup>27</sup> These are the clans of the Zeb-ulunites as they were listed, 60,500. <sup>28</sup> The sons of Joseph according to their clans: Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>29</sup> The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the clan of the Machirites; and Machir was the father of Gilead; of Gilead, the clan of the Gileadites. <sup>30</sup> These are the sons of Gilead: of Iezer, the clan of the Iezerites; of Helek, the clan of the Helekites; <sup>31</sup> and of Asriel, the clan of the Asrielites; and of Shechem, the clan of the Shechemites; <sup>32</sup> and of Shemida, the clan of the Shemidaites; and of Hephher, the clan of the Hephherites. <sup>33</sup> Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>34</sup> These are the clans of Manasseh, and those listed were 52,700. <sup>35</sup> These are the sons of Ephraim according to their clans: of Shuthelah, the clan of the Shuthelahites; of Becher, the clan of the Becherites; of Tahan, the clan of the Tahanites. <sup>36</sup> And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, the clan of the Eranites. <sup>37</sup> These are the clans of the sons of Ephraim as they were listed, 32,500. These are the sons of Joseph according to their clans. <sup>38</sup> The sons of Benjamin according to their clans: of Bela, the clan of the Belaites; of Ashbel, the clan of the Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the clan of the Ahiramites; <sup>39</sup> of Shephupham, the clan of the Shuphamites; of Hupham, the clan of the Huphamites. <sup>40</sup> And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman: of Ard, the clan of the Ardites; of Naaman, the clan of the Naamites. <sup>41</sup> These are the sons of Benjamin according to their clans, and those listed were 45,600. <sup>42</sup> These are the sons of Dan according to their clans: of Shuham, the clan of the Shuhamites. These are the clans of Dan according to their clans. <sup>43</sup> All the clans of the Shuhamites, as they were listed, were 64,400. <sup>44</sup> The sons of Asher according to their clans: of Imnah, the clan of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the clan of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the clan of the Beriites. <sup>45</sup> Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the clan of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the clan of the Malchielites. <sup>46</sup> And

the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. <sup>47</sup> These are the clans of the sons of Asher as they were listed, 53,400. <sup>48</sup> The sons of Naphtali according to their clans: of Jahzeel, the clan of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the clan of the Gunites; <sup>49</sup> of Jezer, the clan of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the clan of the Shillemites. <sup>50</sup> These are the clans of Naphtali according to their clans, and those listed were 45,400. <sup>51</sup> This was the list of the people of Israel, 601,730. <sup>52</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>53</sup> "Among these the land shall be divided for inheritance according to the number of names. <sup>54</sup> To a large tribe you shall give a large inheritance, and to a small tribe you shall give a small inheritance; every tribe shall be given its inheritance in proportion to its list. <sup>55</sup> But the land shall be divided by lot. According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. <sup>56</sup> Their inheritance shall be divided according to lot between the larger and the smaller." <sup>57</sup> This was the list of the Levites according to their clans: of Gershon, the clan of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the clan of the Kohathites; of Merari, the clan of the Merarites. <sup>58</sup> These are the clans of Levi: the clan of the Libnites, the clan of the Hebronites, the clan of the Mahlites, the clan of the Mushites, the clan of the Korahites. And Kohath was the father of Amram. <sup>59</sup> The name of Amram's wife was Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt. And she bore to Amram Aaron and Moses and Miriam their sister. <sup>60</sup> And to Aaron were born Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. <sup>61</sup> But Nadab and Abihu died when they offered unauthorized fire before the LORD. <sup>62</sup> And those listed were 23,000, every male from a month old and upward. For they were not listed among the people of Israel, because there was no inheritance given to them among the people of Israel. <sup>63</sup> These were those listed by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who listed the people of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. <sup>64</sup> But among these there was not one of those listed by Moses and Aaron the priest, who had listed the people of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>65</sup> For Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (The LORD) had said of them, "They shall die in the wilderness." Not one of them was left, except

Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun.

Idolatry, which causes abandoning the way of life of liberty our Father provides, is the curse on all people on the planet now. It is a capital crime and when not repented of, will shortly bring tribulation.

At the time of Christ, Judah received 40 years for repentance and didn't and were wiped out. The Planet will receive 40 Jubilees for repentance and will be also, if they don't repent.

Isaiah 6:5-13 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me." <sup>9</sup> And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "' Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'" <sup>10</sup> Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." <sup>11</sup> Then I said, "How long, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (LORD)?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, <sup>12</sup> and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. <sup>13</sup> And though a tenth remain in it, it will

be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

All but 10% of people will be destroyed, verse 13 above.

Acts 28:25-27 And disagreeing among themselves, they departed after Paul had made one statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your fathers through Isaiah the prophet: <sup>26</sup> "Go to this people, and say, You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive. <sup>27</sup> For this people's heart has grown dull, and with their ears they can barely hear, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and turn, and I would heal them."

