

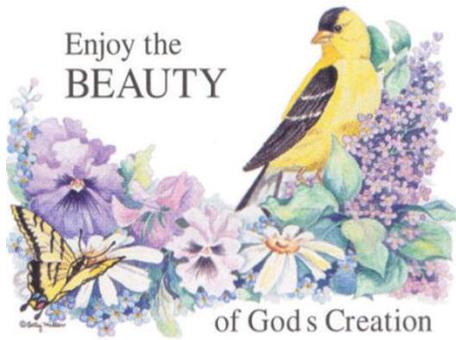
**Just for clarification:** In my presentations I am using YHVH (Yahuwah) instead of LORD, which is a title and not a name and I am using Yahusha instead of Jesus, which is not a translation but a transliteration and really has no meaning, neither in Hebrew nor in English! YHVH (Yahuwah) and Yahusha are the actual original names and the true nature and character of them.



Is it good to look back? Sometimes it is. We are to look back at the good experiences and gain strength and hope. We are to look back when we have lost our way and to find out where we have gone wrong so we can get back on the right road again.

However, we are not to look back at the things of this world that we have left behind after we accepted Messiah and to desire those things we left behind at that time. We are not to look back on the bad and gloomy side either, because that will discourage us.

**When we read the Biblical report of creation we find that at the end of the creation week, the Creator looked back with satisfaction and made the statement:**



**"Behold it was very good!"**

**Very good means that it could not be improved on! It was perfect! You couldn't add anything or change anything to make it more perfect because it was perfect and flawless! Of course, we as human can always improve what we have done. Only the Creator is capable of being ultimately perfect in what he is doing.**

**Unfortunately we come quickly to Genesis chapter 3 in the Bible where we discover that sin and rebellion invaded this planet. Due to that invasion everything changed drastically. Good became evil, joy was turned into sadness life ended in death, Righteousness became unrighteousness, Health became sickness, order became disorder, and Harmony became chaos, obedience changed into rebellion and love changed into hatred!**

**How did it all start?**

It started with one little, almost harmless transgression of a

It started with disobedience!

Of course we know and understand that there are no little, harmless, small or little transgressions called sins. Sin is sin, transgression is transgression, disobedience is disobedience, and rebellion is rebellion!

It is one of Satan's most successful devices, to lead men to the commission of little sins, to blind the mind to the danger of little indulgences, little digressions from the plainly stated requirements of Elohim (Elohim).



The Bible says: It is “**the little foxes that spoil the vines.**” Song of Solomon 2:15 KJV These little foxes may be cute but they can do much damage! A little thorn may cause much suffering, a little cloud may hide the sun, little foxes spoil the vines, and little sins do mischief to a tender heart. ....

It is the little things, which when left alone, can add up to big danger. Little things do not work on the surface. They work internally. They work subconsciously. They work quietly. They work gradually. They work unnoticed, millimeter by millimeter.

**It is “the little foxes that spoil the vines.” Song of Solomon 2:15**

When Satan wants to do something, he does not come as a big devil. He comes as a little, sly fox. Satan is very subtle. The changes he brings come very gradually. He diverts our attention little by little. Then one day, you wake up and wonder, “How in the world did I get in this condition?” People who lose fellowship with YHVH do not do it overnight. They get slack day by day and week by week. They begin skipping their time of prayer and devotion. You have to be very careful about minding the little things. When the little things get out of hand, the big things will soon follow!

**Satan started all this with one little question using a serpent to beguile Eve and the whole creation was turned upside down! And after only 1700 plus years with the exception of just a few people he led all mankind into a rebellion towards their Creator.**

A few pages later in the book of Genesis we find Yahuwah’s answer to that early rebellion in Chapter 7 and 8. He answers with a flood, the destruction of an entire civilization. The Bible states in Genesis 6:5 KJV: “**And Elohim saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually!**”

Nothing could cure that apostasy and rebellion, except a total destruction by a universal flood!

And one could wonder, whether genuine rebellion is ever curable? We can see that in the flood. Rebellion could only be cured by a complete destruction!



At the time of the flood we are told that only eight (8) people were saved alive. After the flood Elohim (Elohim) made a promise, which I would like to read with you in Genesis 8:21-22 – KJV “...He said “I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake.....”

While the earth remains, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.”

This is the promise, this is the covenant, which YHVH made to those eight people that survived the flood. (Genesis 8:21-22). Actually we can read that in Genesis 9:11 “I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there anymore be a flood to destroy the earth.” KJV **Remember, when YHWH makes a covenant, he will not break it, unless man breaks it!**

Did their descendants believe those promises or the covenant that YHVH made with their forefathers? NO, THEY DIDN'T!



They said: “Let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.”  
Genesis 11:4 KJV

In other words they said, we can not trust YHVH, we need to make sure ourselves that this doesn't catch us by surprise again. However, Yahuwah did intervene by confounding their languages and stopped their project. Don't

people ever learn to trust and to believe? They didn't believe then, they don't believe today, just a few dare to stand for HIM!

When Elohim instructed Noah to preach a coming flood while he built the ark, people didn't believe him. They made fun of Noah and called him **crazy**. From time to time YHVH had to intervene in order to halt the evil and **at the time of flood** he completely cleansed the earth from all the wickedness going on. That was the only thing that worked.

Again we have an incident when **YHVH intervened**. Only this time it was not worldwide as during the flood because he had made the promise that **he will not again completely wipe out the population of earth**.

*In Genesis 9:13 – KJV - he said to Noah: “I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth!”*

YHVH made a promise, a covenant!

**Let's just remember, YHVH never breaks his word, he never breaks his promise, he never breaks His covenant. He is a covenant keeping Elohim! Man is the one breaking the covenant by rebelling.**

Now we find ourselves in Sodom and Gomorrah and Elohim sent two angels into these cities in order to lead some people into safety. We read in Genesis 19:15-17 – KJV - **“When the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying: Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. 16. And while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; YHVH being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.**

**17. And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said,**

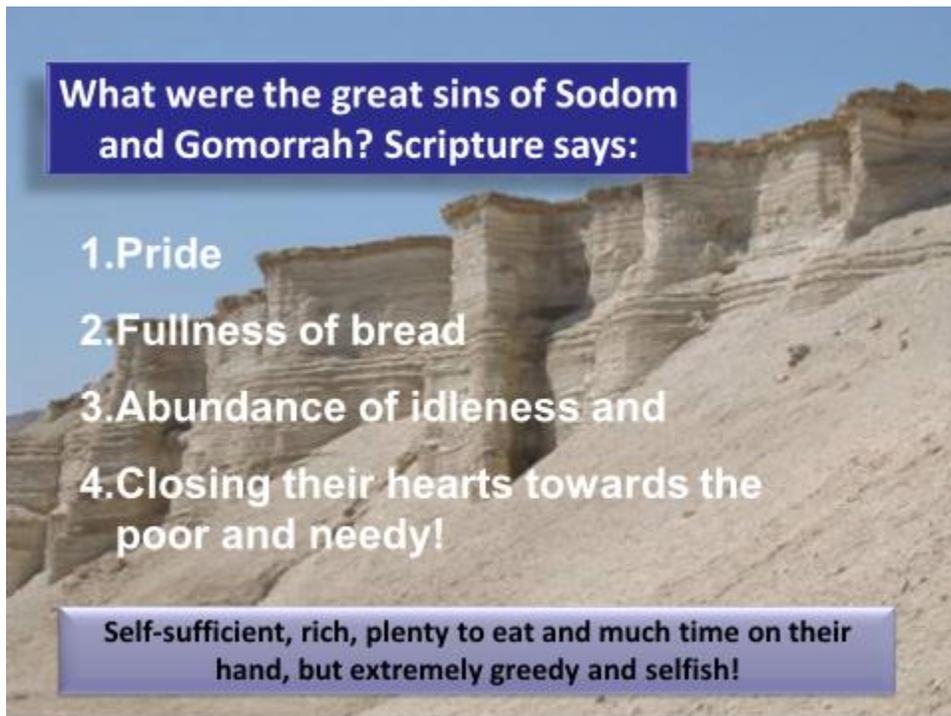
**Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.”**

