

## CORRESPONDENCE COURSE LESSON 27

### THE WILDERNESS

At creation Yahweh made human beings and put them in different places all over the earth. He then took one man from the human race (Adam) and set him apart and brought him to Eden to prepare him for his priesthood that he would have in calling other humans out of the world at large and also bring them to Eden, which represented being in the presence of Yahweh. (Please see lesson 22, The Purpose of Man)

**Gen 2:7** *And YAHWEH Elohim formed the man from the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul.*

**Gen 2:8** *And YAHWEH Elohim planted a garden in Eden to the east; and **He put the man whom He had formed there.***

However, Adam failed at his job as priest and abdicated his position as ruler of society to Satan by believing in Satan's lie over having faith and believing in Yahweh and was cast out of Eden back into the society that now Satan would control.

**Gen 3:22** *And YAHWEH Elohim said, Behold! The man has become as one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and also take from the Tree of Life, and eat, and live forever,*

**Gen 3:23** *YAHWEH Elohim sent him out of the Garden of Eden to till the ground out of which he was taken.*

**Gen 3:24** *And He drove the man out. And He lodged the cherubs at the east of the Garden of Eden, and the flaming sword whirling around to guard the way of the Tree of Life.*

And Satan became the ruler of the society on this earth that he would now form with the humans that would also follow his rebellious ways.

**2Co 4:4** *In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not**, lest the light of the glorious Good News of Messiah, who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them. (KJV)*

Did Yahshua also acknowledge that Satan has been given authority over this society since the abdication of Adam, and has the authority to place his servants in any position he wants?

**Luk 4:5** *And leading Him up into a high mountain, Satan showed Him **all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.***

**Luk 4:6** *And the Devil said to Him, **I will give all this authority and their glory to You, because it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.***

**Luk 4:7** *Then if You worship before me, all will be Yours.*

**Luk 4:8** *And answering, to him, Yahshua said, **Go behind Me, Satan! For it has been written: You shall worship YAHWEH your Elohim, and Him only you shall serve.***

**Comment:** When Adam abdicated his position on the earth by disobeying Yahweh in disbelief, he gave over his rulership to Satan, and Yahweh allowed it to happen for a set period of time. And just as Yahweh created the world in 6 days and rested on the 7<sup>th</sup> day (the Sabbath), Yahweh has allowed Satan to rule over the commercial system of this world for 6 one-thousand-year days, and the 7<sup>th</sup> one thousand year day, called the millennium, will bring the Kingdom of Yahweh back to the earth.

**Psa 90:4** ***For a thousand years in Your eyes are as a day**, yesterday, when it passes, and as a watch in the night.*

**2Pe 3:8** ***But let not this one thing be hidden from you, beloved, that one day with the Almighty is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.***

Yahweh allowed Satan to create a society of trading that would always be oppressive to the average everyday person but would exalt the people who were willing to follow Satan's ways to lie, cheat, compromise, and step on others to excel in Satan's society.

And although Yahweh allowed this to happen to ultimately show mankind what is the final result of rejecting Yahweh's Torah and following their own corrupt ways of what they think is good and evil, Yahweh also had a plan to sanctify His called-out ones throughout the six-thousand-year plan.

Yahweh's plan was to separate His chosen remnant from Satan's society, and train them in His Torah and word, and to show the unconverted society around them that by obeying Yahweh and staying separate from Satan's society that they would be blessed.

**Deu 28:1** *And it shall be if carefully you will listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim, taking heed to do all His commandments which I command you this day, YAHWEH your Elohim shall give you to be on high above all nations of the earth.*

**Deu 28:2** *And all these blessings shall come on you and overtake you if you will listen to the voice of YAHWEH your Elohim.*

**Deu 28:3** *You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field.*

**Deu 28:4** *The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, the offspring of your oxen, and the young ones of your flock.*

**Deu 28:5** *Your basket and your kneading-trough shall be blessed.*

**Deu 28:6** *You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out.*

**Deu 28:7** *YAHWEH shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways.*

**Deu 28:8** *YAHWEH shall command the blessing on you in your storehouses and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which YAHWEH your Elohim is giving to you.*

**Deu 28:9** *YAHWEH shall establish you a holy people to Himself, as He has sworn to you, if you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim and walk in His ways.*

**Deu 28:10** *And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of YAHWEH, and they shall be afraid of you.*

**Comment:** From The Garden of Eden, Yahweh's way with humanity was to separate those whom He was personally working with away from the rest of the society that was swayed by Satan.

