

Meeting at the Watergate Complex

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Wayiqra-Leviticus 23:24-25

Nehemiah 8

1 And all the people gathered themselves together as echad into the street that was before the Water Gate; and they spoke to Ezra the Sopher to bring the scroll of the Torah of Moshe, that יהוה had commanded to Yisrael.

Again no church or synagogue. Only the public reading of Torah. Teruah is a time to remember the past, the creation of the world and the future recreation of the world through Yahshua's return at this very season. It is a day to blow the shofars and remember our national calling, commission and "raison de etre." The Torah serves as the best REMINDER of why we blow the shofar. To remember both the past and future creations of the world.

2 And Ezra the kohen brought the Torah before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with binah, upon the first day of the seventh month, which is Yom Teruah.

It is the job of a man of YHWH to know and teach the people the TRUE meanings of Torah, along with the need to know all of Torah. Note that the purpose of the miqra kodesh is not merely to hear and build faith, but to restore long held truths like plural marriage and to have granted to us YHWH's perspective on such issues, that have either been forgotten, or lacking understanding as to their significance.

3 And he read from it in the open space that was before the Water Gate from the morning until midday,

A 6 hour service friends! Is your service a religious exercise, or a real airing out of YHWH's ways? Are you intense to hear and do the Word knowing why you do, what you do, regardless of where it may lead you?

Before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the scroll of the Torah.

That's what's needed. Attention and remembrance to things past and things coming. The coming of Yahshua at this moed.

4 And Ezra the Sopher stood upon a pulpit of wood, which they had made for that purpose; and beside him stood Mattithyahu, and Shema, and Anayah, and Uriyah, and Hilkiyahu, and Maaseyah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedayah, and Misha-El, and Malchiyah, and Hashum, and Hashvadana, Zacharyah, and Meshullam.

Aliyah,-they stood for Torah readings.

5 And Ezra opened the scroll in the sight of all the people – for he was high above all the people – and when he opened it, all the people stood up:

Would to YHWH we would stand when His Word is read.

6 And Ezra blessed יהוה, the great Elohim. And all the people answered, Amein, Amein, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped יהוה with their faces to the ground.

Worship was always part of the Teruah festivities. This included the priestly, or Aaronic benediction.

7 Also Yeshua, and Bani, and Sherevyah, Yamin, Akkuv, Shavvethai, Hadiyah, Maaseyah, Kelita, Azaryah, Yozavad, Chanan, Pelayah, and the Lewiym, helped the people to understand the Torah: and the people stood in their place.

We come to His moadim to learn and then help others better understand the living Torah Messiah Yahshua. John 1:1. And we don't move around every 10 minutes...we stay in our places!

8 So they read in the scroll in the Torah of Elohim distinctly, and gave the sense of it, and caused them to understand the reading.

YHWH tells us to blow the shofar to remember, but doesn't tell us what we are remembering. We need the Leviym to declare to us distinctly what YHWH wants us as Yisrael to know about the glory of this day and a sense of His ways.

9 And Nechemyah, who is the governor, and Ezra the kohen and Sopher, and the Lewiym that taught the people, said to all the people, This day is kadosh to יהוה your Elohim; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the Torah.

See. This is not Rosh Hashanah a time of mourning as the rabbis teach and as people back then falsely believed. The rabbis had the people screwed up back then also, as this was post Babylonian exile. It takes prophets, scribes and Levites to explain distinctly the true meaning of Yom Teruah and to help clear up the misconceptions regarding this day and other kadosh days of YHWH. Weep not people. This has nothing to do with forgiveness of sins. Because of the Holy One of Israel, your sins have been forgiven and the One who forgave you is returning to ask you to rule and reign with him. STOP WEEPING ON THIS KADOSH DAY!!!!!!

10 Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat of His tov, and drink the sweetness of it, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is kadosh to our יהוה: neither be sorry; for the simcha of יהוה is your strength.

This famous verse is sighted by Christians all the time. ; The truth is they don't have a clue what it means, as it's a command to rejoice on the Feast of Trumpets and not simply a "joy for all days command." Moreover, we can see the large scale feast that it was, just like Passover, where Yisraelites were to prepare meals and goodies for themselves and also for others less fortunate, or in need! How different biblical truth is, compared to learned religious error and erroneous behaviors. Eat food and eat of His tov and of His fatness! Eat of the sure mercies of the Son of David and His return at this season.

11 So the Lewiym silenced all the people, saying, Keep silent, for the day is kadosh; so don't be grieved.

Truth silences error. Stop mourning and start celebrating your new creation status in Messiah Yahshua and remember the promised coming resurrection from the dead.

12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great gilah, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

When restored Yisrael understands Torah, great joy breaks out.

13 And on the second day were gathered together the heads of the ahvot of all the people, the Kohanim, and the Lewiym, to Ezra the Sopher, to further understand the words of the Torah.

They couldn't get enough truth. They stayed an extra day, even as the Jewish people today stay a day extra and Teruah is celebrated as 2 days, rather than one. Want more truth? Great; let's turn to First Thessalonians 4: 15-18 and remember what else this day is all about.

But before I read, remember no weeping, only joy about Yahshua's return.

13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, Yisraelite brothers, concerning those who are dead, that you sorrow not, even as unbelievers who have no tikvah.

Torah in the hands of Leviym and prophets straightens out ignorance.

14 For if we believe that יהושע died and rose again, even them also who have died believing in יהושע will אלהא bring with Him.

15 For this we say to you by the word of יהוה, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Master shall not be resurrected before those who are already dead in the emunah.

16 For the Master Himself shall descend from the shamayim with a shout, with the voice of the chief heavenly malach, and with His shofar and with the tekiyah-ge-dolah of יהוה: and the dead in Moshiach shall rise first:

17 Then we who are alive and remain at His return shall be caught up together with them onto the clouds, to meet the Master in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Master.

Meaning "air," or lower denser air around the earth, not heaven itself. The clouds belong to the earth's atmosphere, not the heavens. This is the first and blessed resurrection, held in two brief stages as Messiah returns just prior to the 1,000-year reign. This concept is simple, when we allow YHWH to renew our minds. Yahshua makes things as plain as He can in John 17:15, where He prays that believers are not removed from the earth, thus eliminating any chance of an alleged rapture.

18 So then comfort one another with these words. The joy of His return is our strength! Ezra was prophesying the return of Messiah at this season!

This season is the day of our great JOY; why? Because it is the season of our great change from mortal to immortality. That's why the joy of YHWH IS AND REMAINS our strength, the very words uttered by Ezra on this very moed.

And verse 18 commands us to comfort one another and strengthen one another with the words of our joy, which is our strength. Yahshua is coming again!