

A sunset over a body of water with a large, dark, textured rock in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The water reflects the colors of the sky. The rock in the foreground is dark and has a rough, porous texture.

*Days of the Omer:
The Walk to Shavuot*

Counting the Days of the Omer

- These are the feasts of אֶתְנָח, even set apart convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is אֶתְנָח's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread unto אֶתְנָח: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread. (Leviticus 23:4-6)
- ...When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before אֶתְנָח, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. (Leviticus 23:10-11)
- And **ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall ye number fifty days;** and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto אֶתְנָח. (Leviticus 23:15-16)

- “sheaf” - omer (H6016, שֹׁמֵר)

Passover and The Feast of Unleavened Bread (First Month)

	Day 1 (1 st Month - Abib) Day of Remembrance	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Sabbath Day 6
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10 Passover Lamb Selected	Day 11 Leaven removed from dwellings	Day 12	Sabbath Day 13
Day 14 Day of Preparation Passover (at even)	Day 15 Unleavend Bread (Day 1: High Shabbat)	Day 16 Unleavend Bread (Day 2)	Day 17 Unleavend Bread (Day 3)	Day 18 Unleavend Bread (Day 4)	Day 19 Unleavend Bread (Day 5)	Sabbath Day 20 Unleavend Bread (Day 6)
Day 21 Unleavend Bread (Day 7: High Shabbat) Day of First Fruits Omer 1	Day 22 Omer 2	Day 23 Omer 3	Day 24 Omer 4	Day 25 Omer 5	Day 26 Omer 6	Sabbath Day 27 Omer 7
Day 28 Omer 8	Day 29 Omer 9	Day 30 Omer 10	Day 1 (2 nd Month) Omer 11	Day 2 Omer 12	Day 3 Omer 13	Sabbath Day 4 Omer 14

1st

2nd

Counting the Omer

Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Sabbath Day 11	3 rd
Omer 15	Omer 16	Omer 17	Omer 18	Omer 19	Omer 20	Omer 21	
Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Day 16	Day 17	Sabbath Day 18	4 th
Omer 22	Omer 23	Omer 24	Omer 25	Omer 26	Omer 27	Omer 28	
Day 19	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Day 23	Day 24	Sabbath Day 25	5 th
Omer 29	Omer 30	Omer 31	Omer 32	Omer 33	Omer 34	Omer 35	
Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Day 30	Day 1 (3 rd Month)	Sabbath Day 2	6 th
Omer 36	Omer 37	Omer 38	Omer 39	Omer 40	Omer 41	Omer 42	
Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Sabbath Day 9	7 th
Omer 43	Omer 44	Omer 45	Omer 46	Omer 47	Omer 48	Omer 49	

The Feast of Weeks (Shavuot)

Day 10 Shavuot (High Shabbat) Omer 50	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14	Day 15	Sabbath Day 16
Day 17	Day 18	Day 19	Day 20	Day 21	Day 22	Sabbath Day 23
Day 24	Day 25	Day 26	Day 27	Day 28	Day 29	Sabbath Day 30
Day 31	Day 1 (4 th Month) Day of Remembrance	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Sabbath Day 6
Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Sabbath Day 13

What is an Omer ?

- This is the thing which אָפֶזֶז hath commanded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer for every man, according to the number of your persons; take ye every man for them which are in his tents. (Exodus 16:32)
 - An omer (H6016 - עמר) is a dry measure of grain or food. It can be in the form of grain or unseparated sheafs. An omer is the tenth part of an ephah (Exodus 16:36)



'Sheaf' in Lev 23:15 is את-עמר (omer)

Days of the Omer: Exodus Summary

- Delivered from the bondage of Egypt on the 1st day of Unleavened Bread (15th of the 1st month)
- They had a great Promise to look forward to
- Crossed the End Sea on the 7th day of Unleavened Bread
- They had about a 40 day journey through the wilderness to get to the place of the Promise (Mount Sinai)
 - Tests of faith (Marah, Horeb – water; manna – food; Sabbath)
 - Instruction - Sabbath
- They had a time of further preparation and sanctification, after arriving at the plains of Mount Sinai after about 40 days of the Counting of the Omer (1st day of the 3rd month)
- Three final days of sanctification at Mount Sinai
- Day 50 of the Omer (Shavuot)

Days of the Omer - The Apostles

- The Apostles were delivered from the bondage of sin by Messiah.
- They had a great Promise to look forward to
 - **Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.** (John 16:7)
- They had a 40 day journey through a spiritual wilderness to get to the place of the Promise (Mount of Olives)
- They had a time of further preparation and sanctification after getting back to Jerusalem
- Day 50 of the Omer (Shavuot)

Days of the Omer (Day 1)

Day of First Fruits

...Touch Me not; for I am not yet ascended to My Father: but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto My Father, and your Father; and to My Elohiym, and your Elohiym. (John 20:17)



Apostles Full of Fear and Sorrow (Day 1)

- Day 1 of the Counting of the Omer (Day of First Fruits) begins with the Apostles hiding in fear and in mourning
 - ...being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews... (John 20:19)
 - And she went and told them that had been with Him, as they mourned and wept... (Mark 16:10)



Sorrow

Have mercy on me, אָפֶשׁ, for I am in distress. My eye, my soul, and my body waste away with grief. (Psalm 31:9 - HNV)

אָפֶשׁ is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves those who have a crushed spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:3)

And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. (John 16:22)

Fear Not!

- Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident. (Psalm 27:3)
- You shall not fear them, for it is אַף־אֵלֶיךָ your Elohiym who fights for you. (Deuteronomy 3:22)
- Say to them that are of a fearful heart, **Be strong, fear not**: behold, your Elohiym will come with vengeance, even Elohiym with a recompence; **He will come and save you**. (Isaiah 35:4)
- **Fear not: for I am with thee: I will** bring thy seed from the east, and **gather thee from the west**; (Isaiah 43:5)
 - “Fear not” occurs 63 times in the Scriptures

Apostles Lacking Faith (Day 1)

- Testimony from the Ladies at the Empty Tomb:
 - And she went and told them that had been with Him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had heard that He was alive, and had been seen of her, **believed not**. (Mark 16:11)
 - It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James, and other women that were with them, which told these things unto the apostles. And their words seemed to them as idle tales, and **they believed them not**. (Luke 24:10-11)



The Apostles Were Both Fearful and Unbelieving

- He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his Elohiym, and he shall be My son. But the fearful, and unbelieving... shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death. (Revelation 21:7-8)



Apostles Lacking Faith (Day 1)

- After that He appeared in another form unto two of them, as they walked, and went into the country. (Mark 16:12)
- And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, Saying, The Adon is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. (Luke 24:33-34)
- And they went and told it unto the residue: neither believed they them. (Mark 16:13)
- And as they thus spake, **ⲁⲩⲱⲥⲁⲛ** Himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, **Peace be unto you.** But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. (Luke 24:36-37)



Apostles Lacking Faith (Day 1)

- And He said unto them, **Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have.** And when He had thus spoken, He shewed them His hands and His feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, **Have ye here any meat?** And they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them. (Luke 24:38-43)
- Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures (Luke 24:45)



Apostles - Slow to Believe

1) The empty grave

- ...For as yet they knew not the scripture, that He must rise again from the dead (John 20:9)

2) The angel's testimony of His resurrection (given to the women)

3) The women's testimony of seeing Messiah

- their words seemed to them as idle tales, and they believed them not

4) Cleopas and Luke's testimony of seeing Messiah

5) Simon (Cephas) seeing Messiah

6) Messiah showing Himself to the apostles

- Appearing inside a locked room
 - they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit
- Showing them His hands and feet
 - they yet believed not for joy, and wondered
- Eating in front of them



Apostles Failing the Faith Test (Days 1-9)

- But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when $\text{\textcircled{w}}\text{\textcircled{f}}\text{\textcircled{A}}\text{\textcircled{Z}}$ came. The other disciples therefore said unto Him, We have seen the Adon. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came $\text{\textcircled{w}}\text{\textcircled{f}}\text{\textcircled{A}}\text{\textcircled{Z}}$, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, **Peace be unto you.** (John 20:24)
- Then saith He to Thomas, **Reach hither thy finger, and behold My hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into My side: and be not faithless, but believing.** (John 20:27)
 - Afterward He appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen Him after He was risen. (Mark 16:14)

You Have Been Blessed !!

- @wƒƒƒ saith unto him, **Thomas, because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.** (John 20:29)

