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PSALM 42

To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.

2 *How* thou didst drive out the heathen *with thy*
and, and plantedst them; *how* thou didst afflict the

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them: because the Lord was their arm, and the Lord was their sword.

own sword, and thine arm save them:
but thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light
of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favour unto
them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: command deliverances for Jacob.

5 Through thy name will we tread them under that rock,
through against us.
6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall
I leave me.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall sword save me.
7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, O God, we boast all the day long.

8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise
name for ever. Selah.

9 ¶ But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame
and goest not forth with our armies,
10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy
which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast scattered us among the heathen:

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PSALM 45
To the chief Musician upon Shushannim. For the son
of Korah, Machil, A Song of Love.

2 Thou art fairer than
the things which I have made touching the king
is poured

2 Thou art fairer than the children of men:
is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath loved
thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most
with thy glory and thy majesty.
4 And in thy majesty ride
of truth and meekness.

5 Thine arrows are at
king's enemies.

6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and
7 Thy sceptre of thy kingdom.

7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest unrighteousness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell of myrrh*, and
cassia, out of the ivory palaces
made thee odorous.

9 Kings' daughters were among the

10 Harken, O daughter, and
cline thine ear:

know
the
rules

Many people have heard of the 10 Commandments and recognize the importance of some of them, like the laws against murder and stealing. But other laws in the Bible are less well known or appreciated.

Do the biblical laws apply today? Or did the Creator God establish them, only to wipe them all out on the cross, only to promise their restoration during Messiah's millennial rule?

Or is there a larger meaning to the whole subject of the law of Elohim—one that bears witness to the very plan of Elohim, which is *always* consistent and points toward the Kingdom of Elohim?

What is a law?

How does man define the law?

The New Oxford American Dictionary defines law as:

1. (often the law) the system of rules that a particular country or community recognizes as regulating the actions of its members and may enforce by the imposition of penalties

2. a statement of fact, deduced from observation, to the effect that a particular natural or scientific phenomenon always occurs if certain conditions are present

3. the body of divine commandments as expressed in the Bible or other religious texts.

What is the law of Elohim?

How does Elohim define the law of Elohim? This question is of great importance, for it deals with our spiritual understanding. Elohim's laws are the rules of the Kingdom of Elohim and His way of life, and they are divine and perfect in intent, equity and administration.

Roman 7:1-25

1 Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

**4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also
are become dead to the law by the
body of Messiah; that ye should be
married to another, even to him
who is raised from the dead, that
we should bring forth fruit unto
Elohim.**

**5 For when we were in the flesh,
the motions of sins, which were by
the law, did work in our members to
bring forth fruit unto death.**

**6 But now we are delivered from
the law, that being dead wherein we
were held; that we should serve in
newness of spirit, and not in the
oldness of the letter.**

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Certainly not. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.

8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead.

9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.

12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

13 Was then that which is good made death unto me? Certainly not. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I.

16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good.

17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

**20 Now if I do that I would not, it is
no more I that do it, but sin that
dwelleth in me.**

**21 I find then a law, that, when I
would do good, evil is present with
me.**

**22 For I delight in the law of Yahweh
after the inward man:**

23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

**25 I thank Elohim through Yahshua
Messiah our Master. So then with the
mind I myself serve the law of
Elohim; but with the flesh the law of
sin.**

Psalms 19:1-14

1 The heavens declare the glory of El; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

3 *There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.*

4 Their line is gone out through all
the earth, and their words to the
end of the world. In them hath he
set a tabernacle for the sun,
5 Which *is* as a bridegroom coming
out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as
a strong man to run a race.

6 His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of Yahweh *is* perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of Yahweh *is* sure, making wise the simple.

8 The statutes of Yahweh *are* right,
rejoicing the heart: the
commandment of Yahweh *is* pure,
enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of Yahweh *is* clean,
enduring for ever: the judgments of
Yahweh *are* true *and* righteous
altogether.

10 More to be desired *are they* than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: *and* in keeping of them *there* is great reward.

**12 Who can understand *his* errors?
cleanse thou me from secret *faults*.**

**13 Keep back thy servant also from
presumptuous *sins*; let them not
have dominion over me: then shall I
be upright, and I shall be innocent
from the great transgression.**

**14 Let the words of my mouth, and
the meditation of my heart, be
acceptable in thy sight, O Yahweh,
my strength, and my redeemer.**

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THE ESCAPE FROM HEROD—AGAIN IN GALILEE AT NAZARETH FROM MATTHEW'S NARRATIVE

Matthew 2:1-23

Understanding the
WORDS of JESUS

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Matthew 2:1-23

1 Now when Yahshua was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, 2 Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

3 When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.

4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Messiah should be born.

**5 And they said unto him, In
Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is
written by the prophet,**

**6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of
Juda, art not the least among the
princes of Juda: for out of thee shall
come a Governor, that shall rule my
people Israel.**

Micah 5:2

**But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah,
though thou be little among the
thousands of Judah, *yet* out of thee
shall he come forth unto me *that is*
to be ruler in Israel; whose goings
forth *have been* from of old, from
everlasting.**

7 Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared.

8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

9 When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.

10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.

11 And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Miriam his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh.

12 And being warned of Elohim in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

**13 And when they were departed,
behold, the angel of Yahweh
appeareth to Joseph in a dream,
saying, Arise, and take the young child
and his mother, and flee into Egypt,
and be thou there until I bring thee
word: for Herod will seek the young
child to destroy him.**

14 When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt:

15 And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of Yahweh by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Hosea 11:1

When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.

16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men.

**17 Then was fulfilled that which was
spoken by Jeremiah the prophet,
saying,**

**18 In Rama was there a voice heard,
lamentation, and weeping, and great
mourning, Rachel weeping for her
children, and would not be
comforted, because they are not.**

Jeremiah 31:15

Thus saith Yahweh; A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, *and* bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted for her children, because they *were* not.

**19 But when Herod was dead, behold,
an angel of Yahweh appeareth in a
dream to Joseph in Egypt,**

**20 Saying, Arise, and take the young
child and his mother, and go into the
land of Israel: for they are dead which
sought the young child's life.**

**21 And he arose, and took the young
child and his mother, and came into
the land of Israel.**

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of Elohim in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

23 And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

"He shall be called a Nazarene," is not found in the Old Testament. In fact, the city of Nazareth is not mentioned by name in the Old Testament. Josephus does not even mention it. It was a mean, little village not thought worthy of mention.

The root for Nazareth is the Hebrew word that is translated "stem" in (Isaiah 11:1 ,) which states, "And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots." The stem here (the only place the English word occurs in scripture) is the cut off stump of a tree or a stub. The rod growing from the stem is parallel to the Branch growing out of the roots.

The rod and the Branch are a prophecy referring to Yahshua Messiah. The rod grows out of the stem--the cut-off portion of the tree--just as Yahshua grew up in the town of Nazareth. **The picture is of a tree that has been cut down and is considered dead.**

Out of that stump comes new life in the form of a rod or branch. This points to the kingly line of David that had been cut down so that no one of his line sat on the throne of Israel. It also points to the spiritually lifeless town of Nazareth.

It seems that no one expected there to be any connection of the Messiah with the town of Nazareth.

Nathanael asked, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

John 1:46

But Isaiah is only one prophet. Where do the "prophets" come in? I think the connection comes in the identity of the Messiah as the **Branch**. Every time the Messiah is called the **Branch** in the Old Testament, God is pointing out that He grows up out of a dead **stem** and out of the remaining roots of a felled tree.

In the New Testament, we find that this dead stump is also a picture of the village of Nazareth. So, how many prophets use the picture of Messiah as the Branch. At least three of them do:

**Isaiah 4:2; 11:1, Jeremiah 23:5 ;
33:15, and Zechariah 3:8; 6:12 .**

This solves the problem of the plural
"prophets."

Isaiah 4:2

In that day shall the **branch** of
Yahweh be beautiful and glorious,
and the fruit of the earth *shall be*
excellent and comely for them that
are escaped of Israel.

Isaiah 11:1

And there shall come forth a **rod** out of the stem of Jesse, and a **Branch** shall grow out of his roots:

Jeremiah 23:5

Behold, the days come, saith Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous **Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Jeremiah 33:15

In those days, and at that time, will I cause the **Branch** of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

Zechariah 3:8

Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they *are* men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the **BRANCH**.

Zechariah 6:12

And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Yahweh of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The **BRANCH**; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of Yahweh: