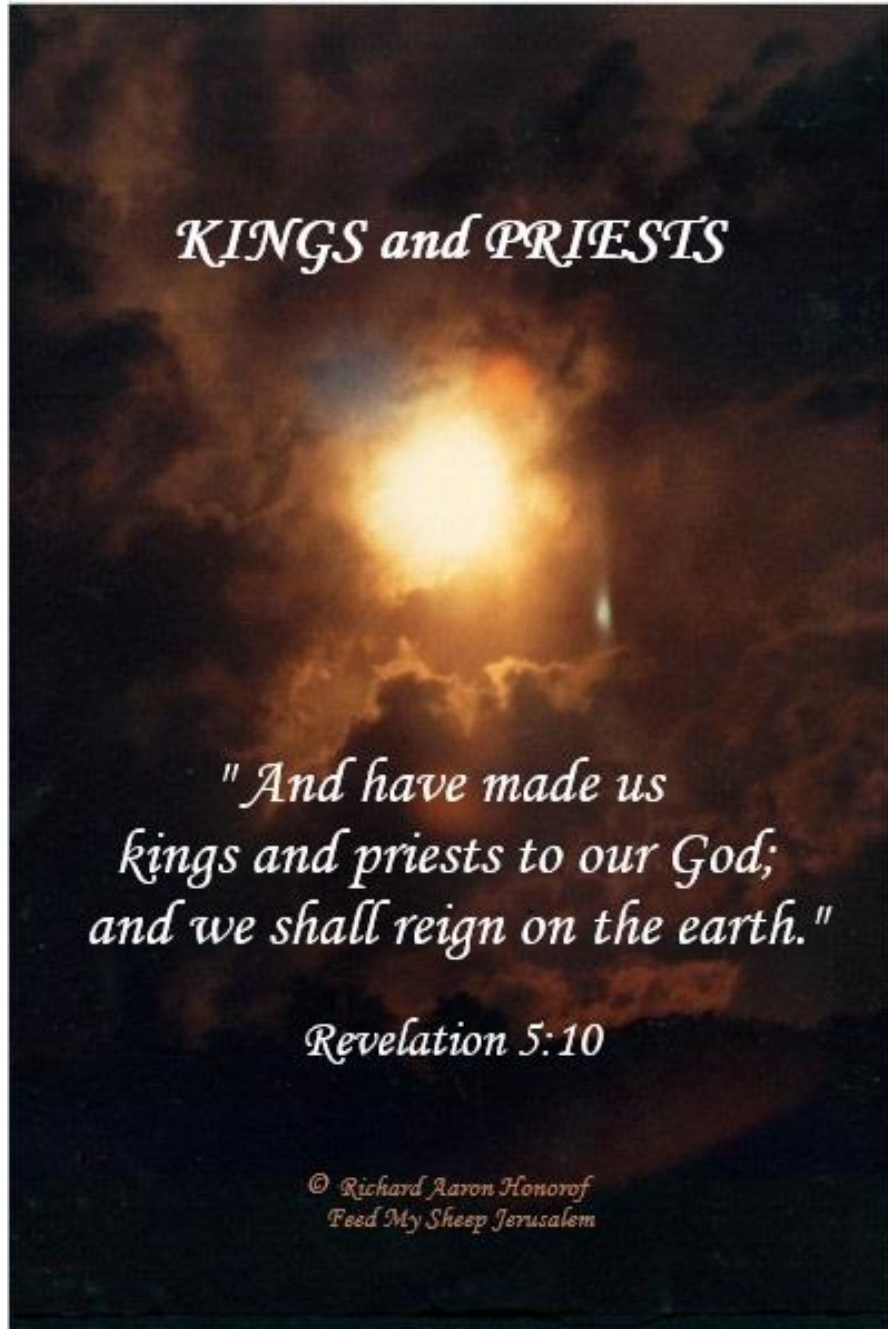


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Introduction

The knowledge that the members of the Body of Messiah are being made into kings and priests to God was again highlighted to me while studying ‘One of the Greatest Mysteries of all Bible Mysteries is King - High Priest Yeshua’s secret family identity!’ by Richard Aaron Honorof (www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com).

Having read the 22 Scripture points of proofs referencing this Truth about Yeshua (Jesus) also being born from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron through Miriam’s mother, I realized I had limited personal and practical understanding of how to walk daily as a king and priest, and how this now pertains to the Body of Messiah.

The first references to a King and Priest in the Word is in Genesis 14:18. “And Melchi Zedek (My King of Righteousness) King of Salem brought forth bread and wine; He was the Priest of God Most High.” We have already established that this title of Melchi Zedek (see Psalm 110:1, 4) in the Hebrew, refers to Yeshua (Jesus).

The Lord Yeshua established the Aaronic priesthood on earth in order to usher in the law (torah) to the earth, while the Eternal Melchi Zedek Priesthood had pre-existed in Heaven. The Lord gave Moses the blueprint for the Aaronic priesthood and the written law (torah) on Mount Sinai. The written law was received under the Aaronic priesthood, and not the Aaronic priesthood under the law. (Hebrews 7:11-12). When the priesthood changed, there was also a change in the law. In the Aaronic priesthood the priests of Aaron could never become kings. Also after king David, the kings of Israel were from the family of David until the Kingdom of Israel split into

northern and southern kingdoms. Kings could never become priests, and priests could never become kings. This was a structured system.

