

WOC INTERNATIONAL

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“Embarking Into The Unknown”

Introduction

Today we celebrate the _____ of Iyar, its tribe (Issachar) and its message

Uniqueness - Iyar is the only month the Omer is counted every day

Second chances - It is the only month with a “do-over” festival for the defiled

Num 9:10-12 “Tell the people of Isra’el, ‘If any of you now or in future generations is unclean because of a corpse, or if he is on a trip abroad, nevertheless he is to observe Pesach. 11 But he will observe it in the second month on the fourteenth day at dusk. They are to eat it with matzah and maror, 12 they are to leave none of it until morning, and they are not to break any of its bones —they are to observe it according to all the regulations of Pesach.” CJB

Healing - Iyar is the only month whose acronym: אני " רופאך, specifically concerns healing

Ex 15:26 “He said, “If you will listen intently to the voice of Adonai your God, do what he considers right, pay attention to his mitzvot and observe his laws, I will not afflict you with any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians; because I am Adonai your healer.” CJB

But Iyar was the month Israel complained they were _____ when they weren’t

Ex 16:1-2-3 “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. 2 There in the desert the whole community of the people of Isra’el grumbled against Moshe and Aharon. The people of Isra’el said to them, “We wish Adonai had used his own hand to kill us off in Egypt! There we used to sit around the pots with the meat boiling, and we had as much food as we wanted. But you have taken us out into this desert to let this whole assembly starve to death!” CJB

They made a point of recalling the fact they had as much food as they wanted in Egypt

But they failed to mention their bondage, beatings, and forced labor as slaves

Iyar was when the resurrected Yeshua _____ the disciples Kingdom understanding

Acts 1:3 “After his death he showed himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. During a period of forty days they saw him, and he spoke with them about the Kingdom of God.” CJB

Lesson

Issachar - Was the 9th son of Jacob, 5th borne to him by Leah in Padan-aram in Mesopotamia

Padan-aram is where Abraham obtained a wife for Isaac and Jacob’s got his wives

Notes 1

**Issachar the tribe - Was stationed with Judah and Zebulun on the East side of the Mishkan
And their reflective and scholarly nature made them special advisors to their brethren**

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

Were astronomers and astrologers who calculated the months via the sun and moon

Were also people who could discern the face of the sky

Like Israel, Iyar is spiritual Israel's designated step to "Embarking Into the Unknown"

For Yahweh's children, Iyar has always been a month of soul _____

For the Israelites, Yahweh used the wilderness to accomplish this purification

For the disciples, He used unconverted Jewish leadership to accomplish this purification

For ET believers, He uses Christian Nationalists, deists & liberalists to accomplish this

For Yahweh's children, Iyar has always been appointed to recall certain _____

For Israel, His promise of deliverance from Pharaoh and Egypt was fulfilled via Moses

But His promise of giving them their "own land" was not fulfilled until later

For Disciples, His promise of deliverance from the world was fulfilled via Yeshua

But His promise to restore the Kingdom to Israel was not fulfilled until later

Acts 1:6 "When they were together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore self-rule to Isra'el?" CJB

For believers, His promise of deliverance from sin and death was fulfilled via Yeshua

But His promise of returning to establish His Kingdom is still awaiting fulfillment

Acts 1:10-11 "As they were staring into the sky after him, suddenly they saw two men dressed in white standing next to them. 11 The men said, "You Galileans! Why are you standing, staring into space? This Yeshua, who has been taken away from you into heaven, will come back to you in just the same way as you saw him go into heaven." CJB

For Yahweh's children, Iyar has always been a time of new interactions with _____

Israelites had new interaction with the mixed multitude on their way out of Egypt

Disciples had new interaction with believing Gentiles after Yeshua's resurrection

ET Believers will have new interaction with folk ignorant of God prior to the Return

If Iyar is to be my next step in "Embarking Into The Unknown" I must accept the following

1 - The Way to my Promised Land is difficult and rarely direct, but _____ it

Ex 13:17 "After Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not guide them to the highway that goes through the land of the P'lishtim, because it was close by — God thought that the people, upon seeing war, might change their minds and return to Egypt." CJB

2 - The Way that Yahweh makes for me will not seem to be an obvious way to me

Notes 2

3 - The Way that Yahweh makes me take will not always be _____

Ex 13:21 “Adonai went ahead of them in a column of cloud during the daytime to lead them on their way, and at night in a column of fire to give them light; thus they could travel both by day and by night” CJB

4 - Yahweh will fight on my behalf on the Way, but not always in _____ ways

Ex 14:19 “Next, the angel of God, who was going ahead of the camp of Isra’el, moved away and went behind them; and the column of cloud moved away from in front of them and stood behind them” CJB

5 - Yahweh provides for me along the Way, in miraculous & sometimes _____ ways

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

6 - Part of the purpose of the trip is to bring _____ sin in me to the forefront

Ex 32:9 “Adonai continued speaking to Moshe: “I have been watching these people; and you can see how stiffnecked they are.” CJB

7 - Yahweh’s presence is always with me on the Way, but I may not see it or _____ it

Ex 33:14 “He answered, “Set your mind at rest – my presence will go with you, after all.” CJB

If Iyar will be my next step in “Embarking Into The Unknown” I must see its deliverance

Deliverance is about release from something bad, and being brought into something good

It doesn’t let me be afraid; it makes me an explorer, thrilled to learn new things

If Iyar will be my next step in “Embarking Into The Unknown” I must face the following facts

Fact 1 - I need greater _____ on this trip than I ever had before because

I will be interacting with people and going places I don’t know or don’t know that well

And I will be prevented from returning to previous stations in my life

Fact 2 - I face greater _____ on this journey than I ever have before because

My current memorials and previous landmarks can’t help me now; the paradigm shifted

I need greater maturity and strength to establish them in this new territory

Fact 3 - My margin of error (_____) is less than what I previously had

My new journey requires deeper taproots and greater skill sets than my previous ones

And my new adversaries are permitted to do things previous adversaries weren’t

Notes 3

Fact 4 - I need to _____ bitterness if I want to successfully travel down His Way

Bitterness defiles my person, and it infects others without my specific permission

It disqualifies me from promotions & advancements Yhwh set out for me on the way

Heb 12:15 "See to it that no one misses out on God's grace, that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble and thus contaminates many" CJB

Bitterness occurs when I fail to use Yahweh's grace to overcome disappointment & hurt

Note what Yahweh gave Israel to overcome bitterness - Water with wood in it!

*Ex 15:24-25 "The people grumbled against Moshe and asked, "What are we to drink?"
25 Moshe cried to Adonai; and Adonai showed him a certain piece of wood, which, when he threw it into the water, made the water taste good. There Adonai made laws and rules of life for them, and there he tested them." CJB*

Bitterness is dangerous because it holds my soul hostage to past events & bad feelings

It blocks me from forgiving, surrendering my rights, & giving bitter feelings to Him

But this must be followed by my letting Yeshua rid my heart of bitterness

It allows a greater adversary than Pharaoh to operate with impunity - _____

By justifying its presence as the proper response to the past events/feelings

Final Thought

"Embarking Into the Unknown" requires I accept this final truth about this year's journey

Yahweh promised Israel land that would be full of blessing; land worth fighting for

But to get it, they had to stretch their trust and depend on Him like never before

If I want to reach my potential and my personal land on this side, I must do the same

But I can only do this, when I view the sacrifices I must make along the Way, worth it

Notes 4