



## Kedoshim / Set Apart Ones

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This week's *Torah Portion* begins with, **Wayyiqra 19:1-2; *And YHVH spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'Be (kadosh) set-apart, for I YHVH your Elohim am (kadosh) set-apart.'*"** This is where the title of the *parsha* comes from. *Kedoshim* literally means "**set-apart ones**". Now "**kadosh**" or "**set apart**", Strong's word # 6918, is spelled "**kuf-dalet-vav-shin**". "Kadosh", like many Hebrew words, has multiple spellings and pronunciations depending on whether it is used as a noun, adjective, etc. or in the past, present or future tense and whether it is singular or plural. However, the root word is always the same, "**kadash**", #6942, spelled "**kuf-dalet-shin**" and means "**to set apart**" or "**consecrate**". So "**kadash**" is "**to set apart**" and "**kodesh**" is "**to be set apart**". I just want you to understand how this works. OK. So, what's the difference? The difference is the "**vav**". Remember, the Hebrew letters have meanings. It's a picture language, right? "**Kuf-dalet-shin**"; these letters mean "kuf = touch", "dalet = door" and "shin = the letter that stands for El Shaddai". So, "**kadash**" (*to set yourself apart*) means "*to touch the door of El Shaddai*". The "**vav**" means "**hook**" or "**connection**" (remember, the *vav* was the hook that connected the curtains to the columns in the Tent of Meeting). When you add the "**vav**", **you are Kadosh** and thereby as you touch the door, you are connected to Yahweh. Remember too, that the letters are also numbers the numeric value of "kadash" (kuf-dalet-shin) is 404 and equals "**shining**". But when you add the "**vav**" and become "**set apart**", the value changes by 6 (man) to 410 which equals "**splendor**" and "**freedom**".

So, setting apart is touching the door, the door of El Shaddai. The "door" is very important in Scripture. You should do an in-depth study on "doors". I want to look for a minute at just a couple of references. Yahshua said in **Yohanan 10:1-9; *"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter through the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up by another way, that one is a thief and a robber. But he who enters through the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The doorkeeper opens for him, and the sheep hear his voice. And he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he has brought out his own sheep, he goes before them. And the sheep follow him, because they know his voice. And they shall by no means follow a stranger, but shall flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers."*** Yahshua used this figure of speech, but they did not know what He had been saying to them. Yahshua therefore said to them again, "**Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. Whoever enters through Me, he shall be saved, and shall go in and shall go out and find pasture.**" He seeks us as well. Yahshua also said that He knocks at the door in **Revelation 3:19-21; *"As many as I love, I reprove and discipline. So be ardent and repent. See, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I shall come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I shall give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne."***

Now that we have some understanding about being set-apart, let's read what Yahweh has to tell us. Beginning in **Wayyiqra 19:1-10**; *And YHVH spoke to Mosheh, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'Be set-apart, for I YHVH your Elohim am set-apart. Each one of you should fear his mother and his father, and guard My Sabbaths. I am YHVH your Elohim. Do not turn to idols, and do not make for yourselves moulded mighty ones. I am YHVH your Elohim. And when you bring a peace offering to YHVH, bring it for your acceptance. It is eaten the same day you slaughter it, and on the next day. And that which is left on the third day is burned with fire. So if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable, it is not accepted, and he who eats it bears his crookedness, because he has profaned the set-apart offering of YHVH, and that being shall be cut off from his people. And when you reap the harvest of your land, do not completely reap the corners of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. And do not glean your vineyard or gather every grape of your vineyard, leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am YHVH your Elohim.'* In these first ten verses, Yahweh repeats three of the Ten Commandments. He goes on to instruct us regarding offerings made to Him; focusing on the "peace offering". If you'll remember, the "peace offering" or "*shelem*" in Hebrew is a voluntary offering of thanksgiving. As with many offerings, after the offering is made to Yahweh, the priest receives his portion and then the one bringing the offering gets his portion. He is to eat it preferably that day. If his family cannot finish it, they are entitled to eat the rest of it on the second day. But, by the third day it will likely begin to spoil; and since it is a set-apart offering, that cannot be. So, any leftover must be burned completely with fire. Anything that is set-apart to Yahweh cannot be allowed to spoil or become unclean. Lastly here we see that we are to provide opportunity for the poor among us to work in order to meet their needs.

Let's move on to **verses 11-19**; *'Do not steal, do not lie, do not deceive one another. And do not swear falsely by My Name and so profane the Name of your Elohim. I am YHVH. Do not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of him who is hired is not to remain with you all night until morning. Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind, but fear your Elohim. I am YHVH. Do no unrighteousness in right-ruling. Do not be partial to the poor or favour the face of the great, but rightly rule your neighbor in righteousness. Do not go slandering among your people. Do not stand against the blood of your neighbor. I am YHVH. Do not hate your brother in your heart. Reprove your neighbor, for certain, and bear no sin because of him. 'Do not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the children of your people. And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am YHVH. Guard My laws. Do not let your livestock mate with another kind. Do not sow your field with mixed seed. And do not put a garment woven of two sorts of thread upon you.'*

Again, Yahweh repeats more of the Ten Commandments, along with others. I'm just touching lightly on these, as there is more I need to share with you today. However, I found verse 14 very interesting. We're not to "curse" the "deaf". "Curse" here is "*qahlal*" or "*feel contempt for*" or "*treat as insignificant*". And, "deaf" is "*cheresh*" or "*silent*". So, we're not to treat with contempt, or as insignificant, those who are deaf or silent to what we say to them, like what we believe. Also, we are not to throw "*stumbling blocks*", "*mik'shol*" or "*give occasion to stumble*" in front of those who are "*blind*", "*iv'vare*" or "*have scales over the eyes*". Yahweh works differently in each of us according to His *purpose*. So, let's be careful how we treat those who don't "*get it*" just yet. Yahweh also, speaks here of not mixing the seed of plants and animals or even mixing the fabrics that we wear, between plant and animals. This is the subject of a separate teaching I did some time ago and am re-working. I've labeled it, "Coming Soon".

Now, **verses 20-25**; *'And when a man has intercourse with a woman who is a female servant, engaged to a man, and who has not at all been ransomed nor redeemed, there*

***should be an inquiry. But they are not put to death, because she was not free. And he shall bring his guilt offering to YHVH, to the door of the Tent of Meeting, a ram as a guilt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before YHVH for his sin which he has done. And the sin which he has sinned shall be forgiven him. And when you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall reckon their fruit as uncircumcised. For three years it is as uncircumcised to you, it is not eaten. And in the fourth year all its fruit is set-apart – praises to YHVH. And in the fifth year you eat its fruit, so that it increases its yield to you. I am YHVH your Elohim.***

The last part here is very interesting. As our forefathers were going to come into the Land, they were to treat the fruit of the trees as “uncircumcised” for three years. The fruit of the fourth year was completely Yahweh’s. Then, in the fifth year they could eat of the fruit; after, of course, the first-fruits belonging to Elohim. I’ve often wondered if this is because the former farmers may have fertilized with human waste, as done today in some third world countries. This practice has been proven to cause *ecoli* bacteria in the fruit. Of course, there’s that whole “food sacrificed to idols” thing too.

Finally here, let’s read **verses 26-37**; ***‘Do not eat meat with the blood. Do not practice divination or magic. Do not round the corner of your head, nor destroy the corner of your beard. And do not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor put tattoo marks on you. I am YHVH. Do not profane your daughter by making her a whore, so that the land does not whore, and the land becomes filled with wickedness. Guard My Sabbaths and reverence My set-apart place. I am YHVH. Do not turn to mediums, and do not seek after spiritists to be defiled by them. I am YHVH your Elohim. Rise up before the grey-headed. And you shall favour the face of an old man, and shall fear your Elohim. I am YHVH. And when a stranger sojourns with you in your land, do not oppress him. Let the stranger who dwells among you be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Mitsrayim. I am YHVH your Elohim. Do no unrighteousness in right-ruling, in measurement of length, in weight, or in measuring liquids. Have right scales, right weights, a right Ephah, and a right hin. I am YHVH your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim. And you shall guard all My laws and all My right-rulings, and do them. I am YHVH.’*** ” We have to ask a question here. Who knows how many times in this chapter, in these 37 verses, Yahweh reminds us that Who He is by saying ***“I am YHVH, your Elohim”***? **16 times**, that’s how many. Plus, He mentions His name 6 more times for a total of 22. I think He wants us to know and use His Name, Ahmen? Call it a coincidence that 16 is the number of “strength” and 22 equals “Yehovah” or “Living One”; which, by the way, is spelled “Yud-hey-vav-aleph”.

Now, as I said last week, regarding Parsha Acharei Mot, these two parashat are often paired up. But, fortunately, not this year. However, the reason these two connect so well is that Chapters 18 and 20 read very similar and cover the much of the same topics. That is why we waited until this week to discuss them. I know you read Chapter 18 last week. So, today, we’ll read **Chapter 20**, beginning with **verses 1-14**; ***And YHVH spoke to Mosheh, saying, “Say to the children of Yisra’el, ‘Any man of the children of Yisra’el, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra’el, who gives any of his offspring to Molek, shall certainly be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I, I shall set My face against that man, and shall cut him off from the midst of his people, because he has given of his offspring to Molek, so as to defile My setapart place and to profane My set-apart Name. And if the people of the land at all hide their eyes from the man, as he gives any of his offspring to Molek, and they do not kill him, then I shall set My face against that man and against his clan, and shall cut him off – and all who go whoring after him, even go whoring after Molek – from the midst***

*of their people. And the being who turns to mediums, and to spiritists, to go whoring after them, I shall set My face against that being and cut him off from the midst of his people. And you shall set yourselves apart, and shall be set-apart, for I am YHVH your Elohim, and you shall guard My laws and do them. I am YHVH, who sets you apart. For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall certainly be put to death – he has cursed his father or his mother, his blood is on him. And a man who commits adultery with the wife of another man, who commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor: the adulterer and the adulteress shall certainly be put to death. And a man who lies with the wife of his father has uncovered the nakedness of his father, both of them shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who lies with his daughter in-law: both of them shall certainly be put to death, they have made confusion, their blood is upon them. And a man who lies with a male as he lies with a woman: both of them have done an abomination, they shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who marries a woman and her mother: it is wickedness, they are burned with fire, both he and they, that there be no wickedness in your midst.’* Now, the only comment I want to make here, for now, is about Molek. Yahweh mentions Molek 4 times in five verses. He’s stressing this for a reason. The Ammonites, Carthaginians and at various times, some Yisra’elites offered their children to this idol. Its name Molek (mem-lamed-kaf) is also pronounced “Melek” or “King” and “Malak” or “messenger” as in angel. This idol, usually cast in brass, had the body of a man and the head of an ox. The Carthaginians called this idol “Saturn” and yes, that’s where the Greek name for the planet Saturn came from. Bob Wadsworth, our resident Biblical Astronomer has taught much about whom Saturn represents, namely satan.

Now, let’s finish **Chapter 20** with **verses 15-27**; *‘And a man who has intercourse with a beast: he shall certainly be put to death, and the beast you kill. And a woman who approaches any beast and mates with it: you shall kill the woman and the beast, they shall certainly be put to death, their blood is upon them. And a man who takes his sister, his father’s daughter or his mother’s daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness: it is wickedness, and they shall be cut off before the eyes of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness, he bears his crookedness. And a man who lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness: he has laid bare her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood, both of them shall be cut off from the midst of their people. And do not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister nor of your father’s sister, for that is laying bare one’s own flesh, they bear their crookedness. And a man who lies with his uncle’s wife: he has uncovered his uncle’s nakedness, they bear their sin, they die childless. And a man who takes his brother’s wife: it is uncleanness, he has uncovered his brother’s nakedness, they are childless. And you shall guard all My laws and all My right-rulings, and do them, so that the land where I am bringing you to dwell does not vomit you out. And do not walk in the laws of the nation which I am driving out before you, for they do all these, and therefore I loathed them. But I say to you, “You are going to possess their land, and I Myself give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am YHVH your Elohim, who has separated you from the peoples. And you shall make a distinction between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean birds and clean. And do not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or whatever creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. And you shall be set-apart to Me, for I YHVH am set-apart, and have separated you from the peoples to be Mine. And a man or a woman in whom there is a medium, or who are spiritists, shall certainly be put to death, they are to stone them with stones. Their blood is upon them.’ ”*

**Kedoshim**, as we learned at the beginning of this sidrah (teaching), is a word we should seek to fully understand. You see, Yahweh is calling us to be **kedoshim**, set apart. Did you know that

part of the Hebrew wedding ritual is called “**kedushim**”? The betrothal period, or the “*setting apart*” of the Bride is called the “**kedushim**”. Folks, Yahweh wants us to be His Bride. And now, because of that hunger in your heart for Torah, for Him, now is the time of “**kedushim**”.

