

WOC INTERNATIONAL

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Rosh Chodesh Bul or Cheshvan (5780)

Intro - For those new to the faith or unfamiliar with the biblical concept of New Moon

New Moon marks the beginning of a new month on the Father's lunar calendar and

Is THE day the Father appoints men to approach Him & give an account for the previous month

Each New Moon highlights a specific tribe and theme the Father focuses on for the month

Communion (like the New Moon) is the ordained time believers approach the Father to

Review their lives from last month, repent of sin, forgive others & seek His forgiveness

What 5 devices have we covered so far that Satan uses to hinder us from our duties or destiny?

2nd Month (Iyar) - He uses the emotional giants of fear, regret, and guilt

3rd Month (Sivan) - He uses the thoughts of the thief, stalker, and actor foxes

4th Month (Tammuz) - He uses passive idolatry's covetousness, greed, & meditating on sin

5th Month (Av) - He uses the false narratives of seemingly "convincing" events

6th Month (Cheshvan) - He uses delusions borne out of deception via misdirection

Theme for 8th month of Cheshvan - "Pseudo realities spawn pseudo servants"

What is a pseudo servant? - A believer whose false narratives and pseudo realities keep him

_____ to examine himself & make required changes to avoid repeating past mistakes

"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" George Santayana

_____ things to change, but doing nothing to achieve or receive these changes

_____ to taking personal responsibility for the quality of his relationship with his God

How do false narratives, pseudo realities, & pseudo servanthood apply to our lesson this month?

Manasseh ultimately became a pseudo servant because of false narratives & pseudo realities

Which led him to adopt the idolatry of the people he was supposed to conquer

1 Chron 5:23, 25 "The descendants of the half-tribe of M'nasheh lived and increased in the territory from Bashan to Ba'al-Hermon, S'nir and Mount Hermon. 25 But they broke faith with the God of their ancestors and prostituted themselves to the gods of the peoples of the land, whom God had destroyed ahead of them." CJB

And ignore the importance of maintaining a theocratic community

_____ - Introduction of lies into their theology led to false worship

_____ - Adoption of non-Israelite customs & attitudes led to de-sensitization

_____ - Acceptance of disunity as a norm led to a cessation of fellowship

And ultimately, replace his theocratic laws, rights, & concepts with Gentile alternatives

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Lesson - What should we already know about the 8th month of Bul or Cheshvan?

Bul is the 2nd month of the Fall (Ethanin, Bul, Kislev) and connects to the tribe of Manasseh

The name Bul was changed to Cheshvan during Israel's Babylonian exile because

They considered this Exile a time of bitterness, darkness, judgment and hardship

Which led some to call this month Marcheshvan, to highlight its bitterness

Cheshvan is the only month without any holy days or special mitzvot, instead

It's a time of deterioration; leaves begin to drop and decay as winter approaches

It's the start of the cold and rainy season in Israel

We know Manasseh was Joseph's first son, situated W with Efrayim & Benjamin to march third

Who ended up with a divided inheritance (on both sides of the Jordan)

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What does my Father want me to remember about the 8th Month of Bul or Cheshvan?

On the 17th day of this month, the Great Flood [mabul] began

Gen 7:10-12 "After seven days the water flooded the earth. 11 On the seventeenth day of the second month of the 600th year of Noah's life all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the sky were opened. 12 It rained on the earth forty days and forty nights." CJB

But we must realize, while the world in its previous state came to an end that day

The sowing of a new beginning in the _____ of Noah also began that day

Thus, in the midst of Cheshvan's darkness, Yahweh plants the seed of light (i.e. growth)

Note - The flood waters began to recede this month the following year on Cheshvan 27

What precipitated this sowing? - Death of Noah's grandfather Methuselah at the age of 969

His name means "His death shall bring judgment" - His destiny was to portend judgment

Ancient Jewish writings say Yahweh held off the judgment for 7 days to honor his death

Thus, his death opened the door for Noah to become leader of the next generation

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What new perspectives does my Father want me to have about the 8th Month of Bul?

Even though Bul is seen as an apocalyptic time of sorrow, God always brings _____ out of it

When we remember the joy of the festivals and obey the instructions given to us in Month 7

We successfully navigate this appointed dark period, until the next set of festivals arrive

Even though Manasseh wasn't always faithful, he never lost his _____

Along with Ephraim, Manasseh was responsible for gathering the other tribes together

While Ephraim was to lead this great work, Manasseh was to be there beside him

Deut 33:13-16 "Of Yosef he said: "May Adonai bless his land with the best from the sky, for the dew, and for what comes from the deep beneath, 14 with the best of what the sun makes grow, with the best of what comes up each month, 15 with the best from the mountains of old, with the best from the eternal hills, 16 with the best from the earth and all that fills it, and the favor of him who lived in the [burning] bush. May blessing come on the head of Yosef, on the brow of the prince among his brothers." CJB

Jewish theologians say he was the interpreter between Joseph and the rest of their brothers

Which makes sense, as only he, his brother, and Joseph knew both languages

What does it mean to be spiritually bi-lingual in regards to the previous example?

