

# **WOC INTERNATIONAL**

## **2021 New Moon 6 - August 9, 2021**

### **Rosh Chodesh Elul (5781)**

#### **Introduction - Why are yesterday's New Moon patterns vital to today's worship?**

**These patterns reveal crucial details what Yeshua would experience to grant us salvation**

*Col 2:16-17 "So don't let anyone pass judgment on you in connection with eating and drinking, or in regard to a Jewish festival or Rosh-Hodesh or Shabbat. 17 These are a shadow of things that are coming, but the body is of the Messiah." CJB*

**They draw us closer to God; revealing things He has specifically done to deliver us from sin**

**The Father established New Moon patterns in the past to empower us with hope in the present**

*Rom 15:4 "For everything written in the past was written to teach us, so that with the encouragement of the Tanakh we might patiently hold on to our hope." CJB*

**If the Father wants me to learn from these things, then He must still consider them relevant!**

#### **What have we discovered on our road to fulfilling our destiny this year?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - True harmony yields hope inspired service / 3<sup>rd</sup> - Hope inspired service yields good fruit**

**4<sup>th</sup> Good fruit resists decay / 5<sup>th</sup> - Good fruit is self-sustaining / 6<sup>th</sup> Good fruit is self-replicating**

#### **Important facts to know about the 6<sup>th</sup> month of Elul**

**It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of Summer, 6<sup>th</sup> month of the ecclesiastical year & 12<sup>th</sup> month of the civil year**

**During Elul, Yahweh forgave Israel of the sin of the Golden Calf after they repented (teshuva)**

**Thus making Elul a memorial of the death of their past life & rebirth of their new creation**

**During Elul, the shofar repeatedly sounded to remind men to repent, forgive, & grant mercy and**

**Turn their back on transgression and \_\_\_\_\_ Him at the end of the "10 Days of Awe"**

**Turn away from the world and \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of the One who loves and leads them**

**During Elul, a 40-day period of introspection began accompanied by a summoning on Trumpets**

**To give an account at the end of the 40 days on Yom Kippur (Days of Favor)**

**To experience a growth in wisdom and increased awareness of standing that**

**\_\_\_\_\_ the way they lived & responded to Him because of this enhanced wisdom**

**\_\_\_\_\_ their "will" to seek to fulfill His will because of this improved awareness**

**Elul's 4 letters are a reminder from Songs 6:3 "I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine"**

**Ani Li'dodi v'dodi li highlights the love, intimacy, & mutuality between God & His children**

## Important facts to know about Gad (the son of Israel) this 6<sup>th</sup> month

### Heritage - Gad was Jacob's 7<sup>th</sup> son and the 1<sup>st</sup> son by Zilpah

**While Gad was not Leah's biological son, she accepted and raised him as her own**

**Which is why she openly proclaimed Gad's birth as a sign of her good fortune**

*Gen 30:10-11 "Zilpah Le'ah's slave-girl bore Ya'akov a son; 11 and Le'ah said, "Good fortune has come," calling him Gad [good fortune]." CJB*

### Environment - Being the 7<sup>th</sup> son & handmaiden offspring made Gad confident and assertive

**His confidence allowed him to have an abnormally friendly disposition towards his siblings**

### Attitude - Gad was a natural warrior known for his confidence and strength

*Gen 49:19 "Gad [troop]— a troop will troop on him, but he will troop on their heel" CJB*

**Tradition says Jacob hid Gad, for fear Pharaoh would draft him as a royal bodyguard**

**And on his death bed, Jacob prophesied Gad would lead Israel to victory in the PL**

## What can we learn from the tribe of Gad today?

### Location - Gad camped on the S side with Reuben & Simeon and marched second

**But in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year after the Exodus, they were the 3<sup>rd</sup> tribe counted after Reuben & Simeon**

### Moses likened Gad to a brave lion that rends the arms and heads of its enemies

*Deut 33:20 "Of Gad he said: "Blessed is he who makes Gad so large; he lies there like a lion, tearing arm and scalp." CJB*

**Like lions, the Gadites were fearless and had no problem \_\_\_\_\_ their enemies**

*Num 32:17 "but we ourselves will be armed and ready for action to march at the head of the people of Isra'el, until we have brought them to their place. Our little ones will stay in the fortified cities here because of the people now living in the land." CJB*

