

## **The Power of Binding and Loosing**

### **Preventing Divisions - Ensuring Posterity**

“See how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity, like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aharon, running down on the collar of his robes, like the dew of Hermon, that comes down on the mountains of Tsiyon (Zion). For there Yahuweh commanded the blessing, life forever!” - Psalm 133

In 2014, while hiking up to the top of Mt. Hermon, from the ski lift, near the Syrian border, I found something highly significant; a piece of barbed wire. It may not sound very special, but what it represents has become the foundation of this study; unity of the brethren, Yahuweh's family, Israel and the whole house of Elohim. As I reached down to pick up the rusty old piece of wire, I immediately knew this to be a prophetic shadow picture of the coming down of all of Israel's borders. No borders = unity. As I stood on Israel's side, looking over into Lebanon and Syria, I proclaimed Psalm 133. There will never be an Israel without borders until Yahuweh has a family without borders.

If He does not find the evidence of brotherly love, found only through the nature of Messiah Yahushua His Son, He has nothing left but to destroy the earth. (Malachi 4)

I introduced this teaching, using this outline, at a camp meeting in Canada this past weekend. I spoke on Sunday, while Yedidah taught two powerful sessions on Shabbat. None other than the Spirit could have orchestrated our teachings to be so interwoven as they were; in such unity. She spoke about “The Days of Noah”, and "Noah: Human DNA and the Human Spirit." [Both of these studies/articles can be found on [www.comeenterthemikvah.com](http://www.comeenterthemikvah.com)] If His remnant is to be sealed into the Ark together, there certainly must be unity.

I introduced the meeting with James Block's, Isaiah 40. After the song ended, I covered Isaiah 40:1-5, as it is a prophecy concerning the coming of Messiah (both times). Verse one begins with ‘Comfort My people’. Messiah Yahushua is the Father's comfort sent to His people; sent to bring them salvation. Messiah was sent to ‘preserve a remnant - a family’. This is also what Noah was to do. Noah's name actually means comfort and rest. As I was sharing this with Yedidah before the meeting began that Sunday morning, she said there was something she forgot to mention about Noah in her session and that this would be a great way to introduce it in my session. I had said that Messiah was sent to ‘comfort the people’ in preserving a remnant; a family, but Yedidah added that Noah was actually there to ‘comfort’ Yahuweh the Father in knowing that He will have a people, a family, a remnant preserved for

Him. In all reality, Noah actually preserved Messiah's lineage - ensuring He would come. HalleluYah!

In the following study/outline, most all of the Scriptures are listed out for you, and the ones that are not, it is very important to look them up in order to stay within the context of the study. This is a study containing many notes, statements, and incomplete sentences. It is designed for you to continue it, expand upon it, and further research. It is a springboard.

This study is broken up into different parts that all build on one another. The parts are:

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## INTRODUCTION

Matthew 18: 1-10 The Scriptures (ISR 1998)

(1) At that time the taught ones came to Yahushua, saying, "Who, then, is greatest in the reign of the heavens?" (2) And Yahushua called a little child to Him, set him in their midst, (3) and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become as little children, you shall by no means enter into the reign of the heavens. (4) "Whoever then humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the reign of the heavens. (5) "And whoever receives one little child like this in My Name receives Me. (6) "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea. (7) "Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! For it is necessary that stumbling-blocks come, but woe to that man by whom the stumbling-block comes! (8) "And if your hand or foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the everlasting fire. (9) "And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be thrown into the fire of Gehenna. (10) "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in the heavens

their messengers always see the face of My Father who is in the heavens.

## STUMBLING BLOCKS

A stumbling block is a trap, an offense and a snare. There is severe judgment on those who make themselves as stumbling blocks for others. **Stumbling blocks cause division in the House of Elohim**

Isaiah 57:14, “And one shall say, “Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, **take the stumbling-block out of the way** of My people.”

Isaiah 62:10, “Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! **Remove the stones.** Lift up a banner for the peoples!”

The highway must be free of stumbling blocks, and must be paved by repentance. ‘Lift up a banner for the peoples’ — a sign that says “this way Home”. For more on repentance, please read the study, “Elul and the Message of Repentance” located [HERE](#).

