

# YAIY NEWS



## Small Flock: Heading to Pentecost

It was a blessed Passover and Feast of Unleavened Bread for the small flock here in Kingdom City, Missouri. Good messages and Bible studies throughout these days kept us focused on their meaning and what Yahweh would have of us do now, and in the future, since there is one standard. In keeping the Law one is blessed (Rom. 2:13).



We are happy to serve the body of Messiah to the extent that Yahweh provides. The opportunities within our own community and across the land, into other lands, is quite remarkable. There were baptisms at different locations around the world and we welcome the new brethren with open arms.

While we are not without problems, there is the hope of the future when all things will be

made right, with One King over all allowing us to be on the same page with the same unity.

### Counting the Omer

We are counting from the *morrow* (day after) the weekly Sabbath within the Days of Unleavened Bread. This year, the *omer* count (Lev. 23:15-16), day one, in our North American Region was April 24th. In part, because of other assemblies starting the count a week earlier, we had the following question:

In Joshua 5:10-12, when would they have counted to Pentecost?

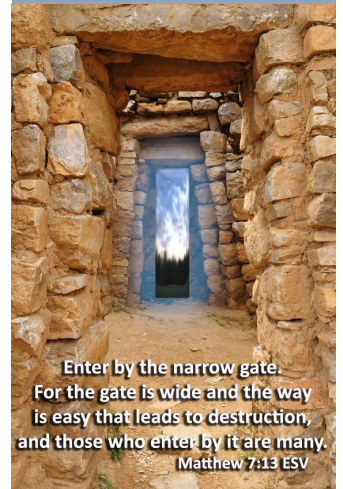
They may have simply done as we do and considered when the wave sheaf would have been offered to determine Pentecost. They were certainly busy with war for over a year (Exod. 23:29-30) before having fully taken possession of the land and performing the wave sheaf (Deut. 26:1-4). We see many using Joshua 5:10-12 to justify counting Pentecost from the day after the weekly Sabbath prior to the seven Days of Unleavened Bread, but that is not the instruction we find in the law (Lev. 23:6-11).

They would have eaten the stored grains and other food stocks from the land, similar to Russians going into the homes in Ukraine and eating whatever is in the fridge and cupboards. They are not spending any of their time harvesting Ukrainian crops. However, if they ever get complete control of the land, they will no doubt grow their own crops in it.

Elder David Brett

Moses said, "This is what Yahweh has commanded: 'Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.' "

Exodus 16:32 ESV



Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Matthew 7:13 ESV

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## Lots of Food

Brethren this year had some creative ideas with food. One such idea was Matzah Pizza, which was a hit during the Bible studies through the Feast.



## Some Extra Greens

While we've been practicing some gardening techniques over the years here at the assembly grounds, we see more of a need this year to have some supplemental vegetables for all of the local brethren.

This year we've started seedlings inside, which was a good thing, since even at this writing we have a frost advisory for the next couple of days and extra rains, which means, we can't plant outside, just yet.

Last year we pulled the UV protected material off the garden and tilled it, planning this year to furrow rows high enough for better drainage. In all of this, the leadership here uses their own funds for equipment and materials needed, and of their time, to serve in this capacity. However, Yahweh has blessed us with some extra help this year.



## On Meddling in Strife

There is an account in Luke's narrative, that tells of a certain man who in his journey, fell among thieves who stripped and wounded him, then departed leaving him at roadside, half-dead. Two men of religion – each in his turn – came upon him and crossing to the other side, passed him by, leaving him where he lay. Afterward, a third sojourner happened upon him and having compassion on him, dressed his wounds and brought him to an hostel where he left him in the care of the innkeeper, promising upon his return that way, to compensate the 'hosteler' for any further expense he incurred.

It might be assumed, there likely had been some *strife* between the victim and his assailants – as few would not have opposed an act of aggression upon their persons – and now, that the assailants were departed, there was no imminent hazard, danger, or jeopardy to the safety of these two men of religion. Thus, their crossing over to the other side of the roadway and passing by without so much as relieving the victim's distress was inexcusable.

But, you ask, "What if they had come upon the scene while the perpetrators were executing their misdeed?" Well, then might they have been faced with that more difficult choice: coming to the aid of the other in his travail with highwaymen which might just have precluded him now, laying half-dead at roadside.

And come to mind, is a Scripture that presents us with somewhat a conundrum:

***Whoever meddles in a quarrel not his own is like one who takes a passing dog by the ears, Proverbs 26:17, ESV.***

First of all, let's acknowledge this is not a prohibition against one meddling with strife but is rather, a warning of a potentially unfavorable outcome incurred from one's meddling. Therefore, prudence dictates that he should 'pick his battles' wisely, not going forth hastily to meddle in a conflict, without having first counted the cost to determine whether he have sufficient to satisfactorily resolve its end (Prov. 25:8; Luke 14:28-32).

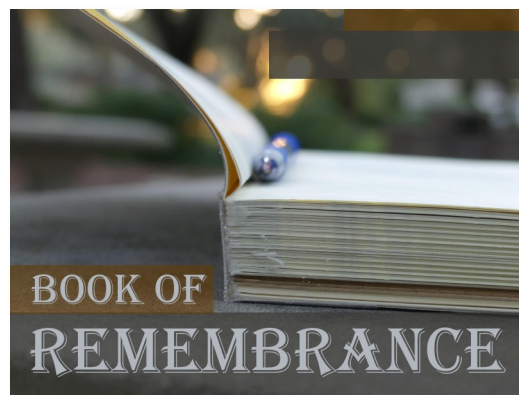
Still, there are some quarrels ... of the sort whereby mountains are made of molehills with which one should not be meddling, e.g., as in the case of Yahshua refraining from becoming involved with Martha's bone to pick with her sister Mary for abandoning kitchen details in favor of choosing that better thing of sitting at the feet of the Master and being taught of Him; or in His declining to engage Himself in a dispute between two brothers regarding the disposition of dividing an inheritance between themselves.

On the other hand, there are matters, life and death matters, which compassion demands engagement – vis-à-vis, the expense of untold thousands of lives lost to an aggressor and massive destruction of vital infrastructure, and to property (***the earth is still, Yahweh's, the fullness thereof, the world, and its inhabitants, Psalm 24:1***).

And this returns us to that Good Samaritan deposed as but the filth of the world and the offscouring of all things to Jewry but who, without regard to his own things (for he was not seeking his life), he should risk, because of his own sectarianism, dealing with them when seeing a fellow human and creation of Yahweh, half-dead and suffering in what was yet half-alive. Not past feeling, he had compassion on him and permitted this interruption to his itinerary.

Of him, might it be said, he had wrought a good work and done what he could. And wheresoever this Evangel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that he has done shall be spoken for a memorial of him (See Mark 14:3-9).

But wait! What about us? Surely, we have a place in this narrative. Yes, we do, but only if there is in us, a willing mind and a readiness to will, that as we have opportunity and occasion presents, to do good to the least, the last, and the lost which are hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick ... or maybe even, giving aid to them that lay half-dead and suffering in what is yet half-alive, that it might also be inscribed into a Book of Remembrance: **This also that we have done shall be spoken for a memorial of us.**

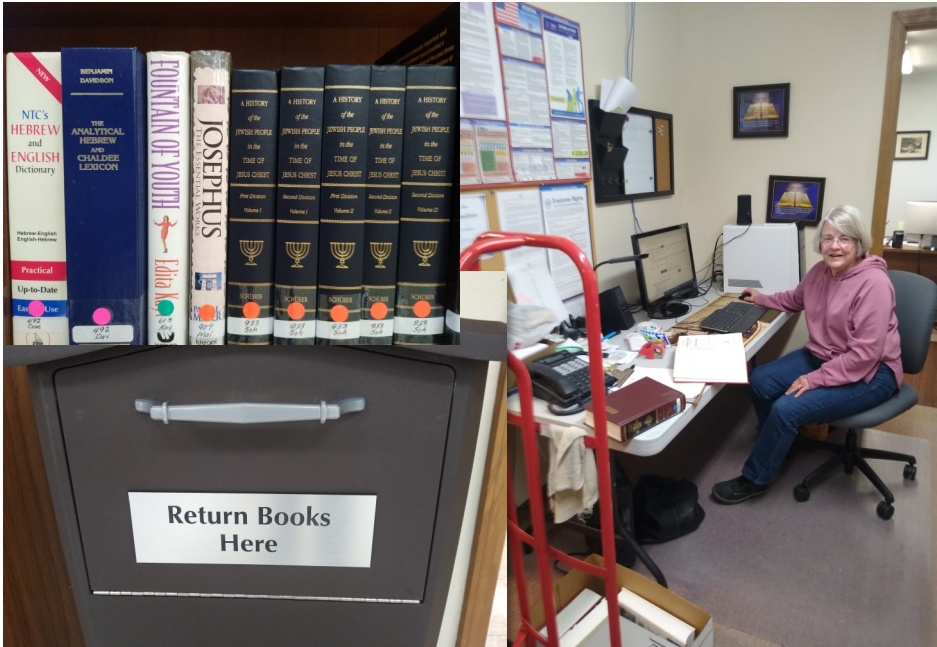


## New Library System

Over the years we have had books donated to the library. Just recently we added about seven boxes from Deacon Gary Merryman's estate that his daughter thought we should have.

Sister Debbie Reed has started to categorize all the books under the Dewey Decimal library system. In addition, a color code system for the categories has been enlisted to help with searches and check out.

Two books, per person, may be checked out in one month increments. Reference works will be marked "reference" and may not be removed.



## Yahweh's Assembly in Yahshua

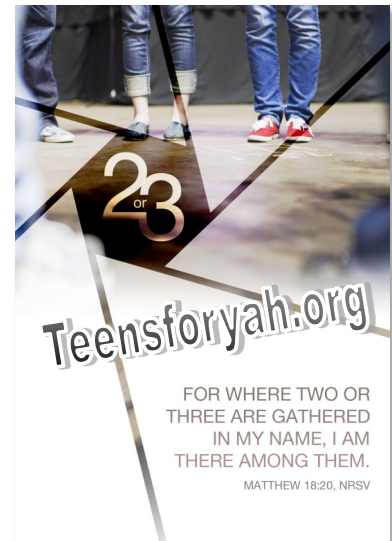
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Also include in your prayers individuals seeking Yahweh from within prison facilities and for their families; plus overseas brethren and especially for the peace of Jerusalem (Psa. 122:6). The world's leaders could also use our prayers (Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:2).

*And give Him no rest, till He establish, till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth, Isaiah 62:7.*