There was a separation of kings and priests until Yeshua (Jesus) rose from the dead, taking up His position as King and High Priest of the Melchi Zedek (My King of Righteousness) Priesthood in Heaven, a position which He had held prior, before He came to earth as the Word made flesh. (John 1:14, and 1 John 5:7)

So, the Holy Spirit led me to begin studying the kings and priests in the Old Testament, to discover the standards God had established for both kings and priests.

God is

all love	all mercy	all majesty
all joy	all grace	all powerful
all peace	all justice	all might
all longsuffering	all judgment	all truth
all gentleness	all wisdom	all knowing
all goodness	all holiness	all patience
all faith	all meekness	all righteousness
all meekness	all self-control	all purity

God is

Omnipotent	Omniscient	Omnipresent
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totally beyond our comprehension

We are finite, He is infinite. He is our Creator. All mankind is His creation. All true believers are New Creations, created in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus) through His Cross, His death and shed Blood. His name Yeshua (Jesus) means Salvation and God is my Savior.

“For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah Yeshua for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Yeshua did not make New Creations to be kings and priests to Himself out of duty; but to be willing, joyous kings and priests, filled with praise and wonder of Him, and out of love for Him. Being a king and a priest to the Lord is not just a service but a way of living. Being a king and priest is not a duty being performed once a week or on a certain day; but daily living a surrendered, Spirit-filled life.

The basis, the starting point for all kings and priests and also for all people of God is found in Deuteronomy 6 ...

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

It is important to note that the words which God commanded were to be in their hearts, and on their lips, and in their thoughts. This also applies directly to all the members of the Body of Messiah.

Loving God is essential to daily walking as a king and priest unto God. It is the first Commandment and the root of our being as born from above believers.

As I was researching Israel’s and Judah’s kings, beginning with Saul and ending with Zedekiah, the Holy Spirit pointed out the most significant attributes of His appointed kings. He also did the same as I was researching, pointing out the most significant attributes of His

priests from Leviticus and Deuteronomy. These are outlined below. It is important to remember that the priests came before the kings.

KINGS

PRIESTS

Obedience to God	Obedience to God
Wisdom: Prudent	Offer sacrifice and praise to God
Circumspect	Consecrated
Have insight	Separated to God
Teach	Taught of the Lord
Fear of the Lord	Fear of the Lord
Trust in the Lord	Trust in the Lord
Rejoice in the Lord	Minister to the Lord
Righteous lips Received instruction from God via the prophets and priests Authority over the enemy	“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.” Malachi 2:7
Scatters the wicked	Not profane the Name of God
Honor	Blesses the Name of the Lord
Mercy and truth preserve him	Intercession and Decrees

Many, though not all the kings and priests in Israel and Judah did not love or fear God. They taught their children to worship idols and led the people into worshipping idols. They did not talk with their children about the Words of the Lord God. They did not talk about

or think on His Word or His ways when they walked by the way or when they lay down to rest, or when they rose up.

By the time Yeshua (Jesus) was born, Israel had been without a king for quite some time, and was under occupation by the Roman Empire. There were no more kings in Israel, but the Aaronic priesthood still continued, although then very corrupted. Herod's appointed two high priests were not from the Zadokite high priest family, God's only chosen and also appointed high priest family. (Luke 3:2, and Ezekiel 44:10-16)

Yeshua (Jesus), born both the Son of God and the Son of Man surrendered His life as the Son of Man, totally obeying His Father in order to bring God's Salvation to both mankind and to the earth.

When Yeshua (Jesus) shed His sinless Blood and died as the Son of Man, He fulfilled the Mosaic law. After He rose from the dead, the Melchi Zedek Priesthood was then established on the earth. With the changing of the priesthood, from the Aaronic to the Melchi Zedek, the law (torah) was then put in our minds and written on our hearts. (See Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:25-27; Hebrews 7:11-12)

Yeshua is once again King and High Priest of Heaven. And the New Covenant was established with the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on 120 'born again' Jewish believers on Shavuot (Pentecost) in Jerusalem. Yeshua's (Jesus's) Body of believers were elevated to become spiritual kings and priests, where each believer could become both a king and a priest.

Each and every believer is now able to become both a king and priest to God by the work of the Holy Spirit, whether male or female, young or old, from any nationality, or color of skin.

To God be all the Glory!

ELEVATION FROM FLESH TO SPIRIT HAPPENED WHEN YESHUA SHED HIS SINLESS BLOOD & ROSE FROM the DEAD

Seated Together: Believers are raised up together and made to sit together in the heavenly places in Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus). (Ephesians 2:6)

Holy of Holies: The Temple with the Holy of Holies is currently not on the earth – it is wide open in Heaven. (Hebrews 4:15-16)

Structured Priesthood: There no longer exists any earthly structured priesthood recognized by God. God’s priesthood is of the Spirit. The New Covenant that was established on earth with the Melchi Zedek Priesthood after Yeshua (Jesus) rose from the dead made the Aaronic priesthood in many ways obsolete. But God said 10 different places in the Old Testament Scriptures the Aaronic priesthood would be forever. (Hebrews 8:13; Ezekiel 48:10, 11)

Yeshua is Heaven’s High Priest of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood!