Isn't YHVH merciful? First the angels gave them plain, easy to understand instructions and then he even took Lot and his family by their hand and pulled them out. What did Lot do? He lingered!

What does it mean to linger? To remain or stay on in a place longer than is usual or expected, as if from reluctance to leave. He delayed for whatever reason. He was reluctant, he was extremely slow, unwilling to leave.

**Don't we sometimes act the same way? We don't move when we should be moving. We don't act when we should be acting. We don't obey when we should be obeying.**

In Sodom and Gomorrah we find a situation where Elohim (Elohim) is about ready to completely wipe out those two large cities. One reason for this drastic judgment and this drastic action we find recorded in Ezekiel 16: 49  
**“Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness, was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.” KJV**



Another reason that YHVH was ready to wipe out Sodom and Gomorrah is being mentioned in Jude Verse 7 where it says:

**“Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.” KJV**

In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion...” NIV Jude 7  
**YHVH abhorred these sins then and He does so today!**

**Yet, there still were some people living In Sodom that Yahuwah was trying to save.**

**Today we stress the love of Elohim a lot; but it is degraded to a weak sentimental love. We need to realize that Elohim has never been**

tolerant towards evil and sin. As the antediluvians had crossed the line, we find that the same was true for Sodom and Gomorrah. Elohim pronounced judgment in heaven over these two cities because of their rebellion and sin.



**To what length did YHVH go in order to save some of the people in Sodom?**

He sends two angels with the commission to destroy these cities, but he also told the angels “before you execute that judgment think of Lot and his family”, a nephew of Abraham who was a man of Elohim. And because of Abraham’s intercession Elohim was willing to pull Lot out of these cities before their destruction.

As I mentioned before, Lot, his wife and his two daughters had to be physically pulled out in that the angels took them by their hands.

Do we all have the attitude and the character of Abraham in that respect: It says because of Abraham’s intercession Lot was pulled out of Sodom. We need the spirit of “intercession” for YHVH’s professed people, not the spirit of condemnation.



The Creator in HIS love towards humanity as a whole and in His righteousness said:

**I must draw the line here!** He did it then and He will be forced to do it again.

Man needs to learn that “YHVH means what he says and he says what he means!” Don’t argue with the Creator!

*It says in Genesis 19:15 and 24-26* **“When the morning arose YHVH rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from YHVH out of heaven. 25. And he overthrew those cities and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that, which grew upon the ground. 26. But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.”** KJV

He desired to save all of Lot’s family. He sent his angels and gave them the commission, lead this family out of Sodom. The Father had everything prepared in order to save this family and still He could not prevent that some were lost, like Lot’s son in laws and his daughters and of course his wife. It was their and her choice.



Were these instructions plain? Could anyone understand them? Does Elohim mean what he says?

Lot’s wife looked back and she died, she became a pillar of salt.

What was the reason?

It was her love for what she just left.

**It was disobedience, unbelief. It was “The look back” that killed her!**



Was it curiosity? Maybe her heart was still attached to these cities, like her friends, the shopping malls, the conveniences, the luxuries, the glitter of the city, her home, her other children, her garden, the beautiful flowers, ....

.....her bank account, the security. **Whatever the reason was, she looked back, and that look back killed her! She lost not only this life but the life to come!**



“The look back” can be fatal,  
“The look back” can have serious consequences, in this case the consequences were temporal and eternal death.