And many times the way He did this was by taking His people through a wilderness journey, mentally, spiritually, and many times, even physically.

Did Yahweh bring many of His important servants that had an important job concerning His Kingdom to the wilderness?

**Gen 37:22** *And Reuben said to them, Do not shed blood. Throw him (Joseph) into this pit in the wilderness, but do not lay a hand on him; so that he might deliver him from their hands, to return him to his father.*

**Exo 2:15** *And Pharaoh heard this word, and he sought to kill Moses. And Moses fled from before Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Midian (In the wilderness). And he sat down by the well.*

**Gen 12:1** *And YAHWEH had said to Abram, Go out from your land and from your kindred, and from your father's house, to the land which I will show you.*

**Luk 1:60** *And his mother answered, saying, Not so, but he shall be called Yochanan.*

**Luk 1:76** *And you, child, will be called Prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the face of YAHWEH to prepare His way* **Luk 1:80** *And the child grew, and became strong in spirit. And he was in the wilderness until the day of his showing to Israel.*

*Was even Yahshua called to the wilderness before His most special job on this earth?*

**Mat 4:1** *Then Yahshua was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit, to be tempted by the Devil.*

**Comment:** Most servants of Yahweh who had a special job in bringing in the Kingdom of Yahweh to this earth, left their dwelling and went first for training in the wilderness.

Did Yahweh also bring the whole nation of Israel through a wilderness journey before bringing them into the Promised Land?

**Exo 5:1** *And afterward Moses and Aaron came in and said to Pharaoh, So says YAHWEH the Elohim of Israel, **Send away My people, and they shall feast to Me in the wilderness.***

**Exo 13:17** *And it happened, in Pharaoh's sending away the people, Elohim did not lead them by the way of the land of the Philistines, though it was near. For Elohim said, Lest the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt.*

**Exo 13:18** *But **Elohim made the people turn toward the way of the wilderness, to the Sea of Reeds.** And the sons of Israel went up armed from the land of Egypt.*

And even after the Israelites entered the Promised Land of Israel, did Yahweh tell them to stay separated from the nations around them to keep themselves pure and sanctified?

**Exo 23:31** *And I will set your border from the Sea of Reeds as far as the Sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness as far as the River. For I will give the people of the land into your hand. And you shall drive them out before you.*

**Exo 23:32** ***You shall not cut a covenant for them and for their gods.***

**Exo 23:33** ***They shall not dwell in your land, lest they cause you to sin towards Me.** If you serve their Elohim, it will be a snare to you.*

**Exo 34:15** ***that you not cut a covenant with the people of the land, and they fornicate with their Elohim, and they call to you, and you eat from his sacrifice;***

**Exo 34:16** ***and you take from their daughters for your sons, and their daughters fornicate with their Elohim, and they lead your sons to fornicate with their Elohim.***

**Comment:** Even after spending 40 years in the wilderness Yahweh still commanded the Israelites to live a life separated from the nations and people around them. They were not to make any type of covenants or trading agreements, and they were not allowed to have their children marry the sons and daughters of the gentile nations around them.

Yahweh knew that all these people around them were part of Satan's society and were filled with paganism, and wickedness that would only defile Israel and lead them to intergrade with Satan's society and compromise with Yahweh's Torah.

What are the main reasons that Yahweh sends His servants to the wilderness?

**Comment:** There are 2 main reasons that Yahweh sends His servants to the wilderness. The first reason is to sanctify them away from Satan's society and to be able to allow the Ruach (Spirit) of Yahweh to fully work in their life.

Yahweh created humans as creatures of habit, and a person's environment is the main source that molds them to who they will become. By being fully immersed in Satan's society of commercialism, greed, covetousness, pride, and vanity, it will definitely affect a believer's mind, and even their conscience to how much fruit they will be able to bear for Yahweh's Kingdom.