Yeshua’s (Jesus’s) Body of believers are kings and priests to God, not to men. And this kingship and priesthood are fluid and not structured, because the Holy Spirit abides in the spirit of all true believers. There is no longer a structure whereby some earthly high priest approaches God to atone for the sins of the people. Every believer can and is encouraged to now approach God individually because of all that Yeshua’s Blood accomplished for us as believers.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses; but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:15-16

“And having a High Priest over the House of God;” (Hebrews 10:21)

If you need further reference, please review Hebrews 10:14-25

The Church: The Church is no longer simply a physical building. Peter states, “Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ).” (1 Peter 2:4, 5)

Intercession: Intercession is now in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us, and also does Yeshua (Jesus):

“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He that searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26–27)

“Who is he that condemns? It is Messiah (Yeshua) who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us?” (Romans 8:34)

“Therefore He is also able to save them to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)

Now there is no longer an earthly structured New Covenant priesthood in place to make intercession. Nor are the people who have gone before us to Heaven to make intercession. All believers on the earth are called to make intercession, but only through the operation of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:26-27)

Intercession is reserved for Yeshua and the Holy Spirit of God.

Mediator: Yeshua (Jesus) is the Mediator of the New Covenant. “For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the Man Yeshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ).” (1 Timothy 2:5)

“But now He has obtained a more excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.” (Hebrews 8:6)

“How much more shall the Blood of the Messiah (Christ), who through the Eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the mediator of the New Covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called might receive the promise of Eternal Inheritance.” (Hebrews 9:14-15)

“And to Yeshua (Jesus) the mediator of the New Covenant, and to the Blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel.” (Hebrews 12:24)

There is no man or woman on earth who mediates the New Covenant. Yeshua (Jesus) is the sole mediator of the New Covenant.

- **Circumcision: Circumcision is of the heart and not the flesh and is accomplished at baptism (immersion) by Yeshua (Jesus). (Colossians 2:11-12)**
- **Storehouse: The storehouse is now in Heaven. Yeshua (Jesus) says, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)**

- **Laws: Laws are now written on the hearts since Yeshua (Jesus) was raised from the dead and took up His office as High Priest of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood in Heaven:**

“I will write My laws in your hearts.” The laws He is talking about:

Law of Faith	Romans 3:27
Law of the Spirit of Life	Romans 8:2
Law of Righteousness	Romans 9:31
Law of Christ	Galatians 6:2
Law of Liberty	James 1:25, and James 2:12

HIGH PRIEST REFERENCES IN THE NEW COVENANT

After Yeshua (Jesus) died and rose from the dead, many of the children of Israel did not believe in or accept the New Covenant. Therefore they still continued with the Old Mosaic Covenant Aaronic priest system until the Temple was destroyed in 70 A.D. The Book of Acts references the high priests under that context. After the Book of Acts, the only mention of a High Priest begins in Hebrews 2:17-18, and is talking about Yeshua (Jesus).

“Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.” (Hebrews 2:17, 18)

The following references are the only other places in the New Covenant where a High Priest is being referred to, and all these references are talking about Yeshua (Jesus):

Hebrews 3:1, 2 “Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Yeshua the Messiah (Christ Jesus), who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all his house.”

Hebrews 4:14-16 “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Yeshua (Jesus), the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Hebrews 5:5 So also Messiah (Christ) did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, “You are My Son, today I have begotten you.” 5:10 “... called by God as High Priest of the Melchi Zedek (My King of Righteousness) Priesthood.”

Hebrews 6:20 “... where the forerunner has entered for us, even Yeshua (Jesus), having become High Priest forever of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood.”

Hebrews 7:25-28 “Therefore He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who have weakness, but the word of the oath, which came after the law, appoints the Son

who has been perfected forever.”

Hebrews 8:1-2 “Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the Throne of the Majesty in the Heavens, a Minister of the Sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.”

Hebrews 9:11, 12 “But Messiah (Christ) came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own Blood He entered in Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained Eternal redemption.”

PRIESTHOOD REFERENCES IN THE NEW COVENANT

The only mention of a priesthood after the Book of Acts can be found in the following, and refers to Yeshua (Jesus) and the Body of Messiah:

Hebrews 7: the entire chapter

1 Peter 2:5, 9

The only mention of priests after the Book of Acts can be found in the Book of Revelation and refer to the Body of Messiah:

Revelation 1:6

Revelation 5:10

Revelation 20:6

The scriptures referring to the Body of Messiah as a priesthood and kings and priests to God are quoted below:

1 Peter 2:5 “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah.”

1 Peter 2:9 “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

Revelation 1:6 “And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen”

Revelation 5:10 “And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

Revelation 20:6 “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of the Messiah (Christ), and shall reign with Him a thousand years.”

It is noteworthy the Scriptures state that as the Body of Messiah that we are kings and priests to God. We are not kings and priests to men. We are really New Creations of kings and priests; because of Messiah’s Living Blood we are truly New Creations in Yeshua.