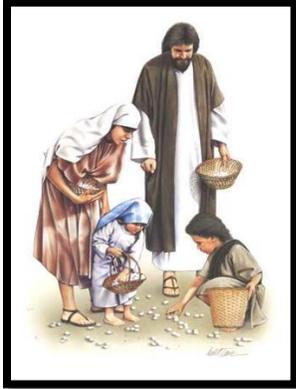
We should think of the people of Israel living in the land of Egypt for 400 years. They were slaves in bondage with limited rights. They cried to Yahuwah for a long time to be free from slavery.

Did YHVH answer their prayer? Yes, he did. He used Moses in order to lead them out of Egypt with great might and power.

The road went through the desert. This was a large group of people, a couple million including men, women and children, plus all the animals they brought with them. How was it possible for YHVH to lead this great people through the desert?

**The Bible says that every morning the “Manna” covered the ground. All they had to do is to go out and gather this Manna. This was repeated**

day after day, week after week, month after month, except on the Sabbath, because on Friday they gathered double the amount.



They had no fields to harvest no trees to pluck fruit from, no garden to harvest. After their reserves were gone, Elohim in His wisdom cared for them in that he fed them with bread from heaven.

Again they looked back towards Egypt, the land they just had left! What was their complaint?

We read in Numbers 11:5-6 **“We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. 6 But now our soul [is] dried away: [there is] nothing at all, beside this manna, [before] our eyes.”** KJV

The CEV (*Contemporary English Version*) says: **“But we're starving out here, and the only food we have is this manna.”**

**Were they starving? No, they were lusting!**

**The Good News Bible says: “But now our strength is gone. There is nothing at all to eat---nothing but this manna day after day!”**

What did Yahuwah do for them?



Because of their complaining Yahuwah gave them their desires, in this case flesh to eat, morning, noon and evening until it came out of their ears. And when we follow this incident we are told that thousands of people died while the flesh was yet between their teeth because of their LUST.

“The Look Back to Egypt and complaining” was a lack of faith, mistrusting their leader YHVH and it was deadly for many people!”

Another example of looking back we find when the children of Israel stood at the border of the Promised Land. They were about to enter Canaan. They sent out 12 spies to check out the land and to bring back a report. When the 12 spies returned with their report another big drama unfolds.

Scripture tells us: **“And all the children of Israel (over 1 million of them) murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would Elohim that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would Elohim we had died in this wilderness!”**

*Numbers 14:2 KJV*

Ten (10) spies reported on one hand Canaan being a prosperous and fruitful Land, a Land flowing with milk and honey, but on the other hand the report was so negative, that the whole congregation started to cry and then again **“they looked back”** as we read in Numbers 14:2 And this time **“the look back”** again meant death for everyone over the age of 20. Everyone over the age of 20 died during the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness. Only those that were under 20 including Kaleb and Joshua were allowed to enter the Promised Land.

The Father wants people that will not look back to Babylon, back to Egypt, back to Sodom & Gomorrah, back to the forbidden tree! He wants people that will not be bought or sold. People that will trust and believe Yahusha and go forward with Him.



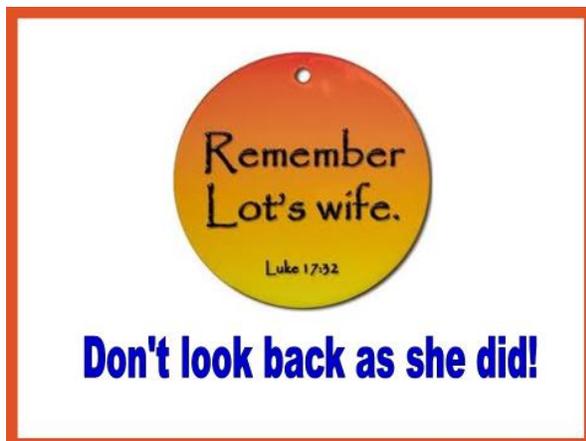
When someone came to Yahushas with the desire to follow him, but wanted to first go and bid farewell to His family, he said in Luke 9:62 KJV: **“...No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of Elohim.”**

**No earthly ties, no earthly considerations, should weigh one moment in the scale against duty to the cause and work of Elohim. Yahusha**

severed His connection from everything to save a lost world, and He requires of us a full and entire consecration. There are sacrifices to be made for the interests of Elohim's cause. The sacrifice of feeling is the most keen that is required of us; yet after all it is a small sacrifice.