That is why Yahweh brings His servants to a more natural environment in the wilderness, where there is less clutter from Satan, who in scripture is called the prince of the power of the airwaves. Satan uses radio, TV, Internet, social media, and iPhones to constantly condition people 24/7 to his way of commercialism, greed, and perversion. The wilderness is a solitary place where a believer can meditate and focus on their true calling and relationship with Yahweh in a natural setting away from the commercialism of Satan's society.

**1Jn 2:15** Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,

**1Jn 2:16** because all that which is in the world: The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

**1Jn 2:17** And the world is passing away, and its lust. But the one doing the will of YAHWEH abides forever.

**Jas 4:4** Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is enmity with YAHWEH? Whoever, then, purposes to be a friend of the world is an enemy to YAHWEH.

**Comment:** In order to survive in Satan's society, one must go to school to be educated in this world's devices, and also must be subservient and work in Satan's society, as well as purchase all their living needs and cares of life. Every need a person would have, whether it was financial, educational, their job, food and living expenses, medical, or even public safety they would have to rely on Satan's society around them for survival.

Which brings us to the second and most important point of Yahweh sanctifying His people and bringing them into a wilderness environment.

By Yahweh separating His chosen people from Satan's society as He did with the nation of Israel, He also allowed them to be able to live and produce without having all the worldly influences that Satan's society brings. The people only needed faith in Yahweh for everything, and then He would be their ultimate provider and protector from any given situation.

The more that someone showed faith in Yahweh and came out of the system of Satan, the more they were free and happy and growing in the mind and will of Yahweh.

**Deu 8:1** You shall be watchful to do every commandment which I am commanding you today, so that you may live and may multiply and may go in and possess the land which YAHWEH has sworn to your fathers.

**Deu 8:2** And you shall remember all the way which YAHWEH your Elohim has caused you to go these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, to try you, to know that which is in your heart, whether you will keep His commandments or not.

**Deu 8:3** And He has humbled you, and caused you to hunger, and caused you to eat the manna, which you had not known, and your fathers had not known, in order to cause you to know that man shall not live by bread alone, but man shall live by every Word that proceeds from the mouth of YAHWEH.

**Deu 8:4** Your clothing did not wear out on you, and your foot did not swell, these forty years.

**Deu 8:5** And you have known with your heart that as a man disciplines his son, YAHWEH your Elohim disciplines you.

**Deu 8:6** And you shall keep the commandments of YAHWEH your Elohim, to walk in His ways, and to fear Him.

**Deu 8:7** For YAHWEH your Elohim brings you into a good land, a land of streams of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills,

**Deu 8:8** a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey,

**Deu 8:9** a land in which you shall eat bread without want; you shall not lack anything in it; a land whose stones are iron; and you shall dig copper out of its mountains.

**Deu 8:10** And you shall eat and be satisfied; and you shall bless YAHWEH your Elohim in the good land which He has given you.

**Exo 16:4** And YAHWEH said to Moses, Behold, I AM will rain bread from the heavens for you. And the people shall go out and gather the matter of a day in its day, so that I may test them, whether they will walk in My Torah or not.

**Exo 16:31** And the house of Israel called its name, Manna. And it was like the seed of coriander, white; and its taste like cakes with honey.

**Exo 16:32** And Moses said, This is the thing which YAHWEH has commanded, Fill an omer from it, to keep for your generations, so **that they may see the bread which I caused you to eat in the wilderness, as I brought you out from the land of Egypt.**

**Comment:** Yahweh could have taken the people through the land of the Philistines and provided all their means by defeating their enemies. However, He chose to take the people away from society into the wilderness where they would learn to rely on Yahweh for all their daily needs, and also learn to be obedient to His Torah in their daily lives.

Yahweh realized that if He kept Israel in Satan's society with disbelieving pagans that instead of the Israelites affecting the pagans around them, the Israelites would actually turn away and follow the pagan false customs of the people that they would live with.

This is why Yahweh had to totally remove Israel from society and put them in a proper environment for learning faith and obedience to Him and His word alone. Unfortunately, due to their worldly spirit and lack of Yahweh's Spirit, Israel never embraced the great wilderness blessing that Yahweh had given them, and only 2 male adults entered the Promised Land out of roughly close to 2 million people.

**Num 14:20** And YAHWEH said, I have forgiven according to your word;

**Num 14:21** but as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of YAHWEH;

**Num 14:22** for all the men who are seeing My glory, and My miracles which I have done in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tried Me these ten times, and have not listened to My voice,

**Num 14:23** they shall not see the land which I have sworn to their fathers. Yea, not one of those who provoked Me shall see it.

**Num 14:24** And My servant Caleb, because there is another spirit in him, and he is fully following Me, I shall bring him into the land into which he has gone, and his seed shall possess it.

**Jud 1:5** But I intend to remind you, though you once knew these things, that YAHWEH having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, in the second place **destroyed the ones not believing.**

Did the concept of sanctification from the world and staying in a wilderness environment change in the New Covenant?

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**2Co 6:14** **Do not unite in marriage (be unequally yoked) with unbelievers.** For what partnership does righteousness have with lawlessness? And what fellowship does light have with darkness?

**2Co 6:15** And what agreement does the Messiah have with Satan? Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?

**2Co 6:16** And what harmony has the sanctuary of Elohim with idols? For you are the sanctuary of the living Elohim, even as it is said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them, and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people."

**2Co 6:17** Because of this, **"Come out from among them and be separated, says YAHWEH, and do not touch the unclean thing, and I will receive you."**

**2Co 6:18** "And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to Me, says YAHWEH Almighty."

**Eph 4:17** Therefore, I say this, and testify in the Master, that **you no longer walk even as also the rest of the nations walk, in the vanity of their mind,**

**Eph 4:18** *having been darkened by their intellect, being alienated from the life of YAHWEH because they have no knowledge, which is because of the hardness of their heart,*

**Eph 4:19** *who, having cast off all feeling, surrendered themselves up to lust, and to the practice of all uncleanness with a desire for more and more.*

**Eph 4:20** *But that is not what you have been taught in Messiah,*

**Eph 4:21** *if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Yahshua.*

**Comment:** The New Covenant actually magnifies the reason why Yahweh needs to separate His chosen remnant from the society of Satan. A disciple is one who is called out of the world to become an ambassador of Yahshua for the Kingdom of Yahweh.

The New Covenant continues the theme that was started in Genesis with Yahweh separating His remnant from Satan's society that was formed in rebellion to Yahweh in The Garden of Eden. Yahshua, as the second Adam (Ro 5:12-14) came to redeem what the first Adam lost and call His remnant first-fruit believers out of Satan's society back to Eden as Yahweh originally had intended.

New Testament believers are consistently warned in the New Testament to stay separate from the world and to change and become a new person in Messiah.

**Eph 4:22** *Lay aside all your former practices and put off the old man, having been degenerated with deceitful lusts,*

**Eph 4:23** *and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,*

**Eph 4:24** *and to put on the new man, who is created by YAHWEH in righteousness and true holiness.*

Did Yahshua's congregation go to the wilderness according to scripture for 1,260 years?

**Num 14:34** *by the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a day for a year, a day for a year; .....*

**Rev 12:6** *And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she had a place, it having been prepared from Elohim, that there they might nourish her a thousand two hundred and sixty days.*

"It is interesting that the Pilgrims sailing on the Mayflower to America in 1620 were the real beginning of the Philadelphia era of Yahshua's Congregation, and the official ending of the congregation as a whole being in a literal wilderness, as was stated above from Rev 12:6. Sometimes in prophecy, as in this case, Yahweh uses a day for a year principle to calculate.

The most interesting point of this prophecy is that the congregation went into the Wilderness in 360A.D. at the commencement of the edict from the Council of Laodicea; and exactly 1260 years later, in 1620A.D. they are coming out of the wilderness with the open door of freedom that America would provide, according to the message to the congregation of Philadelphia.

**Comment:** The Congregation of Yahshua had to leave society for the wilderness under great persecution from the Roman emperor starting in 360 A.D. until 1620 A.D. when the first settlers came to the new land of America.

It is important to note that although the congregation no longer needed to stay underground due to the freedoms that would be allowed to them in the newly found place of America, they were still extremely set apart in the new world as except for American Indians there were no other people living in the land when the pilgrims came, and the believers lived in communities together as they started life in the new land.

It is also important to note that during the whole 1260 years of the congregation's official wilderness journey throughout the Roman empire that staying separate from the world, and in particular, staying separate from the Roman government and their false religion was their number one goal to stay sanctified to Yahweh at that time, even if it cost them their life.

Please see the following quotes from *The Gates of Hell Shall Not Prevail Against Her*.

*The majority of these true remnant believers would not compromise and stayed separate from the world. They had the highest degree of integrity, truthfulness, and honor in even dealing with their enemies; and the Holy Scriptures were their strength, and they knew and memorized them quite well. (Pg 219)*

“The Catholic bishops had made a proposal to the Congregation of Yahshua stating that if they renounce their beliefs and accept the authoritative rule of the Roman Catholic Church that their lives would be spared; and here is their faithful response to the Pope in writing.

*“To the first of these proposals only, the Roman Catholic inhabitants of Beziers lent an ear, and used every entreaty with the Albigenses to induce them to submit to the religion of Rome. The latter, however, replied, **That they never could consent to purchase a prolongation of the present perishing life, at the price of renouncing their faith**; that they were fully persuaded Elohim could, if he pleased, protect and defend them; but they were as fully persuaded, **that if it were His good pleasure to be glorified by the confession of their faith, it would be a high honor conferred upon them to lay down their lives for righteousness’ sake; that they preferred displeasing the Pope, who could only kill their bodies, much more to incurring the displeasure of Elohim, who could destroy both soul and body at once; that they hoped never to be ashamed of, nor forsake a faith by which they had been taught the knowledge of Messiah and His righteousness, nor at the hazard of eternal death, barter it for a religion which annihilated the merits of the Savior., and rendered his righteousness of none effect.**”*

And here is the result of their brave and steadfast proclamation and conviction.

*“They therefore left it to the Roman Catholics and the Viscount to make the best terms they could for themselves but entreated that they would not promise anything in their behalf inconsistent with their duty as Believers.” The Roman Catholic inhabitants next had recourse to the legate, representing their uniform attachment to the Roman faith; but that bloodthirsty ecclesiastic declared with an oath, that unless every individual within the walls of Bezier acknowledged his guilt, and submitted to the judgment of the Holy See, no mercy would be extended to any. Scarcely had this message been conveyed to the inhabitants when orders were given to make an assault upon the city. Resistance was vain. The besiegers were immediately masters of Beziers, and a scene of bloodshed and cruelty followed, of which the most uncivilized barbarians might have been ashamed.*

*As the murderers were entering the gates, some of the knights inquired of the legate how they should distinguish the Catholics from the heretics; to which Arnold instantly replied, “Kill them all, - the Lord will know well those who are his.” So dreadful was the slaughter of the Albigenses on this occasion, that seven thousand dead bodies were counted in one of the churches of the city, and in all the others a spectacle equally lamentable was exhibited. When the murderers had completed their awful work, they set fire to the city, and consumed it to ashes. The number of victims who fell a prey at that time to popish cruelty is differently stated, some historians making it amount to sixty thousand, while others reduce it to twenty-three thousand; but whichever of these numbers is correct, we see, in the whole transaction, the **“wrath of the dragon”** displayed in a manner most fearful against the seed of the congregation of Yahshua.” (pg. 228-229)*

**Comment:** Although the congregation of Yahshua was always a sanctified, outcast, congregation from the time it started in 30A.D. there were times, due to the persecution of the governmental authorities, that the true believers needed to flee to a wilderness place away from the Satanic authority that was persecuting them.

During these times, the believers were not fleeing simply to save their lives, but they were fleeing to be able to worship Yahweh in spirit and truth away from the dictates of the empire at that time. They also fled to the wilderness to live simple lives and not to be tempted in the Satanic controlled commercial empire that existed in their day.

Look at what even their enemies wrote about them, and the great character they possessed.

