



# Covenant Branch Fellowship

## A Genesis Journey – Part 8

### *Day 4 – How serious do we take His Appointed Times?*

#### In our previous teachings...

- We discussed how we must first lay a proper foundation.
- We discussed the 7 Questions to Biblical Context and their importance in getting to the truth.
- We spoke about Critical Thinking and how it will help us to get to the truth.
- We discussed that the reason we don't have all truth is because we have leaven in our thinking.
- We looked at the What vs. The Why, and Passion vs. Purpose and that the outcome of our actions is determined by our intention or purpose.
- We discussed how we tend to focus on the how of things at the neglect of the why.
- In Genesis 1 verses 1 & 2 we began to discover why it was that Elohim even created the heavens and the earth, and that was because of His immense love.
- We discussed and asked the question, who is The Light spoken of on Day 1, and that Yeshua is that Light.
- In Day 2 we talked about why that Elohim never said that it was good and linked it to the 2<sup>nd</sup> millennial day in which was the great deluge.
- In Day 3 we talked about His Authority over The Land and over The Sea, and drew lines between Day 3 and Revelation chapters 10 and 13.
- In Day 4, we briefly looked at the day when Elohim Set The Sun, The Moon and The Stars in The Heavens.

#### **Proverbs 25:2-3**

<sup>2</sup> It is the esteem of Elohim to hide a matter, And the esteem of sovereigns to search out a matter.

<sup>3</sup> The heavens for height and the earth for depth, But the heart of sovereigns is unsearchable.

#### **Hebrews 11:3**

By belief, we understand that **the ages were prepared by the word of Elohim**, so that what is **seen** was not made of what is **visible**.

#### **Hebrews 11:6**

But without **belief** it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to Elohim has to believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who earnestly seek Him.

My desire is to help strengthen your faith, your belief, and doing so by helping connect the dots, to draw lines between the foundations of our faith to the rest of the Torah, the Tanak, the prophets and the witness of the Brit.

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### Today's Teaching

In today's teaching, we will be continuing with **Genesis 1:14-19**.

Day 4 of His Creation.

This is the day when Elohim Set The Sun, The Moon and The Stars in The Heavens.

I have titled today's teaching, "How serious do we take His Appointed Times".

**Scripture Verses that we will be referencing today are:**

- Genesis 1:14-19
- Psalms 8:1-3
- Psalms 19:1-6
- Psalms 147:4
- Psalms 104:19
- Job 38:31-33
- Isaiah 40:25-26
- Habakkuk 2:3
- Psalms 75:2
- Isaiah 58:13-14
- Isaiah 59:1-2

#### **Genesis 1:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> And Elohim said, "Let **lights** come to be in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for **signs** and **appointed times**, and for **days** and **years**,

<sup>15</sup> and let them be for **lights** in the expanse of the heavens to give **light** on the earth." And it came to be so.

<sup>16</sup> And Elohim made two **great lights**: the **greater light** to **rule the day**, and the **lesser light** to **rule the night**, and **the stars**.

<sup>17</sup> And Elohim set them in the expanse of the heavens to **give light on the earth**,

<sup>18</sup> and to **rule over the day and over the night**, and to **separate the light from the darkness**. And Elohim saw that it was good.

<sup>19</sup> And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, the fourth day.

- Ever wonder why there is seven days in the creation?
- What is the significance of the number seven?
- Why is our understanding that we have seven thousand years in His plan?
- Why does The Menorah have seven branches?
- Why are there Seven Stars, Seven Spirits, Seven Messengers, and Seven Letters to the Seven Churches?
- Day four is unique in some ways, one of which it is in the middle of His creation Week.
- It divides The Week precisely in the middle.
- Could this be connected to the center lamp on The Menorah?
- What comes before, and what comes after this day in the creation week?
- We talked before a little about three days and three nights in the creation week. And we will talk some more about this in future teachings.
- Besides The Sun, The Moon and The Stars, having been written The Entire Plan of Salvation
- Does even the creation itself speak to the price that would have to be paid for our salvation?

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### **Psalms 8:1-3**

<sup>1</sup> O יהוה, our Master, how excellent is Your Name in all the earth, You who set Your splendor above the heavens!

<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babes and infants You have founded strength, Because of Your adversaries, to put an end to enemy and avenger.

<sup>3</sup> For I see Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have established.

### **Psalms 19:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are proclaiming the esteem of Ēl; And the expanse is declaring the work of His hand.

<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech, And night to night reveals knowledge.

<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, and there are no words, their voice is not heard.

<sup>4</sup> Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world. In them He set up a tent for the sun, <sup>5</sup> And it is like a bridegroom coming out of his room, it rejoices like a strong man to run the path.

<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from one end of the heavens, and its circuit to the other end; And naught is hidden from its heat.

### **Psalms 147:4**

He appoints the number of the stars; He gives names to all of them.

Read all of Psalm 104

### **Psalms 104:19**

He made the moon for appointed times; The sun knows it's going down.

### **Job 38:31-33**

<sup>31</sup> Do you bind the bands of Kimah (Pleiades), or loosen the cords of Kesil (Orion)?

<sup>32</sup> Do you bring out the constellations in its season? Or do you lead the Bear with its sons?

<sup>33</sup> Do you know the laws of the heavens? Or do you set their rule over the earth?

### **Isaiah 40:25-26**

<sup>25</sup> “And to whom then do you liken Me, or to whom am I compared?” says the Set-apart One.

<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high and see. Who has created these? He is bringing out their host by number, He calls them all by name, by the greatness of ability and potent of power, a man is not lacking.