A stumbling block is religion. It is the teaching of Balaam. It is the teaching of the Nicolaitans (conquer of the people). It is 2 Corinthians 6:3. It is Romans 14:13. Woe unto us if we cause anyone to stumble as to prevent them from entering the Kingdom. This is serious business...

Matthew 18:11-18 (continued)

(11) “For the Son of Adam has come to save what was lost. (12) “What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, would he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains, going to seek the one that is straying? (13) “And if he should find it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray. (14) “Thus it is not the desire of your Father who is in the heavens that one of these little ones should be lost (weak ones, little ones, not mature, just coming in). (15) **“And if your brother sins against you, go and reprove him, between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother** (gained as in finding the lost sheep, winning him back). (16) **“But if he does not hear, take with you one or two more, that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be established.’** (17) **“And if he refuses to hear them, say it to the assembly. And if he refuses even to hear the assembly, let him be to you like a gentile and a tax collector** (as a wanderer, outside the covenant - refusing to be found). (18) **KEY VERSE** “Truly, I say to you, whatever you

**bind on earth, shall be, having been bound in heaven, and whatever you loosen on earth, shall be, having been loosened in heaven.”**

**NOTE:** (This is in context with preventing a stumbling block because it has to do with division among the family - beginning with the individual families, then communities, then the nation...)

**Dividing will not cease until there is repentance and forgiveness!**

**Division is like an earthquake, causing upheaval and the breaking up of the deep. It causes stones in the road and damages the way back Home. Repentance repairs the damage and prepares the way.**

## **REPROVE**

In Greek - reprove is to expose, convict, rebuke, show to be guilty, admonish – to convince with solid, compelling evidence, especially to expose.

Revelation 3:19, “As many as I love, I reprove and discipline. So be ardent and repent.”

To judge is the separation between right and wrong. The Torah (good instructions of the Kingdom) **MUST** be the standard. The standard is Truth!

To judge, in Hebrew, is to sail a straight course. Both reproof and judgment hold to the standard of Torah. This is why we are to reprove and sometimes, when it comes down to it, judge those within the household of Elohim (1 Peter 4:17)

1 Corinthians 5:12, “For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are inside? But Elohim judges those who are outside. And put away the wicked one from among you!” (Matthew 18: 15-17)

Reproving is to reveal the fault for possible reconciliation while judgment passes the sentence of putting away - making a separation.

### Scriptures on reproof and judgment

Galatians 6:1 ESV “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.”

Titus 3:10-11 ESV “As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

2 Thessalonians 3:15 ESV “Do not regard him as an enemy, but warn him as a brother.”

2 Timothy 4:2 ESV “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.”

1 Timothy 5:20 ESV “As for those who persist in sin, rebuke them in the presence of all, so that the rest may stand in **fear**.” (Read Exodus 20:20) At Sinai, Yahuweh came down to prove the people so that they **fear** Him so that they do not sin. If He doesn’t ‘prove’ He will have to ‘reprove’.

Romans 16:17 ESV “I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause **divisions** and create **obstacles** contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them.”

Ezekiel 33:7-12 and Romans 14

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ESV “All Scripture (all Scripture meaning the Tenach as the ‘Renewed Covenant’ was not written yet) is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for **reproof, for correction**, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

James 5:19 ESV “My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.” (The brother in Matthew 18)

Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV “And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainhearted, help the weak, be patient with them all.”

If the brother refuses to repent after every attempt, we must treat them as the gentiles who are not under the same covenant as us and disassociate ourselves as one who would do so from a tax collector.

Leviticus 19:17, ‘Do not hate your brother in your heart. Reprove your neighbor, for certain, and bear (carry) no sin because of him.’ (We must not carry hate in our heart towards our neighbor because we fail to properly reprove him). If we do not reprove him, this hate will spread to others around us, eventually becoming an epidemic. This IS what causes divisions.

Reproof PREVENTS the hate of our brothers and sisters. If there is no attempt to restore the relationship, the division between two will now become the division between many. The wrong will spread like a disease.