*“These Heretics are known by their manners and conversation, for they are orderly and modest in their behavior and deportment. They avoid all appearance of pride in their dress. They neither indulge in finery of attire nor are they remarkable for being mean and ragged. They avoid commerce, that they may be free from deceit and falsehood. They get their livelihood by manual industry, as day laborers or mechanics; and their teachers are weavers or tailors. They are not anxious about amassing riches; but content themselves with the necessities of life. They are chaste, temperate, and sober.*

*They abstain from anger. Even when they work, they either learn or teach. In like manner, also, their women are modest, avoiding backbiting, foolish jesting, and levity of speech, especially abstaining from lies or swearing, not so much as making use of the common asseverations, ‘in truth,’ ‘for certain,’ or the like, because they regard these as oaths, contenting themselves with simply answering ‘yes’ or ‘no.’”*

*“They can say a great part of the Old and New Testaments by heart. . . . “They declare themselves to be the apostles’ successors, to have apostolic authority, and the keys of binding and loosing.”*  
(Gates of Hell pg. 196-197)

These true believers of the original faith of Yahshua and the Apostles were similar in character to the Paulicians before them, as they not only were commandment keepers, but they had extraordinary character because they lived a life separate from the world so not to be influenced or even tempted by worldly desires.

The true early believers and the Congregation of Yahweh throughout the ages not only vehemently held on to the original doctrine and faith of Yahshua and the Apostles, but they were even willing to die for their doctrine and their faith; and most important to them was to stay in a wilderness environment and not be part of the society around them that was controlled and run by Satan.

**Comment:** Yahweh preserved these precious historical records not only to show the great character and sanctification that these wilderness believers exhibited in their day, but also as an example to all true believers throughout history knowing others in the future would also have to make a wilderness walk.

**Environment is 90% of a true believers’ battle** and being in the wilderness and sanctified away from Satan’s society and control, not only physically protected these believers on many different occasions, but it also protected them spiritually, and allowed the Ruach of Yahweh to work in their lives free from the constraints of Satan’s commercial Babylonian system and made them the strong faithful believers that they became.

**The many testimonies of these faithful true servants of Yahshua would have never happened if they had stayed in society and were part of the world around them**, instead of being obedient and faithful and going to the wilderness (according to scripture) when they were called there.

Does scripture also state that there will be a second wilderness journey for believers in the end time, and that once again believers will have to leave society and go to the wilderness to prepare for their calling as leaders in the coming Kingdom of Yahweh?

**Son 3:6 Who is this who comes up out of the wilderness like columns of smoke, sacrificing as incense myrrh and frankincense, from all powders of the merchant?**

**Son 8:5 Who is this that comes up from the wilderness, leaning on her Beloved? .....**

**Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast out onto the earth, he pursued the woman who bore the male child.**

**Rev 12:14** And two wings of a great eagle were given to the woman, that **she might fly into the wilderness, to her place, where she is nourished there for a time, and times, and half a time, away from the serpent's face.**

Does scripture also state a specific place that some of those believers will be taken to for preparation for becoming the bride of Messiah?

**Isa 33:14** The sinners of Zion are afraid; terror has seized profane ones; who of us shall tarry with consuming fire? Who of us shall tarry with everlasting burnings?

**Isa 33:15** He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands free from taking the bribe, who stops his ear from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from looking at evil.

**Isa 33:16** He shall live on high; **strongholds of SELA will be his retreat**; his bread shall be given; his waters are faithful.

**Isa 33:17** Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall see a land that is very far off.

**Son 2:14** O, My dove, **in the clefts of SELA**, in the secrecy of the steep place, let Me see your form. Let Me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your form is beautiful.

**Comment:** Yahweh works in patterns, in the circular, and in the end time Yahshua's remnant will once again go to the wilderness to protect her from the wrath of Satan (the serpent) who is cast out onto the earth with full authority to make a one world global government and to punish anyone who doesn't comply to this government and receive its mark.

Yahweh will take His remnant people to the wilderness at this time, not only to protect them from Satan's wrath, but as Yahweh did throughout history, He will bring His remnant to the wilderness to get her prepared for the great wonderful job she will have in the soon coming Kingdom when Yahshua returns.