The look back during the past 6,000 years of man's history has often been fatal. Heed the advice, don't look back!

Yahusha said in Luke 17:28-32 - KJV: **“Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all 30.. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed. 31. In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff (*that is not the time to think of stuff*) in the house, let him not come down to take it away; and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back.”**



In Matthew 19 we find the familiar incident with the rich young ruler. He asked the Master **“What good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?”** Matthew 19:16 KJV  
**WHAT ANSWER DID HE RECEIVE?**

**“Keep the commandments and you will enter into life.”** The young man said to him: **“All these things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet.”** Then Yahusha knowing his problem, points his finger directly to the sore spot!

*We read in Mark 10:21* **“Then Yahusha beholding him, loved him”.... “One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven”. KJV**

Then the Bible tells us in Matthew 19:22 KJV **“But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.”**

Here too, the fatal **“look back”**, back to his wealth, back to his apparent security.



Was the request of Yahusha for this man to sell all he possessed an expression of love? What was Yahusha's desire for that young man? To gain eternal life!

But that young man looked back to his possessions and he couldn't force himself to let go of all those nice things.

We may ask ourselves the question, is there anything which does hold us back following Yahusha completely?

**Am I looking back? Are you looking back? Looking back to a job, to an income we gave up, to a prosperous future that we could have had, to job opportunities, to friends that we may have lost when we started following the Yahusha Ha Mashiach?**

*Yahusha said very plainly, if you are not willing to deny everything, you cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:26* **“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters - yes, even his own life - he cannot be my disciple.”**

**I personally have frequently “looked back” in my life and asked myself the question: What did I do that for? Why did I make certain decisions? Were they made because of selfish motives or not? Then I came to the realization, I can't change the past, I must go forward. The Father still can make the best out of this situation, even if I made bad choices! HE IS IN CONTROL!**

**The “look back” can become fatal, it can mean our eternal destruction, because “looking back” can bring doubt and discouragement. It may show lack of faith and trust. We must look forward.**



Remember, we can not change the past, but we can change the future, so we need to look forward

Scripture states: “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. 2. Looking unto Yahusha, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim (Elohim).” *Hebrews 12:1-2 KJV*

“Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin, which doth so easily, beset us.” Here the daily battle is shown us and the advice of the Bible writer is to “lay aside all these things”.

*I would like to close with the words of Paul in Philippians 3:13: “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: But this one thing I do, Forgetting those things which are behind, And reaching forth unto those things, which are before.” KJV*

*We read about Abraham in Hebrews 11:8-10 “By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10. For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim.” KJV*



No, he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is Elohim.

We read about Moses in chapter 11 KJV: “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter....By faith he forsook Egypt .... Through faith he kept the Passover .... By faith they passed through the Red see ... By faith the walls of Jericho fell down.”

### Did Moses ever look back towards Egypt?

He could have been one of the Pharaohs, being a mummy today lying in a museum in Egypt, but instead he was resurrected and taken to heaven.

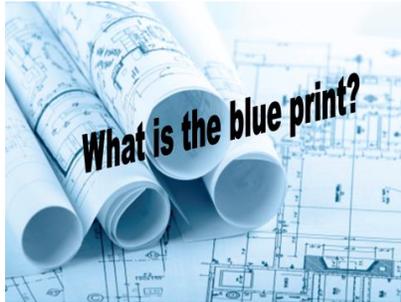


Did he ever look back to what he had left in that country after he was called by YHVH?