Proverbs 10:17 ”Whoever heeds instruction is on the path to life, but he who rejects reproof leads others astray.” Also Proverbs 15:31-32

**This is the greatest threat to the Kingdom of Elohim - division that spreads like wildfire**

## BIND

“Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth, shall be, having been bound in heaven, and whatever you loosen on earth, shall be, having been loosened in heaven.” - Matthew 18:18

In Hebrew - BIND - knit, conspire, obligation of oath, join together. See Numbers 30:2

Thayer's Greek Lexicon - BIND - be in bonds - put under obligation, constrain, compel by conviction

“Let not kindness and truth forsake (be loosened from) you – Bind them around your neck (Yoke), Write them on the tablet of your heart,” - Proverbs 3:3

“and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.” - Deuteronomy 6:8

We must Bind ourselves to the Torah - Be bound to Me says Messiah in Matthew 11:30.

YOKE in Greek – properly, a yoke; a wooden bar placed over the neck of a pair of animals so they can pull together; (figuratively) what unites (joins) two people to move (work) together as one [ECHAD]. Unites two elements to work as one unit, like when two pans (weights) operate together on a balance-scale – or a pair of oxen pulling a single plough.

A yoke is as a balanced scale; the vows, or the ‘weights’ of the marital covenant by which we are yoked together with. We are ALL to be yoked together with Him working for a common goal and purpose. **The scale is balanced so long as nothing is added or subtracted.**

His yoke is easy and His burden is light. The yoke is His commandments (easy) and the burden is the doing of His commandments (light). Only man makes his commandments difficult, and doing them a heavisome burden. Note - we cannot possibly keep all of His commandments without the power of the Father’s Spirit to enable us to do so.

**We MUST bind ourselves to what is not shakable. Or else we will be loosed to be shaken**

Binding and loosing are marital covenant (relational) terms as in 1 Corinthians 7:27 - but are also warfare terms.

What is bound to the sacrificial altar is in oneness with it, accepting the sentence. Isaac accepted death as he was bound, and placed on the altar, but was freed by a substitute sacrifice. Because we have been freed from the penalty of sin requiring our life to be sacrificed on the altar, we willingly bind ourselves upon the altar of His Covenant, obligating our lives in submission and obedience because Messiah voluntarily sacrificed His own life, taking our place as the ram did for Isaac.

The altar (the stake) is the place of ascending where we submit to becoming a living sacrifice

We must take captive (bind) every thought, making it obedient to His Word. **It is the only way to overcome temptations!**

Read the story of Lazarus in John 11.

We unbind (loosen) the dead by our binding to the freedom of His Torah (which IS living a resurrected life) and we keep the dead bound by our actions to ‘loose’ ourselves from the Torah. To Yahuweh, obligation to His covenant is seen to rebels as being bound, wanting to be set free. To His servants, obligation to the Torah is freedom from being bound by sin and death. Freedom from Torah is being bound to sin and death. Yoke to Yahuweh and not to the world.

**We love to keep the Torah because we are free not to keep it!**

## Psalm 2

(1) Why do the gentiles rage, And the peoples meditate emptiness? (2) The sovereigns of the earth take their stand, And the rulers take counsel together, Against Yahuweh and against His Messiah, and say, (3) “Let us tear apart Their bonds, And throw away Their ropes from us.” (4) He who is sitting in the heavens laughs, Yahuweh mocks at them. (5) Then He speaks to them in His wrath, And troubles them in His rage, saying, (6) “But I, I have set My Sovereign on Zion, My set-apart mountain.” (7) “I inscribe for a law: Yahuweh has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, Today I have brought You forth. (8) ‘Ask of Me, and I make the gentiles Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth Your possession. (9) ‘Break them with a rod of iron, Dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’ ” (10) And now, be wise, O sovereigns; Be instructed, you rulers of the earth. (11) Serve Yahuweh with fear, And rejoice with trembling. (12) **Kiss** the Son, lest He be enraged, And you perish in the way, For soon His wrath is to be kindled. Blessed are all those taking refuge in Him.

In verse 12, to kiss the Son means to touch, fasten up, be strong, cleave, confirm, seize, fortify, join to love, delight in: **in short, bind to the Torah, who is the Son, lest He loose you from its boundaries to fall outside the sheep pen where the burning wrath of the Father will consume all those who refused to take refuge in Him. Those who are A-Nomia (Greek for ‘without Torah’), will perish in the way, because they refused to be obligated to its boundaries for life.**

## LOOSE

In Greek, to loosen means to break, destroy, dissolve, release, forsake. Meaning to shatter into many pieces - like Moshe did with the Ten Commandments. Literally, to shatter the obligation.