As we saw previously in the lesson, that whenever in history Yahweh was getting ready to make a major change that would be drawing His Kingdom closer, that He would separate and take His main servants, who would have the most important jobs, to the wilderness for sanctification and training.

He did this with Adam, and Noah, and Abraham, and even the whole nation of Israel, who would be a prototype of the Kingdom of Yahweh that is coming soon in our day. He also in the New Covenant took John the Baptist, and even Yahshua Himself, to the wilderness for this important preparation, as He did with a whole generation of the congregation in the wilderness from 360 A.D. to 1620 A.D.

And His word states that because the job for the end time believers, who will be the first fruits in His Kingdom, is so important that the end time generation will also be taken to the wilderness in the last days for both preparation for their jobs in the Kingdom, and also protection away from the Beast Power of Satan.

Does scripture also state that Yahshua Himself will teach His people in the wilderness to turn back and to right the wrongs of the first exodus by the Israelites who failed at their job?

**Eze 20:2** And the Word of YAHWEH was to me, saying,

**Eze 20:3** Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH: Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, declares Adonai YAHWEH, I will not be inquired of by you.

**Eze 20:4** Will you judge them, will you judge, son of man? **Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers.**

**Eze 20:5** And say to them, So says Adonai YAHWEH: In the day I chose Israel and lifted My hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and I was made known to them in the land of Egypt, when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I am YAHWEH your Elohim.

**Eze 20:6** In that day I lifted up My hand to them to bring them out from the land of Egypt into a land flowing with milk and honey that I had searched out for them, the glory of it is to all lands.

**Eze 20:7** Then I said to them, Let each man cast away the filthy idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am YAHWEH your Elohim.

**Eze 20:8** **But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me.** They did not each man throw away the filthy idols of their eyes, and they did not forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out My fury against them, to complete My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

**Eze 20:10** I caused them to go out from the land of Egypt, and **brought them into the wilderness.**

**Eze 20:11** And I gave them My statutes, and I made them know My judgments, which if a man does them, he will even live by them.

**Eze 20:12** And I also gave them My Sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am YAHWEH who sets them apart.

**Eze 20:13** **But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My statutes, and they despised My judgments, which if a man does them he will even live by them. And they greatly profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness, to consume them.**

Then, Yahweh states how the second Exodus in the end time will make up for the failed one by Israel.

**Eze 20:33** As I live, says Adonai YAHWEH, Surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. (speaking a time in the future in the end)

**Eze 20:34** And I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands in which you are scattered among them with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

**Eze 20:35** And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and **I will be judging with you there face to face.**

**Eze 20:36** Just as I was judging your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will be judging you, declares Adonai YAHWEH.

**Eze 20:37** And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant.

**Eze 20:38** And I will purge from among you the rebels and the transgressors against Me. I will bring them out of the land where they reside, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am YAHWEH.

**Comment:** In the end time there will be a second Exodus where Yahweh will once again take His people out of spiritual Egypt (*In the end called Spiritual Babylon*) and take them to the wilderness. And as where our Israelite forefathers failed the first exodus experience, this time His people will prosper, although He will purge out the rebels from their midst.

And although there will be hundreds of thousands, or maybe even more than a million people going to the wilderness in the end time, there will only be 144,000 first of the first fruits who will be taken to the special mountain of SELA for the special training for the main leaders and servants in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

Was one of the main reasons that the Israelites failed their wilderness experience because they didn't want to leave Satan's society of commercial Egypt of that time, and kept looking back to Egypt and never embraced the blessing of the wilderness experience they were going through?

**Exo 16:2** And all the congregation of the **sons of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron** in the wilderness.

**Exo 16:3** And the sons of Israel said to them, **Would that we had died by the hand of YAHWEH in the land of Egypt, in our sitting by the fleshpots, in our eating bread to satisfaction.** For you have **brought us out into this wilderness to kill all this assembly with hunger.**

**Num 11:4** And the mixed multitude among them lusted with a great lust; and the sons of Israel also turned back and wept, and said, **Who shall cause us to eat flesh?**

**Num 11:5** **We remember the fish that we ate in Egypt for nothing; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic;**

**Num 11:6** and now our soul withers. **There is nothing except this manna before our eyes.**

**Num 11:10** And Moses heard the people weeping by its families, each at the door of his tent; and **the anger of YAHWEH glowed exceedingly**, and in the eyes of Moses it was evil.