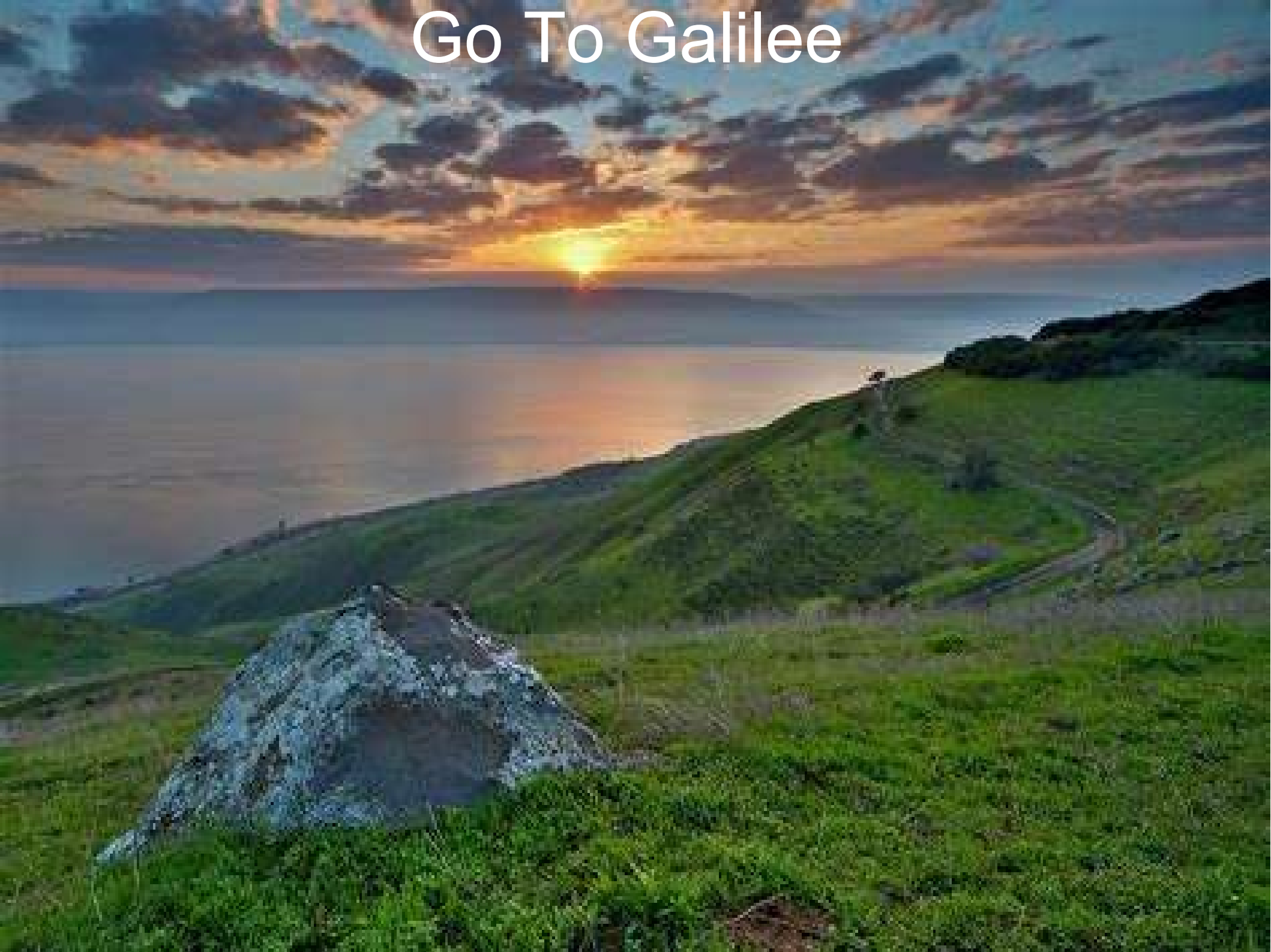


Apostles Told To Go To Galilee (Day 1)

- And the angel answered and said unto the women...tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead; and, behold, He goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see Him
(Matthew 28:5/7)
- Then said $\alpha\upsilon\tau\omicron\upsilon\tau\omicron\varsigma$ unto them, Be not afraid: go tell My brethren that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see Me. (Matthew 28:10)

