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Rosh Chodesh Sivan (5781)

Review

What have we covered so far, the Spirit has used to direct us in our duties on our way to destiny?

9th Month (Kislev) - True servants provide **selfless service**

10th Month (Tevet) - Selfless service generates **benevolent works**

11th Month (Shevat) - Benevolent works soften **hardened hearts**

12th Month (Adar) - Soft hearts naturally **cooperate**

1st month (Nisan) - Natural cooperation spawns **True Harmony**

2nd Month (Iyar) - True harmony yields **hope inspired service**

What will we cover this month on our way to destiny?

3rd Month (Sivan) - Hope inspired service yields good fruit (**tried and tested**)

Introduction - 3rd Month of Spring, 3rd month of ecclesiastical year & 9th month of civil year

The Jewish sages knew Yahweh's calendar months connected to the tribal camping order

Thus providing unique insights into the attributes and characteristics of each month and tribe

Given to enhance our relationship with Yahweh via His divine patterns & human examples

How does this apply to the month of Sivan? - Sivan is the appointed month for 7 memorials ...

Provision Memorial - God equipped Israel with substance, time & revelation for their journey

He showed Himself faithful to Israel with the water & quail: He does the same for us

Transition Memorial - Father appointed this month for Israel to get acquainted with Him

He gave Israel an opportunity to meet Him on the mountain: He gives us the same

Twins Memorial - Yahweh gave Israel the twin tablets of Torah at Mt. Sinai this month

But this month is also the month of Gemini (the twins in the flesh) - **Jacob & Esau**

Covenant Memorial - Yahweh entered into marital covenant with Israel as a nation this month

He gave Israel opportunity to get back into their appointed position: He gives us the same

Giving Memorial - Yahweh gave mankind the provision of His Word & gift of His Spirit in Sivan

He gave Israel opportunity to thank Him for these with a 1st fruit gift: He gives us the same

Boundaries Memorial - Yahweh gave Israel boundaries to define their identity as a nation

He gave these boundaries as a nation: He gives us boundaries as His children

Potential Memorial - Yahweh increased, multiplied and prospered Israel this month

Important expectations we should have during the 3rd month of Sivan

On Sivan 1, we should expect the Father to open doors to a different provision this month

Pesach's barley could not **sustain** Israel on the next leg of the trip - They needed wheat

The revelation we've received the past 3 months, isn't enough for the next leg of our trip

On Sivan 2, we should expect a deeper Torah to open doors to a deeper revelation

Higher level instructions are needed to **purify** us as a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation"

Ex 19:5-6 "Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el." CJB

On Sivan 3, we should expect to open doors to a better communion with our Father

Ex 19:12-13 "You are to set limits for the people all around; and say, 'Be careful not to go up on the mountain or even touch its base; whoever touches the mountain will surely be put to death. 13 No hand is to touch him; for he must be stoned or shot by arrows; neither animal nor human will be allowed to live.' When the shofar sounds, they may go up on the mountain." CJB

Important facts to know about Zebulun (the son of Jacob) this month

1 - Zebulun was the 6th of Jacob's son via Leah (10th son overall)

Gen 30:19-20 "Le'ah conceived again and bore a sixth son to Ya'akov. 20 Le'ah said, "God has given me a wonderful gift. Now at last my husband will live with me, since I have borne him six sons." And she called him Z'vulun [living together]." CJB

2 - Zebulun's symbol was a ship and they were noted for their ability in business

Their ultimate prophetic **destiny** was connected to trade & wealth through sea commerce

Important facts to know about Zebulun (the tribe of Israel) this month

Zebulun camped on the E side with Judah & Issachar and were part of the 1st group to march

They were given a strategic position of **guarding** the entrance, the gate to the sanctuary

Yeshua strategically began His ministry in Zebulun (fulfilling Isaiah 9's prophecy)

Isa 8:23-9:1 "23(9:1) But there will be no more gloom for those who are now in anguish. In the past the land of Z'vulun and the land of Naftali were regarded lightly; but in the future he will honor the way to the lake, beyond the Yarden, Galil-of-the-Goyim. 9 1(2) The people living in darkness have seen a great light; upon those living in the land that lies in the shadow of death, light has dawned." CJB

What 3 practical wisdom lessons can we learn from the tribe of Zebulun this month?