(see *Matt 13:14-15; John 12:39-40*)

We can be salvaged with repenting and turning from sin.

Deuteronomy 13:5-16 But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. <sup>6</sup> "If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son or your daughter or the wife you embrace or your friend who is as your own soul entices you secretly, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which neither you nor your fathers have known, <sup>7</sup> some of the gods of the peoples who are around you, whether near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth to the other, <sup>8</sup> you shall not yield to him or listen to him, nor shall your eye pity

him, nor shall you spare him, nor shall you conceal him. <sup>9</sup> But you shall kill him. Your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. <sup>10</sup> You shall stone him to death with stones, because he sought to draw you away from Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. <sup>11</sup> And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you. <sup>12</sup> "If you hear in one of your cities, which Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God is giving you to dwell there, <sup>13</sup> that certain worthless fellows have gone out among you and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods,' which you have not known, <sup>14</sup> then you shall inquire and make search and ask diligently. And behold, if it be true and certain that such an abomination has been done among you, <sup>15</sup> you shall surely put the inhabitants of that city to the sword, devoting it to destruction, all who are in it and its cattle, with the edge of the sword. <sup>16</sup> You shall gather all its spoil into the midst of its open square and burn the city and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God. It shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again.

1Corinthians 10:8-14 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

Adoptive couples have the children as theirs as we see in Genesis.

Genesis 48:1-6 After this, Joseph was told, "Behold, your father is ill." So he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>2</sup> And it was told to Jacob, "Your son Joseph has come to you." Then Israel summoned his strength and sat up in bed. <sup>3</sup> And Jacob said to Joseph, "God Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan and blessed me, <sup>4</sup> and said to me, 'Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you, and I will make of you a company of peoples and will give this land to your offspring after you for an everlasting possession.' <sup>5</sup> And now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh shall be mine, as Reuben and Simeon are. <sup>6</sup> And the children that you fathered after them shall be yours. They shall be called by the name of their brothers in their inheritance.

## Role of Husband

He is the head of the new family.

Ephesians 5:22-33 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>

because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. 1Peter 3:7-11 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. <sup>8</sup> Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. <sup>9</sup> Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. <sup>10</sup> For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; <sup>11</sup> let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it.

1Corinthians 11:4 But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

1Timothy 3:1-12 The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task. <sup>2</sup> Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, <sup>5</sup> for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover,

he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil. <sup>8</sup> Deacons likewise must be dignified, not doubletongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. <sup>10</sup> And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. <sup>11</sup> Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. <sup>12</sup> Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well.

Colossians 3:17-24 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. <sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. <sup>19</sup> Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. <sup>20</sup> Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. <sup>22</sup> Slaves, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. <sup>23</sup> Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Husbands must use Jesus as their role model. They must over rule their wives and children if they make rash vows or pledges, as the husband is liable for the results.

Numbers 30:1-16 Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes of the people of Israel, saying, "This is what Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has commanded. <sup>2</sup> If a man vows a vow to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), or swears an oath to



bind himself by a pledge, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth. <sup>3</sup> If a woman vows a vow to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) and binds herself by a pledge, while within her father's house in her youth, <sup>4</sup> and her father hears of her vow and of her pledge by which she has bound herself and says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every pledge by which she has bound herself shall stand. <sup>5</sup> But if her father opposes her on the day that he hears of it, no vow of hers, no pledge by which she has bound herself shall stand. And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will forgive her, because her father opposed her. <sup>6</sup> If she marries a husband, while under her vows or any thoughtless utterance of her lips by which she has bound herself, <sup>7</sup> and her husband hears of it and says nothing to her on the day that he hears, then her vows shall stand, and her pledges by which she has bound herself shall stand. <sup>8</sup> But if, on the day that her husband comes to hear of it, he opposes her, then he makes void her vow that was on her, and the thoughtless utterance of her lips by which she bound herself. And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will forgive her. <sup>9</sup> (But any vow of a widow or of a divorced woman, anything by which she has bound herself, shall stand against her.) <sup>10</sup> And if she vowed in her husband's house or bound herself by a pledge with an oath, <sup>11</sup> and her husband heard of it and said nothing to her and did not oppose her, then all her vows shall stand, and every pledge by which she bound herself shall stand. <sup>12</sup> But if her husband makes them null and void on the day that he hears them, then whatever proceeds out of her lips concerning her vows or concerning her pledge of herself shall not stand. Her husband has made them void, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will forgive her. <sup>13</sup> Any vow and any binding oath to afflict herself, her husband may establish, or her husband may make void. <sup>14</sup> But if her husband says nothing to her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows or all her pledges that are upon her. He has established them, because he said nothing to her on the day that he heard of them. <sup>15</sup> But if he makes them null and void after he has heard of

them, then he shall bear her iniquity." <sup>16</sup> These are the statutes that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) commanded Moses about a man and his wife and about a father and his daughter while she is in her youth within her father's house.