The Lord said, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.” (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

Believers are being made into the Likeness of God:

Then God said, **“Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”** (Genesis 1:26-28)

* But it was not until after Yeshua (Jesus) died and rose from the dead, with the Spirit of God poured out on those 1st 120 ‘born again’ believers, **that God could begin to make mankind into His likeness.**

Also to become **kings and priests to God** is a process of growth and maturity, just as the process of going from a child of God (John 1:12) to becoming a son of God. (Hebrews 2:10, Revelation 21:7)

Yeshua (Jesus), as Melchi Zedek, the King and High Priest of Heaven came to show mankind **the Way to His Father**, the Way to Heaven. Yeshua was born as both the Son of God and Son of Man, but He functioned mainly **as the Son of Man, as the humble priest.** But Yeshua will be returning to earth as the Mighty King of Glory!

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Messiah Yeshua (Jesus), who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, **but made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a) bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the Cross.**” (Philippians 2:5-8)

At that time the disciples came to Yeshua (Jesus), saying, “Who then is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?” Then Yeshua (Jesus) called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them, and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 18:1-4)

So, what is the role of a ‘born again’ believer in the Body of Messiah (Christ) as it pertains to being a king and a priest to God? All of these attributes of kings and priests from the Old Testament are now blended together in every individual member of the Body of Messiah (Christ), and can only be accomplished through the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit. All of the attributes of the Old Testament kings and priests are also in the New Creation. Every ‘born again’ believer has each aspect of a king and a priest, as outlined in the chart above, indwelling in his or her heart.

Built into a truly ‘born again’ person are the attributes of both kings and priests (obedience, wisdom, trust, and fear in the Lord, taught of the Lord, concentrated, separated to God, righteous lips, keeping the knowledge of God, messengers of God, offering spiritual sacrifices). If they were not, we could not be kings and priests to God. We must seek the Lord, learn from His Word and His Spirit how to act on those things that He reveals to us. After all, we are to be kings and priests to Him. So only Yeshua (Jesus) can instruct us as to how that is accomplished for each of us individually.

Again the starting point for us to become kings and priests to God begins with the first Commandment:

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and

shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

Yeshua (Jesus) said, “And the second is like it, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two Commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:39-40)

Then Yeshua (Jesus) gave a new Commandment, one that did not erase the first two given above but augmented them. He said, “A new Commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.” (John 13:34-35)

John 15:13 “Greater love has no one than this,
than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”

OBEDIENCE:

Obedience is a major key to being a king and priest to God. Obedience is one way we love the LORD our God. Yeshua (Jesus) says, “If you love Me, keep My Commandments.” (John 14:15)

“He who has My Commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest Myself to him.” (John 14:21)

Yeshua (Jesus) answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the Word which you hear is not Mine but My Father’s who sent Me.” (John 14:23-24)

**“If you keep My Commandments, you shall abide in My Love; even as I have kept My Father’s Commandments, and abide in His Love. You are My friends if you do what I command you.” (John 15:10,14)
1st John 5:17 “... but he who does the will of God abides forever.”**

Luke 22:42 “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.”

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.” (Romans 8:14)

Obey (Hebrew) - shâma` - obey, to hear, listen to, obey, understand, give heed; # of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 1,115

“And in your Seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice” (Genesis 22:18)

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land.” (Isaiah 1:18-19)

So Samuel said, “Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king.” (1 Samuel 15:22, 23)

Obey (Greek) - hupakouō – to hear under (as a subordinate), to listen attentively in order to heed or conform to a command or authority; # of times this word is used in the New Testament = 32

**“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?”
(Romans 6:16)**

There are so many Scriptures to reference where the Lord talks about obeying His voice, obeying His Word, obeying His judgments, and the multiple references to the nation of Israel and individuals obeying or not obeying the voice of the Lord, and the consequences of each action.

HUMILITY AND THE WALK OF THE CROSS:

An integral aspect of obedience is humility. The walk of the Cross cannot be accomplished without obedience and humility.

Humble (Hebrew) – ʾānāw ʾānāy -depressed (gentle), lowly, meek

“Now the man Moses was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.” (Numbers 12:3)

**“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”
2Chronicles 7:14**

Humble (Greek) – tapeinoō – depress, humiliate, bring low

“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 10:39 He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:38)

Then Yeshua (Jesus) said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his

life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Matthew 16:24-26)

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the Gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:34-37)

Then He said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?” (Luke 9:23-25)

“If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.” (Luke 14:26-27)

John 8:29 “And He who sent Me is with Me. My Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.”

Psalms 25:9 The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. Proverbs 11:2 When pride comes, then comes shame; but with the humble is wisdom. Proverbs 29:23 A man’s pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.

1 Peter 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “GOD resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the Mighty Hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time.

SACRIFICE:

The Old Covenant sacrifices required blood, the slaughter of an animal. The New Covenant required blood as well, divine Blood of Yeshua (Jesus) who was slaughtered at the cross shedding His perfect blood. Yeshua (Jesus) fulfilled every sacrifice. There is no longer any blood sacrifice that can be offered. So what sacrifices are ‘born again’ members of the Body of Messiah expected to offer?

Sacrifice (Hebrew) -zebach – an animal slaughter, the act or victim. # of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 155

There were multiple sacrifices: burnt offering, grain offering, peace offering, sin offering, trespass offering.