During the traditional Hebrew wedding service, and interestingly, also while a Yisra’elite lays tefillin, he recites **Hoshea 2:19-20**; “***And I shall take you as a bride unto Me forever, and take you as a bride unto Me in righteousness, and in right-ruling, and kindness and compassion. And I shall take you as a bride unto Me in trustworthiness, and you shall know YHVH.***”

He wants us as His Bride forever in righteousness, right-ruling, kindness, compassion and trustworthiness. It’s interesting that the word for “**adultery**” in Hebrew, “**na’aph**” is the same word for “**idolatry**”.

Everything Yahweh does has a **purpose**. As we search and pray to know His will; as we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; we need to understand His **purpose**. With all that we, returning Yisra’el, have to learn, it’s easy to lose sight of His **purpose**. This *parsha* takes us back to His **purpose**. What is His **purpose**? The **purpose** of the Creation, the **purpose** of the Torah and the **purpose** of Yisra’el was to have a “**set-apart people**” ~ “**kedoshim**”. The **purpose** behind every *command*, every “**mitzvah**” is “**set-apartness**”; to become “**kadosh**”, to be His “**set-apart ones**”. Yahweh promised us something, through the prophet, in **Yirmeyahu 31:31-33**; “***See, the days are coming,***” declares YHVH, “***when I shall make a renewed covenant with the house of Yisra’el and with the house of Yehudah, not like the covenant I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them,***” declares YHVH. ***For this is the covenant I shall make with the house of Yisra’el after those days, declares YHVH: I shall put My Torah in their inward parts, and write it on their hearts. And I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.***” Remember a few weeks ago we learned that “**inward parts**” (qereb in Hebrew) is the seat of understanding and emotion. So we will understand His Torah. And, He says that He will write Torah on our Hearts. The Hebrew word here for “**write**” is “**chatab**” and means to “**engrave**”. The process of engraving means that whatever is engraved literally becomes part of the material that it is engraved on.

Yahweh has a plan, a **purpose**. As Sha’ul (Saul) would say, “Behold, I show you a mystery.” Well, we are going to understand a mystery tonight. My friend, Ed Nydle, teaches that Yahweh works with man in patterns of “fours”, in squares. Squares do not occur naturally in Yahweh’s creation. The earth is round and all things that occur in nature simply do not have right angles. Right angles simply don’t happen on there own. But, along comes man. He builds buildings that have right angles. Man likes things square. A large percentage of us here at Beit Emet are, or have been in construction. We know, you better make it square up. Cubes rule.

So, Yahweh uses this to teach us and deal with us. He gives us “**tzit-zit**” (*fringes*) for the “**four corners**” of our garment, to remind us of His Torah. Interestingly, He commanded us to place “**techelet**”, or a thread of blue, running through these “**tzit-zit**”. Techelet comes from the Hebrew root word “**takelyth**” which means “**purpose**”. And, while we have been scattered throughout the entire earth, Yahweh says that He will gather kol Yisra’el from the “**four corners**” of this round earth. Yahweh “dwells” with man in perfect squares. If you’ll read the dimensions in Scripture, you will see that the Kodesh Kodeshim (Holy of Holies) in both the Mishkan (Tent of Meeting) and the Beit Mikdash (Temple) were perfect squares. **Revelation 21:9-16** tells us; ***And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.” And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city,***

*the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim, having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal, and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'el: three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb. And he who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod, to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. And the city lies four-cornered, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod: two thousand two hundred kilometers – the length, and the breadth, and height of it are equal.* The renewed Yerushalayim is a perfect square.