Wives and daughters may not make vows or pledges to purchase items that will bind the husband or father without their consent. If they do, it can be over ruled and cancelled. If the husband does not cancel the debt it stands and he is liable if she does not pay it.

1Corinthians 7:2-5 But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. <sup>3</sup> The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. <sup>4</sup> For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. <sup>5</sup> Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

## Role of Father

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Psalm 78:5-7 He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children, <sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and



arise and tell them to their children, <sup>7</sup> so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;

Proverbs 1:8 Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching,

Discipline may be required if instruction isn't accepted.

In the event of a son who takes his inheritance and squanders it, he should still be supported. Only for his immediate needs if he returns to his fathers house.

Luke 15:11-32 And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and

ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

Upon genuine repentance, the son is accepted and cared for. The older son, who received a double inheritance, should not be envious of a benefit received by the undeserving because of our fathers forgiveness and grace.

## Role of Wife

1Peter 3:1-7 Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives <sup>2</sup> when they see your respectful and pure conduct. <sup>3</sup> Do not let your adorning be external the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing <sup>4</sup> but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. <sup>5</sup> For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. <sup>7</sup> Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Titus 2:3-5 Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, <sup>4</sup> and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, <sup>5</sup> to be selfcontrolled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

1Timothy 2:9-15 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

Proverbs 12:1-5 Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but he who hates reproof is

stupid. <sup>2</sup> A good man obtains favor from Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), but a man of evil devices he condemns. <sup>3</sup> No one is established by wickedness, but the root of the righteous will never be moved. <sup>4</sup> An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones. <sup>5</sup> The thoughts of the righteous are just; the counsels of the wicked are deceitful.

Proverbs 31:10-12 An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. <sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. <sup>12</sup> She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life..... <sup>27</sup> She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears Yehovah (the LORD) is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.

1Corinthians 11:10 Neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

## Role of Mother

2Timothy 1:5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well.

3:15 and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Mothers and Granny's like Eunice and Lois acquainted Timothy with the Word of God from his childhood. They were sincere.

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.

Proverbs 29:15-17 The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother. <sup>16</sup> When the wicked increase, transgression increases, but the righteous will look upon their downfall. <sup>17</sup> Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart.

Proverbs 30:17 The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures.

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.'

## Produce Godly offspring

### Sarah

Genesis 17:15-22 And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." <sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" <sup>19</sup> God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup> As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him

into a great nation. <sup>21</sup> But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." <sup>22</sup> When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham.

### Rebekah

Genesis 24:57-67 They said, "Let us call the young woman and ask her." <sup>58</sup> And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will go." <sup>59</sup> So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men. <sup>60</sup> And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate them!" <sup>61</sup> Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way. <sup>62</sup> Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. <sup>63</sup> And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. <sup>64</sup> And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel <sup>65</sup> and said to the servant, "Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. <sup>66</sup> And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. <sup>67</sup> Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

### Jochebed

Exodus 6:20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of

Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years.

Numbers 26:59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister.

Exodus 1:1-22 These are the names of the sons of Israel who came to Egypt with Jacob, each with his household: <sup>2</sup> Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, <sup>3</sup> Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, <sup>4</sup> Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. <sup>5</sup> All the descendants of Jacob were seventy persons; Joseph was already in Egypt. <sup>6</sup> Then Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation. <sup>7</sup> But the people of Israel were fruitful and increased greatly; they multiplied and grew exceedingly strong, so that the land was filled with them. <sup>8</sup> Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and, if war breaks out, they join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. They built for Pharaoh store cities, Pithom and Raamses. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And the Egyptians were in dread of the people of Israel. <sup>13</sup> So they ruthlessly made the people of Israel work as slaves <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and brick, and in all kinds of work in the field. In all their work they ruthlessly made them work as slaves. <sup>15</sup> Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt called the midwives and said to

them, "Why have you done this, and let the male children live?" <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Exodus 2:1-10 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. <sup>4</sup> And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup> Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" <sup>8</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the girl went and called the child's mother. <sup>9</sup> And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "Because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Hannah

1Samuel 1:1-28 There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. <sup>2</sup>He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. <sup>3</sup>Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). <sup>4</sup>On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. <sup>5</sup>But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had closed her womb. <sup>6</sup>And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had closed her womb. <sup>7</sup>So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), she used to provoke her..... <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." <sup>18</sup>And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. <sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD); then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) remembered her. <sup>20</sup>And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD)." <sup>21</sup>The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. <sup>22</sup>But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) and dwell there forever." <sup>23</sup>Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only,

may Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. <sup>24</sup>And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) at Shiloh. And the child was young. <sup>25</sup>Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. <sup>26</sup>And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has granted me my petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). As long as he lives, he is lent to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD)." And he worshiped Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) there.

