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Is Inter-racial Marriage a Sin?

Scripture does prohibit marriages and even social relationships between Israel and the seven nations of Palestine because they were so vile and decrepit that no good would come of a union with these seven mentioned here:

When Yahweh thy Elohim shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; and when Yahweh thy Elohim shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, [and] utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son, Deuteronomy 7:1-3. ASV used throughout.

As we know, Israel's failure to drive out these seven nations became the source of Yahweh's anger. Soon after their return from the Babylonian captivity, the priests and Levites were marrying the women from these seven nations. Ezra separated the women and children from the people of Israel:

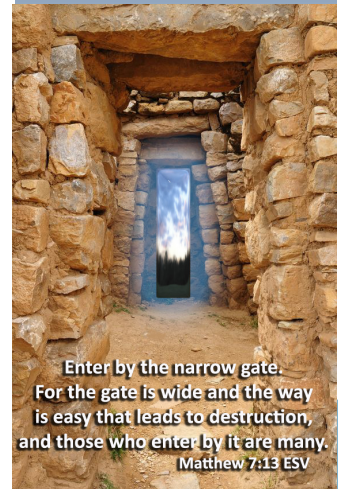
Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, [doing] according to their abominations, [even] of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of [those] lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief in this trespass, Ezra 9:1-2.

However, beyond these seven nations, the Israelite soldiers were allowed to bring home a captive woman:

When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and Yahweh thy Elohim hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive, and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her to thy wife; then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; and she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but

And this Good News of the reign shall be proclaimed in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end shall come.

Matthew 24:14 TS



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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thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise of her, because thou hast humbled her, Deuteronomy 21:10-14.

There are a number of examples given us where Israelites married those of other nations with no word of condemnation. We have the Bible's example of Bathsheba, who was married to Uriah the Hittite, and may have herself been a Hittite. Boaz (great grandfather of David) married Ruth a Moabitess. Joseph (fathered Ephraim and Manasseh) married Asenath, daughter of the priest of On. Paul's protégé, Timothy, was the son of a Jewess and his father was a Greek, Acts 16:1. Except for the proscription of the seven tribes in Canaan, Yahweh does not say it is a sin to marry outside the house of Israel. He is more interested in the spiritual relationship with His people and wants us to stay connected to Him. King Solomon, known as the wisest man beyond his time, has missed the boat and apparently will not be in the first resurrection because his wives turned him away from Yahweh before he died:

And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, [that] his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his Elohim as [was] the heart of David his father, 1 Kings 11:3-4.

Yahweh wants us to keep the faith and not be led astray. Paul tells us that a believer should not marry a non-believer. That is to say if one is a believer in Yahweh's truth, he/she should not marry a non-believer:

The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the faith, 1 Corinthians 7:39.

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Messiah with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of Yahweh with idols? For ye are the temple of the living Elohim; as Yahweh hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people, 2 Corinthians 6:14-16.

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of Yahweh, there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children: for the people wept very sore. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, [one] of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our Elohim, and have taken strange wives of the people of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing, Ezra 10:1-2.

Now therefore let us make a covenant with our Elohim to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my Master, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our Elohim; and let it be done according to the law, Ezra 10:3.



Keep the Feast of Tabernacles

The blessings and deeper faith we gain from keeping the Feasts extends beyond today. In the Kingdom we can share our experiences with Moses and the Israelites; with Paul and the other Apostles; with Yahshua Himself; and with those we will have the responsibility to teach.

Time thus spent is truly a fellowship for all time. What other activity carries such significant fellowship with Yahweh and His people throughout all ages? The question on a sincere believer's mind, a person who desires above all else to be in that first resurrection, is not "Shall I go to the Feast?" The question is "Where will the Feast be held?" Yahweh's command is there: "Three times in a year you SHALL appear before Me!"

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John, the beloved disciple, wrote the following so that we might also benefit from his deeper knowledge of the Savior:

If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness, we lie and do not put the truth into practice. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Yahshua His Son purifies us from every sin, 1 John 1:6-7 NIV.

No wonder the Feasts are considered a taste of the coming Kingdom! Almighty Yahweh has now opened up a whole new understanding of His Word to you through His Holy Days. What will you do with this Knowledge? Act on it, or bury it as did the man with the one talent in the parable of Matthew 25?

