

Abib Report for 2011

Tuesday March 1, 2011

First Report:

Hi Folks,

Hope things are well with you all. Rick and I started our inspections in the Negev and Judean Foothills today. I can start by telling you I have never seen the barley at such a young stage in my 10 years of conducting such. We were hard pressed to find barley out of the boot and in the early flowering stage. The pictures will make that point clear. Compare them to last years of the same locations.

The grapes are in the same state. Only one vineyard showed a touch of green and that was random throughout it.

Pierre had told me last week that the crops were quite young. He has been inspecting barley for calendar purposes since the early 1980's if I am correct. The winter wheat in many cases was still in the boot and in others just out of it. In many years the winter wheat is harvested before the barley crop is aviv in the Negev.

Tomorrow we will be inspecting in the Jordan valley up through the Golan Heights and many areas in between.

Brian and Rick





Wednesday March 2, 2011

Second Report:

Hi Folks,

We covered a lot of ground today. As in the past we traveled the length of the Jordan Valley from the Dead Sea up to the Gilboa Mountains, across the Jezreel Valley, north to Tiberias, around the Sea of Galille, over the Golan Heights, and back through the Northern Jordan Valley. Today is a duplicate of yesterday as to the condition of the barley. All is very young in every one of our traditional locations we checked. Even the roadside barley in the central Jordan Valley was at best case in the flowering stage. I have attached a picture with an example of it.

This area had not received what would be a normal rainfall. Even though the temperatures are there even in the winter to grow barley it needs water. The point being we will never use irrigated crops to establish the start of the year. Once again I refer to Deuteronomy 11:10-12.

With that said, for all of you who have followed the meteorological conditions in Israel this winter the reports have come as no surprise. The pattern is establishing itself and will continue to do so. But, we must always have a witness to the fact. That is why I personally travel here each year regardless of what I may think may be the case.

Speaking about the connection between water, warmth, and growing, we have only to look at the grapes growing in the Jordan Valley. Many are leafed out because they are irrigated. Where no irrigation is applied they are dormant or just beginning to come to life just as those found in the Negev and Judean Hills. These are important lessons for us all so that we are not easily deceived. We have not seen any storks migrating this year. It is one of the concurring events with the aviv. Tomorrow we will follow up with the fig trees and report on them as well.

We have not found any of the wild anemones this year. However we have seen a lot of flowers which resemble them from a distance. We have seen them in years we have intercalculated in the past. They have the shape of a big buttercup or a small tulip until they approach death and then spread their petals out and drop them. I looked up their name in the past and if I can dig it up I will pass it along with a picture in the near future.

Tomorrow we will focus on the area around the Old City, Mount of Olives, etc.

Brian and Rick



Thursday March 3, 2011

Third Report:

Hi Folks,

Today we came to the conclusion of our inspections. There is nothing new to report from the Jerusalem area other than the figs are not budding in any area's we inspected. The barley was very young and holding the same pattern as seen in every location around the country.

I have updated the site as to potential dates for the coming Biblical year and thus the keeping of the appointed times of meeting with our Creator which I and my family will be following. May you have a safe and blessed holy day season.

Once back in the States I will prepare a summation of this years inspections as to lessons learned as well as those reinforced.

Thanks for your prayers,

Brian and Rick

Summation Report 2011

Sunday March 6

Hi Folks,

We hope all is well with you and that you are prospering during these days for there is an ever growing darkness attempting to extinguish the light from above which is to be manifested in the called of the Father. There are many deceitful workers working overtime to assist the angel of light in his efforts to destroy the faith once delivered.

After teaching us about the lesson of the 10 virgins in Matthew 25 we are instructed to “watch” in verse 13. It is the Greek word *gregoreuo*. Strongs says of it, “from 1453; to keep awake, ie watch (literally or figuratively): be vigilant.” Vines Expository Dictionary tells us that this Greek word #1127 means to watch in the sense of keeping awake and of “spiritual alertness.”