1Samuel 2:1-21 And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD); my strength is exalted in Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. <sup>2</sup>"There is none holy like Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD); there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. <sup>3</sup>Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. <sup>4</sup>The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. <sup>5</sup>Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. <sup>6</sup>Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. <sup>7</sup>Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. <sup>8</sup>He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are Y<sup>e</sup>hovah's (the LORD), and on them he has set the world. <sup>9</sup>"He will guard the feet of his



faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. <sup>10</sup> The adversaries of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed." <sup>11</sup> Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy ministered to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) in the presence of Eli the priest. <sup>12</sup> Now the sons of Eli were worthless men. They did not know Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) ..... <sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy clothed with a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> And his mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) give you children by this woman for the petition she asked of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD)." So then they would return to their home. <sup>21</sup> Indeed Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) visited Hannah, and she conceived and bore three sons and two daughters. And the young man Samuel grew in the presence of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD).

### Bathsheba

2Samuel 12:24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and he called his name Solomon. And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) loved him.

### Ruth

Ruth 4:13-17 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. And he went in to her, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) gave her conception, and she bore a son. <sup>14</sup> Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), who has not left you this day without a redeemer, and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup> He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to

you than seven sons, has given birth to him." <sup>16</sup> Then Naomi took the child and laid him on her lap and became his nurse. <sup>17</sup> And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

### Elizabeth

Luke 1:5-41 In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. <sup>6</sup> And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. <sup>7</sup> But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. <sup>8</sup> Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, <sup>9</sup> according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup> And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. <sup>11</sup> And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup> And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. <sup>13</sup> But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. <sup>14</sup> And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, <sup>15</sup> for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. <sup>16</sup> And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, <sup>17</sup> and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." <sup>18</sup> And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." <sup>19</sup> And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who



stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. <sup>20</sup> And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time."

<sup>21</sup> And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. <sup>22</sup> And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. <sup>23</sup> And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. <sup>24</sup> After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, <sup>25</sup> "Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people." <sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup> But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup> And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup> and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." <sup>34</sup> And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" <sup>35</sup> And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy- the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing

will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup> And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her. <sup>39</sup> In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup> and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,

### Miriam

Matthew 1:16-25 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Miriam, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. <sup>17</sup> So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. <sup>18</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Miriam had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Miriam as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

## Role of Godly offspring

Honor your parents and listen to them and make them glad so they rejoice in your conduct.

Leviticus 19:3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God.

Ephesians 6:1-4 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), <sup>3</sup> "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land." <sup>4</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Proverbs 4:3 When I was a son with my father, tender, the only one in the sight of my mother,

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep your father's commandment, and forsake not your mother's teaching.

Proverbs 23:25 Let your father and mother be glad; let her who bore you rejoice.

Proverbs 10:1 The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish son is a sorrow to his mother.

Proverbs 15:20 A wise son makes a glad father, but a foolish man despises his mother.

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Ephesians 4:29-32 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. <sup>32</sup> Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 5:1 Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Parents put aside for their children

2Corinthians 12:14 Here for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be a burden, for I seek not what is yours but you. For children are not obligated to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

If any of you children dishonor your parents, you are under a curse.

Deuteronomy 27:16 "Cursed be anyone who dishonors his father or his mother." And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Proverbs 20:20 If one curses his father or his mother, his lamp will be put out in utter darkness.

Without repentance, dishonor maybe a capital crime.

Exodus 21:15 "Whoever strikes his father or his mother shall be put to death.....17 "Whoever curses (reviles LXX) his father or his mother shall be put to death.

Deuteronomy 21:18-21 "If a man has a stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and, though they discipline him, will not listen to them, <sup>19</sup> then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city at the gate of the place where he lives, <sup>20</sup> and they shall say to

the elders of his city, 'This our son is stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'<sup>21</sup> Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death with stones. So you shall purge the evil from your midst, and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

Leviticus 20:9 For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.

Romans 1:25-32 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;<sup>27</sup> and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.<sup>28</sup> And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.<sup>29</sup> They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,<sup>30</sup> slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,<sup>31</sup> foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.<sup>32</sup> Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

1Timothy 1:8-10 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully,<sup>9</sup> understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers,<sup>10</sup> the sexually

immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, (ESV used throughout except where noted)

### Incest is now forbidden

Leviticus 18:7-9 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother; she is your mother, you shall not uncover her nakedness. 8 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. 9 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your sister, your father's daughter or your mother's daughter, whether brought up in the family or in another home.