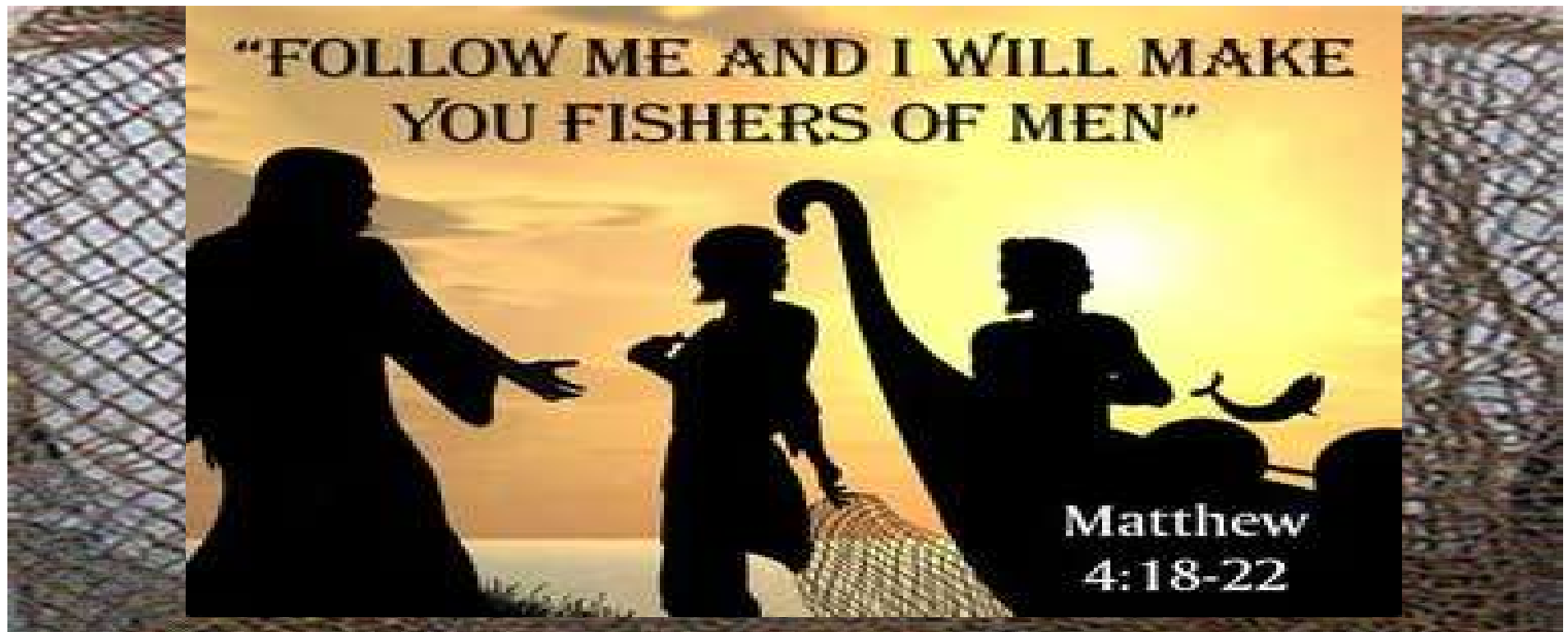


Go To Galilee



Apostles Given the Assignment (Day 1)

- Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came $\text{@w}\text{f}\text{A}\text{z}$ and stood in the midst, and saith unto them **Peace be unto you: as Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.** (John 20:19/21)



The Assignment – Reach and Teach

- And He called unto Him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits; And commanded them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in their purse: But be shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. And He said unto them, **In what place soever ye enter into an house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city. And they went out, and preached that men should repent.** (Mark 6:7-12)