I will be addressing that later in this summation and in direct relevance to the lesson taught to us by our Savior in Matthew 25:1-13. This lesson as we will see is tied to our calendar efforts. It is intricate to the command to “follow the Lamb wherever He goes.”

I will be taking a lot of time to point out some very important issues we as the body need to be aware of and alert to. Before any of you ask why I am using Hebrew names for the Father and the Son in this summary let me state that many who look to our abib reports do so. Some of them they do not mind reading another’s writings when we use the English names. However there are some who will not eat of that table finding it offensive regardless of what is being served. That is why we have a Hebrew Names version of our Abib booklet. This subject of abib is so important to the health of the body of Messiah that I make the effort to make it palatable to all the called of Elohim.

Let me begin with the physical lessons being reinforced from this year’s inspections in Israel. Rick and I reported that there is absolutely no chance of finding aviv barley in the land of Israel in the 12th lunar month. There are some who would try and suggest or even state there is aviv to be found. Ignorance of the facts is one thing but blatant misrepresentation is another, for this is not a game. As most of you know we look to the *Hordeum Spontaneum* or wild barley, that which has seeded itself and is influenced only by the meteorological conditions put in place in any given year by Elohim. Our reporting this year was just a visual affirmation to what Pierre had told me 2 weeks ago from his daily observations as he travels back and forth in the areas of the Negev and Judean Hills. As I have mentioned before Pierre has been inspecting barley in Israel for calendar purposes since he moved there in the early 1980’s.

We have stressed for years the need to follow and watch the meteorological conditions that take place in Israel between the end of December and through the middle of March. We can see a very clear pattern between these daily readings there and the maturing of the barley crop. All of that information is available to each and every one of us if we have a computer and have internet access. The most comprehensive site is that of the Israeli Government. <http://www.ims.gov.il/IMSEng/CLIMATE>. Why do I stress this? We are not to be caught unaware and thus easily deceived. We are to follow our Savior and not any man. We are to work out our own salvation as Paul instructs us in Philippians 2:12. Not only “work it out” but to do so with “fear and trembling.” That is very serious personal involvement and awareness. No one else can do it for us. As members of the body we can only “assist” other members with our efforts.

The second reason I stress our watching the meteorological conditions during this critical time period of growth of the barley crop is based in scripture, in fact in Deuteronomy 11:10-12. It is very important to us for being aware of the will of the Creator and not that of any man. The Creator's will and methods of seeing it through are recorded in the Holy Scriptures. There is no hidden agenda. However that can't be said about men.

“For the land which you go to possess is not like the land of Egypt from which you have come, where you sowed your seed and watered it by foot, as a vegetable garden.” Here we are being instructed that it was necessary for them in Egypt to irrigate their crops for them to grow. They had to diligently tend to them. If they didn't water them they would not grow. They certainly had the warm temperatures in Egypt for plant growth but they did not have the rains and thus they need to “water by foot” from the waters of the Nile River.

Our Creator, Sustainer, and Provider now contrasts this land and method with that of the Promised Land in verses 11-12. “But the land which you cross over to possess is a land of hills and valleys, which drinks water from the rain of heaven (unlike Egypt), a land for which Yehovah your Elohim cares; the eyes of Yehovah your Elohim are always on it (that's in relation to the crops growing there as the context tells us) from the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.”

These three verses are filled with knowledge and understanding for the called of the Father at this time. The most obvious lessons are:

- 1) We can't use or compare the crops growing in Egypt to those growing in Israel. This is unfortunately trampled upon by some who insist we are not to use the barley crop in our determinations. They site Egypt in some convoluted attempt to do so. They in fact stumble over the scriptures in an attempt to get us to follow the Rabbinical Calendar. It

apparently makes sense to them but it does not “hold water” based on the word of Elohim.

- 2) The geography of Israel is much different from that found in Egypt. Egypt has only one source of fresh water running through a very large flat desert terrain. The fertile areas of Egypt suitable for growing crops are very narrow and run adjacent to the banks of the Nile until it hits the delta region called Goshen in the Bible. The only way the Egyptian could expand the growing area was to irrigate the land. They did it by foot as Elohim has told us. Not so with the Promised Land as it was given to the Israelites. It on the other hand was a land of hills and valleys. A simple understanding of such terrain is that you will find different growing times for crops due to elevation (temperature relevant), and soil conditions. A simple fact tells us that we will almost always find the best growing soils in the valleys and the least desirable ones on the hillsides. This is just simple geology and agricultural understanding. That is why we will almost always see grain and vegetable crops concentrated on the valley floors and livestock and trees on the hillsides in such terrain.
- 3) The third point of understanding and knowledge gained from these scriptures is simply this. In a land of hills and valleys found in the Middle East we will seldom if ever see a central water course like the Nile River. That exists in flat terrain. There may be a river or two in one or another valley but nothing like the Nile. Elohim gave this particular piece of real-estate to Israel because they would need to depend on Him for a source of water, “which drinks water from the rain of heaven.” Thus Israel would be dependent on Him for all their harvests. That is how Elohim controlled the moedim, or appointed times of meeting with Him. If they were diligent in following His commands then they would be blessed if not cursed. He has included that to this lesson here in verses 13-17. Please read them to establish this point firmly in our minds. Verse 14 states, “then I will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, that you may gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil,” I hope this point is very clear to us all. We can have all the perfect temperatures and good quality soil but without rain nothing will grow to harvest.

We have been told here in these scriptures about these very simple meteorological and geological facts. This is a profound lesson for us today about the Promised Land and Elohim’s relationship to it. He says the rains will come in their seasons from year to year, and at His discretion. He says He cares for the land and that His eyes are on it “always” from “the beginning of the year to the very end of the year.” It is He who determines the start of the year. He has tied it to the crops growing there and directly to “the rains of heaven.” He says these rains, two of them, will be given “in its season.” Season here is #6256, *eth* and comes from #5703. Strong’s tells us it has an emphasis on a time. The Brown Driver Briggs tells us the same but with the emphasis of the timing of an event. Our Creator determines the timing of these

rains and nothing or no one else. He alone decides the meteorological conditions in Israel which determine the timing of the barley maturing to harvestable condition. This is why we do not use any irrigated crops to determine the timing of the month of Abib. These simple lessons from Elohim guide us on our inspections. We can easily couple them with the science of geology to support what Elohim says. We also couple this with a base of agricultural and meteorological knowledge to go with the simple Biblical knowledge and understanding Elohim has granted us to make an accurate aviv determination. Please let me clarify one important aspect of aviv barley. It is not green heads of grain. That is a bad translation in English and those who use it as a baseline for determining the start of the year will stumble and fall. That has been reinforced in the field year after year.

During a normal year (12 lunar months) we should see a lot of rain in the land of Israel during the time period of mid-December to mid-January. However, during an intercalated year we should see this time period of rain during mid-January to mid-February. This is a pattern established from our watching the relationship between the self-seeded barley growth and the meteorological conditions in Israel. For those of you who have looked at our inspection reports over the years you will see we use a scale for barley growth called "The Zadok two digit Code System." It teaches us in simple terms the growth stages of barley in an average year, meteorological speaking. There are nine designated stages of growth. A copy of it can be found in our booklet, "How to determine the state of AVIV barley in Israel." It can be downloaded from our site; abibofgod.com in either; English, Spanish, or Hebrew names versions.

Each and every member of the body of Messiah can easily learn how to make these determinations and not have to depend on another to do it for them.

This year the rains came late and very heavy in many regions of Israel. We could easily follow this by the method I discussed earlier. Many of us who observe or watch these things did not expect this to be a normal year based on the science of meteorological events taking place in Israel. Of course we would not use that as our final determining factor. That is why we go to Israel each year just prior to the end of the 12th lunar month to determine the visible condition of growth of the barley crop as to its maturity throughout the country. The barley is a visible sign and as such must be confirmed visually if we have the means to do so. I as well as others I work with in this have been blessed with that means. We do not solicit funds from other members of the body and frankly don't want to. If the time should come when we would need some assistance we would ask for it. The only costs involved with these functions are air fare, car rental plus gas, and food and lodging while in Israel. We cover these costs ourselves because when we were placed into this function in the body we were also blessed with the financial means to do so. Currently we are talking about approx. 2200 dollars each when two people are involved. That amount drops when more are sharing car and lodging expenses. As

you may realize airfare is the largest portion of it (1670 dollars). For those residing in Israel their costs are very, very, minimal. They would need to purchase gas and make some time to conduct inspections. Don't be deceived by anyone to think it is a costly undertaking for someone living there.

The relationship between water and plant growth is illustrated vividly in the arid portions of the Jordan Valley. Had I have known I was going to be addressing a summation of this nature I would have taken pictures which show this contrast. For instance, Rick and I observed grapes growing which were covered (netting canopies) and irrigated, adjacent to grapes that were not covered but more importantly not irrigated. The irrigated vines were health and abounding with foliage. The vines next to them which were not irrigated were completely dormant with not a hint of green life started. They had the same soil and temperature. However one was mechanically watered by man and the other was not. Both had received no water from the Creator. This section of the Jordan Valley has to be treated, as Elohim puts it, "as a vegetable garden " and watered by hand for He does not provide this area with the rains of heaven in their season. It is virtually a desert because of this factor. This applies to this area as far as one can see right up the sides of the hills until you approach the summit. These hillsides however are not currently designed to grow crops because they are steep, rock strewn, and have very poor quality soils. That may change during the millennium but for this time those are the simple facts. The other side of the Judean Hills is a different situation. There are many locations on the western slopes which get good rain and have pockets of deep rich soil. There are also pockets of poorer soil which are rocky and stony. This is a simple lesson in the pattern of the windward side of mountain ranges. On the eastern slopes there are only "desert" conditions to be found starting a short distance from the top of the hills downward to the valley floor. This condition does improve about ¾ of the distance up the valley from the Dead Sea because it actually starts to receive some rains in their season from that location north.

Let's look at a clear example of this desert setting that has been controversial in the past. It is the area called Ein Mabu'a. In 2005 this little plot of ground was used by another inspector to declare the month of abib when every agricultural area of the country were nowhere close to having barley in a state of aviv. In fact 2005 was the second youngest year of barley growth we have witnessed in Israel in 10 years we have been inspecting. As most of you know from our reports I as well as the other experienced inspectors who work together with me, did not and will not accept this location or any other one like it to determine the timing of the appointed times of meeting with our Creator. They are not acceptable for a tamin or unblemished wavesheaf offering to come from. As a point of reference the infamous Alon Junction site used by these other inspectors does not exist any longer. It has been relocated to the west of the old location and is completely reshaped.

Let's look at just the science to see what lessons we are taught from scripture about rain and growth in season. This year the area of Ein Mabu'a received little if any rain until about two weeks prior to our visiting it. It was only a small amount and most of it was quickly absorbed into the top crust of the ground, or just evaporated. You can see the results in the two pictures attached to this summation. There is little if any growth there and what is germinating and growing is almost all weeds. Virtually no barley at all! What little barley has started is very immature and will die very quickly because there is no depth of soil and there will be no more rain in that location. Our Savior gives us this simple common sense understanding in the parable of the sower, "Some fell on stony places where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away." All we have to do is apply this Biblical understanding on our part. That is what we do. Those of us who inspect the barley in Israel, who are rooted in the Messiah and have His spirit, are growing in His grace and knowledge. These pictures should scream at all of us who understand such things. Even one without the spirit should be able to use common sense with a little agricultural knowledge to know that such an area has never been used for growing any harvestable crops. It is completely unreliable from season to season due to the amount of rain from heaven it receives, the lack of good soil, rocks and boulders strewn all over it, and the distance one would have to travel down treacherous hillsides to even get to it. These areas have only been used for grazing sheep and goats by nomadic Bedouins. Because there is no sustainable growth there it isn't even worth the effort to go there in some years.



Ein Mabu'a

All these points are just simple facts which can be substantiated and underpinned by scripture. The reason I have spent this amount of time addressing them is so that we can have a foundation laid for a question a brother asked via email during the time Rick and I were in Israel conducting inspections. Some of you would know him but I would venture to guess that most of

you don't for those who receive these reports by email or from the website are scattered all over the four corners of the earth. You come from North America, South America, Caribbean, Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Europe, Asia, etc. When our Savior returns He will gather us from the four corners of the earth as scripture teaches us. I came in contact with Dale early on in the first or second year I was involved in the abib inspections. He is a devout follower of the Father and the Son and leaves no stone unturned in his search for the truth. He has a few different practices from me personally but this however is irrelevant to me for all I have to do is look at Paul's description of the Corinthian church or for that matter the message to the seven churches to see we do not all look alike in the sense of every doctrine we will be keeping. We in the body are not all arms, all eyes, or all toes are we? Of course we are not. That would be a very sickly body if in fact it could even be referred to as such. What the body will always have in common is this first; we will always have the Father and the Son for they are one. We are told that throughout the second covenant scriptures. Scripture has many warnings about this understanding as well. Just look to 1 John 2:22-23. "Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ. He is anti-Christ who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son (that He is of the Father and is the Messiah) has the Father also." There are other scriptures that tell us the same thing but the point is made here in 1 John as to who is of the body and who is not and very importantly who can be trusted and who can't be trusted.

The second identifying sign comes to us in a lesson taught after the last Passover kept by our Savior. We find it in John 13:34-35, "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 for one another." How simple is that. This is not talking about feely, touchy, fuzzy love but about true love based in outgoing concern for another and denying the self to carry it out. It is about true service to the entire body, the church, not just to an arm, eye, toe, etc.

Dale is one whom I see these character traits in. Dale can be brutally honest and this is probably why I enjoy his comments to me. He made it clear that he posed this question to another individual as well. I have no idea what has transpired on that end but I sent Dale what I call a short form answer at the time for Rick and I had had only about 15 hours of sleep from the time we arrived in Israel until, the time we left. I am going to give the long answer now and I think you will see why I am doing so whether you agree with it or not. We all need to follow our conscience as we work out our own salvation. The question is as follows:

Shalom Brian:

You are off to a good start, I see. Since it is so young in that area, which is a large area, it is highly unlikely you will find any major change elsewhere. I sent your report to Nehemiah Gordon.

As you know, many believe that while the New Moon can precede the vernal equinox. That anciently it is said that PASSOVER must fall after the equinox. Therefore, it will be a shocker if Aviv was found since it will be the first time in my life time, and also from what I have seen, Nehemiah in his 21 years of searching has never found abib before March 7. I cannot recall seeing an ABIB FOUND report from you either. Neither, do I think Jacob Meyer has ever found one.

It seems to me after 21 plus years in our present experience, that maybe we could save some expense and not travel in such cases. Look at what you found for instance. It is unusually young. There just was no chance of it being found.

If for 21 years (which means a 19year cycle took place) there was no instance, it is my understanding that it will not happen. Even if an isolated incident over a span of over 1500 years were found, it still would not prove the point. In fact, it would prove more the other belief of the ancients and verified by 99.999999 ACCURACY. This would mean the sky sign precedes the earth sign (abib). It would mean that such an isolated once in history incident, may have been by amateurs or was not done right in ascertaining abundant barley in all or sufficient areas. Remember, in the 2005 confusion, Nehemiah did find Barley, but by your rules, it was not sufficient quantity and not in the right areas.

D.G

Dales question and supposition has a lot of merit. Most today do not understand how the Rabbinical Calendar derives its intercalation. Many have written about it who disagree with each other. Some however are correct in explaining it. I am not going to make any attempt here to explain it in any detail. Passover (that being the Rabbinical 15th Passover), cannot take place before the Vernal Equinox based on their rules. The Pharisees or Rabbi's came up with a calculated calendar method of intercalation many centuries after they were denied the ability to conduct and thus report the two visible signs of the Creator. They had always used the New Moon and the barley growth as determining factors in doing so prior to this. Here are some quotes to demonstrate what the Jewish officials responsible for compiling the Encyclopedia Judaica have to say on the subject. We can find similar quotes in many other volumes and from many other accredited sources.

"The intervals of intercalation were at first irregular, intercalation being in part due to the prevailing state of various agricultural products and to social conditions. Regularity will also have been hampered by Romans suppressing what they considered stirrings of Jewish Nationalism." Vol 5 page 49

"There is on the other hand unimpeachable evidence from the works of writers with expert knowledge of the calendar that the present, ordo intercalationis (7 years in 19) and epochal molad were not yet intrinsic parts of the calendar of Hillel 11, these being seen still side by side with other styles of the ordo intercalationis and the molad as late as the 11 century. Also the four dehiyyot (postponments) developed gradually." Vol 5 page 50

As Dale mentioned there is a recent history of inspections which has resulted in the Passover not starting prior to the day after the Vernal Equinox. There may also be a history of this over a

much larger period of time as he has stated. I feel quite confident in saying that he is probably correct in saying it would be an oddity for Passover to fall prior to the VE from using even a common sense agricultural approach. The exception I can see to this is if the 11 year sun cycle maxima took place in a year in which the 12th month ended in very early March or in the last day or two of February. In these years it is an historical fact that grain crops can mature very early for harvest. With that said we need to understand that the historical record does tell us that the calculated Rabbinical Calendar was a second choice to observation. They were forced to use it instead of the Biblical method of observation. Unfortunately the great ones of Judaism have tampered with it so much it is not what it was originally in 358 AD. We must always remember it was an alternate method of establishing the calendar. I personally do not use this method because it is not found in the scriptures and the historical evidence tells us when it came into use and why. This was not the method used during the time Messiah walked the earth or prior to it. Our Savior has said that He will never leave nor forsake us. That is a promise kept for He tells us it is kept in the bible in its entirety. 1 Timothy 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

I personally look to the bible for all my doctrine. If it isn't in there it takes second or lower position in importance. With that said I do look at history to get a more complete pattern of what is taught in the scriptures. That is why I know what Dale says about the timing of the first new moon and a 15th Passover are a pattern of the Rabbinical Calendar and not the Bible. He is not promoting that calendar system but just focusing one fact related to it, which may have merit by itself. Dales point for general discussion is accurate if we can trust history. We all know that can be a dangerous thing at times for it has often been rewritten. But in the case of not having a New Moon accepted prior to March 7th is probably a good second choice. There are some brethren who for many decades have depended on using the closest New Moon to the Vernal Equinox as their starting point. That means they look at the New Moon before and after the VE to determine which is the closest to it. Once again, that is a second choice to actually being able to inspect the barley growing in Israel, which is the most accurate system for it is from scripture. If we have the means and method to do so we must take advantage of it. Israel lost this ability and to some extent the desire to do so when they were thrust out of the land. Remember it was a curse to have been expelled from the Promised Land, Elohim's focal point on earth.

My answer to Dale was from my heart and from the instructions and warnings I see in scripture. At this point in my conversion I could not take the liberty of allowing another outside of the Messiah's body to direct me on such an important aspect of my faith. Once again what do I mean by that? I do not trust the Rabbinical Calendar nor Judaism for neither are founded in

scripture but in traditions. They do not have the Father and the Son as their foundation and in my opinion are anti-Messiah. I have the same regard for anyone who does not recognize the Messiah as having come in the flesh as the Son of the Father in heaven. That is even more pronounced upon anyone who merchandizes Messiah and in fact thinks He is a false prophet.