Leviticus 20:17 "If a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and sees her nakedness, and she sees his nakedness, it is a disgrace, and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness, and he shall bear his iniquity.

Leviticus 20:19 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister or of your father's sister, for that is to make naked one's relative; they shall bear their iniquity.

Deuteronomy 27:22 "Cursed be anyone who lies with his sister, whether the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.' And all the people shall say, 'Amen.'

Abraham took his half-sister as a wife and this maybe the reason that they had no offspring until after she was able to naturally. Isaac came by God's intervention as His promise. Abraham produced numerous offspring through

Keturah whom he married after Sarah's death

If your parents do not fulfill the terms of the covenant don't worry, your Father in heaven will not forsake you.

Psalms 27:10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will take me in.

Parents must feed themselves and their children properly.

Eating correctly grown, open pollinated crops, that are grown, stored and prepared correctly will provide all of the nutrients required for a healthy, lengthy life.

Animal flesh maybe be eaten after the flood. Correctly slaughtered and bled, red meat provides the presently deficient vitamin B12. The blood and fat are prohibited and this has been proven by modern science. The diet of our livestock is paramount to providing flesh that is suitable for consumption by people.

God's Laws allows for food what we term game animals, game birds, game fish, and winged insects with jointed legs, to be eaten. That is, cloven hooved ruminants, birds with a crop a gizzard and an elongated middle front toe and a hind toe, fish with fins and scales and winged insects with jointed legs.

Deuteronomy 14:20-21 All clean winged things you may eat. <sup>21</sup> "You shall not eat anything that has died naturally. You may give it to the sojourner who is within your

towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner. For you are a people holy to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God. "You shall not boil a young goat in its mother's milk.

As boiling a kid in the milk of its mother is an idolatrous activity but is also a health matter. Pasteurization causes feminization in boys and hyper feminization in girls. Eating what is termed unclean, means eating unhealthy foods. This includes modern processed, and genetically modified foods. Our creator is looking out for all.

As He is your Father be sure your honor Him properly, as most do not.

Malachi 1:6 "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?'

Honoring the Son of God is honoring the father

John 5:23 that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.

John 8:49 Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me.

Matthew 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Matthew 19:29 And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's

sake, will receive a hundredfold and will inherit eternal life.

Mark 10:19 You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.' "

Mark 10:29 Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel,

Luke 12:53 They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple.

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.' "

Ephesians 6:2 "Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise),

Those who mistreat their parents should be held in contempt. They will be themselves judged by their exact actions. They will receive what they did to their parents.

Ezekiel 22:7 Father and mother are treated with contempt in you; the sojourner suffers

extortion in your midst; the fatherless and the widow are wronged in you.

Proverbs 19:26 He who does violence to his father and chases away his mother is a son who brings shame and reproach.

Proverbs 28:24 Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, "That is no transgression," is a companion to a man who destroys.

Isaiah 45:10 Woe to him who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?' or to a woman, 'With what are you in labor?' "

Proverbs 30:11 There are those who curse their fathers and do not bless their mothers.

Micah 7:6 for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

We were all raised by our parents or guardians. Guardians are those given in trust for the care of another's offspring until the time appointed.

Leviticus 21:11 He shall not go in to any dead bodies nor make himself unclean, even for his father or for his mother.

Numbers 6:7 Not even for his father or for his mother, for brother or sister, if they die, shall he make himself unclean, because his separation to God is on his head.

Leviticus 21:1-2 And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) said to Moses, "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: No one shall make himself unclean for the dead among his people, <sup>2</sup>except for his closest relatives, his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, his brother,

Isaiah 45:5-8 For your Maker is your husband, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called. <sup>6</sup> For Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has called you like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit, like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God. <sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you. <sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), your Redeemer.

Jesus Christ is not your maker, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah is. Yeshua will marry the church or assembly at his return as we are his bride and all will attend the marriage supper.

Revelation 19:7-9 Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure" for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God."

Revelation 21:9-14 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup> And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup> having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup> It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed <sup>13</sup> on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>

And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Jeremiah 16:7 No one shall break bread for the mourner, to comfort him for the dead, nor shall anyone give him the cup of consolation to drink for his father or his mother.

Ezekiel 44:25 They shall not defile themselves by going near to a dead person. However, for father or mother, for son or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister they may defile themselves.

## The In-Laws

Everyone's older and usually wiser In-Laws are a tremendous support to all new families. They have gained an understanding that only comes from age and experience.

