

The Error of Cain and Jeroboam

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Dear Brethren in Christ/Messiah,

We are hoping that your count to Pentecost/Feast of Weeks is going well. We do understand the reality however that we have an adversary and that we are engaged in a battle with unseen forces. We also know all too well that the prince of the power of the air is able to deceive men to conduct his bidding. It at times may seem like the deck is stacked against us but nothing can be further from the truth. Our Savior dealt our adversary a humiliating defeat when He himself was in the flesh just like us, and He has promised He will never leave nor forsake us. What an uplifting promise and reality. With His and the Fathers spirit in us, we are never going to go down for the count. That can only happen if we allow ourselves to fall victim to the constant arrows flung by satan in our direction to test our faith and hope in Christ/Messiah.

As we have moved along through the inspection process this year and all the subsequent questions and answers it has become strikingly clear that many in society today have been separated from understanding basic agricultural cycles, patterns, and facts. This is obviously one of the downfalls of our modern era and no doubt part of a clever design based on satan's desire to separate mankind from it through the conveniences of technology and the resulting consumerism. It is sad to see so many folks who are even devoid of the relationships which meteorological conditions have on growing anything that comes from the earth.

It is also obvious to me that this is the fundamental reason why many do not comprehend the Biblical commands and patterns about the first of the firstfruits offering and its timing relevant to the plan of salvation, and in fact to the offering and acceptance of our Savior on our behalf. Some have difficulty tying them together in a substantive and meaningful and factual way. Add to this the desire of some men (who actually claim to be leaders in the body) to amass a following unto themselves (instead of directing them to the Father and the Son who actually have the oil for sale) and their unfettered ability to deceive, just like their father (as Christ/Messiah pointed out) and we have a grim situation in the lives of brethren who have been called of Father Elohim unto His Son.

We can add to this those who are devoid of the spirit of God/Elohim (who in fact do not claim to be of the body) who are actively trying to sabotage the body of Christ/Messiah and turn them to a dead religion devoid of Father Elohim and His Son. This year we have experienced a lot of that with an open ended amount of "bait and switch" tactics taking place to upend many brethren. These are the actions of men who crave attention and praises of others. There are no

limits to the ends they will employ to satisfy those lusts of the flesh. There are many “bait and switch” tactics I could address from this year but I wish to only focus on one; a very big one however. It is centered around the law, command, judgment, and statute about the first of the firstfruit, which is to be presented to God/Elohim by the Priest in the house of God/Elohim. Please keep in mind what the second covenant scriptures term as the house of God/Elohim for it is central to all our understanding as to how we apply the first covenant scriptural patterns to the second covenant rehearsals (moedim/feasts) and commands.

In answering the questions of some this past year I have made an effort to explain to them that the pattern and significance to the plan of Salvation of the first of the firstfruit offering has been in place since the very beginning with the creation of mankind. It is a physical command and pattern depicting a spiritual reality to come, and in fact did come, with the appearance of the Word/Christ/Messiah as the only begotten of the Father. To deny this physical command and pattern in scripture and thus in agriculture is the desire of satan the devil for it in fact is used by him to deny our Savior Christ/Messiah.

I am not going to spend much time on proving from scripture that Christ/Messiah is our wavesheaf, the first of the firstfruits to be raised from the dead on our behalf, for I am assuming most can do that on their own and in fact have done so often. So let us cover the start of the firstfruit offering from the very beginning after man’s creation and the resulting inclusion into the commands given to Israel at Mt. Sinai. When I state we will start in Genesis 4:2-7 it has drawn a chuckle from some until they actually read it for what it is.

NKJ translation: “Then she bore again, this time a brother Abel, now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. **And in the process of time it came to pass** that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord/Yehovah. Abel also brought, of the firstlings of his flocks and of their fat. And the Lord/Yehovah respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord/Yehovah said to Cain, why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted! And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.”

We see here that God/Elohim has instructed Cain that his actions in this matter will lead to sin. What actions were being addressed here? Are we talking about his fallen countenance and anger or what precipitated that? He had not yet murdered Abel so that is not what precipitated it. It is all centered around Cain’s unacceptable offering as opposed to Abel’s acceptable one. Both involved firstfruits; one from the fruit of the ground, and the other from the flock.

