## **Promises Made: Part 1 – The Foundation**

When Adonai makes a promise we know He keeps it, that is if we truly take Him at His Word...

Num 23:19 "God is not a human who lies or a mortal who changes his mind. When he says something, he will do it; when he makes a promise, he will fulfill it.

Yet it is not in our time but as was shared last Shabbat, God's Time is relative to HIS PURPOSE.

What does this mean?

Adonai has His own itinerary and His own time table. In other words a schedule in orderly fashion whereby everything must be done in order. He won't miss a step, nor jump over one and then come back. Everything He sets out to do, must happen in the order He has established.

For us, sometimes we jump around and do things out of order. For instance, on one of those "assembly required projects, whether it be a shelf, desk or some other piece of furniture, we are usually given instruction regarding how to assemble it. The instructions are usually presented in order and hence we are to follow the instructions as set out. Yet, there are times when we don't do things in order. Sometimes the end result will turn out just as intended, however, most times it does not. Adonai does not do anything out of order. We have seen this throughout Scripture.

Yeshua's Immersion...

Mat 3:13 Then Yeshua came from the Galil to the Yarden to be immersed by Yochanan.

Mat 3:14 But Yochanan tried to stop him. "You are coming to me? I ought to be immersed by you!"

Mat 3:15 However, Yeshua answered him, "Let it be this way now, because we should do everything righteousness requires." Then Yochanan let him.

Mat 3:16 As soon as Yeshua had been immersed, he came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, he saw the Spirit of God coming down upon him like a dove,

Mat 3:17 and a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; I am well pleased with him."

Doing it in order whereby everything righteousness requires is satisfied.

Why was this done?

Yeshua as High Priest had to be anointed and immersed (washed) prior to entering into service as

Torah, doing what is right according to Adonai required.

**Exo 29:1** "Here is what you are to do to consecrate them for ministry to me in the office of cohen. Take one young bull and two rams without defect,

Exo 29:2 also matzah, matzah cakes mixed with olive oil, and matzah wafers spread with oil—all made from fine wheat flour;

Exo 29:3 put them together in a basket, and present them in the basket, along with the bull and the two rams.

Exo 29:4 "Bring Aharon and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water.

Then there is the death of Yeshua...

Joh 19:28 After this, knowing that all things had accomplished their purpose, Yeshua, in order to fulfill the words of the Tanakh, said, "I'm thirsty."

Joh 19:29 A jar full of cheap sour wine was there; so they soaked a sponge in the wine, coated it with oregano leaves and held it up to his mouth.

Joh 19:30 After Yeshua had taken the wine, he said, "It is accomplished!" And, letting his head droop, he delivered up his spirit.

Only Adonai knew what the order of all His promises were in terms of what was required of Yeshua to do, to perform prior to His death and the paradigm shifting Resurrection that was about to happen.

Everything intended to happen, had to happen, not one thing less, not one thing more. It will be that way upon His return as well. He will not return until everything that has happened will happen. It is the standard by which Torah has been set.

Mat 5:17 "Don't think that I have come to abolish the Torah or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete.

Mat 5:18 Yes indeed! I tell you that until heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a yud (') or a stroke will pass from the Torah—not until everything that must happen has happened.

Heaven and earth will not pass away, meaning, we will not see this...

Isa 65:17 "For, look! I create new heavens and a new earth; past things will not be remembered, they will no more come to mind.

Isa 65:18 So be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for look! I am making Yerushalayim a joy, and her people a delight.

When Yochanan through the revelation given to him shared...

**Rev 21:1** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had passed away, and the sea was no longer there.

Rev 21:2 Also I saw the holy city, New Yerushalayim, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

We will not see this until everything prior has happened.

Before Yeshua returns, (not in a particular order)

• Eliyahu must appear.

Mat 17:10 The talmidim asked him, "Then why do the Torah-teachers say that Eliyahu must come first?"

Mat 17:11 He answered, "On the one hand, Eliyahu is coming and will restore all things;

Mat 17:12 on the other hand, I tell you that Eliyahu has come already, and people did not recognize him but did whatever they pleased to him. In the same way, the Son of Man too is about to suffer at their hands."

Mat 17:13 Then the talmidim understood that he was talking to them about Yochanan the Immerser.

• The Two Witnesses must be revealed.

## Rev 11:3 "Also I will give power to my two witnesses; and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, dressed in sackcloth."

Rev 11:4 These are the two olive trees and the two menorahs standing before the Lord of the earth.

Rev 11:5 If anyone tries to do them harm, fire comes out of their mouth and consumes their enemies—yes, if anyone tries to harm them, that is how he must die.

Rev 11:6 They have the authority to shut up the sky, so that no rain falls during the period of their prophesying; also they have the authority to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Rev 11:7 When they finish their witnessing, the beast coming up out of the Abyss will fight against them, overcome them and kill them;

• There must be a physical Temple Standing for the witnesses to appear at.

**Rev 11:1** I was given a measuring rod like a stick and told, "Get up, and measure the Temple of God and the altar, and count how many people are worshipping there!

Rev 11:2 But the court outside the Temple, leave that out; don't measure it; because it has been given to the Goyim, and they will trample over the holy city for forty-two months.

Hence, Adonai has an order, a fixed agenda for everything He has promised to set out to do. Before time began in Genesis 1:3 when Adonai said...

Gen 1:3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

Placing a pause on Eternity in order to deal with something that happened for which He needed to deal with.

Rev 13:8 Everyone living on earth will worship it except those whose names are written in the Book of Life belonging to the Lamb slaughtered before the world was founded.

Before the world was found, that is before time began. Something happening within the reality of Eternity needed to be dealt with. In the past I have shared this with you, that being the Adversary's transgression.

Everything in an order. Part of the plan of Adonai involved one man – Avram. A plan whereby through one man would come one man and that one man would deal with all that had transpired, reconciling Adonai and His creation. Sha'ul expresses this extremely well in his letter to Roman believers...

- Rom 5:12 Here is how it works: it was through one individual that sin entered the world, and through sin, death; and in this way death passed through to the whole human race, inasmuch as everyone sinned.
- Rom 5:13 Sin was indeed present in the world before Torah was given, but sin is not counted as such when there is no Torah.
- Rom 5:14 Nevertheless death ruled from Adam until Moshe, even over those whose sinning was not exactly like Adam's violation of a direct command. In this, Adam prefigured the one who was to come.
- Rom 5:15 But the free gift is not like the offense. For if, because of one man's offense, many died, then how much more has God's grace, that is, the gracious gift of one man, Yeshua the Messiah, overflowed to many!
- Rom 5:16 No, the free gift is not like what resulted from one man's sinning; for from one sinner came judgment that brought condemnation; but the free gift came after many offenses and brought acquittal.
- Rom 5:17 For if, because of the offense of one man, death ruled through that one man; how much more will those receiving the overflowing grace, that is, the gift of being considered righteous, rule in life through the one man Yeshua the Messiah!
- Rom 5:18 In other words, just as it was through one offense that all people came

under condemnation, so also it is through one righteous act that all people come to be considered righteous.

Rom 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man, many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the other man, many will be made righteous.

Rom 5:20 And the Torah came into the picture so that the offense would proliferate; but where sin proliferated, grace proliferated even more.

Rom 5:21 **All this happened** so that just as sin ruled by means of death, so also grace might rule through causing people to be considered righteous, so that they might have eternal life, through Yeshua the Messiah, our Lord.

There is an order to everything Adonai has set out to do. He reveals this to us throughout His Word in the form of prophecy...A declaration By God that something will transpire.

Yet, it had to start somewhere. Adonai started with identifying the man named Avram...

**Gen 12:1** Now Adonai said to Avram, "Get yourself out of your country, away from your kinsmen and away from your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

Gen 12:2 I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing.

He spoke to him and said he would make him a promise, what we will come to understand as being a covenant. Through him, through one man a nation will come forth. Well there are two things a nation requires at minimum in order to be a nation.

- People
- Land

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

The result of this promise is threefold in terms of its impact.

- 1. If you bless the people of this covenant relationship Adonai is establishing you will receiving blessings in relation. What they are specifically is not revealed, it could be tangible or intangible.
- 2. If you treat the people o this covenantly promise, you will experience consequences, whether tangibly or intangibly, immediately or in time, is only known by Adonai.
- 3. Through this covenantal relationship all the families of the world, the nations, will be blessed by it, will experience something positive. Yet, a blessing is only really a blessing if it is received and embraced.