Scripture warns us that there are many anti-Christ's or anti-Messiahs in the last days who try to put themselves across as angels of light. I don't need to turn to those scriptures for we have heard and read them time and time again. However, we also need to believe them and be spiritually alert. These scriptures warn us that even the elect can be deceived. These are serious considerations brethren. My main point to Dale as it is to all of us is that we should not become so comfortable that we could inadvertently fall asleep or slumber. We are warned throughout the gospels that our Savior will come as a thief in the night. Let's look at Matthew 24:42-44 in reference to His return for His bride. "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you do not expect."

Scripture tells us that we can and will be caught off guard as to His coming. It is repeated over and over to the second covenant church. Matthew 25:1-13 gives us a very clear illustration of this. Some virgins were ready and some were not. They all had lamps but not all had reserves of oil to keep them burning. All of them slumbered or slept at some point in their wait for the bridegroom as they had perceived He had delayed His coming.

"And at midnight a cry was heard; behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet Him! Then all those virgins arose and trimmed (the Greek here means adorned the outside) their lamps." They all looked good on the outside but!

"And the foolish said to the wise, give us of your oil, for our lamps are going out. But the wise answered saying, lest there should not be enough for us and you, go rather to them (not those) who sell, and buy for yourselves."

Here we see some of the elect who have gotten very comfortable and relied on another to fill their oil. That is why they ask the wise virgins to provide it to them. The wise knew it wasn't theirs to give but sent them to them who have it to sell. That is the Father and the Son. It takes one-on-one contact with them to receive the true oil. This lesson is capped off with the following warning. "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of man is coming."

One of the main points we should come away with here is that this lesson is calendar based. It is all about timing and our responsibility to not be caught unawares. We must be purchasing our oil daily from the Father and the Son and no other. We need to be spiritually alert to the

calendar given from scripture. We can get our science according to the knowledge derived from the spirit in man but we can only get the knowledge of Elohim from Their spirit. One who professes to teach and instruct us in spiritual knowledge needs both the Father and the Son. 1 Corinthians 2:6-16 teaches this with no way around it.

As most of you know if you have spent time reading my personal studies online you know that I believe Messiah, our bridegroom, will return for His bride, the church members who have made themselves ready, on the feast of Weeks which is also called Firstfruits and Pentecost. It is a day which does not have a calendar date in scripture but is assigned a day of the week in Lev 23:11. This is the only appointed time of meeting or holy day which has not been assigned a calendar date. If we were to follow the Rabbinical Calendar methodology we would know this date and thus the day for centuries in the future and even longer for it is mathematically set. This would be contrary to scripture as we have just read. I do believe that Messiah will return on Trumpets to wage war on mankind who reject and oppose Him. That lesson is taught to us in Rev 19:11-21 as well as elsewhere in the Bible. We also read here that He is accompanied by the "armies in heaven" in verse 14. This army is "clothed in fine linen, white and clean." So is the bride up in the preceding verses 7-9. We read in Rev 17:14 that those with Him at His coming are, "called, chosen, and faithful." Brethren, angels are not called and chosen but who is? The bride, the church, the body!

I bring this up to point out that His bride is will Him at the onset of the feast of Trumpets which has a specific calendar day assigned to it. The first day of the seventh month, a New Moon day. Of course the Rabbinical Calendar floats this day in its calculations because of the traditions they have incorporated into their calculated calendar called postponements or dehiyyot. It is seldom falls on the day of the New moon. That in itself is cause for warning according to the scriptures. I believe based on many scriptures and patterns of scriptures that Messiah will return for His bride on the feast of Pentecost. It is the only day that is not assigned a calendar date in scripture. We do not know what day it is in any given year if we follow the Biblical method of declaring the first month of the year by the Biblical criteria of a New Moon and aviv barley. Using the biblical method of calendar setting from year to year we can only count to it after we have established the New Moon of that particular year. Pentecost or the 50th day follows the 49 day allotted to the barley harvest. It is in essence a Jubilee of the bride, the release from the bondage of the flesh and the union with her husband to be. I am not at this time trying to tell you that you should be following what I believe. I am using this belief of mine to illustrate a real potential problem with the Rabbinical Calendar or any modification of it which has taken place of late in the churches. I have written about this particular belief of mine extensively and it is available on the site for anyone who cares to look into it. "Pentecost and all its Fullness" is just one of the articles. We have a real danger in following a calendar system devised by men who do not worship the Father and the Son. It is a trap set to deceive the elect.