Let us read it again from the JP Green Interlinear Bible: “And she continued to bear his brother, Abel. And Abel became a shepherd of flocks. And Cain became a tiller of the ground. **And in the**

end of days, it happened that Cain brought an offering to Yehovah from the fruit of the ground. And Abel brought, he also, from the firstlings of his flocks, even from their fat. And Yehovah looked to Abel and his offering. And He did not look to Cain and his offering...”

I am sure many of your minds are jumping right into this. We are being instructed in firstfruit offerings to God/Elohim here and what is acceptable and what is not. If you personally don't think so you might as well stop right here and save yourself the grief of reading any further. Abel's offering was acceptable, Cains was not. Why? Look at what is added by the Creator in describing Cain's unacceptable firstfruit offering. “And at the end of days, it happened that Cain brought an offering to Yehovah...”and “And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord/Yehovah.”

Dear brethren, this should be screaming at us! So how do we know we are talking about a firstfruit offering here? Because it is contrasted with Abel's firstlings of the flock offerings and even the fat. Abel's was acceptable because of the timing and quality. Cain's was not and God/Elohim clearly tells us why. Because he brought it **when he wanted to, and in actuality “at the end of days.”** End of what days? Obviously after the days of the harvest of it. If it were other than a firstfruit offering it would probably have been accepted by God/Elohim as a regular fruit of the ground offering. This is all real simple. Look at the language used here to transmit the disgust our Creator Had for all this, “it came to pass...” and “it happened that Cain brought...” What an attitude problem Cain must have had.

Cain brought his firstfruit offering when he felt like it. We need to apply this to the deception being fostered on the brethren that one can bring a firstfruit offering to the house of God at the end of the days of the harvest. What a terrible lie and deed has taken place this year to so many who want to do the right thing. To think one can bring a first of the firstfruit offering to the priest at the house of God/Elohim after one has harvested the grain crop but has not eaten of it is diabolical and right out of satans play book. It will be completely unacceptable to the Father just as Cain's was.

To make sure Israel did not entertain any such cavalier attitudes and actions the Creator gave them very specific commands at Mount Sinai to follow. We have stressed them over and over this past inspection cycle. Many saw them for what they were; commands, judgments, laws, and statutes to be followed. Unfortunately many others did not.

Exodus 23:19, “The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim.”

Exodus 34:26, “The first of the firstfruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the Lord/Yehovah your God/Elohim.”

It was repeated to Israel for emphasis! Now when did they do this? Exodus 22:29, “YOU SHALL NOT **DELAY TO OFFER** THE FIRST OF YOUR **RIPE** PRODUCE AND YOUR JUICES.”

The first of the firstfruits of any agricultural product was included in this command and brought **immediately** to the Lord/Yehovah. Let’s be abundantly clear what is being brought, “the first of your **RIPE** produce and juices.”

The Son of God/Elohim gave us this same sense of urgency when talking about the spiritual example of the harvest of the kingdom in Mark the fourth chapter. He even gave us a short explanation as to the growth process of grain which is identical to what we follow in the Zadok Scale for barley. Mark 4:29, “But when the grain ripens, **immediately** he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

These are all very clear commands and patterns pertaining to the first of the firstfruit grain offering which is called the wavesheaf offering. When bringing this offering to the priest in the House of God/Elohim it must be brought immediately upon the grain ripening. There must be no delay regardless of what deceptive doctrine is put forth. This is such a simple biblical and agricultural command to follow. One does not need the spirit of God/Elohim leading him to understand the simplicity of it. There is no excuse whatsoever to not follow it. This is the simple doctrine we use to understand which month the Creator identifies as the start of the year, the biblical year, from year to year. There is no mathematically, pre-calculated, lack of faith, methodology used by God/Elohim to proclaim this to us. To actively deny the Creators simple method of observation is to outwardly deny the spiritual symbolism attached to it. It is used to show us when the Creator wants us to keep His annual rehearsals of meeting with Him which explain to us the plan of Salvation. To disregard it is to follow the error of Cain, and sin (the devil) is waiting at the door for us to do so. He is a master at guile and deceit and uses scripture out of context to do so just like he attempted to do when he was trying to tempt Christ/Messiah in the wilderness.