Loose to free from obligation. Messiah came not to loosen the Torah’s “rope” but to strengthen its hold, by the Spirit, on those **willingly** binding themselves to it.

**In Matthew 18, the man did not want to be bound in obligation in making things right, so He was loosened from the cords of Torah to be like the nations/tax collector. Being loosed prevents further division because the ‘divider’ is identified/exposed.**

Like the sacrificial animal that is bound on the altar, or grabbing the four corners of the altar, we obligate, submit to the authority of the covenant of Torah that binds us. Else, we

are loosed from any obligation to it. If we bind ourselves to the covenant of the Torah, we submit to being judged/reproved by it. We agree to whatever righteous judgment the Torah decides. Such as in 1 Kings 1:50 where Adonijah submits to Solomon's decree.

The altar is the place of passing on into life or death. The altar (place of sacrifice - the stake) is where two thieves hung on either side of Messiah. One passed on into life, and one passed on into death. This is why we must bear our stake now; determining to pass on into life. The altar (stake) is a separator and those who submit to it now, will pass on into life because the judgment (wrath) has passed over us through the blood of Messiah Yahushua.

Isaiah 62 is about restoration:

He will have a city (Zion), a people who were free to go be like the nations but chose instead not to be 'loosened', but bound to Torah with safe boundaries whereby the nations, then, will seek her out.

Isaiah 62:4, "No longer are you called "Forsaken," and no longer is your land called "Deserted." But you shall be called "Hephzibah," and your land "Married," for Yahuweh shall delight in you, and your land be married."

Isaiah 62:12, "And they shall be called, "The Set-apart People, the Redeemed of Yahuweh." And you shall be called, "Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken."

"I will bind Myself to you, obligating Myself to you in marriage, and no longer forsake you — loosen you, relinquish you, permit you to leave"

That is Hosea 3:3, "And I said to her, "You are to remain with me many days, you are not to whore, nor become any man's, and so I shall also be towards you."

In Deuteronomy 24, to loosen is as sending away a woman who was no longer "bound" in the marriage covenant: "Go ahead, I permit you to leave because you have forsaken the covenant of our marriage."

She is loosed from her covenant of marriage to go out of the house and into another man's house. Sound familiar? When a demon is 'loosed' to go to the dry places, they are restless in seeking another house to inhabit. See Matthew 12

In Deuteronomy 25:9, the brother who did not want to marry his brother's wife in order to

continue his name in Israel and to build up the family; the refused widow loosens/removes her dead husband's brother's sandal as a sign of 'resigning his power/authority - parting any right he once had to marry her. He is no longer bound to continue life (the building up of the family name). She has relinquished him of his rightful duty.

This is what we do in spiritual warfare in loosing the enemy. The enemy cannot usurp the Word and will of Elohim for our lives, therefore we loose, release, send away, and cancel any authority or power the enemy has over us because the enemy does not agree with what Yahuweh has said. The enemy is a stumbling block that must be removed! Just as the brother who did not want to continue life (oblige himself to marry his dead brother's wife), so it is with our enemy who wishes not to see us living and building up the house of Elohim. We must relinquish, by the Word, any power and authority the enemy has over us in order for us to be free.

Remember, anyone not for Messiah in building the house, is against Him. To refuse to build up the house, is making oneself a divider of the house, and this is Satan's number one goal - destruction of the family of Elohim!

**Binding and loosing both apply to restoring a once divided house to unity by separating from what is causing the dividing. Whether it is a spirit, demon, or a brother who refuses to repent. The concept is the same.**

Matthew 18:19-35 (continued)

(19) "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning any matter that they ask, it shall be done for them by My Father in the heavens. (20) "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."