Exodus 18:1-27 Moses and for Israel his people, how Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had brought Israel out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Now Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, had taken Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent her home, <sup>3</sup> along with her two sons. The name of the one was Gershom (for he said, "I have been a sojourner in a foreign land"), <sup>4</sup> and the name of the other, Eliezer (for he said, "The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh"). <sup>5</sup> Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife to Moses in the wilderness where he was encamped at the mountain of God. <sup>6</sup> And when he sent word to Moses, "I, your father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you with your wife and her two sons with her," <sup>7</sup> Moses went out to meet his father-in-law and bowed down and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare and went into the tent. <sup>8</sup> Then Moses told his father-in-law all that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had done to Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the hardship that had come upon them in the



way, and how Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had delivered them. <sup>9</sup> And Jethro rejoiced for all the good that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>10</sup> Jethro said, "Blessed be Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh and has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. <sup>11</sup> Now I know that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) is greater than all gods, because in this affair they dealt arrogantly with the people." <sup>12</sup> And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and sacrifices to God; and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God. <sup>13</sup> The next day Moses sat to judge the people, and the people stood around Moses from morning till evening. <sup>14</sup> When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, and all the people stand around you from morning till evening?" <sup>15</sup> And Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God; <sup>16</sup> when they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make them know the statutes of God and his laws." <sup>17</sup> Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. <sup>18</sup> You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. <sup>19</sup> Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, <sup>20</sup> and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. <sup>21</sup> Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>22</sup> And let them judge the people at all times.

Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. <sup>23</sup> If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace." <sup>24</sup> So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law and did all that he had said. <sup>25</sup> Moses chose able men out of all Israel and made them heads over the people, chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. <sup>26</sup> And they judged the people at all times. Any hard case they brought to Moses, but any small matter they decided themselves. <sup>27</sup> Then Moses let his father-in-law depart, and he went away to his own country.

Moses listened to his father in law and so should we all. Establishing family members with abilities in explaining as heads for children's questions will provide a buffer for the mother and father. This relates to managing a tribe which is just a larger family. We should think of all the Adamic family in the same way.

Honoring your parents will cause blessings to ensue and dishonoring them will cause curses.

## **Blessing or Cursing**

Cursing is for not honoring your father and mother and blessing is given for honoring them. First honor your father in heaven.

Deuteronomy 29:24-29 all the nations will say, 'Why has Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?' <sup>25</sup> Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt, <sup>26</sup> and went and served other gods and worshiped them, gods whom they had not known and whom he had not allotted to them. <sup>27</sup> Therefore the anger of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) was kindled against this land, bringing upon it all the curses written in this book, <sup>28</sup> and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) uprooted them from their land in anger and fury and great wrath, and cast them into another land, as they are this day.' <sup>29</sup> 'The secret things belong to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Deuteronomy 30:1-21 "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup> and return to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup> then Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup> If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. <sup>5</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. <sup>7</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will put all

these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you. <sup>8</sup> And you shall again obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) and keep all his commandments that I command you today. <sup>9</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your womb and in the fruit of your cattle and in the fruit of your ground. For Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will again take delight in prospering you, as he took delight in your fathers, <sup>10</sup> when you obey the voice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, to keep his commandments and his statutes that are written in this Book of the Law, when you turn to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul. <sup>11</sup> "For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. <sup>12</sup> It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>13</sup> Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' <sup>14</sup> But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it. <sup>15</sup> "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup> If you obey the commandments of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God that I command you today, by loving Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup> loving Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) swore to your

fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Deuteronomy 31:1-30 So Moses continued to speak these words to all Israel. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "I am 120 years old today. I am no longer able to go out and come in. Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has said to me, 'You shall not go over this Jordan.' <sup>3</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God himself will go over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, so that you shall dispossess them, and Joshua will go over at your head, as the LORD has spoken. <sup>4</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. <sup>5</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will give them over to you, and you shall do to them according to the whole commandment that I have commanded you. <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." <sup>7</sup> Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. <sup>8</sup> It is Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses wrote this law and gave it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and to all the elders of Israel. <sup>10</sup> And Moses commanded them, "At the end of every seven years, at the set time in the year of release, at the Feast of Booths, <sup>11</sup> when all Israel comes to appear before Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God at the place that he will choose, you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. <sup>12</sup> Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, and

be careful to do all the words of this law, <sup>13</sup> and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess." <sup>14</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) said to Moses, "Behold, the days approach when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may commission him." And Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. <sup>15</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) appeared in the tent in a pillar of cloud. And the pillar of cloud stood over the entrance of the tent. <sup>16</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) said to Moses, "Behold, you are about to lie down with your fathers. Then this people will rise and whore after the foreign gods among them in the land that they are entering, and they will forsake me and break my covenant that I have made with them. <sup>17</sup> Then my anger will be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them and hide my face from them, and they will be devoured. And many evils and troubles will come upon them, so that they will say in that day, 'Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us?' <sup>18</sup> And I will surely hide my face in that day because of all the evil that they have done, because they have turned to other gods. <sup>19</sup> "Now therefore write this song and teach it to the people of Israel. Put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the people of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For when I have brought them into the land flowing with milk and honey, which I swore to give to their fathers, and they have eaten and are full and grown fat, they will turn to other gods and serve them, and despise me and break my covenant. <sup>21</sup> And when many evils and troubles have come upon them, this song shall confront them as a witness (for it will live unforgotten in the mouths of their offspring). For I know what they are inclined to do even today, before I have brought them into the land that I swore to give." <sup>22</sup> So Moses wrote this song the same day and taught it to the people of Israel. <sup>23</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD)

