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Rosh Chodesh Tammuz (5782)

What were the Spirit's instructional themes for Nissan, Iyar, and Sivan?

In Nissan, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to "Focus on the Big Picture"

In Iyar, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to focus on the fact "they are sheep not goats"

In Sivan, He instructed His ET Pioneer Elyons to focus on the fact "Yahweh is their Rock"

In Tammuz, He instructs His Pioneer Elyons to remember they are "Pearls of Great Price"

How does a Pioneer Elyon's global tribal nature separate him from other servants?

His _____ mindset enables him to fight Yahweh's battle by himself or with others

His _____ wisdom gives him an anointed insight into Yahweh's cycles and seasons

His _____ business acumen empowers him to corporately finance tribal goals

His Reuben stick-with-it-ness allows him to continue after suffering major personal defeats

What should we recall today about the month of Tammuz?

Tammuz is the 1st summer month, and its name means "heating" like a glowing _____

Tammuz stands out, as it is the only month named after a Babylonian deity and idol

Tammuz was an idol that could be heated from the inside

With eyes plugged with soft lead melted from the heat & appeared to be weeping

Causing the people to claim that the idol was begging for an offering

Ezek 8:14-15 "He brought me to the entrance of the north gate to Adonai's house; and there before me were women weeping for Tammuz. 15 "Human being," he asked me, "have you seen this? You will see practices even more disgusting than these." CJB

During this "idolatrous" month, major idolatrous acts took place in Jewish history

Moses broke the Tablets when he saw the Jews worshipping the Golden Calf

Romans breached Jerusalem (69 CE), burned the Torah & put an idol in the Temple

Tammuz is to remind us of the power of idolatrous nature in our _____

Yet remember, it will bow to the transformation that follows this month's tempering

Tempering - Improving the hardness & elasticity by reheating and then cooling it

Our carnal Jacob & Esau nature is set on fire this month to pursue evil

While our righteous Israelite nature is set on fire to pursue _____

Tammuz is also the month when Yahweh miraculously stopped the sun in its tracks

To allow Joshua and his armies to defeat their enemies before _____ started

Josh 10:12-13 "Then, on the day Adonai handed over the Emori to the people of Isra'el, Y'hoshua spoke to Adonai; in the sight of Isra'el he said, "Sun, stand motionless over Giv'on! Moon, you too, over Ayalon Valley!" 13 So the sun stood still and the moon stayed put, till Isra'el took vengeance on their enemies." CJB

What should we recall today about the Reuben the son of Jacob?

Reuben was the first of Jacob's 6 sons and 1st son borne to him via Leah in Paddan Aram

Reuben was Yahweh's love answer to Leah's unloved prayer

Gen 29:31-32 "Adonai saw that Le'ah was unloved, so he made her fertile, while Rachel remained childless. 32 Le'ah conceived and gave birth to a son, whom she named Re'uven [see, a son!], for she said, "It is because Adonai has seen how humiliated I have been, but now my husband will love me." CJB

But the only reference to his early childhood is his gathering of mandrakes for his mother

As firstborn, Reuben should have been a leader to his brothers, 1 act _____ everything

While incest didn't cause him to lose his standing as firstborn; he did forfeit the birthright

Gen 35:22 "It was while Isra'el was living in that land that Re'uven went and slept with Bilhah his father's concubine, and Isra'el heard about it." CJB

What made his act more despicable to the Jews than David's?

Like David, his sin was a vigorous nature acting on a sudden temptation

But unlike David, there was an incestuous aspect to Reuben's sin

Since Bilhah's bed was opposite Leah's, it was if he had slept with his mother

Reuben did remind his brothers their Egyptian troubles resulted from mistreating Joseph

Gen 42:22-23 "Re'uven answered them, "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't wrong the boy'? But you wouldn't hear of it. Now comes the reckoning for his blood!" CJB

He did offer his own 2 sons as a guarantee of Benjamin's safety on the return trip to Egypt

Gen 42:37 "Re'uven said to his father, "If I don't bring him back to you, you can kill my own two sons! Put him in my care; I will return him to you." CJB

How long had it been since he saw Joseph? - He was sold @ 17, made overseer @ 30

And Joseph was 39 when his brothers first came to Egypt (2nd year of the famine)

What should we recall about the tribe of Reuben?

Tribe started off in a position of honor and strength, always listed first among the 12 tribes

But as prophesied, they did not maintain this position because of Reuben's incestual sin

No prominent leader emerged from this tribe, nor is not mentioned anywhere in the NT

Deut 33:6 "Let Re'uven live and not die out, even though his numbers grow few" CJB

In the wilderness, they encamped on the South side with Simeon & Gad and marched second

Were situated with 5 other tribes on Mt Ebal to remind Israel of the curses of disobedience

In Canaan, Reuben settled on the land east of the Jordan River with Gad and Manasseh

But only after the fighters promised to help the other tribes conquer their territories

What do Pioneer Elyons focus on? - Knowing They're Pearls of Great Price

Matt 13:46 "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant on the lookout for fine pearls. 46 On finding one very valuable pearl he went away, sold everything he owned and bought it." CJB