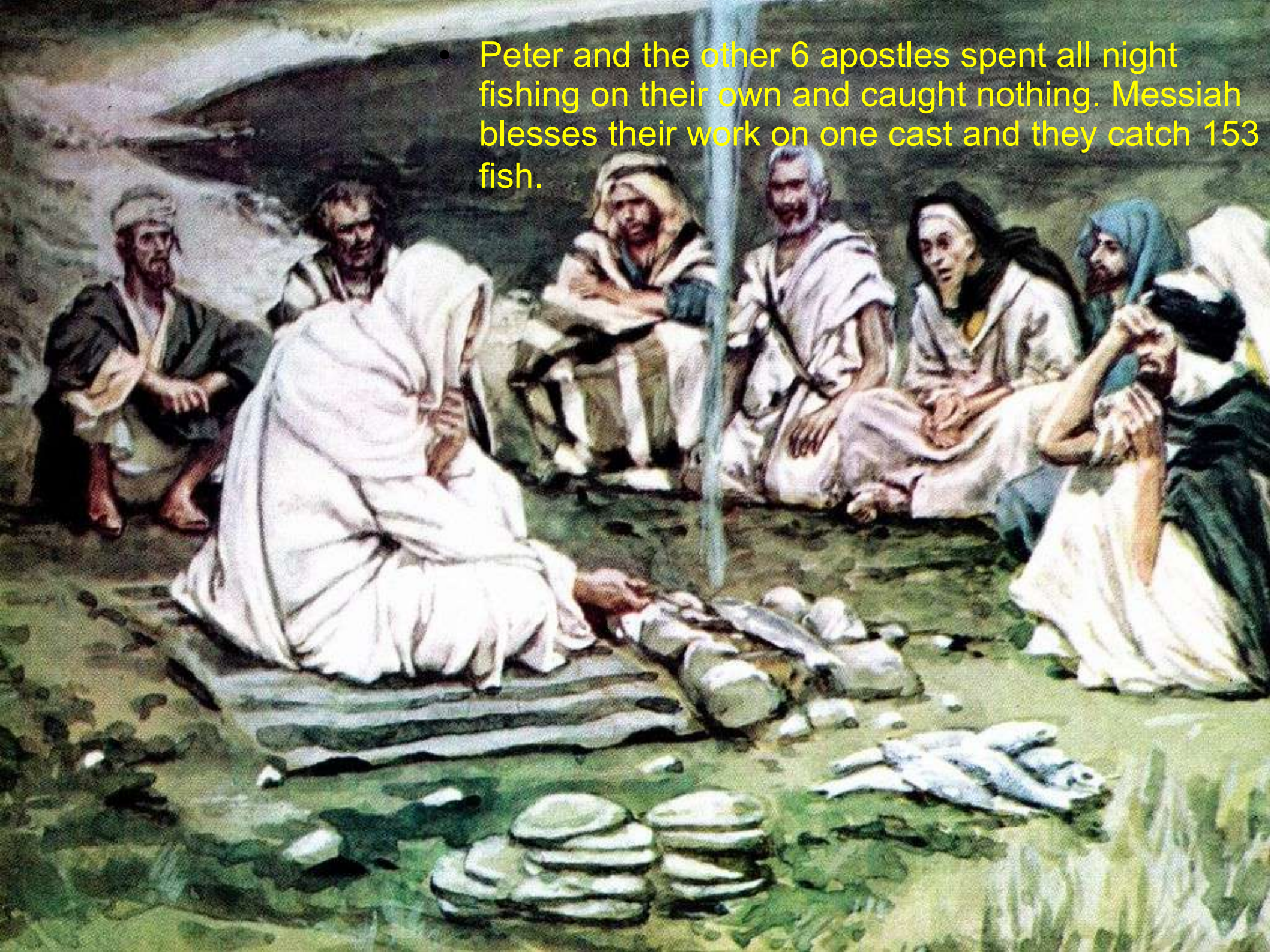
Apostles Not Following Instruction

Days of the Omer: (at least Day 12)

- There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of His disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, **I go a fishing.** They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night **they caught nothing.** (John 21:2)
 - Many days later (at minimum Omer Day 12) at the Sea of Galilee... only 7 apostles were gathered at Galilee, and not exactly following His instructions to reach and teach



- Peter and the other 6 apostles spent all night fishing on their own and caught nothing. Messiah blesses their work on one cast and they catch 153 fish.



The Spiritual Wilderness: Healing the Brokenhearted

- So when they had dined, Messiah saith to Simon Peter
 - **Simon of Jonas, lovest** (*agapao* - G25) **thou Me more than these?** He saith unto Him, Yea, Master; Thou knowest that I love (*phileo* – G5368) Thee. He saith unto him, **Feed My lambs**. (John 21:15)
- He saith to him again the second time,
 - **Simon of Jonas, lovest** (*agapao* – G25) **thou Me?** He saith unto Him, Yea, Master; Thou knowest that I love (*phileo* – G5368) Thee. He saith unto him, **Feed My sheep**. (John 21:16)
- He saith unto him the third time,
 - **Simon of Jonas, lovest** (*phileo* – G5368) **thou Me?** Peter was grieved because He said unto him the third time, **Lovest thou Me?** And he said unto Him, Master, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love (*phileo* – G5368) Thee. **ἠγάπα σε** saith unto him, **Feed My sheep**. (John 21:17)

Fixing Peter's Faith and Spirit

- **Thou shalt love** (G25) **thy neighbour as thyself.** (Matthew 19:19)
 - “love” - agapaō (ἀγαπάς – G25) - from ἄγαν ágan (much) (or compare H5689); to love (in a social or moral sense):—(be-)love(-ed), to love dearly
- **Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love** (G5368) **greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;** (Luke 20:46)
 - “love” - philéō (φιλέω - G5368); from G5384; to be a friend to (fond of (an individual or an object)), i.e. have affection for (denoting personal attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while G25 is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the deliberate assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety
- And the Adon said, **Simon! behold, satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.** (Luke 22:31-32)

Feed His Sheep



- let us not love in word... but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)
- As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of Elohiym. (1 Peter 4:10 - NKJV)
- As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (Galatians 6:10)
- Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? **Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily:** and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of אֱלֹהִים shall be thy rereward. (Isaiah 58:7-8)
- And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; **then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:** (Isaiah 58:10)
- He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; **his righteousness endureth for ever** (Psalm 112:9)

The Spiritual Wilderness

Apostle Murmuring and Humbling

- **Truth! I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.** This spake He, signifying by what death he should glorify Elohiym. And when He had spoken this, He saith unto him, **Follow Me.** Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom **ⲉⲱⲑⲁⲗ** loved following; which also leaned on His breast at supper, and said, Adon, which is he that betrayeth Thee? Peter seeing him saith to **ⲉⲱⲑⲁⲗ**, Adon, and **what shall this man do?** **ⲉⲱⲑⲁⲗ** saith unto him, **If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou Me.** (John 21:18-22)



The Spiritual Wilderness

Some Will Be Blind to The Truth

- Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw Him, they worshipped Him: **but some doubted.** (Matthew 28:16-17)
- And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: After that, He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. After that, He was seen of James; then of all the apostles. (1 Corinthians 15:5-7)
 - The ones that doubted were almost certainly some of the 500 Galileans that Paul had referenced.