**Num 14:1** And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried; and the people wept during that night.

**Num 14:2** And all the sons of Israel murmured against Moses, and against Aaron. And all the congregation said to them, **Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt, or in this wilderness, oh that we had died!**

**Num 14:3** And why is YAHWEH bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our infants have become a prey. **Is it not good for us to return to Egypt?**

**Num 14:4** And **they said each to his brother, Let us give a leader and return to Egypt.**

Did Lot's wife have this same attitude of not wanting to go to the wilderness, but longed for the pleasures of the wicked satanic society around her?

**Gen 19:26** And his wife (Lot's) **looked back with pleasure** from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

Are we also warned in the end time not to have the worldly spirit of Lot's wife looking back to the world that we have left behind?

**Luk 17:26** And as it was in the days of Noah, so also it will be in the days of the Son of Man.

**Luk 17:27** They were eating, drinking, marrying, giving in marriage, until the day Noah went into the ark. And the flood came and destroyed all.

**Luk 17:28** And likewise, as it was in the days of Lot, they were eating, drinking, buying, selling, planting, building;

**Luk 17:30** According to those things, it will be in the day the Son of Man is revealed.

**Luk 17:31** In that day, he who will be on the housetop, let him not go down to take his goods from the house. And likewise, he in the field, let him not return to the things behind.

**Luk 17:32** Remember Lot's wife.

**Luk 17:33** **Whoever seeks to save his life, he will lose it. And whoever will lose it, he will preserve it.**

**Comment:** In the end time, the Kingdom of Satan is fully manifested on the earth, and believers are told to fully come out from that Satanic inspired system.

**Rev 18:4** And I heard another voice out of Heaven saying, **leave the land of her (come out from among her), My people, that you may not share in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;**

Yahweh is taking His people through a second Exodus and wilderness experience to complete and overcome what the Israelites could not, due to pride, selfishness, a lack of faith in Yahweh, and loving the things of the world more than the things of Yahweh.

Lot's wife is also used as an example to show we should be embracing the mind change that comes with the purification process that the wilderness brings, instead of looking back and wanting the things we left behind in commercial Babylon.

**Conclusion:** The commercial trading system of the beast power is now all over the earth, and Yahweh is once again, as scripture states, calling His people out of that corrupted system, to the wilderness for preparation and sanctification to have full faith and reliance in Him, and to get ready for our jobs when His Kingdom comes.

Since the fall of mankind in the Garden of Eden, Yahweh has used sanctification; and in extremely important situations, the wilderness, to separate His called out chosen elect from the corrupted system of Satan.

And as it was in Genesis 11 and the unified world in Babel building a tower to heaven, here in the end time **we have history repeating itself with another one world government building a worldwide unity with cell towers and satellites that reach to the heavens to unite the world through the Satanic inspired Internet.**

And what is Yahweh's response to this in Revelation chapter 12?

**To take His people to the wilderness away from Satan's one world global government.**

In the end time since Satan is given authority to control the entire earth through a one world global government, Yahweh has chosen to take His remnant believers out of that system to protect them in the wilderness, where they will be sanctified and prepare for their position in the Kingdom of Yahweh.

### **Points to Remember:**

- **The Wilderness is a solitary place where a believer can meditate, grow, and focus on their true calling and relationship with Yahweh.**
- **The Wilderness is both a mentality and also a physical place.**
- **Throughout history Yahweh has taken His Remnant Believers to the Wilderness to sanctify them and protect them from Satan's society, and to build their faith to have full reliance on Him.**
- **In the end time, Scripture states that Yahweh will once again take His remnant to the Wilderness.**
- **Although The Wilderness is not the Promised Land, it is the only road to the Promised Land, and it is a place to sanctify true believers from the perversion of Satan's society and to prepare them for Yahweh's Kingdom.**

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