commissioned Joshua the son of Nun and said, "Be strong and courageous, for you shall bring the people of Israel into the land that I swore to give them. I will be with you."<sup>24</sup> When Moses had finished writing the words of this law in a book to the very end,<sup>25</sup> Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD),<sup>26</sup> "Take this Book of the Law and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God, that it may be there for a witness against you."<sup>27</sup> For I know how rebellious and stubborn you are. Behold, even today while I am yet alive with you, you have been rebellious against Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD). How much more after my death!<sup>28</sup> Assemble to me all the elders of your tribes and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears and call heaven and earth to witness against them."<sup>29</sup> For I know that after my death you will surely act corruptly and turn aside from the way that I have commanded you. And in the days to come evil will befall you, because you will do what is evil in the sight of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), provoking him to anger through the work of your hands."<sup>30</sup> Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

Deuteronomy 32:1-52 "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth.<sup>2</sup> May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb.<sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD); ascribe greatness to our God!<sup>4</sup> "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.<sup>5</sup> They have dealt corruptly with him; they are no longer his children because they are blemished; they are a crooked and twisted generation.<sup>6</sup> Do you thus repay Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), you foolish and senseless people? Is not he your father, who created you, who made you and established you?<sup>7</sup> Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations; ask your father, and he will show you, your elders, and they will tell you.<sup>8</sup> When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the

peoples according to the number of the sons of God.<sup>9</sup> But Y<sup>e</sup>hovah's (the LORD) portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.<sup>10</sup> "He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; he encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.<sup>11</sup> Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions,<sup>12</sup> Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) alone guided him, no foreign god was with him.<sup>13</sup> He made him ride on the high places of the land, and he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock.<sup>14</sup> Curds from the herd, and milk from the flock, with fat of lambs, rams of Bashan and goats, with the very finest of the wheat and you drank foaming wine made from the blood of the grape.<sup>15</sup> "But Jeshurun grew fat, and kicked; you grew fat, stout, and sleek; then he forsook God who made him and scoffed at the Rock of his salvation.<sup>16</sup> They stirred him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked him to anger.<sup>17</sup> They sacrificed to demons that were no gods, to gods they had never known, to new gods that had come recently, whom your fathers had never dreaded.<sup>18</sup> You were unmindful of the Rock that bore you, and you forgot the God who gave you birth.<sup>19</sup> "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) saw it and spurned them, because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.<sup>20</sup> And he said, 'I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faithfulness.<sup>21</sup> They have made me jealous with what is no god; they have provoked me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are no people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.<sup>22</sup> For a fire is kindled by my anger, and it burns to the depths of Sheol, devours the earth and its increase, and sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.<sup>23</sup> "' And I will heap disasters upon them; I will spend my arrows on them;<sup>24</sup> they shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured by plague and poisonous pestilence; I will send the teeth of beasts against them, with the venom of things that crawl in the dust.<sup>25</sup> Outdoors the sword shall bereave, and indoors terror, for

young man and woman alike, the nursing child with the man of gray hairs. <sup>26</sup> I would have said, "I will cut them to pieces; I will wipe them from human memory," <sup>27</sup> had I not feared provocation by the enemy, lest their adversaries should misunderstand, lest they should say, "Our hand is triumphant, it was not Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) who did all this." <sup>28</sup> "For they are a nation void of counsel, and there is no understanding in them. <sup>29</sup> If they were wise, they would understand this; they would discern their latter end! <sup>30</sup> How could one have chased a thousand, and two have put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, and Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had given them up? <sup>31</sup> For their rock is not as our Rock; our enemies are by themselves. <sup>32</sup> For their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of poison; their clusters are bitter; <sup>33</sup> their wine is the poison of serpents and the cruel venom of asps. <sup>34</sup> "Is not this laid up in store with me, sealed up in my treasuries? <sup>35</sup> Vengeance is mine, and recompense, for the time when their foot shall slip; for the day of their calamity is at hand, and their doom comes swiftly." <sup>36</sup> For Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup> Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup> who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup> "See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand. <sup>40</sup> For I lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever, <sup>41</sup> if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me. <sup>42</sup> I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the