7 Pearl Realities

1 - Pearls are organic gemstones formed by shelled mollusks

They're the world's oldest gemstones & only ones that come from _____ creatures

All other gemstones form in the Earth's crust as magma cools under high pressure

2 - Pearls are formed inside mollusks as a natural self-protection mechanism

When irritants penetrate the mollusks outer layer and fall onto the softer tissue inside

It secretes aragonite (a mineral) and conchiolin (a protein) around it in layers

And the composite of these 2 (nacre) grows over time forming the pearl

This "protective" process forming a pearl can take 6 months to 7 years

3 - Pearls are the only jewels in the world that don't need to be cut, polished, or mined

They are one of the rarest jewels (<1 in every 10,000 oysters contain pearls)

And have historically _____ wealth and social standing

4 - Natural pearls are initiated by nature by chance, cultured pearls are human initiated

Most pearls are cultured (freshwater) as almost all natural ones have been harvested

5 Types of pearls - Freshwater, Japanese Akoya, Tahitian, South Sea, Cortes Sea

5 - The more valuable pearls are in oysters, but any shelled mollusk can produce a pearl

Different types of mollusks produce different types of saltwater and freshwater gems

6 - Pearls are not perfectly round and symmetrical, they come in different sizes & shapes

Every pearl is unique with its own 'fingerprint' and no two are exactly alike

And like fine wine, mollusks produce finer and better pearls as they age

7 - You cannot tell if a mollusk has a pearl just by looking

The only way to know for certain is to open the shell to see if there's one inside

An experienced handler knows how to extract a pearl without _____ the host

Conclusion

If I am to understand the Spirit's message in relation to Reuben today

I can never let my nature cause me to commit a gross ungodly act like he did with Bilhah

Gen 49:4 "Though superior in vigor and power you are unstable as water, so your superiority will end, because you climbed into your father's bed and defiled it – he climbed onto my concubine's couch!" CJB

Jewish history says Reuben's act was that of an ardent, impetuous, unbalanced nature

But not an ungenerous, crafty, or cruel nature like that of Simeon and Levi

I must stop trying to fix certain mistakes as he did, according to my own understanding

Gen 37:20-22 "So come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these water cisterns here. Then we'll say some wild animal devoured him. We'll see then what becomes of his dreams!" 21 But when Re'uven heard this, he saved him from being destroyed by them. He said, "We shouldn't take his life. 22 Don't shed blood," Re'uven added. "Throw him into this cistern here in the wilds, but don't lay hands on him yourselves." He intended to rescue him from them later and restore him to his father." CJB

Reuben's anxiety to save Joseph stemmed from his desire to conciliate Jacob

But he didn't realize Judah would convince his brothers to sell Joseph in his absence

Gen 37:25-27 "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." CJB

If I am to understand the Spirit's message in relation to the month of Tammuz today

I must accept the naming of this 4th month after the false god Tammuz is by design

As it provides me with a case study of the problem of idolatry and its _____

I must convert negative idolatrous psychological proclivities into positive ones

I must accept that Tammuz is the ordained time for my idolatry eradication

And submit to the rebuilding that will follow the destruction of my treasured idols

2 Kings 18:3-4 "He did what was right from Adonai's perspective, following the example of everything David his ancestor had done. 4 He removed the high places, smashed the standing-stones, cut down the asherah and broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moshe had made; because in those days the people of Isra'el were making offerings to it, calling it N'chushtan."

If I am to understand the Spirit's message today regarding pearls

I must connect a pearl's beauty, availability, and value to my spiritual Walk

What makes pearls valuable is what makes my walk valuable - Beauty and rarity

Matt 7:13-14 "Go in through the narrow gate; for the gate that leads to destruction is wide and the road broad, and many travel it; 14 but it is a narrow gate and a hard road that leads to life, and only a few find it." CJB

What increases the value of pearls is the same for my walk - Age and size

Rom 5:3-5 "But not only that, let us also boast in our troubles; because we know that trouble produces endurance, 4 endurance produces character, and character produces hope; 5 and this hope does not let us down, because God's love for us has already been poured out in our hearts through the Ruach HaKodesh who has been given to us." CJB

I must connect the handling of a pearl to my handling of Yahweh's holy things

As wisdom dictates how a trader handles pearls around pigs, the same is for my walk

Matt 7:6 "Don't give to dogs what is holy, and don't throw your pearls to the pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, then turn and attack you." CJB

A _____ must be warned not to throw pearls to swine because

Pearls resemble to the naked eye the peas or acorns pigs typically eat over there

And pigs get angry and attack the food giver once they see it isn't peas or acorns

I must connect the purpose of the irritants in the pearl making process

If there were no internal irritants to provoke a _____, there would be no pearls

Today, I leave everyone with this final truth about being Yahweh's Pearl of Great Price

James 1:12 "How blessed is the man who perseveres through temptation! For after he has passed the test, he will receive as his crown the Life which God has promised to those who love him." CJB