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Rosh Chodesh Iyar (5782)

Review - What was the Spirit's instructional theme last month for us in Nissan?

His End Times Pioneer Elyons Focus on the Big Picture - This means in the World - To think of the future or other factors and not focus on the small details Kingdom - To think of our role in the advancing of Adonai's Kingdom And leaving the details as to how this advancing will occur to His providence

What does Focusing on the Big Picture require Pioneer Elyons recognize in Iyar?

That they are Yahweh's sheep not goats

What should I recall today about the month of Iyar aka Ziv?

Naturally, Iyar is the 2nd Spring month, 2nd Ecclesiastical month and 8th civil month

In the wilderness, Israel's _____ went from oasis & palm trees to severe desert

Ex 16:1 "They traveled on from Eilim, and the whole community of the people of Isra'el arrived at the Seen Desert, between Eilim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after leaving the land of Egypt." CJB

Yahweh let their Egyptian food run out as a test, which they failed by not trusting

He would bless them and do something miraculously like He had the entire journey

Ex 16:4 "Adonai said to Moshe, "Here, I will cause bread to rain down from heaven for you. The people are to go out and gather a day's ration every day. By this I will test whether they will observe my Torah or not." CJB

In Canaan, Israel was to "plow" the earth to nurture the wheat seeds planted in Aviv

Spiritually, it is the Spirit's time of healing, radiance, building, and rebuilding for you to

_____ Him plow your soul and nurture the spiritual seeds He planted last month

To get you ready for new appointments, anointings, and approbations at Shavu'ot

_____ the 40/10 days omer testing between redemption and revelation

So that you can connect His 1st & 2nd months, & He can rightly establish your year

_____ your emotional giants & break free from their strangleholds to serve freely

Rev 2:24-25 "But to the rest of you in Thyatira, to those who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some people call the 'deep things' of the Adversary, I say this: I am not loading you up with another burden; 25 only hold fast to what you have until I come" CJB

What should I recall about the tribe of Issachar today?

In the wilderness, they encamped on the East side with Judah and Zebulun and marched first

Were situated with 5 other tribes on Mt Ebal to remind Israel of the blessings of obedience

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In Canaan, Issachar was sandwiched between Zebulun and West Manasseh

Were originally stationed besides Judah and Zebulun on the east side of Yahweh's tent

But once they reached Canaan, they broke away from Judah and stayed with Zebulun

Were Israel's watchkeepers who knew to receive what Yahweh was saying

They had to step into the right thing at the right seasons and move with His plan

1 Chron 12:33 "Of the descendants of Yissakhar, men who understood the times and knew what Isra'el ought to do, there were 200 leaders, and all their kinsmen were under their command." CJB

But disobedience led to their assimilation and loss of destiny in the end

If I'm to understand the Spirit's community message this month, I must comprehend

What separates Pioneer Elyons from Yahweh's other servants? - It is their...

Judah _____ - They have no problem fighting alone, but will fight with certain tribes

Issachar _____ - They have a keen awareness of Yahweh's cycles and seasons

Why Yahweh treated Israel under both covenants the way a great shepherd would his sheep

And why out of all the animals Yahweh created, He intentionally compared men to sheep

Ezek 34:31 "You, my sheep, the sheep in my pasture, are human beings; and I am your God," says Adonai Elohim." CJB

What do we need to know about sheep before we can answer both questions?

Their meat, milk & wool made them a major source of _____ in ancient cultures

They were among the 1st _____ animals, which is why it is commonly believed

The skin garments Yahweh used to cover Adam and Eve's nakedness were sheepskin

As His killing an innocent animal to cover their sin set the stage for His redemption plan

And Yeshua being a sacrificial Lamb applies best if that initial offering was a sheep

When Abel sacrificed the "fat portions from some of the firstborn" of his flock

The innocent blood was of the "flock," most appropriately applies to sheep

When John saw Yeshua approach, he referred to Him as the "Lamb of God"

What do we need to know about shepherding before we answer both questions?

Shepherding was one of the lowliest occupations in ancient times

Landowners hired those who were unqualified for more dignified labor to shepherd sheep

And normally, it was the youngest child's job to tend the sheep (e.g., David)

Which is precisely how David's father saw him, not as a king candidate

The humble status of a shepherd vivid demonstration of Yeshua's meekness

And emphasized and reinforced the fact that He came for even the lowliest of the low

Matt 11:29-30 "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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So, why did Yahweh choose to view His children as sheep?

1 - Sheep are one of the few animals that are pretty much _____

Closest they come to defense is when they are frightened & run away together as a group

2 - Sheep are notorious for following a _____, regardless to where he leads them

1500 sheep in Istanbul fell off a cliff in 2005, 400 died/1100 lived by falling on the 400

Like sheep, humans lack of direction make them extremely gullible to charismatic leaders

Acts 13:50 "But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the women 'God-fearers' of high social standing and the leading men of the city, and they organized persecution against Sha'ul and Bar-Nabba and expelled them from their district." CJB

3 - Sheep are prone to _____ away when they get arrogant, rebellious, or distracted

Isa 53:6 "We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet Adonai laid on him the guilt of all of us." CJB

Their only chance of survival is remaining with the flock under a competent shepherd

Lions don't attack a flock; they wait for sheep to wander away from the shepherd

1 Peter 5:8 "Stay sober, stay alert! Your enemy, the Adversary, stalks about like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." CJB

4 - Sheep can't get up if they get turned over on their back without _____

The Old English shepherd's term for this is "cast down"

If the shepherd does not lift the sheep and put it back on its feet, it will die

Unlike most animals, who lick a wound until it heals when they get wounded or bit

Sheep cannot care for themselves; they need a shepherd to tend to their wounds

And a good shepherd will look after the wound until it is healed completely

Ps 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." CJB

5 - Sheep are _____ and recognize the Shepherd's voice

They can get anxious or distressed and feel sad when their sheep friends die

They can detect strangers and fear a stranger's voice and flee

6 - Sheep are not meant to carry burdens, their _____ is in their meat, milk, and wool

They would be crushed under the normal weights or burdens other animals' bear

Ps 55:23 "23(22) Unload your burden on Adonai, and he will sustain you. He will never permit the righteous to be moved." CJB

7 - Sheep settle for _____ & are content with filth, when it satisfies them at that moment

They lack discernment and judgment and will stink and never even know it

They will stop at a dirty puddle in front of them and not go to the clean water 20 ft ahead

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Conclusion

If I am to understand the Spirit's message in relation to the tribe of Issachar

I can't be like him and blatantly ignore or defy divine principles & patterns I know are true

2 Chron 30:18 "For a large number of the people, especially from Efrayim, M'nasheh, Yissakhar and Z'vulun, had not cleansed themselves but ate the Pesach lamb anyway, despite what is written. For Hizkiyahu had prayed for them, "May Adonai, who is good, pardon" CJB

I can't be like a goat and be independent, opinionated, vulgar, dangerous, or destructive

Goat behavior is a hallmark of Satanism and should not reflect anything I am or do

I should be like bellwether sheep & not wander away, get upside down, or settle for filth

Lamb behavior is a hallmark of the true God and should reflect everything I am or do

Now that I understand Iyar's message, it's time to run back to my Shepherd

Because I recognize I am helpless when Satan attacks me and am nothing without Him

Matt 9:36 "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were harried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd" CJB

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