enemy." <sup>43</sup> "Rejoice with him, O heavens; bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people's land." <sup>44</sup> Moses came and recited all the words of this song in the hearing of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>45</sup> And when Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, <sup>46</sup> he said to them, "Take to heart all the words by which I am warning you today, that you may command them to your children, that they may be careful to do all the words of this law. <sup>47</sup> For it is no empty word for you, but your very life, and by this word you shall live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess." <sup>48</sup> That very day Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) spoke to Moses, <sup>49</sup> "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession. <sup>50</sup> And die on the mountain which you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people, <sup>51</sup> because you broke faith with me in the midst of the people of Israel at the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin, and because you did not treat me as holy in the midst of the people of Israel. <sup>52</sup> For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there, into the land that I am giving to the people of Israel."

Deuteronomy 33:1-29 This is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the people of Israel before his death. <sup>2</sup> He said, "Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) came from Sinai and dawned from Seir upon us; he shone forth from Mount Paran; he came from the ten thousands of holy ones, with flaming fire at his right hand. <sup>3</sup> Yes, he loved his people, all his holy ones were in his hand; so they followed in your steps, receiving direction from you, <sup>4</sup> when Moses commanded us a law, as a possession for the assembly of Jacob. <sup>5</sup> Thus Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) became king



in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, all the tribes of Israel together. <sup>6</sup> "Let Reuben live, and not die, but let his men be few." <sup>7</sup> And this he said of Judah: "Hear, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the voice of Judah, and bring him in to his people. With your hands contend for him, and be a help against his adversaries." <sup>8</sup> And of Levi he said, "Give to Levi your Thummim, and your Urim to your godly one, whom you tested at Massah, with whom you quarreled at the waters of Meribah; <sup>9</sup> who said of his father and mother, 'I regard them not'; he disowned his brothers and ignored his children. For they observed your word and kept your covenant. <sup>10</sup> They shall teach Jacob your rules and Israel your law; they shall put incense before you and whole burnt offerings on your altar. <sup>11</sup> Bless, O Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), his substance, and accept the work of his hands; crush the loins of his adversaries, of those who hate him, that they rise not again." <sup>12</sup> Of Benjamin he said, "The beloved of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) dwells in safety. The High God surrounds him all day long, and dwells between his shoulders." <sup>13</sup> And of Joseph he said, "Blessed by Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) be his land, with the choicest gifts of heaven above, and of the deep that crouches beneath, <sup>14</sup> with the choicest fruits of the sun and the rich yield of the months, <sup>15</sup> with the finest produce of the ancient mountains and the abundance of the everlasting hills, <sup>16</sup> with the best gifts of the earth and its fullness and the favor of him who dwells in the bush. May these rest on the head of Joseph, on the pate of him who is prince among his brothers. <sup>17</sup> A firstborn bull- he has majesty, and his horns are the horns of a wild ox; with them he shall gore the peoples, all of them, to the ends of the earth; they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." <sup>18</sup> And of Zebulun he said, "Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out, and Issachar, in your tents. <sup>19</sup> They shall call peoples to their mountain; there they offer right sacrifices; for they draw from the abundance of the seas and the hidden treasures of the sand." <sup>20</sup> And of Gad he said, "Blessed be he who enlarges Gad! Gad crouches like a lion; he tears off arm and scalp. <sup>21</sup> He chose the best of the land for himself, for there a commander's

portion was reserved; and he came with the heads of the people, with Israel he executed the justice of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), and his judgments for Israel." <sup>22</sup> And of Dan he said, "Dan is a lion's cub that leaps from Bashan." <sup>23</sup> And of Naphtali he said, "O Naphtali, sated with favor, and full of the blessing of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), possess the lake and the south." <sup>24</sup> And of Asher he said, "Most blessed of sons be Asher; let him be the favorite of his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. <sup>25</sup> Your bars shall be iron and bronze, and as your days, so shall your strength be. <sup>26</sup> "There is none like God, O Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty. <sup>27</sup> The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy before you and said, Destroy. <sup>28</sup> So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose heavens drop down dew. <sup>29</sup> Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs."

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> And Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, 'I will give it to your offspring.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there." <sup>5</sup> So Moses the servant of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), <sup>6</sup> and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Bethpeor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. <sup>8</sup> And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning



for Moses were ended.<sup>9</sup> And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) had commanded Moses.<sup>10</sup> And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) knew face to face,<sup>11</sup> none like him for all the signs and the wonders that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,<sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise)

Father, help us all to properly honor our father and mother so we may receive your promise. Mostly we ask that we may properly give you the honor and praise for the gift of life to all.

Happy are we, spiritual Israel! Few are like us, a people saved by Y<sup>e</sup>hovah, the shield of our help. Thank you.

Amen, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah