

WOC INTERNATIONAL

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Rosh Chodesh Nisan (5781)

Review

What have we covered thus far the Spirit uses to direct us in our duties on the road to destiny?

9th Month (Kislev) - True servants provide _____

10th Month (Tevet) - Selfless service generates _____

11th Month (Shevat) - Benevolent works soften _____

12th Month (Adar) - Soft hearts naturally _____

Introduction

Aviv or Nisan is the 1st month of Spring, 7th month of civil year & 1st month of ecclesiastical year

Aviv is an ordained time to get away from new paths that made us stumble last year

Isa 28:12-13 "He once told this people, "It's time to rest, the exhausted can rest, now you can relax" – but they wouldn't listen. 13 So now the word of Adonai for them comes "precept by precept, precept by precept, line by line, line by line, a little here, a little there," so that when they walk, they stumble backward, and are broken, trapped and captured! CJB

It's an ordained time to replenish seeds unplanted due to waste and mismanagement

Important facts to focus on concerning the 1st month of Aviv or Nisan

Yahweh's Calendar, His Word, & His reckoning of Time are based on His covenant with Israel

Thus, all of Scripture's covenant instructions pertain to the Land of Israel and nowhere else

Yahweh's Calendar confirms the Hebrew [aviv] marking the beginning of Israel's barley harvest

Aviv also refers to a specific stage of barley growth; a point in which it is not yet golden

But ripe enough to be suitable for the "first fruits" offering following Pesach/Passover

Important facts to focus on concerning the 1st month of Aviv or Nisan this year

We learned previously, benevolent works soften hard hearts and lead to a natural cooperation

What most don't realize, however, is a hidden fruit of true cooperation - _____

Biblically - This is the agreement in action, opinion or feeling without creating conflict

Harmony ensures individuals operate without damaging or destroying one another

Hallmarks of the biblical harmony that results from soft hearts cooperating together

Lack of stagnation - Adversity and victory cause soft hearts to _____ together

Regardless to the relationship type, those not growing together end up growing apart

Prov 17:17 "A friend shows his friendship at all times – it is for adversity that [such] a brother is born." CJB

Predictable and productive pattern of _____

Those that push their own agenda won't reconcile differences to attain the common goal

Important facts concerning Judah (the son of Jacob)

Judah was the 4th son of Jacob via Leah

Gen 29:35 "She conceived yet again, had a son and said, "This time I will praise Adonai"; therefore she named him Y'hudah [praise]. Then she stopped having children." CJB

Question - Why did Leah name him Judah "Now will I praise Yahweh?"

Although he was 4th in the hierarchy, _____ dictated he later be the family head

It was Judah that interceded on behalf of Joseph to spare his life

Gen 37:26-27 "Y'hudah said to his brothers, "What advantage is it to us if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? 27 Come, let's sell him to the Yishma'elim, instead of putting him to death with our own hands. After all, he is our brother, our own flesh." His brothers paid attention to him."

It was Judah who begged Joseph to detain him in Egypt rather than Benjamin

Gen 44:18, 33 "Then Y'hudah approached Yosef and said, "Please, my lord! Let your servant say something to you privately; and don't be angry with your servant, for you are like Pharaoh himself...33 Therefore, I beg you, let your servant stay as a slave to my lord instead of the boy, and let the boy go up with his brothers." CJB

Why did Joseph seemingly mistreat his brothers this way after all of those years?

Gen 42:8-9 "So Yosef recognized his brothers, but they didn't recognize him. 9 Remembering the dreams he had had about them, Yosef said to them, "You are spies! You've come to spot our country's weaknesses!" CJB

But providence did not dictate he assume this leadership on his own or usurp it from his brothers

In fact, Judah moved away after his brothers sold Joseph into slavery and deceived Jacob

Gen 37:34, 35 ...38:1 "Ya'akov tore his clothes and, putting sackcloth around his waist, mourned his son for many days. 35 Though all his sons and daughters tried to comfort him, he refused all consolation, saying, "No, I will go down to the grave, to my son, mourning." And his father wept for him. ... 38 (iv) 1 It was at this time that Y'hudah went off from his brothers and settled near a man named Hirah who was an 'Adulami." CJB

**While away, he married a Canaanite woman named Shua (aka Bat-Shua) & had 3 sons by her
After her death, Judah sired twin sons (Perez & Zerah) by his late son Er's widow (Tamar)**

1 Chron 2:3-4 "The sons of Y'hudah: 'Er, Onan and Shelah; the mother of these three was Bat-Shua the Kena'anit. 'Er, Y'hudah's firstborn, was wicked from Adonai's perspective, so he killed him. 4 Tamar his daughter-in-law bore him Peretz and Zerach; thus Y'hudah had five sons altogether." CJB

To his credit, Judah acknowledged his sin of purposely withholding Shelah from her

**This was unacceptable in the eyes of the people, so he returned home to his family
After Reuben lost his 1st born rights, why did the torch pass to Judah & not Simeon or Levi?**

Question - How did Judah's action foreshadow that of some of his kingly offspring?

Judah's life experience and strength of character made him respond well to his sin

Jacob's confidence in Judah is a reason why he would only let him take Benjamin to Egypt

Onan, Perez & Zerah's confidence in Judah is what led them to travel with him to Egypt

Yahweh's confidence in Judah, led Him to establish His kingly lineage via his son Perez

Important facts concerning Judah (the tribe of Israel)

They camped on the E side with Issachar & Zebulun & were 1st to move when they had to march

Importance of this strategic position - They were 1st to _____ an enemy face to face

They were 1 of the 6 tribes chosen to stand on Mount Ebal to pronounce blessings (Deut 27:11-12)

Along with Benjamin and Simeon, there were considered the Southern Tribes of Israel

Judah was the only tribe whose inheritance was determined prior to the invasion of Canaan

Their inheritance was a _____ for Caleb's trust in God when spying out the Land at 40

Num 14:24 "But my servant Kalev, because he had a different Spirit with him and has fully followed me – him I will bring into the land he entered, and it will belong to his descendants." CJB

But this Caleb of Judah did not immediately receive his inheritance as most think

Josh 14:10-12 "Now, look: Adonai has kept me alive these forty-five years, as he said he would, from the time Adonai said this to Moshe, when Isra'el was going through the desert. Today I am eighty-five years old, 11 but I am as strong today as on the day Moshe sent me – I'm as strong now as I was then, whether for war or simply for going here and there. 12 Therefore, give me this hill, the one Adonai spoke about on that day; for on that day you heard how the 'Anakim were there with great, fortified cities; perhaps Adonai will be with me, and I will drive them away, as Adonai said." CJB

Why should Caleb receiving his inheritance so late in life encourage us to continue trusting?

When we stand for God when others don't, we become a blessing for generations to come

Important facts to focus on concerning Judah and the 1st month of Aviv or Nisan this year

Judah's _____ conveys a lion's cub maturing and moving away from childish rebellion

Judah's _____ conveys his anointed strength in the face of forceful opposition

Gen 49:8 "Y'hudah, your brothers will acknowledge you, your hand will be on the neck of your enemies, your father's sons will bow down before you." CJB

Judah's _____ conveys the concept of "Let Yahweh be praised" which should spur in me

A desire to praise Yahweh for everything that happened to me last year because

My _____ from last year's trials and tribulations has softened my heart

And brought me into a productive harmony with my Father and my brethren

A desire to praise Yahweh for everything that will happen to me this year, as it will help me

_____ my covenant with Him despite what my circumstances might be

As last year's repentance and redemption paved the way to this year's miracles

_____ myself to the terms of His Covenant despite the opposition of my flesh

Israel was to align their camps physically with the tabernacle in the center because it was

Yahweh's way of aligning them with each other, His leadership, and His timing

Israel was to align spiritually with the Torah inside the tabernacle's center because it was

Yahweh's way of empowering them to serve in the upcoming times and seasons

Conclusion

What do soft hearts, natural cooperation, and harmony have to do with this next session?

These 3 will lead us to submit ourselves as slaves unto the Father's mercy as Judah did

And take responsibility for any guilt or damages that are the results of past actions

These 3 allow us to receive a special anointing to guard the sanctuary gate as Judah did

And prevent the enemy from destroying the Community via the introduction of new ways

What do soft hearts, natural cooperation, and harmony have to do with His fruit reproduction?

These 3 will lead to spiritual discipline that successfully

_____ my speech

Eph 4:28 "Let no harmful language come from your mouth, only good words that are helpful in meeting the need, words that will benefit those who hear them." CJB