Final Preparation Begins (Day 40)

- Messiah continued to teach the apostles until His ascension
 - To whom also He shewed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of Elohiym: (Acts 1:3)
- Messiah gave them instruction to follow:
 - And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. (Acts 1:4)
- Messiah humbled them:
 - ...they asked of Him, saying, Adon, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.** (Acts 1:6-7)

The Promise (Day 40)

- **For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Set Apart Spirit not many days hence.** (Acts 1:5)
 - Behold, the days come, saith **אֲנִי**, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah... (Jeremiah 31:31)
 - And **אֲנִי** thy Elohiym will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love אֲנִי thy Elohiym with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. (Deuteronomy 30:6)
 - **Turn you** at My reproof: behold, I will pour out My spirit unto you, I will make known My words unto you. (Proverbs 1:23)
 - And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My spirit upon all flesh... (Joel 2:28)
 - And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications... (Zechariah 12:10)
 - ...I will pour My spirit upon thy seed, and My blessing upon thine offspring (Isaiah 44:3)

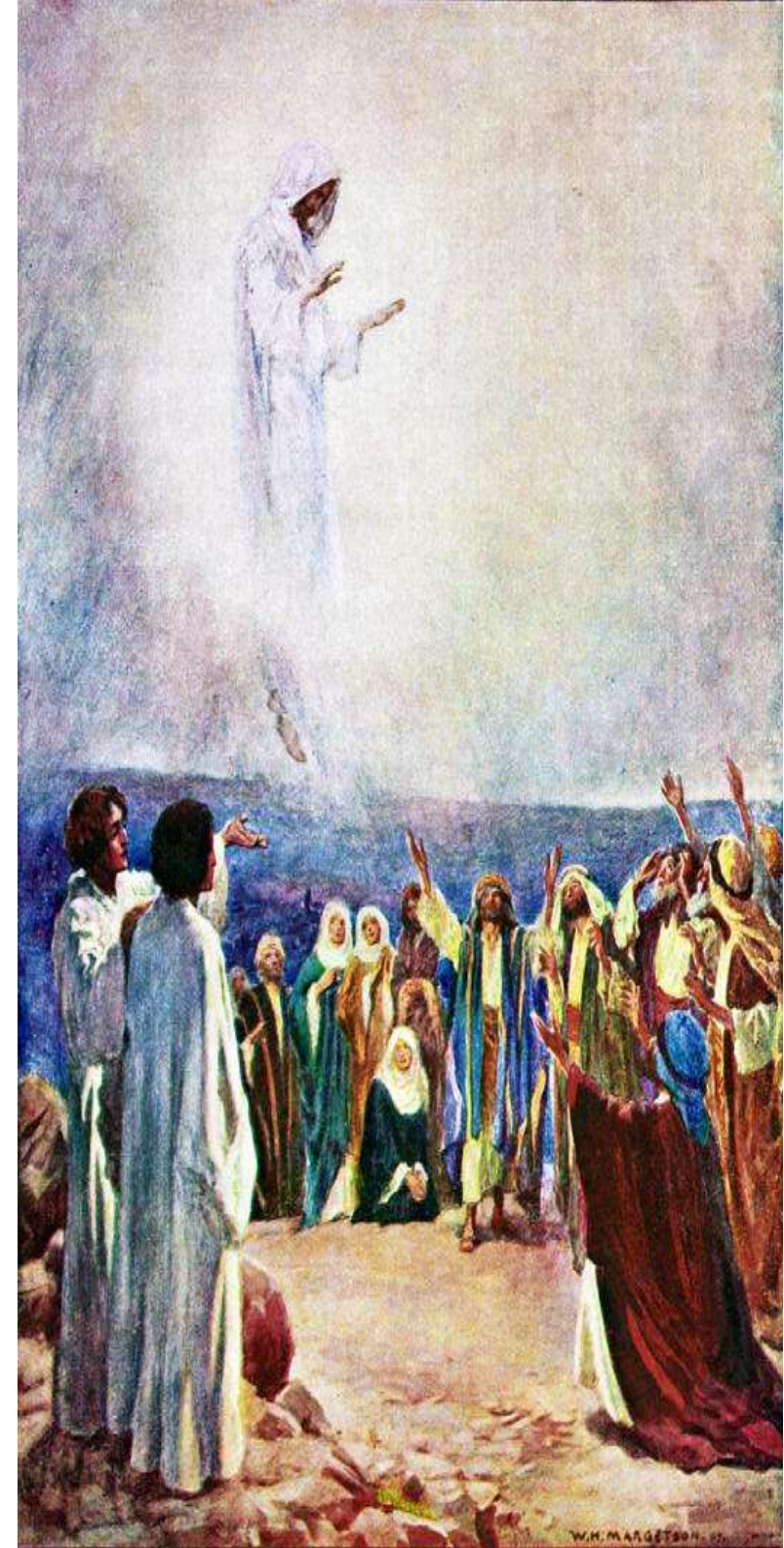
The New Covenant (Day 40)

- And ⲉⲩⲱⲛⲉⲛ came and spake unto them, saying, **All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...and keep all that I commanded you.** (Matthew 28:18-20)



The Ascension (Day 40)

- And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and He lifted up His hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. (Luke 24:50-51)
 - And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:9)



We Are One Day Closer !!!

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same ☉☽☿♂♁♂, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven.** (Acts 1:10-11)




Sanctification

(Days 40-50)

- And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. (Acts 1:4)



Sanctification (Days 40-50)

- And it came to pass, while He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And **they worshipped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:** (Luke 24:52)
- Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet... where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. **These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of , and with His brethren.** (Acts 1:12-14)
- And were **continually in the temple, praising and blessing Elohiym.** (Luke 24:53)



Supposed to be Sanctification...

Apostles Not Following Instructions

- And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said...Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled which the Set Apart Spirit by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Messiah...**For it is written in the book of Psalms**, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his office let another take. Wherefore of these men which have companied with us... must one be ordained to be a witness with us of His resurrection... And they prayed, and said, Thou, Adon, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two Thou hast chosen... And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:15-16/21-22)

Men Attempting to Fulfill Prophecy

- And they have rewarded Me evil for good, and hatred for My love. Set thou a wicked man over him: and let satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few; and let another take his office. (Psalm 109:5-8)
- The apostles were trying to ensure that the 12th position was filled quickly to allow for His kingdom to come
 - **And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as My Father hath appointed unto Me; That ye may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.** (Luke 22:29-30)
 - When they therefore were come together, they asked of Him, saying, Adon, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6)
 - ...the set apart Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from Elohiym...And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. (Revelation 21:10/14)

Thy Kingdom Come

- I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith יְהוָה. (Zephaniah 3:18-20)
 - solemn assemblies: Unleavened Bread, day 7 (Deu 16:8); Feast of Tabernacles, day 8 - Eighth Assembly (Lev 23:36)
- And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and יְהוָה shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. (Micah 4:7)
 - “halted” (H6760, הצלעה), to limp (flocks wearied with heat and journeying)
- And the woman fled into the wilderness... (Revelation 12:6)

“You Are The Messiah”

- ...began **עצמו** to shew unto His disciples, how that He must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. Then Peter took Him, and began to rebuke Him, saying, Be it far from Thee, Adon: this shall not be unto Thee. But He turned, and said unto Peter, **Get thee behind Me, satan: thou art an offence unto Me: for thou savourest not the things that be of El, but those that be of men... For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.** (Matthew 16:21-23/26-27)
- ...they asked of Him, saying, Adon, wilt Thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And He said unto them, **It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in His own power.** (Acts 1:6-7)

Men Attempting to Fulfill Prophecy

- Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. (Isaiah 66:8)



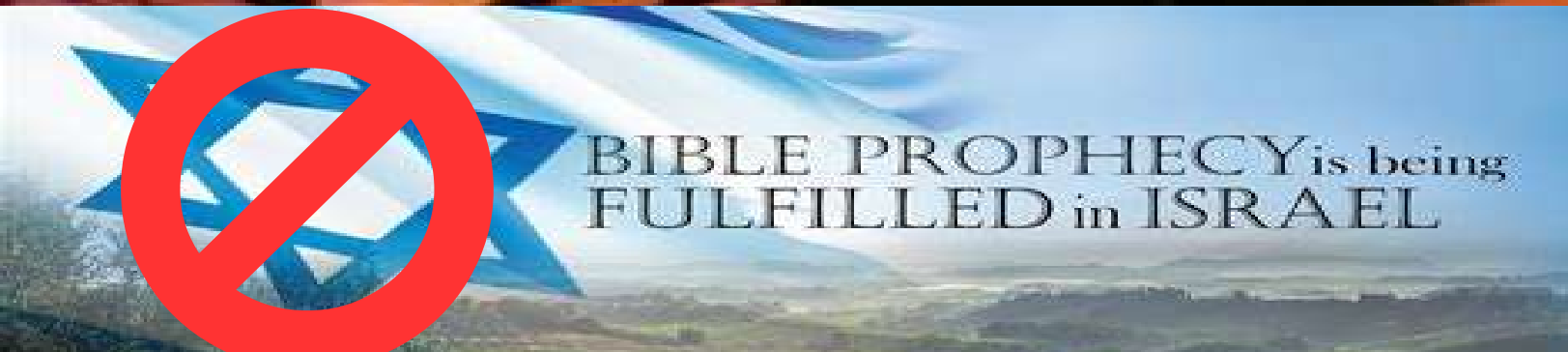
MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