Being a mummy in a museum or being alive and living in Heaven at this very moment? So we have the same choices today, but how many people are making wise choices for eternity? Most people make no choices, they just go with the flow, follow the crowd, because it sounds good, feels good or looks right! They make no effort to find out if they are on the right track!

Which was a better choice?

So we are encouraged not to look back to Egypt, to the worldly life that we may have lived and enjoyed at one time but to strive forward on the road to Paradise!



**It is the Torah  
And the prophets!**

Is it possible to think to be on the road to Heaven only to find out you are not. Without realizing it, you have taken a wrong turn somewhere or that you followed someone, trusting and believing him, her or them, believing that they knew where they are going only to find out you are going the wrong direction just like they did? In Proverbs 14:12 it says: **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof [are] the ways of death.”** KJV

**The advice is:**

Don't believe everything you hear!  
Don't believe everything you see and  
Don't believe everything you read!

Check out EVERYTHING!

**However, when someone has lost the way, made the wrong turn, Yahuwah commands: “To look back!”** The question is to look back to what and for what purpose?

Let's read Jeremiah 6:16: **“Thus saith YHVH, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where [is] the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls....!”** KJV

*That's why 2. Timothy 2:15 states KJV: “Study to show thyself approved unto Elohim.”*

That means to seek, to search, to dig, and to find the old path that has been lost! Don't remain in a stagnant position. Don't be satisfied with the present state of things. Matthew 7:7 states: **“Seek and ye shall find!”** Study the Bible and you will find new truths, which really is the old truth lost in the rubbish of traditions! Most of the people are surface reader, can we agree with that? They just skim the surface. They are not digging themselves, because it takes effort, it takes work! It's a lot easier to trust someone else. But, what if he, she is wrong or if they are wrong? **The majority was never right!**

*In Matthew 13:44 Yahusha said: “...the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field.” KJV*



**We need to be honest, the hands of most people in churches are tight down, they can't move forward to new heights, as long as they under the control and influence of man, under the control of a manmade system! Most people are stuck in a box of tradition and man-made rules!**

**They will never get out of this box unless they are removing these obstacles and the chains they are bound with. We must break the shackles that may hold us!**



# Why do I say that?

Because most churches have established creeds and doctrines, which stand in direct opposition to the gifts of the spirit. That means the Father can not or is not allowed to do anything further than what has been marked out in the creed. As soon as you say something, which does not agree with manmade creeds, you will be silenced. **Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant churches all believe creeds are equal to the Bible because they believe the Holy Spirit assisted in the writing of their creeds.**

**Creeds eventually supplant the authority of the Bible itself!**

Remember, how Yahuwah bore with the Jewish nation while they were murmuring and rebellious, breaking the Sabbath and every other precept of the law! He repeatedly declared them worse than the heathen. Each generation surpassed the preceding in guilt. Yahuwah permitted them to go into captivity, but after their deliverance His requirements were forgotten. Because they kept looking back to Egypt instead of trusting in the Yahuwah and looking forward as HE was leading them!

It is interesting that everything that YHVH committed to that people to be kept sacred was perverted or displaced by the inventions of rebellious men. Man hasn't changed! The same has and is happening today!

*Yahusha said to the people of that day: "Did not Moses give you the law (Nomos – the Torah), and yet none of you keepeth the law?"* John 7:19 KJV

**The look back on one hand could be fatal, but on the other hand the look back could be life-giving!**

**When is the look back life-giving? When we find the old paths and walk in them! The Bible says in Jeremiah 6:16 that if we walk in those old**

paths we “will find rest for our souls.” Only as we walk in the path of obedience is there a blessing and hope.

Isaiah 48:18 – KJV - states: "O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."

Then we have the Verse in Exodus 19:5 "if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people." KJV

So let's not look back to Egypt, to the old life!



**THE END**



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