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Leviticus 1:1-5:26; I Samuel 15:1-34; Mark 6:14-29; Esther

***Ephesians 2:12-13** remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Messiah Yeshua you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

***Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

***Zechariah 12:** The oracle of the word of the Lord concerning Israel: Thus declares the Lord, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him: Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples.

***Psalm 83:4-8** They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from *being* a nation; that the name of Israel may be remembered no more.

***Isaiah 48:3** I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of My mouth, and I shewed them; I DID THEM SUDDENLY, and they CAME TO PASS.

***Leviticus 19:18b...** you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

***Matthew 22:36-40** Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law? Jesus replied: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.

***Psalm 119:92** Unless your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.

***Psalm 119:97-98** Oh, how I love your law. It is my meditation all the day. You, through your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, for they are ever with me.

***I Samuel 15:22** Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams.

***Amos 5:21-24** I hate, I despise your feast days, and I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

***Hosea 6:6** For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

***Jeremiah 7:22-23** For I did not speak to your fathers or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices, but this is what I commanded them saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.

***Isaiah 1:11** To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats. When you come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts? Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination to me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

***Matthew 7:12** In everything, then, do to others as you would have them do to you. For this is the essence of the Law and the Prophets.

***I Chronicles 16:10-11** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

***Philippians 3:10** The Passion Translation - And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and become like him in his death.

***Acts 5:40-41**and when they had called the apostles, and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name.

***John 5:19** Then Jesus answered and said to them, Most assuredly, I say to you the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do, for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

***Matthew 6:9-10** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.

***Acts 7:54-60** When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, **looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God**, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, And said, Behold, **I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.** Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, And cast him out of the city, and **stoned him**: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

***Daniel 7:18** But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.

***Revelation 21:1-3** Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, **prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.** And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be their God.*

***Leviticus (VaYikra) 1:1** Now the Lord **called** יקרא to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying,

***Numbers 23:16** And the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth and said, Return to יקרא Balak and thus shall you speak.

***Leviticus 1:3-4,7, 9b**, If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD. Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him....The sons of Aaron shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire.And the priest **shall burn all** on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made my fire a **sweet aroma to the LORD.**

***Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,** which is your **reasonable service.**

***James 4:7-8,17** So **give yourselves completely to God.** Stand against the devil, and the devil will run from you. **Come near to God,** and **God will come near to you.** You sinners, clean sin out of your lives. You who are trying to follow God and the world at the same time, make your thinking pure.....Anyone who knows the right thing to do, but does not do it, is sinning.

***Song of Solomon 4:10** How delightful is your love, my sister, my bride! Your love is much better than wine, and the fragrance of your perfume than all spices.

***John 12:3** Then Mary took about a pint of expensive perfume, made of pure nard, and she anointed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

***2 Corinthians 2:14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us triumphantly as captives in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.

***2 Corinthians 2:15** For we are to God the sweet aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.

***Esther 2:17** The king loved Esther more than all the other women,.....so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.

***Esther 3:1** After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman the son of Hammadatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seal above all the princes who were with him.

***Esther 3:6b**And Haman sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus - the people of Mordecai.

***Esther 4:13-17** And Mordecai told them to answer Esther: Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews.....

For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!" So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him.

***Revelation 11:15** Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!