They also connect Manasseh to the rebuilding of the Messiah's Third Temple

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What lesson should we learn from Manasseh about Cheshvan and being a pseudo-servant?

Even though he was considered _____, 1 of Israel's best judges came from this tribe (Gideon)

Judg 6:15-16 "But Gid'on answered him, "Forgive me, my Lord, but with what am I to save Isra'el? Why, my family is the poorest in M'nasheh, and I'm the youngest person in my father's house!" 16 Adonai said to him, "Because I will be with you, you will strike down Midyan as easily as if they were just one man." CJB

Why was Gideon given a sign then, but we are not to ask for one now? (Mark 8:11-13)

Even though the smaller tribe of Manasseh was guilty of being _____ to Yahweh

He saw himself as privileged even though he was not Jacob's son & lesser in the blessing

Why? - Unlike Ephraim, he savored his "grafted into" privilege and held onto his sonship

Manasseh's humility was reflected in his returning at Hezekiah's command to observe Pesach

2 Chron 30:1-3 "Then Hizkiyahu sent to all Isra'el and Y'hudah, and wrote letters also to Efrayim and M'nasheh, summoning them to the house of Adonai in Yerushalayim, to keep the Pesach to Adonai the God of Isra'el. 2 For the king, his officials and the entire Yerushalayim community had agreed to keep the Pesach in the second month. 3 They had not been able to observe it at the proper time because the cohanim had not consecrated themselves in sufficient number; also the people had not assembled in Yerushalayim." CJB

Thus, forsaking their idolatry became more important than their relationship with Ephraim

2 Chron 30:10-11 "So the runners passed from city to city through the territory of Efrayim and M'nasheh, as far as Z'vulun; but the people laughed at them and made fun of them. 11 Nevertheless, some from Asher, M'nasheh and Z'vulun were humble enough to come to Yerushalayim." CJB

**Ephraim didn't realize that rejecting the call and making fun of those heeding the call
Meant Manasseh now took the lead in gathering the tribes together**

Remember, Manasseh and Ephraim weren't Jacob's sons; they had to be _____ as sons

Gen 48:5-6 "Now your two sons, who were born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you in Egypt, are mine; Efrayim and M'nasheh will be as much mine as Re'uven and Shim'on are. 6 The children born to you after them will be yours, but for purposes of inheritance they are to be counted with their older brothers." CJB

We were not sons of the 1st Covenant naturally either - We had to be brought in (adopted)

Rom 11:17-19 "But if some of the branches were broken off, and you — a wild olive — were grafted in among them and have become equal sharers in the rich root of the olive tree, 18 then don't boast as if you were better than the branches! However, if you do boast, remember that you are not supporting the root, the root is supporting you." CJB

His reward for returning to worship as per Yahweh's patterns (festivals, shabbats, NM's etc.)

Manasseh's tribe has a gate and is named in the 144,000, while Dan & Ephraim aren't

Rev 7:4-8 "I heard how many were sealed — 144,000 from every tribe of the people of Isra'el: 5 From the tribe of Y'hudah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Re'uven 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, 6 from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naftali 12,000, from the tribe of M'nasheh 12,000, 7 from the tribe of Shim'on 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Yissakhar 12,000, 8 from the tribe of Z'vulun 12,000, from the tribe of Yosef 12,000, from the tribe of Binyamin 12,000." CJB

Why was the Jewish tribe of Dan and the converted Gentile tribe of Ephraim unnamed?

Like so many Manasseh and Ephraim offspring (Christian churches)

They _____ the commands, teachings, and patterns of the 1st Covenant

Matt 5:17-18 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete. 18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud or a stroke will pass from the Torah — not until everything that must happen has happened." CJB

They fail to differentiate the actual _____ of Torah (moral, civil, ceremonial)

And say Paul's words about the stake (Col 2:14) supersede what Yeshua said

What happens when they teach others certain 1st Covenant "shadows" no longer apply?

They become the "least in heaven"

Matt 5:19 "So whoever disobeys the least of these mitzvot and teaches others to do so will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whoever obeys them and so teaches will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven" CJB

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Why are they considered the least?

Their idolatrous teachings produce works that cannot _____ the fire testing!

1 Cor 3:13-15 “But each one’s work will be shown for what it is; the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire — the fire will test the quality of each one’s work. 14 If the work someone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward; 15 if it is burned up, he will have to bear the loss: he will still escape with his life, but it will be like escaping through a fire.” CJB

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Conclusion

What do I need to take home from this lesson today? - I must make whatever changes I can to

_____ **any idolatrous worship and return to true worship like Manasseh**

_____ **and not let my dark rainy season be something I avoid or become bitter about**

_____ **the name Manasseh means I am “to forget the pain of the past”**

Gen 41:51 “Yosef called the firstborn M’nasheh [causing to forget], “Because God has caused me to forget all the troubles I suffered at the hands of my family.” CJB

_____ **this month my ordained time of restoration from the past & start of new things**

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