2 or 3 witnesses - all in unity - the Spirit is there. He hates divorce - division in His family - His body

(21) Then Kepha came to Him and said, "Master, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" (22) Yahushua said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. (23) 'Because of this the reign of the heavens is like a certain man, a sovereign who wished to settle accounts with his servants. (24) "And when he had begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents, (25) but as he was unable to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. (26) "Then the servant fell down

before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.’ (27) “And the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. (28) “And that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred pieces of money. And he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ (29) “Then his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.’ (30) “But he would not, and went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. (31) “And when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were deeply grieved, and came and reported to their master all that had taken place. (32) “Then his master called him and said to him, ‘Wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt seeing you begged me. (33) ‘Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, as I also had compassion on you?’ (34) “And his master was wroth, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. (**The master actually reinstated his debt**) (35) **“So also My heavenly Father shall do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”**

Shall we have our own sins reinstated if we refuse to forgive others their sin against us?

The action of reproofing is to hold our brother to what the standard of righteousness is. This is to be done in love and not in demanding terms. When the brother sees his wrong and repents, there can be forgiveness. If the brother refuses, we must release our brother from the obligation of the standard of righteousness that binds us together. Our “conviction and/or judgment” is now in the hands of The Judge. We have attempted reconciliation, and because our brother refuses to repent, he will be given over to receive back on his own head the very thing he holds onto. He is to be treated as an outsider, as Yahuweh will judge all outsiders (1 Corinthians 5:12).

To receive back on one’s own head...this is Isaiah 6. ‘Go ahead.. Be free to love the sin you hold on to. I no longer hear you.’ Zechariah 7 - ‘You did not hear Me, so I will not hear you.’

## ON EARTH - IN HEAVEN

Whatever is bound on earth, shall be, having been bound in heaven.

On earth as it is in heaven - the connection. We will never obey the Torah in heaven if we do not first obey it on earth. His laws are for all mankind; both for the heavenly Kingdom as well as on earth; for the Torah governs both heaven and earth.

The earth responds to what has already been declared in heaven - Genesis 1:3

Isaiah 2:3 - The Word that goes forth from Jerusalem and into all the earth will be performed because it is backed by the Standard residing in Zion.

The Tabernacle's instructions, given by Yahuweh to Moshe, were specific in the highest of detail to ensure that what was built on earth would be a shadow of the heavenly. This will ensure that the Most High can come and dwell amongst His people.

In Psalm 101, David said he walked in his house with a perfect heart and did not set any worthless thing in front of his eyes. David's behavior within the privacy of his own home, where no one was able to 'see his goodness' was the same behavior as in the market places, the public. There was no discrepancy in the way he acted at home and how he acted in public. This is the same concept of Psalm 19 where the words of the mouth and the mediations of the heart match each other. There is no falsehood because what has been declared by the mouth is in agreement and alignment with what the heart really believes.

The leg of a man moves (on earth) because the brain (heaven) previously gave the command for it to move. The leg responds to the request of the brain. A man walks on earth because his brain has already given the commandment to move. As we walk in alignment and in agreement to the Word of Yahuweh, whatever we command on earth (bind and/or loose) will be - shall be - because it has already been done so in heaven.

If we try to bind and/or loose outside the good instructions of His Word (Torah), we are attempting to manipulate heaven, twist the arm of Yahuweh to come and agree with our own established, man made system and laws. If we are not in alignment and agreement with His standard of Truth, He will not intervene or come and dwell among us. Again, if the Tabernacle was built outside the instructions given by Yahuweh, if there was even one variation, Yahuweh would not have come down to dwell within it among His people. Why? Because the earthly did not match the heavenly. This is crucial in understanding, especially when it comes to reproofing a brother who has sinned against us. The reproof must be in done in love yes, but the reproof must be in accordance/agreement with the Word. If not, our brother will not be gained, but lost. We have no authority to 'loose' our brother who has sinned against us to go and be like the gentiles/tax-collector if we do not hold him exactly to what the Torah (standard of righteousness) says. We must not reprove him by our own standards of what we think is right and just. If we do, we are out of agreement with heaven.