The framework has been set, yet the details are lacking. Adonai would fill in the blanks as we learn more about this relationship Adonai has with Avram...

The first aspect, that is revealed is the people that will comprise the nation. A nation that will originate out of this one man, yet there are issues.

**Gen 15:1** Some time later the word of Adonai came to Avram in a vision: "Don't be afraid, Avram. I am your protector; your reward will be very great."

Gen 15:2 Avram replied, "Adonai, God, what good will your gifts be to me if I continue childless; and Eli`ezer from Dammesek inherits my possessions?

Gen 15:3 You haven't given me a child," Avram continued, "so someone born in my house will be my heir."

Gen 15:4 But the word of Adonai came to him: "This man will not be your heir. No, your heir will be a child from your own body."

Gen 15:5 Then he brought him outside and said, "Look up at the sky, and count the stars—if you can count them! Your descendants will be that many!"

Gen 15:6 He believed in Adonai, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

Avram and his wife Sarai were childless and of advanced age. Adonai made him a promise, that he would have a child and that from his child, numerous descendants would come forth.

Gen 15:7 Then he said to him, "I am Adonai, who brought you out from Ur-Kasdim to give you this land as your possession."

Gen 15:8 He replied, "Adonai, God, how am I to know that I will possess it?"

How would he know?

Gen 15:13 Adonai said to Avram, "Know this for certain: your descendants will be foreigners in a land that is not theirs. They will be slaves and held in oppression there four hundred years.

Gen 15:14 But I will also judge that nation, the one that makes them slaves. Afterwards, they will leave with many possessions.

Gen 15:15 As for you, you will join your ancestors in peace and be buried at a good old age.

Gen 15:16 Only in the fourth generation will your descendants come back here, because only then will the Emori be ripe for punishment."

It would not be Avram but His decendants who would come to take possession of the land and the promise associated with it. Then Adonai reveals even more of this covenantal relationship, this promise...

- **Gen 17:1** When Avram was 99 years old Adonai appeared to Avram and said to him, "I am El Shaddai [*God Almighty*]. Walk in my presence and be purehearted.
- Gen 17:2 I will make my covenant between me and you, and I will increase your numbers greatly."
- Gen 17:3 Avram fell on his face, and God continued speaking with him:
- Gen 17:4 "As for me, this is my covenant with you: you will be the father of many nations.
- Gen 17:5 Your name will no longer be Avram [exalted father], but your name will be Avraham [father of many], because I have made you the father of many nations.
- Gen 17:6 I will cause you to be very fruitful. I will make nations of you, kings will descend from you.
- Gen 17:7 "I am establishing my covenant between me and you, along with your descendants after you, generation after generation, as an everlasting covenant, to be God for you and for your descendants after you.
- Gen 17:8 I will give you and your descendants after you the land in which you are now foreigners, all the land of Kena`an, as a permanent possession; and I will be their God."
- Gen 17:9 God said to Avraham, "As for you, you are to keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you, generation after generation.
- Gen 17:10 Here is my covenant, which you are to keep, between me and you, along with your descendants after you: every male among you is to be circumcised.
- Gen 17:11 You are to be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskin; this will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.
- Gen 17:12 Generation after generation, every male among you who is eight days old is to be circumcised, including slaves born within your household and those bought from a foreigner not descended from you.
- Gen 17:13 The slave born in your house and the person bought with your money must be circumcised; thus my covenant will be in your flesh as an everlasting covenant.
- Gen 17:14 Any uncircumcised male who will not let himself be circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin—that person will be cut off from his people, because he has broken my covenant."

This expression comprising a connection between the people and the land. One Covenant, two very important elements. It will be this foundation that I have shared with you now, that will be of great importance when we go forward and look at the relationship between the people and the land.

I have already shared part of it with you. A few weeks ago when I talked about Israel's expulsion from the land and Babylonian captivity for a season, seventy years. There is a very deep and very intimate connection between the people and the land. This connection, this relationship is found in only one place, This covenant established through Avraham. The impact is felt throughout the generations and is foundational for revival, the God Promised revival I am showing you. It is about the people and the land...how it will impact the rest of the world, all the nations...

Gen 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed."

The revival I shared with you last week happened in the land and with the people in the land. It was intended to be sent forth and it was. The Gospel was that revival and it is the Gospel that will continue to restore all things in their proper order and at their intended time.