The terms of the second covenant explain to us what we are becoming in the process of our calling, and who and what the other components of it are. They are in some respects the reality of the replicas of the Levitical priesthood under the sons of Aaron. The scriptures repeatedly tell us that under the second covenant we have a High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. They identify Him through many names but the world knows Him as Jesus in mainstream Christianity. How do we fit into this? In a very big way and a very humble way! We are to be faithful witnesses and more.

Revelation 1:5-6, “And from Jesus Christ/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, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him, glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

We must not be deceived or beguiled into following a false witness. We have a true and faithful witness to the scriptures in Christ/Messiah our Savior who is working in us to do as He did and to have the ability to understand the scriptural patterns and commands when others can't. We are not to follow the purveyances of Judaism. Remember Paul who once excelled in them refers to them as Jewish Fables. Look how Peter put it in such perfect order and clarity.

1 Peter 2: 4-10, “Coming to Him as a living stone, rejected indeed by men (Judaism), but chosen by God/Elohim; precious, **you also as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God/Elohim through Jesus Christ/Messiah.** Therefore it is also contained in the scripture, behold, I lay in Zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious, and He who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame. Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient (disbelieving), the stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense. **They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they were also (once) appointed.** 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;** who once were not a people but are now the people of God/Elohim, who had not obtained mercy but have now obtained mercy.”

Dear Brethren, with such incredible truths as these it amazes me that those who are called of the Father can look to men who are followers of Judaism for their spiritual direction. It is completely unbiblical. The words could not be any clearer. They were once appointed to understand and defend the scriptures but fell from favor and acceptance when they rejected the commandments of God/Elohim for their own traditions and thus because of them reject the Son of God/Elohim as the Messiah.

This past year I have heard some really wild defenses for doing so, that is for following the proclamations and teachings of men who are under Judaism. Please do not be fooled, beguiled, or deceived; Judaism is Judaism regardless of the sect. I have heard from some this year that the Karaite sect are the descendants of the priesthood from the time of Christ/Messiah. What a whopper of a Jewish fable that one is. If they are, they should convert to true Christianity after the example of their supposed predecessors. By that I mean the Christianity of the scriptures and not the mainstream worldly version. Why do I say this?

Acts 6:7, “And the word of God/Elohim spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, **and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.**”

Let me stop here for a moment and address a very serious and deadly evil thing which is happening in parts of the body to some of its members. There is a tolerance, acceptance, etc. of some in the body to not only befriend but to accept instructions from those who profess antichrist teachings. I am qualified to address this for I have firsthand understanding of it and have allowed it to some extent many years ago to influence my thinking to some extent. I have since repented of that and any part I may have had in exposing this toxic spiritual virus to the body of Christ/Messiah. I have many Jewish friends and colleges in life. None of them attempt to convert me to their beliefs and neither do I to mine. However that is not the case with those who use the camouflage of the Karaite sect to beguile men and women of the body into renouncing our Savior in public. This also goes for the mixed multitude which gleefully accompanies them. Unfortunately some of you think it is somehow godly to entertain them, hold out the hand of friendship to them, bestow honor upon them, and invite them and their evil actions into the flock, into the house of the Father. That is a stupidity beyond measure. Let me explain to you how this has affected some of the brothers and sisters who **once** walked with us in the body of Christ/Messiah just in case you are ignorant of the true intentions and actions of these purveyors of antichrist behavior and beliefs. Brothers and sisters have been beguiled and deceived into converting to Karaism a sect of Judaism. They have publically renounced Christ/Messiah as their personal Savior as part of the ritual. They have put Him to a public shame!

Let me remind everyone in the faith once delivered and under the terms of the second covenant what the outcome of such a thing is through the words of the apostle Paul as found in Hebrews 6:4-6, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the holy spirit, and have tasted the good word of God/Elohim and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God/Elohim and put Him to an open (public) shame."

That is the ultimate end of some of the members of the body who have followed the pied piper of the angel of light. They have openly rejected and turned their backs publically to Christ/Messiah as their savior, to convert publically to Karaism. They commit the unpardonable sin as Paul so clearly instructs us here in Hebrews and elsewhere. There is nothing "innocent or friendly" in these undertakings of the minions of the angel of light as they infect the body. Their father is a murderer and a liar and has been from the beginning, yet somehow men who profess to be leaders in the body extend friendship and acceptance to these filthy, evil men who come as wolves in sheep's clothing. Their purpose is to separate the sheep from the flock. That is stupidity and reckless behavior beyond comprehension. If you have fallen for it initially you need to repent of it and draw your spiritual sword against it to protect others in the body. We are commanded to expose any and all darkness for what it truly is. These purveyors of

antichrist teachings and philosophies are not to be toyed with in any way, shape, or form. They have neither the Father nor the Son as scripture teaches us and warns us regardless of what they say.

1 John 2:22-23, "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ/Messiah! He is antichrist, who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also."

2 John 9-11, "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ/Messiah does not have God/Elohim. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ/Messiah has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds."

That dear brethren is abundantly clear and the scriptural command as to why I no longer associate with, and never will again in anything that these purveyors of evil do. It does not matter how harmless it may appear. There are no exceptions to the command. We as the bride of Christ/Messiah need to wake up to such things while there is still time. Our slumbering and sleeping to such obvious antichrist undertakings needs to end! The hour is near that we have been waiting for, that we have been called by the Father to, that we have been training for. This is all very personal but we are also our brother's keeper.

Scripture after scripture warns us about the allure of the fables of men from a religion which has rejected the Son of the Father and the plan of Salvation. We are to be looking to our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. He is the one who represents us in the house of God/Elohim. In fact we are told we are a living Temple for we have the spirit of God/Elohim dwelling in us not some building made of wood and stone. We are being trained to be true and faithful witnesses, who are being developed into priests before Father Elohim, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a special people, a chosen generation who are obedient to the word and not look to those who have stumbled, who once were also appointed but have stumbled and become disobedient with their rejecting of the commandments and the very Son of the Father, Christ/Messiah. He was the final test for them and they stumbled miserably in most cases and still do.

So with this said we find many brethren this year following prognosticators of this disobedient and unbelieving religious system. They, many brethren in the body, have taken them unto themselves as a priesthood which is not a priesthood and have changed times and seasons to draw us away from the true priestly order and the true spiritual sacrifices we are to be making through the one and only High Priest in the house of the Father. This pattern is nothing new however. When the Kingdom of Israel was divided in two, similar events happened. Jeroboam took the 10 northern tribes and split from Judah and Benjamin after the death of Solomon. He

did not want the people who followed him to return to Jerusalem to worship at the Temple during the commanded feasts/Chag of the Lord/Yehovah, so what did he do? He created two places in the territories of the northern tribes and set up golden calf's and presented them as their gods, with Yehovah having no part in it. But he did not stop there for he had a cunning plan which needed to be initiated. He then separated the people from the Levites who were the basis of the priesthood under the first covenant scriptures and replaced them with anyone who wanted to be a priest, all the want-to-be's. Not done yet however, for he then declared a festival system one month later than it was supposed to be. He started with the feast of Tabernacles in the 8th month instead of the 7th. Is there any doubt when we read how Isaiah addresses these worthless undertakings of men as to one of the chief reasons God/Elohim says what He says in Isaiah 1:14, "Your new moons (primarily the one used to start the year) and your appointed feasts (not Mine) My soul hates: they are a trouble to Me, I am weary of bearing them."

Yes He is weary of bearing them and His patience is wearing out with His people, His chosen generation, who were not a people but who are now a people, the spiritual people of God/Elohim. We, all of us who are called by the Father, and chosen by the Son to be a part of His body, to be one with Him and Him alone in this marriage covenant must never let another come between us and our Husband/Savior. We are our brother's keeper and our works should show that. Do we sit around idle while such diabolical events as all this take place or do we put on our spiritual armor and defend those who are in need of it. We need to open our spiritual eyes to what is truly taking place here, and not be acting like some silly, foolish, pollyannaish school girls as the saying goes. This is a matter of life and death. We are given clear choices in it all. Please keep in mind that it is applied to each in his own time, so let us be praying always for the brethren regardless of how they are placed in the body. We are our brother's keepers and will be judged by our own actions. If we see the wolf at the door and fail to warn the others in the household we are guilty of the deeds he will be committing.

Our peace we give to you.