Sacrifice (Greek) - thusia– the act or the victim – literally or figuratively; # of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 29

Physical “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

Giving “Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God.” (Philippians 4:18)

Spirit / soul “Therefore by Him (Yeshua - Jesus) let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.” (From the above chart – “For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge ... for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. (Righteous lips – kings) (Malachi 2:7; Hebrews 1:15)

Spirit “You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Messiah Yeshua (Jesus).” (1 Peter 2:5)

SERVANTHOOD (THE PRIEST) AND SONSHIP:

The role of a priest has always been to serve and minister to the Lord. Service is a role of humility. Sonship is belonging. A son or daughter is one who is a member of the family with all of the rights and blessings offered by the Head of the family. The concept of sonship does not negate service. The Lord God Almighty who welcomed us as sons and daughters through the Blood of Yeshua (Jesus) deserves our service, our work, our labor, and our ministering to Him. Yeshua (Jesus) the Son of God came to serve both God and man.

Serve (Hebrew) - 'âbad-to work, labor, serve God

Psalm 100:1-5 “Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.”

Serve (Greek) – to be an attendant, wait upon, minister to

Luke 22:25-27 “Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. And He said to them ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors. But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.”

John 12:26 “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor.”

Matthew 25:21 “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the Joy of your Lord.’ ”

TRUTH:

John 14:6 Yeshua (Jesus) said to him, “**I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to My Father except through Me.**”

John 8:31 Then Yeshua said to those Jews who believed Him, “**If you abide in My Word, you are My disciples indeed. 8:32 And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free.**”

John 16:13 “**However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all Truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**”

James 1:18 Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of Truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

Proverbs 25:2 It is the Glory of God to conceal a matter, but the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

DAILY CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE FOR SINS:

When we became New Creations in Yeshua (Jesus), we were designed to not sin. However, we daily deal with the flesh which is at enmity with God. It is vital to turn to God, to be quick to repent and to ask forgiveness when we do sin.

1 John 1:9 “**If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”

Matthew 6:14 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 6:15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”

“For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

ACCEPTABLE:

Any sacrifice must be acceptable to the Lord.

Acceptable (Hebrew) -râtsôn râtsôn – delight, pleasure, favor, goodwill, acceptance; # of times used in the Old Covenant is = 56

“Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My House of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My House shall be called a House of prayer for all nations.” (Isaia 56:7)

Acceptable (Greek) - euprosdektos – fully agreeable, acceptable, wellpleasing; # of times this word is used in the New Covenant is = 9

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable, to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Any sacrifice offered unto God must be acceptable and pleasing to God.

“For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:9-10)

CONSECRATE:

Just as Moses was to consecrate, anoint and sanctify Aaron and his sons so they could minister to the Lord in the office of priests; so Jesus already consecrated, anointed and sanctified us so we can enter the Holy of Holies not only to obtain help; but to minister to the Lord as priests.

**Consecrate (Hebrew) - mâlê' mâlê' - fill or be full, accomplished, complete, confirm # of times this word used in Old Covenant = 196
“So you shall put them (coats, belts and turbans) on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him. You shall anoint them, consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister to Me as priests.”
(Exodus 28:41)**

**Consecrate (Greek) - egkainizō -renew, inaugurate, consecrate, dedicate # of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 2
“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter into the holiest by the Blood of Yeshua (Jesus), by a new and living way, which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”
(Hebrews 10:19-22)**

SEPARATE:

Christians are not called out of the world because we are to be light and salt; but we are to separate from the influences and the ways of the world. See 1 John 2:15-16

Separate (Hebrew) - pâlâh – to distinguish, put a difference, marvelous, set apart, marked out

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 7

“For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.” (Exodus 33:16)

“But know that the Lord has set apart for Himself him that is godly: the Lord will hear when I call to Him.” (Psalm 4:3)

Separate (Greek) - aphorizō – to set off by boundary, limit, exclude, divide # of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 10

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Messiah (Christ) with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the Temple of the Living God. As God has said, I will dwell in them, and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Therefore come out from among them, and be separate, says the Lord, do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

HOLY:

The Hebrew word for holy/holiness appears for the first time in Exodus 3:5. The definitions for the Hebrew and Greek words are below. God has multiple upon multiple inherent characteristics. Holiness is one of the many facets of Who He is. Holiness is not something you do in the flesh to become acceptable to God. Holiness is a part of the new birth just like righteousness. It is part of the

exchange – when Yeshua (Jesus) rose from the dead, we became holy with His holiness as well as righteous with His righteousness. Holiness proceeds from the new spirit and the new heart. Without being born again, wearing appropriate apparel, moral conduct, acceptable conversation and behavior cannot make a person holy. It is impossible for the flesh to produce holiness. God, who is a Spirit, imparts His holiness to the spirit of an individual who has repented and made Yeshua (Jesus) his Lord. At that point the Lord gives the individual a new heart and a new spirit and places His Spirit into that individual's new spirit.

Then His holiness by His Spirit produces holy thoughts and actions. Consequently, He is able to say, “Be you holy as I am holy”. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

The Lord never expects us to do or be something we can never be.