This is how a nation is born at once



I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

(Zechariah 3:9)



The Purpose of the Wilderness

- Our Father uses the wilderness of this life to humble/refine, test, and teach us.
 - And thou shalt remember all the way which אִיִּי thy Elohiym led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep His commandments, or no. And He humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that He might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of אִיִּי doth man live. (Deuteronomy 8:2-3)

Apostles in the Spiritual Wilderness

- **The apostles were humbled, tested, and taught**
 - **Hiding in fear and unbelief (all)** (John 20:19)
 - **Lack of faith (all/Thomas)** (John 20:25)
 - **Gone fishin' (Peter and 6 others)** (John 21:3)
 - **Feed My sheep (Peter)** (John 21:15-17)
 - **Bear your cross (Peter)** (John 21:18-21)
 - **Be ready, be refined (all)** (Acts 1:14/ 2:1)
 - **Men trying to fulfill prophecy (Peter)** (Acts 1:15-26)

The Apostles...

The Apostles...Were Just Like the Children of Israel during the Exodus

- Fearful
- Mourning
- Didn't believe (multiple times)
- Didn't obey (multiple times)
- Murmured
- Didn't remain humble
- Not patient and did not trust His plan
- Started getting serious about sanctification just in time



The Wilderness is the Preparation

- Moses went to the Midian wilderness (Sinai) for **40 years** before being called by I AM (Acts 7:29-30)
- The nation of Israel was led for **40 years** in the Midian (Sinai/ Horeb) wilderness before entering the Promised Land (Joshua 5:6)
- David went to the wilderness (about **10 years**) before being made king (1 Samuel 23:14)
- Elijah went to the Midian wilderness (Horeb) for **40 days** (1 Kings 19:8)
- John the Baptist lived in the wilderness (over **25 years**) before his ministry (Luke 3:2)
- Messiah fasted in the wilderness for **40 days** before starting to call for the lost sheep of Israel (Mark 1:13)
- The Apostles were in a spiritual wilderness for **40 days**. (Acts 1:3)
- Paul went to the Midian wilderness (Arabia) for about **3 years** before starting his ministry (Galatians 1:17-18; 4:18)

The Physical and Spiritual Wilderness (Old Covenant/ New Covenant)

- Initial Deliverance
 - Exodus – delivered from the physical slavery of Egypt
 - Gospels – delivered from the spiritual slavery of sin
- Interim
 - Exodus – difficult physical trials through the wilderness
 - Gospels – difficult spiritual trials without Messiah
- The Promise/ Reward
 - Exodus – serve Elohiym at Sinai/ receive the Torah
 - Acts – serve Messiah in the world/ receive the Set Apart Spirit
- Next
 - Exodus – additional wilderness trials before the promised land
 - Acts/Now – additional wilderness trials before the promised land

Days of the Omer/Wilderness: Sanctification (Be Chosen)

- The Counting of the Omer and the examples given by the Word implores us to prepare our minds and our bodies, to cleanse them, to whiten our clothes, to prepare a set apart temple for the indwelling of the Set Apart Spirit for His glory and His Name's sake, and to be ready for the wedding.
- **And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:** And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then **said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.** For many are called, but few are chosen. (Matthew 22:11-14)



Days of the Omer

Sanctification to Shavuot (Day 50)

- And when the day of Shavuot was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly... (Acts 2:1)



Peter Letting Him Down

- ...Depart from me; for I am a sinful man... (Luke 5:8)
- ...**Get thee behind Me, satan...** (Matthew 16:23)
- ...let us make here three tabernacles... (Matthew 17:4)
- ...they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes... (Matthew 17:24-25)
- ...**this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny Me thrice.** (Matthew 26:34)
- ...**Peter, What, could ye not watch with Me one hour?** (Matthew 26:40)
- And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: (1 Corinthians 15:5)
- ...I go a fishing... (John 21:3)
- ...**Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou Me more than these?**... (John 21:15)
- ...what shall this man do?... (John 21:23)
- Peter... bishoprick let another take... must one be ordained... (Acts 1:15/20/22)
- Then came Peter to Him, and said, Adon, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? **⓪ⓂⓉⓂ** saith unto him, I say not unto thee, **Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.** (Matthew 18:21-22)

His Mercy and Faithfulness

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of Jehovah's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness. Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. Jehovah is good unto them that wait for Him, to the soul that seeketh Him. (Lamentations 3:21-23)

A sunset over a body of water with a large, dark, textured rock in the foreground. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of blue, orange, and yellow. The water reflects the colors of the sky. The rock in the foreground is dark and has a rough, porous texture.

*Days of the Omer:
The Walk to Shavuot*