1st Practical Lesson - Life of **Contradictory Purposes**

While Zebulun was also 1 of the 6 tribes to stand on Mt Ebal and pronounce curses

They were also called to be Yahweh's positive example of generosity to the world

By showcasing His mercy towards Israel's transgressions as the first born of many

Deut 33:18-19 "Of Z'vulun he said: "Rejoice, Z'vulun, as you go forth, and you, Yissakhar, in your tents. 19 They will summon peoples to the mountain and there offer righteous sacrifices; for they will draw from the abundance of the seas and from the hidden treasures of the sand." CJB

2nd Practical Lesson - Dangers of **Partial Obedience**

While Zebulun did subject the Canaanites to forced labor on one hand (Judges 1:30)

They didn't do what they originally commanded to do - Drive them out completely

Num 33:51-53 “to tell the people of Isra’el, “When you cross the Yarden into the land of Kena’an, 52 you are to expel all the people living in the land from in front of you. Destroy all their stone figures, destroy all their metal statues and demolish all their high places. 53 Drive out the inhabitants of the land, and live in it, for I have given the land to you to possess.” CJB

But on the other, their humility led them on a pilgrimage to observe Hezekiah's Passover

In the midst of the ridicule of their brethren who refused to accompany them

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

3rd Practical Lesson - Fruit of Faithful Generosity

The Zebulunites, Issacharites and Naphtalites were very generous in their giving

1 Chron 12:40-41 “They remained there with David for three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen had prepared for them. 41(40) Moreover, those who were near them — and even those as far as Yissakhar, Z'vulun and Naftali — brought food on donkeys, camels, mules and oxen: baked goods, fig cakes, clusters of raisins, wine, oil, and oxen and sheep in abundance; for there was joy in Isra’el.” CJB

Unlike the other tribes, Zebulun wasn't uprooted during the captivity and suffered less

And were given the responsibility for forming the core of the remnant that survived

Conclusion

What do soft hearts, natural cooperation, harmony & hopeful service have to do with good fruit?

They synergistically work together to produce the Father's "tried and tested" good fruit

John 15:15-16 “I no longer call you slaves, because a slave doesn't know what his master is about; but I have called you friends, because everything I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, I chose you; and I have commissioned you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last; so that whatever you ask from the Father in my name he may give you.” CJB

Being faithful to His Covenant terms empowers us in what we have & where we are, to ...

1 - Speak words of trust concurring with this month's promise to enlarge our territory

As He uses us to release His Kingdom to the world by being a light to the nations

2 - Forget things that are behind us and allow His Spirit to

Propel us forward to the things He purchased for us as part of our inheritance

Hopeful service produces "tried and tested" good fruit that expands our borders by helping us

Recall the prophetic promise Yahweh gave Zebulun concerning their destiny by the sea

Gen 49:13 “Z'vulun will live at the seashore, with ships anchoring along his coast and his border at Tzidon.” CJB

Yet, at the time of their initial placement in the Land, they had no access to either sea

Rather than give up, they faithfully served the trade route they were given
Which led to Yahweh expanding boundaries to the sea as He prophesied, so that
By the 1st century, their territory went from Mediterranean Sea to the Galilean Sea
How does Yahweh's actions reflect what Yeshua said at the end in the talents parable?

Walk confidently in the confines of our sonship boundaries, so that

We are willing to jeopardize our lives unto death for the life of His nation & His causes

Judg 5:18 "The people of Z'vulun risked their lives, Naftali too, on the open heights." CJB

What do you need to do to be faithful & diligent like them until you inherit the promise?

Be a people of His order and bring ourselves into alignment with His order

What will soft hearts, natural cooperation, harmony & hopeful service cause ME to do?

Be like Zebulun and not let opposition or restrictions cause me to **disbelieve His promises**

And pursue my call with faithful obedience, using whatever tools I have at my disposal

Heb 4:11 "Therefore, let us do our best to enter that rest; so that no one will fall short because of the same kind of disobedience." CJB

Nurture the special **bond I have with those that communicate the Kingdom Word**

And be supportive of the transmission of the Word the way Zebulun was of Issachar

1 Tim 5:17 "The leaders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor, especially those working hard at communicating the Word and at teaching." CJB

Return to the **ancient paths and walk in them as Yahweh commanded my ancestors**

To receive the revelation that anchors my faith and releases me to His Calling in Yeshua

Jer 6:16-17 "Here is what Adonai says: "Stand at the crossroads and look; ask about the ancient paths, 'Which one is the good way?' Take it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not take it.' 17 I appointed sentinels to direct them: 'Listen for the sound of the shofar.' But they said, 'We will not listen.'" CJB

Be an **apostolic person of praise (Judah), prophecy (Issachar) and prosperity/giving (Zebulun)**

And renew my acceptance of Shavu'ot's "re-giving" of the Torah as my special gift

Eph 2:8 "For you have been delivered by grace through trusting, and even this is not your accomplishment but God's gift." CJB

Amen