Holy (Hebrew) - qōdesh – a sacred place or thing, sanctity – consecrated, dedicated, hallowed, saint, apartness, sacredness

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 376

“Then He said, ‘Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.’ ”

(Exodus 3:5)

“For I Am the Lord who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

(Leviticus 11:45)

Holy (Greek) - hagios – sacred, physically pure, morally blameless, consecrated, saint; # of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 153 – holy 60 – saints 4 – one 1 - saint 1 – saints’ 1 - thing

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1)

“But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, ‘BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY!’ ”
(1 Peter 1:15-16)

**Hebrews 12:14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness,
without which no one will see the Lord:**

hieros-sacred, consecrated

of times in the New Covenant = 1-holy 1-as things

“And that from a childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Yeshua HaMashiach (Christ Jesus).” (2 Timothy 3:15)

hosios – properly right, consecration, purity from defilement, hallowed, undefiled by sin

of times in the New Covenant = 4-holy 2-one 1-be 1-mercies

“For such a high priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens.” (Hebrews 7:26)

hagiōsunē – sacredness, majesty, moral purity

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 3

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Holiness (Greek) - hagiasmos – purification (that is the state of purity; sanctification

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 10

“Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:” (Hebrews 12:14)

hosiotēs – piety # of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 2

“That you put off, concerning the former conduct, the old man

which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22-24)

hieroprepēs – reverent

#of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 1

“The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior as becomes holiness, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things...” (Titus 2:3)

hagiotēs – sanctity – (that is properly the state): holiness

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 1

“Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness.” (Hebrews 12:9-10)

THE FEAR OF THE LORD:

This study is addressing the fear of the LORD that was essential to kings and priests. It often means to be afraid, to dread, to have terror, as well as reverence and honor.

Fear (Hebrew) – yârê– fear, be afraid, stand in awe, reverence, honor, respect # of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 63

“And He said, Do not your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son from Me.” (Genesis 22:12)

“The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him; and He will show them His covenant.” (Psalm 25:14)

yir'âh – fear, dread, exceeding fear, reverence

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 45

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments: His praise endures forever.” (Psalm 111:10)

Proverbs 9:10 “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

“In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.” (Proverbs 16:6)

pachad– sudden alarm, terror, dread

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 49

“My flesh trembles for fear of You; and I am afraid (yârê) of Your judgments.” (Psalm 119:120)

Fear (Greek) - phobeō– to frighten, be alarmed, be in awe, revere

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 107 times.

“And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.” (Luke 1:50)

Yeshua (Jesus) says, “And I say to you My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you shall fear. Fear Him, who after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, Fear Him.” (Luke 12:4-5)

Matthew 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven.”

Proverbs 15:33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom, and before honor is humility.

TRUST IN THE LORD:

Trust (Hebrew) - bâtach – trust, hie for refuge, be confident, sure, secure, bold, put confidence in, hope

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 119

“I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God; in Him will I trust.” (Psalm 91:2)

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not to you own understanding. 3:6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.” (Proverbs 3:5, 6)

châsâh—to flee for protection, confide in, hope, seek refuge

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 37

“Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.” (Proverbs 30:5)

yâchal-to wait, expect, be patient, tarry

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 47 times.

“My righteousness is near, My Salvation has gone forth, and My arms shall judge the peoples; the coastlands will wait upon Me, and on My arm they will trust.” (Isaiah 51:5)

‘âman – to foster as a parent, support, uphold, nourish, established, made firm, believe # of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 105

“And Abram believed in the Lord; and He accounted it to him for righteousness.” (Genesis 15:6)

“Who has believed our report? And to whom has the Arm of the LORD been revealed?” (Isaiah 53:1)

gâlal-to roll, roll away, roll down, commit,
of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 18

“He trusted on the Lord, let Him rescue Him; let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him” (Psalm 22:8)

rechats – to set one’s trust on
of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 1

Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who has sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king’s word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve or worship any god, except their own God.” (Daniel 3:28)

mibtâch – a refuge, an act of confiding, object of confidence and security # of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 15
“In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge.” Proverbs 14:26 “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord” (Jeremiah 17:7)

Trust (Greek) - **ēlpizō**- to expect or confide, hope, trust
of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 18

“And again, Isaiah says, “There shall be a root of Jesse, and He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, in Him the Gentiles shall hope.” (Romans 15:12; taken from Isaiah 11:1-3)

pēithō– to convince, to pacify or conciliate, to assent, to rely, have confidence, agree, believe, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield
of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 9
“Yes, we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God Who raises the dead, who delivered us from so great a death, and does deliver us; in whom we trust that He will still deliver us ...” (2 Corinthians 1:9-10)

“For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying, I will declare Your Name (the Father’s) to My brethren, in the in the midst of the assembly will I sing praise to You. And again, I will put My trust in Him. And again, here am I and the children which God has given Me.” (Hebrews 2:11-13; from Isaiah 8:18)

pistēuō – have faith, credit, entrust, put trust in

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 244

“But as we been approved by God to be entrusted with the Gospel, even so we speak. not as pleasing men, but God, who tests our hearts.” (1 Thessalonians 2:4)

pepōithēsis—reliance, confidence, trust

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 6

“And we have such trust Messiah (Christ) toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as being from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God, who also us sufficient ministers of the New Covenant; not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” (2 Corinthians 3:4-6)

prōēlpizō—to hope in advance of other confirmation, first trust

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 1

“That who first trusted in Messiah (Christ) should be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of Truth, the Gospel of your Salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.” (Ephesians 1:12-14)

Psalm 37:3 “Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.”

Isaiah 26:4 “Trust in the LORD forever, for in YAH, the LORD, is Everlasting Strength.”

FAITH:

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

Habakkuk “Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him;
But the just shall live by his faith.

Matthew 21:21 So Yeshua answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done.”

Matthew 9:22 But Yeshua turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; your faith has made you well.”
And the woman was made well from that hour.

Luke 17:5 And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”
17:6 So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

LIPS:

The words that cross our lips are extremely important. Jesus talked about our words and what proceeds from our heart. He cautioned us that we shall give account in the day of judgment for every idle word we speak (Matthew 12:36). Our lips are to speak the Word of God, the Wisdom of God, the praise of God.

Lips Hebrew **óâphâh óepheth**— lip, language, speech, shore, bank, brink, brim, side, edge, border, binding a. lip (as a body part); b. language; c. edge, shore, bank

of times this word is used in the Old Covenant = 112

“What man is he that desires life, and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking guile.” (Psalm 34:12-13)

“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law (torah) from his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.” (Malachi 2:7)

“For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.” (1 Peter 3:10)

Proverbs 10:19 He who restrains his lips is wise;

Proverbs 10:21 The lips of the righteous feed many;

Proverbs 15:7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge;

Proverbs 12:14 A man will be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth;

Lips Greek cheilos—a lip, of the speaking mouth

of times this word is used in the New Covenant = 6

“By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name.” (Hebrews 13:15)

Philippians 3:10 That I may know Him and the Power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings ...

1st Corinthians 8:1 We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies. 8:2 And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

Galatians 6:3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

All Glory and Honor and Praise to Yeshua for this special book,

Kings and Priests

Author's Conclusions

In summary, being a king and priest to God is not something to be taken lightly, cast aside, or ignored. It is vital for those who are born again from above, a life-giving source creating an unbreakable communion with Yeshua, with our Father, and with the Holy Spirit.

Being a king and priest separates us from the evil of this present age and gives us the path to ministering to the Lord in a manner acceptable and pleasing to Him. Our hearts and minds are turned God-ward and He becomes the center of our lives.

In ministering to Yeshua as a king and priest, we learn to hear His voice, to obey His will for our lives, to walk in His holiness and power, so we are equipped to present the Gospel in a manner that is acceptable to Him. Then the Lord Yeshua can accompany our preaching with His signs and wonders and miracles.

Yeshua, the King - High Priest of Heaven of the Melchi Zedek Priesthood will be returning to earth very soon with His Bride, His Wife and the rest of His saved and believing saints, in order to begin His Millennial Kingdom Reign on the earth. The Wedding of Yeshua and His Bride had already happened in Heaven, followed by a one year honeymoon. Yeshua is the one who will build the Temple of God in Jerusalem.

Zechariah 6:11 “Take the silver and gold, make elaborate crowns, and set them on the head of Yehoshua the son of Jeho Zadak, the high priest (from the Zadokite high priest family of Aaron). 6:12 Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, “Behold, the Man (Yeshua) whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD; 6:13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD.”

He shall bear the Glory, and shall sit and rule on His Throne (King); so He shall be a Priest on His Throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both (Yeshua, the King and High Priest).’ ”

Hebrews 8:13, In that He says, “A New Covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

That statement in Hebrews 8 is only partially correct. Why?

Because God said in ten places in the Old Covenant Scriptures that the Aaronic priesthood would be forever! (Read Exodus 29:9; Exodus 40:13 -15; Numbers 10:8; 25:11-13; Deuteronomy 18:1, 2, 5; 1st Chronicles 23:13; Jeremiah 33:20-22; Ezekiel 44:10-16; 48:10,11; and Malachi 2:4.)

For in the Millennial Kingdom we see the sons of Zadok as the only Aaronic priests who serve God at the Sanctuary in Jerusalem.

Ezekiel 48:10, 11 “The Holy district shall belong to the priests, the sons of Zadok!”

John 3:29 “He who has the Bride is the Bridegroom; but the friend of the Bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the Bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled.”

The Church is not Yeshua's Bride as many have taught. But the Church is Yeshua's Body. Many references to this Truth are found in the New Covenant. See Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:17-20, 24; Ephesians 4:11-16; 1st Corinthians 12:27-31; Ephesians 5:25-30.

Within Yeshua's Body can be found Yeshua's Mystery Bride.

Yeshua's Bride is the first-fruits harvest (Shavuot) of the Lord, made up of two groups of 144, 000 each: the Jewish group found in Revelation 7:3-8 and the Gentile group found in Revelation 14:1-5.

Hosea 2:19 "I will betroth you to Me forever! Yes, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy; 2:20 I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, and you shall know the LORD.

The Marriage of Yeshua, the Lamb of God will be held in Heaven very late in the Tribulation years on the earth. This will be followed by a one year honeymoon in Heaven for training of Yeshua's Bride in order to bring Heaven down to earth; before Yeshua returns with His Bride (His Wife) and the rest of His believing saints to the earth.

Most of the other saved 'born again' believers will be Guests at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, held during the great fall Feast of Succoth, which will inaugurate the 1000 year Millennial Reign of Yeshua and His Wife (Bride) from Jerusalem over all the earth.

Many teachings on the Bride and Guests, etc... on Richard's website: www.FeedMySheepJerusalem.com See Author's Books and Articles.

There are many categories of Overcomers listed in Revelation. See Revelation 2:7; 2:11; 2:17; 2:26-28; Revelation 3:5; 3:12; 3:21.

The greatest of all the Overcomers are found in Revelation 21:7.

Revelation 2:26 and Revelation 3:21 relate to those overcomers called into kingship with Yeshua. Overcomers also in 1 John 5:4, 5.

To become a king and a priest unto God is a great major mark of growth and achievement for any 'born again' believer in Yeshua.

Galatians 5:24 And those who are Messiah's (Christ's) have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Zechariah 4:6 "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says the LORD of hosts.

Matthew 19:27 Then Peter answered and said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?”
19:28 So Yeshua said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the Throne of His Glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Luke 22:24 Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them should be considered the greatest. **22:25** And He said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called 'benefactors.'
22:26 But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. **22:27** For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves. **22:28** But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. **22:29** And I bestow upon you a Kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, **22:30** that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.”

Revelation 1:1 The Revelation of Yeshua the Messiah, which God gave Him to show His servants, things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, **1:2** who bore witness to the Word of God, and to the testimony of Yeshua the Messiah, to all things that he saw. **1:3** Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near. **1:4** John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His Throne, **1:5** and from Yeshua the Messiah, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the

kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, 1:6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be Glory and Dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1:7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

Revelation 4:1 After these things I looked, and behold, a door standing open in Heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a Trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here, and I will show you things which must take place after this.” 4:2 Immediately I was in the Spirit; and behold, a Throne set in Heaven, and One sat on the Throne. 4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a sardius stone in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, in appearance like an emerald. 4:4 Around the Throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in white robes; and they had crowns of gold on their heads. 4:5 And from the Throne proceeded lightnings, thunderings, and voices. Seven lamps of fire were burning before the Throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. 4:6 Before the Throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the Throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures full of eyes in front and in back. 4:8 The four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” 4:9 Whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to Him who sits on the Throne, who lives forever and ever, 4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the Throne and worship Him who lives forever and ever, and cast their crowns before the Throne, saying, 4:11 “You are worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory and Honor and Power; for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.”

Revelation 5:6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the Throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. **5:7** Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the Throne. **5:8** Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your Blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **5:10** and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

The 24 elders at the Throne of God are kings and priests to God.

THE BELIEVER’S REWARDS:

When our Lord Yeshua returns to earth He will be giving out many different kinds of rewards to His beloved called and chosen and faithful servants.

The two Greatest Rewards are for those who have become sons of God and for those who are the members of Yeshua’s Bride.

Revelation 21:7 “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son!”

As Yeshua is King – High Priest, I believe those who become sons of God will also become king – high priests to Yeshua on the earth.

Revelation 22:12 “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

Revelation 2:23

“And I will give to each one of you according to your works.”

Revelation 11:18 “The nations were angry and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Matthew 16:27 “For the Son of Man will come in the Glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.”

Isaiah 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.

Isaiah 62:11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the world, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Surely your Salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’ ”

1st Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”

In honor of Father Almighty God for the Greatest of all Miracles, the Conception of Yeshua (Immanuel [God-with-us]) in the virgin Miriam, on Kislev 24. This year Kislev 24 falls on Christmas day, December 25th. (see Haggai 2:18, 19; Isaiah 7:13, 14; Luke 1:26-37)

KINGS and PRIESTS

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**“Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be Your name.
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.”
Matthew 6:9, 10 and Luke 11:2**

Heaven is the time for all believers to become more like Yeshua, whether destined to be sons of God, or to be members of Yeshua’s Mystery Bride, or to serve Yeshua as kings and priests unto God.

Yeshua’s Wedding will take place in Heaven in just a few years, followed by a one year honeymoon for training to bring Heaven to earth. Everyone in Heaven is being transformed with God’s Glory, to be able to bring God’s Glory back to the earth. For Yeshua will be returning to earth with His Bride (His Wife) and all the rest of His beloved called and chosen and faithful believing saints.

Yeshua will be bringing the Kingdom of Heaven down to earth with Him in a totally New Creation of sons and daughters of God, to serve Yeshua as ‘born again’ kings and priests to help establish Yeshua’s Millennial 1000 Year Kingdom Reign over all the earth.

**Then Yeshua spoke to them, “I am the Light of the world!
He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”
John 8:1**

Yeshua said, “You are the light of the world!” Matthew 5:14

God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all. 1 John 1:5

**“But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled
with the Glory of the LORD!” Numbers 14:21**

**“They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain,
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.” Isaiah 11:9**

**“For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the Glory
of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” Habakkuk 2:14**

All believers in Yeshua (Jesus) who are ‘born again’ not of corruptible, but incorruptible Seed, through the Word of God, are New Creation kings and priests unto God. (1 Peter 1:23)

Being a king and priest to the God of Love is our daily walk from a new heart and a new spirit empowered by the Holy Spirit, to glorify our Lord Yeshua, producing much good fruit for Him.



Every believer has been given the privilege to be a king and priest to God. Just as every believer has also been given the ability to become part of the Bride of Messiah. Each believer has been equipped with the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit to obey, serve, and honor our Lord Yeshua in holiness and righteousness.

Walking as kings and priests is vastly important and essential to growing in the knowledge and understanding of who our God is, and how each individual fits into His plans for now and all Eternity.