In another parable in Luke 14, Yahshua the Messiah told of a ruler who made a large feast and invited many to come. But they all made excuses. One said he had a piece of land he had to look after. Another had to go try out his new oxen. A new wife was the reason another couldn't make it.

Angered at all of this, the master told his servant to go out and invite anyone along the roadway who would come. He vowed that none who had turned Him down would ever eat His supper.

The lesson is unmistakable. Yahshua is calling you now to have a part in the marriage feast of the Lamb, to be His bride and join to Him when He returns to rule this earth. By accepting His invitation now, to be obedient to all of His commands, you will feast with Him in the Kingdom forever. Ignore or reject the call and you are actually saying no to your Heavenly Father and His promises!

This year's Feast of Tabernacles in the North American Region is scheduled from October 16th through the 22nd. The Eighth Day would then be on the 23rd. These dates will be confirmed if we see the new moon on the evening of October 1st. Barley fields (plural) were not ready in March, but they were in April. The following Scriptures would be important to review: Exodus 9:31, 13:4, and Leviticus 23:10.



Trumpets and Atonement

The Day of Trumpets is, as found in Leviticus chapter 23, a holy convocation to be honored by all. But most in the world today find themselves preparing for Halloween around the timing of the fall Feasts. Christmas soon follows. Why would people pick other days to be "holy" when the very ones Yahweh tells us to keep holy (set-apart) are neglected?

The time ahead is a time of trouble before Yahshua returns. There will be angels who will be given 7 trumpets, who will, at the time Yahweh chooses, allow them to blow and release 7 plagues. This is known as the "Day of Yahweh," (not the "Day of the L-rd") a time of destruction, vengeance, and wrath on the disobedient people of the earth. You can read about it in Revelation chapter 8. You can also escape the coming wrath by being obedient to Yahweh right now and coming out of the world and its way of doing things,

And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues, Revelation 18:4. KJV used throughout.

We should obediently be looking forward toward the "Last Trump" which the Apostle Paul speaks about in 1 Corinthians 15:52: *In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

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spectacular opportunity to rule with Him on earth, at His return, *And hast made us unto our Elohim kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth*, Revelation 5:10.

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This is a truly joyful and prophetic Feast. We read of what it will be like for the firstfruits at that time; we rejoice in keeping this holy day knowing what it pictures for us in the future:

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And He saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And He saith unto

me, These are the true sayings of Elohim, Revelation 19:7-9.

The Day of Atonement technically starts nine days after Trumpets. It is a very special day that calls for fasting for a 24 hour period. It is actually the only commanded fast that is in the Bible. Many today occasionally fast, which is good if you have your focus correct. This means that many times one can fast and do it for the wrong reasons, doing the wrong things. The Bible gives clear instruction on how and how not to fast (Isa. 58:3-9; Matt. 6:16-18).

Atonement in the Old Testament meant making atonement for the people (plural), whereas the Passover was for the individual.

And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto Yahweh, Exodus 30:10.

Notice that there is special emphasis on this day; it is "most holy unto Yahweh." Most people today don't understand the implications of this day for us. Atonement can be related to the banishment of Satan (Rev. 20:2-3) we are told in the New Testament, which will happen after Yahshua returns. The banished goat of the Old Testament (Lev. 16:22) appears to be a type of precursor to this.

With Satan's destructive influence out of the way, it will bring people at-one-ment with Yahweh. There will still need to be work done to undue the damage put on this world from sin and Satan. It will start and actually is starting to be done, in part, by the firstfruits who now proclaim, with the help of Yahweh's Spirit leading them, the Good News of this coming reign of the Kingdom and the things that pertain to it and Yahweh's Son.

Look for the new moon, expected to be seen on the evening of October 1st. The seventh new moon will designate Trumpets and Atonement, if seen in October 1st, they will be held on the days of October 2nd and 11th. Be blessed by doing those things which are pleasing to Father Yahweh as His Son teaches us (John 15:10-11).



Where are Moab and Ammon Today?

Isolating the descendants of Moab and Ammon would indeed be challenging. Just as isolating Edom and Ishmael, since they intermarried (Gen. 28:8-9). There is indication that both Moab and Ammon (Jer. 48:47; 49:6, 39) will be brought into the Kingdom, but according to Deuteronomy 23:3 they will not physically be allowed into the assembly of Israel. This may be a point of contention that Satan will promote when released to gather the nations (other than Israel) against the Holy City (Rev. 20:7-9), which would include the Saints and the congregation of Israel.

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