Oh yes, it can be close on some points if that is acceptable to some but it is not accurate to the biblical commands, and we must be spiritually alert at all times.

Now entertain me as a fool for a moment if you may. Let's say Messiah will be returning on a Pentecost in the future, a day in which the biblical calendar does not assign a set date until the start of the year is determined. That fulfills one of the aspects of, "no man knows the day of His return." Using the Rabbinical Calendar we would know what day is declared Pentecost as far out into the future as we can add. That does not fit in the scriptures. Now let's say we follow the lunar/aviv calendar year by year. What happens if for whatever reason the brethren are coaxed into starting the year differently than what is commanded in scriptures and evidenced in the growing barley crop in Israel. How could this happen? Simple! By someone declaring the barley is aviv or is going to be aviv in the upcoming lunar month when that is not the case. If we are waiting on the bridegroom to come in that year and on Pentecost, we will not see Him and will believe He has "delayed" His coming to a subsequent year because we would have already kept Pentecost earlier and would not be prepared for His coming. However, all will have not followed the erroneous report, for some will have been spiritually alert and functioning to follow a different start to the year, one lunar month later. This is a reality that has been allowed to play out by Elohim for our instruction and correction in the recent past. We must not allow this deceit to happen to the elect ever again. If we use the Rabbinical calculated Calendar we lose in every single year because of its errors based on traditions and not scripture. Also if we rely on a false aviv report we suffer the same result.

The understanding of the Biblical calendar is a watershed doctrine to the church at the end of the age. We are told during these evil times that, "Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand" and "those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall pollute with flattery (intellectual vanity) but the people who know their Elohim (the bride, for she is one with Him not allowing another to instruct her and deceive her as the serpent did to the first Eve) shall be strong and carry on." Knowledge will increase during this time for the elect. They will instruct many in the faith once delivered. We must be vigilant and ever alert to our Husbands instruction and sift everything through it.

I hope you now see why I and others do what we do as to the calendar by traveling to Israel each year. It is not for everyone at this time as the scriptures point out time and time again. We must not be lethargic but be engaged in our faith, in maintaining our oil. As we have stated in the past the opportunity is open to all who worship the Father and the Son to join us in determining the signs of the barley crop in Israel. It is a simple but very important function in the body. We can show you how to do so with no fanfare attached to it. After that you can do it on your own or together as equals in Messiah. It is a vital function for the body to be healthy.

We are not naïve to the fact that all can't do so for there are many functions in the body and not all can perform them. It is important for others in the bible to learn these skills of how to determine the state of aviv in the barley crop growing in Israel. There are some in the body who lead others at this time into error through ignorance as to what barley even is and what aviv stands for. We can assist them if in fact they want our help. We all need to be humble in this endeavor.

Next year the 12th lunar month will end at sunset on Friday March 24, or Saturday March 25. It will be an excellent year to learn about aviv barley. I expect it to be in abundance for several reasons. One of them is that 2012 should be a solar maxima year which is the 11th year of its cycle. Each of these years produces early grain crops throughout the N Hemisphere. If you are an individual or someone who represents a group of brethren you are welcome to accompany us. We will be conducting the inspections during the week of March 18th. It is never too early to plan your trip. There are no strings attached but just a simple request to conduct yourselves decently and in order and with respect for all the others doing so. Also keep in mind this is work and not a sightseeing vacation. You can do that prior to or after the inspections themselves.

Our peace we give to you.

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