### **Habakkuk 2:3**

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, and it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it lingers, wait for it, for it shall certainly come, it shall not delay.

What is the point I am trying to make here?

The 1<sup>st</sup> Appointed Time, The Sabbath and all of His Appointed Times were set in place before the creation of Adam, before the creation of man.

How serious and important are His Appointed Times to Him?

How serious and important do we take His Appointed Times?

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### Good Ole King Jimmy

This is one of the worst scripture verse translations I have yet to see in the King James Version.

#### In Psalms 75:2 of the King James;

#### Psalms 75:2 (KJV)

When I shall receive <sup>H3947</sup> the congregation <sup>H4150</sup> I will judge <sup>H8199</sup> uprightly <sup>H4339</sup>.

When I read, and when you hear this from the King James, do you see or hear any reference to the appointed times?

Also, at the beginning of the verse, When I shall receive, as if He is to receive a gift from someone?

The Hebrew for the word shall receive in the KJV literally means: To Take, and is a verb in the Future Tense, 1<sup>st</sup> Person, Singular Form

<sup>H3947</sup> לקח **laqach** (law-kach') *v.*

**to take** (in the widest variety of applications).  
[a primitive root]

KJV translates it When I shall receive

ISR translates it When I seize

The next word in the KJV version of the verse is the congregation

When I shall receive <sup>H3947</sup> the congregation <sup>H4150</sup>

Now to me, this is crazy.

What are they trying to hide?

Here is the actual word behind the congregation: **mow'ed**

<sup>H4150</sup> מועד **mow'ed** (mo-ade') *n-m.*

מועד **mo'ed** (mo-ade')

מועדה **mow'adah** (mo-aw-daw') [feminine, 2 Chronicles 8:13]

1. (*properly*) **an appointment, i.e. a fixed time or season.**
2. (*specifically*) **a festival.**
3. (*conventionally*) **a year.**
4. (*by implication*) **an assembly** (as convened for a definite purpose).
5. (*technically*) **the congregation.**
6. (*by extension*) **the place of meeting.**
7. (*also*) **a signal** (as appointed beforehand).

[from <sup>H3259</sup>]

Anyway, enough of that, here is how it reads in the ISR:

#### Psalms 75:2 (ISR)

When I **seize** the **appointed time**, it is I who judge in uprightness.

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Yah set the Sun, Moon and Stars in the middle of the week, before fish and fowl, before beast and creeping creature, before man!

And His final act before resting from all His labors, was to create Adam in His own likeness and image.

### How serious did Adam take His Appointed Times?

Before the fall, did Adam have leaven?

Did Adam have a clear understanding of His Appointed Times?

Before the fall, how serious do we think Adam took His Appointed Times?

Did Adam follow His instructions on how to keep His Appointed Times?

Was Adam thankful for His Appointed Times?

Will visit this more in a latter part of this series.

### How serious do we take His Appointed Times?

Do we have a clear understanding of His Appointed Times?

Do we follow His instructions on how we are to keep His Appointed Times?

Are we thankful for His Appointed Times?

Do we tithe toward His Appointed Times?

What hinders us from our ability to see and hear what the Appointed Times proclaim? Leaven!

What was the 1<sup>st</sup> Appointed Time mentioned in scripture?

What moedim sets preference over all other moedim?

What moedim is symbolized as a sign of the covenant of Yah and His people?

### Sabbath! – The 7<sup>th</sup> Day

Do we **Delight** in the set-apart 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath?

Do we **Esteem** the set-apart 7<sup>th</sup> Day Sabbath?

On the Sabbath, do we do:

- Our own ways or His Ways?
- Our own pleasure or His Pleasure?
- Speaking our own words or His Words?

### Isaiah 58:13-14

<sup>13</sup> “If you do turn back your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My set-apart day, and shall call the Sabbath ‘a delight,’ the set-apart day of יהוה ‘esteemed,’ and shall esteem it, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words,

<sup>14</sup> then you shall delight yourself in יהוה. And I shall cause you to ride on the heights of the earth, and feed you with the inheritance of Ya‘aqob your father. For the mouth of יהוה has spoken!”

### Isaiah 59:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Look, the hand of יהוה has not become too short to save, nor His ear too heavy to hear.

<sup>2</sup> But your crookedness’s have separated you from your Elohim. And your sins have hidden His face from you, from hearing.

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Do we do our due diligence in preparing for the Sabbath, or any of His Appointed Times for that matter?

And when coming to the Sabbath, do we try to do our utmost to follow the Torah regarding Clean and Unclean?

Regarding clean and unclean, the Torah does instruct on these matters.

Do we mikvah/shower/bath before coming into the Sabbath?

Do we put on everyday clothes or do we put on our best?

Maybe we already know these things, but do we do them?

And if we don't consistently do them, what is our excuse for not doing them?

Is there compromise in our thought process for excusing what we know we should be doing.

Do we forsake the gathering as we are instructed to do on The Sabbath?

Has your lamp gone dim, have we hidden it in a closet. – Let your Light so Shine.

Believe me, we are all guilty of these things.

I am just as guilty as everyone else.

Do we work on the Sabbath?

What do we set our thoughts upon on The Sabbath?

Our Ways? Our Pleasure? Our Words?

Do we grow weary?

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## Conclusion...

I hope I have continued to lay a proper foundation.

I hope this was a blessing to you.

## A Prayer

**Psalms 43:3**

Send forth **Your light** and **Your truth**! Let them lead me, let them bring me to Your set-apart mountain  
And to Your dwelling places.

יהוה bless you and guard you;  
יהוה make His face shine upon you, and show favor to you;  
יהוה lift up His face upon you, and give you peace.