

YHWH is the Rosh of the Chodesh The Head of the Renewal – *For His Own People*

YHWH forgives.

Like a husband who forgives an unfaithful, unworthy wife, YHWH forgives. With His forgiving love, He unshackles us from the past and from the remembrance of our unfaithfulness. Through His forgiving love, He cleanses us, washing us with the water of His Word¹. Through his freeing, forgiving love, He renews us – our youth is renewed like the eagle's² and we soar. Through His love, we are crowned³, adorned and resplendent in our wedding garment⁴, having been cleansed and made worthy to be presented to Him “without spot or wrinkle or blemish⁵.”

As any spouse who has been forgiven the heart-wrenching treachery of infidelity knows, *the extent to which the past is remembered - becomes a handcuff to it*. But YHWH sets the prisoners free⁶. YHWH unshackles us from the past and removes our transgressions from us “as far as the east is from the west⁷.” Through His forgiving love, He draws us to Himself with cords of kindness⁸ and remembers our sins no more⁹, freeing us to be new in our relationship with Him, because love keeps no record of wrongs¹⁰ and YHWH is Love¹¹.

YHWH is the initiator of the renewed relationship, as Hosea was the initiator toward his unfaithful wife, Gomer. YHWH is the Rosh of the chodesh, the Head of the renewal, the Initiator and Leader of the renewed covenant relationship and the Authority over it as a husband is the authority over his wife.

An Unfaithful Wife

A wife who rejects her husband's authority and his headship over her, who seeks another authority or head in his place, will be given over to her desires and divorced from her husband. This is the outcome of all YHWH's people as exemplified by Israel's rejection of YHWH as rosh/head¹².

¹ Ephesians 5:26

² Psalm 103:5

³ Psalm 103:4

⁴ Revelation 21:1

⁵ Ephesians 5:27

⁶ Psalm 146:7

⁷ Psalm 103:12

⁸ Hosea 11:4

⁹ Jeremiah 31:34, Hebrews 8:12, 10:17

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 13:5

¹¹ 1 John 4:16

¹² 1 Samuel 8:7

Israel is YHWH's chosen nation and through Israel He made His covenant known. The covenant of YHWH is the Torah and it is the agreement that binds the two parties as a marriage covenant binds husband and wife. The Torah covenant does not only apply to Israel, but to all who desire to participate in the covenant blessings and requirements – all who desire to be united with our Creator. There is one Torah for native Israel and non-native Israel¹³. All people who come into covenant relationship with YHWH through belief in and obedience to His Torah are His “wife”. And since all YHWH's people have rejected His authority through sin/unfaithfulness to the covenant, all His “wife” are in need of covenant renewal. Covenant renewal is the way that the rebellious “wife” is restored to YHWH.

The Feasts of Covenant Renewal

The feasts of YHWH are His guide to – and definition of – the process of covenant renewal. In the feasts we learn the path to restoration of the spiritual covenant relationship that physical marriage is a shadow of¹⁴.

Passover demonstrates the cost of redemption, the forgiveness of sins. The blood of the perfect Lamb paid the price for redemption because without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins¹⁵. YHWH, through the Messiah, Yahushua, shed His blood and purchased our forgiveness¹⁶, freeing us from bondage to sin and enabling us to return to Him.

Unleavened bread demonstrates an individual's separation from sin in order for the relationship to be renewed. Fidelity is an absolute in marriage. Yahushua was faithful to YHWH in all things¹⁷. He sanctified Himself for us, consecrated Himself to be set apart from sin¹⁸ so that He could bear our sin as our perfect High Priest¹⁹ – offering an acceptable atoning sacrifice for our sins²⁰. He set the example for us of being set apart *from* unfaithfulness/sin and set apart *to* YHWH in covenant faithfulness, as a wife is to be set apart *from* all others and set apart *to* her own husband. Yahushua, the Word made flesh²¹, the embodiment of the Torah, teaches us to be set apart from sin.

“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am YHWH.” Ezekiel 38:23

“And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.” John 17:19

¹³ Exodus 12:49; Leviticus 24:22

¹⁴ Ephesians 5:31

¹⁵ Hebrews 9:22

¹⁶ Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14

¹⁷ Hebrews 2:17

¹⁸ Strong's 6942 - qadash

¹⁹ Hebrews 7:28, 9:11

²⁰ 1 John 2:2, 4:10; Romans 3:25

²¹ John 1:19

The Wave Sheaf offering demonstrates acceptance – the unfaithful spouse has been forgiven and the relationship is restored and renewed. On this day, Yahushua was “raised for our justification²²” showing that His sacrifice for us was acceptable to YHWH – the righteous for the unrighteous (1 Peter 3:18). What the unfaithful wife forfeited in rejecting her husband as head – the right to His protection, His provision and to remember and bear His Name²³ – is now restored through His forgiveness and acceptance.

The Feast of Weeks demonstrates the two-person reunion. The two loaves of new grain show that the two become one, reunited in love, commitment and purpose. Spiritually reunited with YHWH, we become one with Him²⁴ and His goal becomes our goal and His purpose our purpose, just as a married couple faithfully and harmoniously labor together in life. YHWH’s goal is righteousness²⁵ and we now labor with Him to that end²⁶. On Mt. Sinai, YHWH poured out His heart of love, the word of life – Torah – and wrote with His finger on the tablets of stone²⁷. On the day of Pentecost, He poured out His love – Torah – through His Spirit on tablets of flesh²⁸. It is through the spiritual renewal of the heart²⁹ that we become one with YHWH.

A Deeper Look

As Genesis 2 is a further elaboration of the creation account in Genesis 1, the Fall Feasts are a further elaboration of the Spring Feasts and a deeper look into the heart of *repentance and forgiveness* – the construction materials of renewal against which the gates of hell shall not prevail³⁰.

The Feast of Trumpets is a picture of the heart of repentance. In marriage, when an unfaithful spouse realizes the *supreme value of their spouse and the marriage relationship* as well as the *devastating wickedness of the betrayal*, there is sincere mourning, humble repentance and insatiable desire for reconciliation. In a truly repentant spouse, the eyes of the heart are opened to perceive the depth of the wound they have inflicted on their spouse. The truly repentant spouse sees the depth and the height – the chasm of the crime. Adultery is lowest blow and it is inflicted upon the one who should be of the highest regard. Adultery tears the heart out of the one to whom we’ve pledged the highest vow through marriage.

The process of covenant renewal begins when *YHWH reveals to our inner being the supreme value of Himself and our relationship with Him*. In rejecting Him as our Authority and Head, we

²² Romans 4:25

²³ Hosea 9:15; Jeremiah 23:27

²⁴ John 17:22

²⁵ Genesis 18:19; Romans 10:4

²⁶ Philippians 2:13

²⁷ Deuteronomy 9:10

²⁸ 2 Corinthians 3:3

²⁹ Psalm 51:10; Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10, 10:16

³⁰ Matthew 16:18

demean the One to whom we should esteem above all others. As our Creator and the essence of all that is right, good, pure, just, wise, benevolent, kind, compassionate, merciful, etc., there is nothing higher, nothing greater, nothing more valuable than YHWH Himself - and the renewal of our relationship with Him is worth giving up everything else for, including self and this temporal life. As a wife esteems her own husband above all others, YHWH's people esteem Him above all things.

“and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly]. *Ephesians 5:33 Amplified Bible*

A broken heart and a contrite spirit³¹ over infidelity is the first step toward renewal.

Atonements is a picture of the heart of forgiveness. Forgiveness costs an enormous sum and the currency is the heart. Atonements portrays the value YHWH places on us and the supreme price He paid³² to bring us back to Himself. When a husband who has been betrayed by his wife, his closest companion, determines to forgive her and bring her back to himself in reconciliation, he pays an extremely high price. He must “empty himself” of his right to bitterness, anger, revenge, hate and remembrance. He must sacrifice his own broken heart for the sake of reconciliation. This is a small scale picture of what YHWH has done for us.

Through the Messiah, He emptied Himself for us³³, afflicted Himself for us³⁴, shed His blood for our sins³⁵, banished our sins from remembrance as the scapegoat is banished to the wilderness³⁶ – all to reconcile us to Himself in the all-surpassing covenant love³⁷ relationship of *echad*, one. When the Messiah gave up His spirit, the curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom³⁸. The division caused by unfaithfulness was removed³⁹, the breach of the relationship was repaired, and mercy triumphed⁴⁰. The spouse that has been forgiven discovers that there is no one who will love her more. The forgiven wife will now strive all her life, to be worthy of the one she esteems above all others. Through His mercy and forgiveness, YHWH is exalted and esteemed⁴¹ in the hearts of His people. The revelation of YHWH's love for us and His exaltation of us as His renewed bride are beyond comprehension and beyond words. *All we have left is inexpressible joy.*

³¹ Psalm 51:17

³² 1 Peter 1:18-19

³³ Philippians 2:7

³⁴ Isaiah 53:7; Philippians 2:7

³⁵ Zechariah 12:10

³⁶ Leviticus 16:10

³⁷ Ephesians 3:19

³⁸ Matthew 27:51

³⁹ Romans 5:1

⁴⁰ James 2:3

⁴¹ Isaiah 30:18

Tabernacles is our indescribable joy. Re-united in love and faithfulness, of one mind and one purpose in eternal life, living forever in righteousness with YHWH our Righteousness, Tabernacles represents the dwelling and abiding with YHWH that words cannot describe.

“but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND WHICH HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."⁴²

YHWH prepared a tabernacle of flesh and bones⁴³ for His own kindness and truth, through whom our iniquities are atoned for⁴⁴. The body of the Messiah, “not made by human hands⁴⁵” was the dwelling place⁴⁶ of all YHWH’s loving-kindness toward us. And “when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit⁴⁷.”

Renewed Relationship

Through covenant renewal, as we learn to submit to YHWH our Head, cleave to Him and become conformed to Him⁴⁸, we will not wane⁴⁹ *in our reflection of His righteousness*, but “shine brighter and brighter until the full day⁵⁰.” As the moon has no light of its own but reflects the light of the sun, *we have no righteousness of our own but we learn to reflect the righteousness of YHWH our Righteousness who is in us through the Messiah, the renewed covenant*⁵¹.

Through Yahushua the Messiah, YHWH restores His rebellious wife to Himself. YHWH through Messiah is the head of His renewed bride, His body⁵² – as a husband is head of his wife. YHWH is the rosh of the chodesh, the head of the renewal, the initiator and authority of the renewed covenant relationship.

**Yours, Yahweh, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty!
For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom,
Yahweh, and you are exalted as head above all.**⁵³

⁴² 1 Corinthians 2:9

⁴³ Hebrews 10:5

⁴⁴ Proverbs 16:6

⁴⁵ Mark 14:58

⁴⁶ Hebrews 10:5

⁴⁷ Titus 3:4-5

⁴⁸ Romans 8:29

⁴⁹ Isaiah 60:20

⁵⁰ Proverbs 4:18

⁵¹ Matthew 26:28

⁵² Ephesians 5:23

⁵³ 1 Chronicles 29:11