TIKKUN HA-OLAM

Studying Avraham



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Beresheeth 12:1-3 Restoration Scriptures True Name Edition

- 1 Now יהוה had said to Avram, Get out of your country, and from your mishpacha, and from your abba's bayit, to a land that I will show you:
- 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a bracha:
- 3 And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curses you: and in you shall all mishpachot of the earth be blessed mixed.

Avraham Avinu, our father Avraham, was the first person to successfully unite the physical and spiritual. Avraham sees as his central mission in life the elevation of man's existence from one level to the next, while maintaining full ties with it. From the moment that he discovers that there is one Creator YHWH who created one harmonious world, in which there exists no contradiction between body and soul, he tries to pass on this message to others in any way possible. With this he begins the difficult process of **Tikkun Olam** (the mending healing and restoration of the world back to YHWH), setting his sights on his ultimate goal: the day when "YHWH will be one, and His Name one" (Zechariah 14:9). Read John 8:54-59. Part of Tikkun Olam is merging not separating the physical and spiritual worlds. See Beresheeth 12:1-3. The one with the spiritual covenant was told to lech lecha to a physical land to birth a physical nation that would physically nivrechu the world and thereby bring Tikkun between all humanity and YHWH. All the earth would be mixed with both the physical seed and spiritual promise accompanying that seed.

Beresheeth 12:1-Even when viewing this commandment in its most plain sense, what we are dealing with here is a difficult trial. Avraham is called upon to leave his natural spiritual setting, and to set out on a new path, a path whose ultimate purpose he knows not. Avraham is called upon to leave his land, his birthplace and his father's house and to direct his gaze towards an unfamiliar destination - "...the land which I shall show you." The journey of Tikkun or restoration is revealed in stages based on faithfulness to the call. Read Romiyah 4: 1-25 where we see that Avraham was the vessel to unite all believers, those circumcised in YHWH and those not yet circumcised from the returning nations. His calling like that of Moshiach was to bring all nations into a Tikkun of both physical and spiritual circumcision and redemption. The blessing of becoming SPIRTUAL Yisrael depends on ones willingness like Avraham to be physical Yisrael. So all believers are temples, or living epistles of the work of Tikkun as was Avraham Avinu!

After entering the land or acting in the natural YHWH appears to him in the Spirit in Beresheeth 12:7 and again with the physical promise of physical multiplicity given in Beresheeth 13:14-17. Again we see the Tikkun of both realms once Avraham obeys and crosses over. All those willing to crossover will be dealt with by YHWH in like manner. Avraham has risen to a level beyond 'sight.' He no longer 'receives' divine revelations; rather, through a sense of complete identification with his Creator, he goes about proclaiming YHWH's name in the world and in Cannan. Avraham's calling was to proclaim YHWH's true Name to all the world using it to bring the Tikkun Haolam.

The spiritual calling upon Avraham for Tikkun Haolam needed a physical mark. That was brit milah (Genesis 17: 9-11). Avraham was 99 years old when he was circumcised on the flesh of his foreskin." With the closing of this week's Torah portion we find Avraham reaching the height of his perfection – with **Mitzvat Brit Mila**, the precept of circumcision. After a hundred years of spiritual elevation and sanctification, Avraham merits reaching a level in which his inner search is revealed even in his outer acts. The act of Brit Milah was intended only to reveal this quality of spiritual purity in monotheistic obedience. So brit milah was only performed after a spiritual rebirth the took almost 100 yrs NOT BEFORE! Thats exactly what Rav Shaul speaks of in Galut-Yah. The entire epistle is a reprimand to those seeking outward symbolism without inner regeneration even breaking the pattern given by YHWH that Tikkun must have an order. First the born

again inner brit milah, THEN MATURITY AND DISCIPLESHIP and only then the outer manifestation; the same pattern the multiplying and occurring in others willing to be Nazarene Yisraelite Yahwists.

Gautyah/Galatians-3: 5-9 confirms this! We do not receive salvation by man's works of law, or pattern, but by YHWH's shown to Avraham, where Brit milah must follow MUCH later then saving and believing emunah. V.14 The blessing of the promised Tikkun Haolam began with Avraham and came through him by Yahshua to all who believe and are willing to follow the pattern. Galutyah 3: 17-19. Therefore neither the Torah nor the Renewed Covenant can negate the Avrahamic Covenant and the promise of the Tikkun HaOlam, but rather it establishes it to all who desire to become Yisrael like Avraham our father.

Close Even the war of the kings in Beresheeth 14 in this week's parsha, is seen a type of the end time messianic Tikkun. The physical and spiritual reality of life were united by Avraham defeating the kingdoms in Gen. 14:1. YHWH took authority over the flesh to rescue Lot. We must understand that all the monumental events that will take place in the world and are recorded in Scripture, all transpire in order to clarify YHWH's kingdom reign. Therefore, it must be that all key events have some connection to Avraham, the father of the Nation of Israel, whose purpose it is to reveal YHWH's sovereignty over all men. In accordance with this principle, the sages teach the following (Beresheeth Rabba 42:7): 'If you see kingdoms engaging each other in conflict, anticipate the appearance of the Messiah. Know that this is true, for, in the days of Avraham, redemption came to Avraham and the early believers through kingdoms engaging each other in war."

Mattityahu 24: 4-8. Kingdoms fighting each other are in fact the Shevlai HaMoshiach, or birth pains of the Moshiach, and so what appears a the conflict between Judeo-Christian nations and Islamic nations at this hour, is the PHYSICAL sign that the SPIRITUAL ETERNAL kingdom of Yahshua is soon to arrive. Then the Tikkun Haolam will be complete and completely established.

Philipsiyah/3:14.