Even time is made up of “four” parts. Now, Yahweh stands outside of time. But we, at least for now, have to deal with time. These four are **eternity past**, the **past**, **today** and the **future**. I’m going into **eternity past** in a minute. You see, we get things all twisted up. We tend to think that it all began in the **past**, since Yahweh’s purpose is to dwell among His people. We see it beginning in Gan Eden (Garden of Eden). The Garden was His original Dwelling Place upon the earth. But, sinful man defiled the Dwelling Place. Later, Yahweh cleansed the earth and started over. But, man messed it up again. So Yahweh set about to set apart a people, through Avraham, Yitzaq and Ya’acov; a people Yisra’el. He sowed them into slavery in order to show them that He was their Deliverer and Elohim. He gave them His Torah, their Betrothal Ketubah and set them apart for Himself. He has a purpose. But, we couldn’t remain faithful. The tribes separated into two kingdoms, The House of Yisra’el (Ephraim) replaced Yahweh’s **purpose** in the commands with their own, and went whoring after false elohim. They lost not only their **purpose**, but Hoshea and the other prophets tell us they lost their identity. Yehudah, ultimately was sent into dispersion as well for heading down the same path.

#### Yahweh’s **purpose**

is connected to this four-fold cycle of history. It’s not about a purpose-driven church. **Yeshayahu 46:9-10** states; *“Remember the former events of old, for I am El, and there is no one else – Elohim, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from of old that which has not yet been done, saying, ‘My counsel does stand, and all My delight I do,’”* The **purpose**

of creation will come about. The prophet Yirmeyahu is example to us. Yahweh told him in **Yirmeyahu 1:5**; *“Before I formed you in the belly I knew you, and before you came out of the womb I did set you apart – I appointed you a prophet to nations.”*

Yahweh says in **Yeshayahu 55:8-11**; *“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares YHVH. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain comes down, and the snow from the heavens, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, and give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so is My Word that goes forth from My mouth – it does not return to Me empty, but shall do what I please, and shall certainly accomplish what I sent it for.* Over the years, I’ve heard several different meanings for this passage. I hope you see it now, as I do, as a prophecy about Yahshua.

The word **“purpose”** in the Hebrew is **“machashabah”** (Strong’s #4284) and it means to **“plan”** or **“devise”**, with the purpose of inventing or making something. Remember the letters have meanings. **Machashabah** is spelled “mem-chet-shin-beit-hey” (water-life-El Shaddai-house-revelation). **Purpose** as defined

here is: ***“The Living Water from El Shaddai’s House is Revelation”***. Is He not revealing His Living Water to us, today?

Yahweh’s purpose is in ***eternity past***. It predates the laying of the foundation of the creation. Halleluyah! **Mattityahu** tells us that this is why Yahshua spoke in parables, in **13:34-35**; ***Yahshua said all this to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable, so that what was spoken by the prophet might be filled, saying, “I shall open My mouth in parables, I shall pour forth what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”*** Sha’ul says in **Ephesians 1:3-5**; ***Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Messiah, even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be set-apart and blameless before Him in love, having previously ordained us to adoption as sons through Yahshua Messiah to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His desire,...*** Again, in **Mattityahu 25:32-34** Yahshua says; ***“And all the nations shall be gathered before Him, and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats. And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the Sovereign shall say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the reign prepared for you from the foundation of the world-....’*** And, **Revelation 13:7-8**; ***And it was given to him to fight with the set-apart ones and to overcome them. And authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation. And all those dwelling on the earth, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the slain Lamb, from the foundation of the world shall worship him.***

So, what’s our connection to **today**? **Romans 8:28-29**; ***And we know that all matters work together for good to those who love Elohim, to those who are called according to His purpose. Because those whom He knew beforehand, He also ordained beforehand to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, for Him to be the first-born among many brothers.*** Sha’ul also quoted **Tehillim 96** in **Ibrim 3:7-9**; ***Therefore, as the Set-apart Spirit says, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tried Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.”*** and **verses 14-19**; ***For we have become partakers of Messiah if we hold fast the beginning of our trust firm to the end, while it is said, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”*** For who, having heard, rebelled? Was it not all who came out of **Mitsrayim**, led by **Mosheh**? And with whom was He grieved forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter into His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they were unable to enter in because of unbelief. You see, the **purpose** of all the commandments is to take us back to the Exodus from **Mitsrayim**; so that we will understand and remember that without His mighty Right Arm (Yahshua) we would still be slaves to Egypt (**Mitsrayim** means bondage).