**And as a lion marks its territory, Gad chose and marked the "best land for themselves"**

*Deut 33:21 "He chose the best for himself when the princely portion was assigned. When the leaders of the people came, he carried out Adonai's justice and his rulings concerning Isra'el."*

### David benefited from the Gadites lion like nature when he was a fugitive from Saul's jealousy

*1 Chron 12:9 "From the Gadi a number of strong, brave, trained fighting men defected to David at the fortress in the desert. They could handle shield and spear, they were as fierce as lions, and they were as fast as deer on the hills:" CJB*

### How were the Gadites choice of land, like that of Lot in his choice of land with Abram?

*Numbers 32:1 "The Reubenites and Gadites, who had very large herds and flocks, saw that the lands of Jazer and Gilead were suitable for livestock." The land east of the Jordan River was seen as a prime area for raising livestock." CJB*

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## What should I have learned today about the Gadites as what to do or not do?

**I must \_\_\_\_\_ to do what I want or be where I want, & let my heavenly Father decide**

*Isa 48:17 “Thus says Adonai, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Isra’el: “I am Adonai, your God, who teaches you for your own good, who guides you on the path you should take.” CJB*

**I must \_\_\_\_\_ myself to remaining connected to Him to ensure me & my posterity’s success**

*Josh 22:26-27 “So we said, ‘Let us now make preparations and build ourselves an altar, not for burnt offerings or sacrifices, 27 but as a witness between us and you, and between our generations who will come after us, so that we may perform the service for Adonai in his presence with our burnt offerings, sacrifices and peace offerings – so that your descendants will not say to our descendants at some future time, “You have no share in Adonai.”’ CJB*

**I must \_\_\_\_\_ to protect my brethren’s inheritance as hard as I would to protect my own**

*Num 32:18 “However, we will not return to our own homes until every man in Isra’el has taken possession of his land for inheritance.” CJB*

## What should I take home from tonight’s lesson?

**Yahweh gave 3 tribes the \_\_\_\_\_ of marching before the priests & Ark to the PL**

**Because they diligently followed His instructions initially to lead the nation across the Jordan**

*Josh 1:12-15 “To the Re’uveni, the Gadi and the half-tribe of M’nasheh Y’hoshua said, 13 “Remember what Moshe the servant of Adonai ordered you: ‘Adonai your God has let you rest and will give you this land.’ 14 Your wives, your little ones and your livestock will stay in the land Moshe gave you on the east side of the Yarden; but you are to cross over armed as a fighting force ahead of your brothers, to help them;” CJB*

**While the others accepted Yahweh’s choice of inheritance, these 3 chose their own land**

**Which they later regretted because this land was never part of Yahweh’s plan for them**

**Thus, they constrained themselves to a life of constantly fighting their enemies**

**Why did the land the 3 tribes choose, not be a blessing to them but a lesson to others?**

**Even though they were fearless and could conquer the land - It was still outside His Will**

**Which meant, there lack of anointing & approbation led to an idolatrous life & their ruin**

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## Application - Turning knowledge into action

### How does today's lesson help me recognize the Father's good fruit is self-replicating?

**The Father's good fruit residing in my heart naturally replicates a loving desire to \_\_\_\_\_**

Mic 7:18-19 "Who is a God like you, pardoning the sin and overlooking the crimes of the remnant of his heritage? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in grace. 19 He will again have compassion on us, he will subdue our iniquities. You will throw all their sins into the depths of the sea." CJB

**It replicates in my soul a desire to repent (teshuva), empowering me to naturally**

**1 - \_\_\_\_\_ actions I know to be sin**

Acts 26:20 "On the contrary, I announced first in Dammesek, then in Yerushalayim and throughout Y'hudah, and also to the Goyim, that they should turn from their sins to God and then do deeds consistent with that repentance." CJB

**2 - \_\_\_\_\_ to heal the breaches in my relationships with the Father and others**

**3 - \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness from others for what I've done before I seek His forgiveness**

Matt 5:23-24 "So if you are offering your gift at the Temple altar and you remember there that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift where it is by the altar, and go, make peace with your brother. Then come back and offer your gift." CJB

**4 - \_\_\_\_\_ the forgiveness of sin He grants after I've confessed my sin to Him**

1 John 1:9 "If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will forgive them and purify us from all wrongdoing." CJB

**5 - \_\_\_\_\_ close the door on my confessed sin and move forward in new life**

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