When we understand the **purpose** for Creation, it gives our lives meaning and **purpose**. Finding our purpose is the only way we find fulfillment. This is why understanding the Gospel of the Kingdom, the Two Houses of Yisra’el is so important. Being Yisra’el is not just some “spiritual state of Yo”. It’s **“physical”** and it’s **“real”**. It’s Yahweh’s **purpose**. When the Kingdom split into two, and **Rehab’am**, King of **Yehudah**, was about to attack **Yarob’am** and the Northern Kingdom, Yahweh intervened and spoke through **Shemayah** in **1 Melekim 12:23-24**; ***“Speak to Rehab’am son of Shelomoh, sovereign of Yehudah, and to all the house of Yehudah and Binyamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, ‘Thus said YHVH, “Do not go up or fight against your brothers the children of Yisra’el. Let every man return to his house, for this matter is from Me.”’*** ” So they obeyed the word of **YHVH**, and turned back, according to the word of

**YHVH.**

Yahweh *purposed* this plan from before the foundation of the world, in **eternity past**. **Today**, is our day of “**kedushah**” or “**set-apartness**”. The Bride, Yisra’el, must set herself apart for her Husband. This is what will connect us with our **future** in **Revelation 19:6-9**; **And I heard as the voice of a great crowd, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, “Halleluyah, for YHVH El Shaddai reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him praise, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife prepared herself.” And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the set-apart ones. And he said to me, “Write, ‘Blessed are those who have been called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!’ ” And he said to me, “These are the true words of Elohim.”**

In that day, Yahweh shall speak again as He did through the prophet in **Hoshea 2:14-23**; **“Therefore, see, I am alluring her, and shall lead her into the wilderness, and shall speak to her heart, and give to her vineyards from there, and the Valley of Akor (Trouble) as a door of expectation. And there she shall respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day when she came up from the land of Mitsrayim. And it shall be, in that day,” declares YHVH, “that you call Me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer call Me ‘My Ba’al.’ And I shall remove the names of the Ba’als from her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. And in that day I shall make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping creatures of the ground, when bow, and sword, and battle I break from the earth. And I shall make them lie down in safety. And I shall take you as a bride unto Me forever, and take you as a bride unto Me in righteousness, and in right-ruling, and kindness and compassion. And I shall take you as a bride unto Me in trustworthiness, and you shall know YHVH. And it shall be in that day that I answer,” declares YHVH, “that I answer the heavens, and they answer the earth, and the earth answer the grain and the new wine and the oil, and they answer Yizre’el. And I shall sow her for Myself in the earth, and I shall have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion. And I shall say to those who were not My people, ‘You are My people,’ while they say, ‘My Elohim!’ ”**

Did you notice something in those two sets of scriptures we just read? Revelation 19 called it the marriage of the Lamb. Earlier we read in Revelation 21 that the renewed Yerushalayim is the Bride. But, in Hoshea we read that Yahweh is going to take us as His Bride forever. And, in verse 20 He says, **“and you shall know YHVH”** The word here for “**know**” in Hebrew is “**yada**” which means to “know intimately” as a husband and wife know each other. B’reshith says that Adam “**knew**” (**yada**) Chawwah and she conceived. So, who’s our Husband? I believe His Name is Yahweh Yahshua. Selah, think about it.

You know, there’s a lot of stuff being said on the internet right now amongst the Body of Messiah. Family members are accusing other family members and friends are against friends. Some saying, “If you follow Torah, you’re denying “Jesus”. Others say, “If you profess to be of the House of Yisra’el instead of being proud you’re a gentile, then you’re in a cult”. Or, “If you don’t follow the last Sanhedrin regarding which calendar you observe, then you’re a Sadducee.” And, on and on; it all makes me “sad you see”. Let’s become “**kedoshim**”. Let’s don’t “*feel contempt for*” or “*treat as insignificant*” those who are *deaf* or *silent*. And, let’s don’t “*cause to stumble*” those who have *scales on their eyes*. What do you say? Let’s work out our own salvation with fear and trembling; and pray for those who can’t yet see, or won’t yet hear. Let’s trust in Yahweh’s **purpose**.