## THE REVELATION

Matthew 16:13-18

(13) Now when Yahushua came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His taught ones, saying, "Who do men say the Son of Adam is?" (14) And they said, "Some say Yohanan the Immerser, and others Eliyahu, and others Yirmeyahu or one of the prophets." (15) He said to them, "And you, who do you say I am?" (16) And Shim'on Kepha answering, said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohim." (17) And Yahushua answering, said to him, "Blessed are you, Shim'on Bar-Yonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father in the heavens. (18) **"And I also say to you that you are Kepha, and on this rock I shall build My assembly, and the gates (power/authority) of the grave shall not overcome it.**

Kepha means stone/rock. Upon this "rock" is the revelation that Kepha received that Messiah is the Son of Elohim and that he would build His assembly. (Son in Hebrew means builder - the builder of His Father's house)

It is common in Hebrew to make parallels between the name and the function(s) associated with that name. Kepha means rock, and upon the 'rock of revelation' the 'rock' Kepha received, will Messiah build His assembly.

Messiah IS the root (foundation stone) upon which His House will be built. This is Romans 11 - the Root of which all branches are grafted into. Isaiah 54, Revelation 21 - the foundational principle of life and upon which His assembly will be built, is the resurrection of Messiah Yahushua, and the grave cannot prevail — for it has been prevailed over by LIFE! HalleluYAH!

A house divided against itself will not stand - Luke 11:17

Unless Yahuweh builds the House, the laborers labor in vain - Psalm 127:1

## KEYS - AUTHORITY BACKING

Matthew 16:19 **"And I shall give you the keys (power/authority) of the reign of the heavens, and whatever you bind on earth, shall be, having been bound in the heavens, and whatever you loosen on earth, shall be, having been loosened in the heavens."**

The keys are the power and authority to allow OR not to allow into the Kingdom - This is the building process of the House of Elohim. As we allow the stones (people) to enter into the Kingdom, they become the building materials necessary for building up the house. We allow people into the Kingdom by NOT becoming a stumbling block. We are the laborers that build the house of Elohim, holding the keys of the Kingdom.

Matthew 23:13, “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you shut up the reign of the heavens before men, for you do not go in, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in.”

Luke 11:52, “Woe to you learned in the Torah, because you took away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves, and those who were entering in you hindered.”

The Pharisees were a stumbling block for others because their own man made earthly “laws” **did not agree** with the ones in heaven. The Pharisees added and subtracted - tipping the scales of justice and righteousness.

\*\*\*The authority backing comes when we operate in the same ‘laws’ of the Kingdom on earth as are written in heaven. Yahuweh will back those who uphold the Torah on earth; therefore whatever we bind and loose has all the authority backing it needs to be accomplished. In short - authority backing comes from His trust of His servants.

The keys of the kingdom are to unlock or lock. It is the power restored to us as priests to rule the earth in righteousness again, having the power, and authority backing, to execute righteousness in the earth by binding all rule, obligating all to the Torah - the standard.

Ecclesiastes 12 - The Torah is for all mankind (those humans with a human spirit). The salvation that comes through the Torah - the Word (Messiah Yahushua), does not apply to those who are not of mankind. The Watchers who sinned have no salvation available to them. Those, such as in Revelation 9, cannot repent because what makes them human (their spirit) has been seared, closed and shutoff.

And whatever refuses to be bound, we have the power to free, unlocking the person(s) from any obligation to the standard. (Psalm 2) When dealing with spirits, we speak only the Word of Elohim as we have been backed by His authority through trust, wearing the high priestly garments of Ephesians 6.” We bind them using the absolute standard of Truth and release them to go far away from it. The enemy will not usurp the will of Yahuweh. This is the greatest prayer we can pray.

As long as we are built on the rock as His assembly, standing in righteousness according to Messiahs work of redemption, and as a pillar in the house of Yahuweh (Psalm 41, Revelation 3:12), we are given the authority to act as governing bodies of the laws of the Kingdom” Why? To maintain order, unity within the house.

It was given to the disciples to ‘judge’ the twelve tribes of Israel - Luke 22:30

Heaven and earth stand in agreement at the request of the set-apart servant holding the keys to the Kingdom. By our positions as priest, we are given the authority to allow others entrance to the Kingdom by not becoming a stumbling block (one who is loosed from the Torah - the good instructional binding). We allow others access to the Kingdom by our obligation to the laws of the Kingdom as we act in accordance with them and not against them.

If we deny Him, He will deny us in heaven. This is Matthew 10. What is obligated to the Torah on earth is the same in heaven, as the Laws of the Kingdom know no boundaries between this life in the natural and the eternal realm. A call, a request and a beseeching on earth must be in accordance with heaven. The authority backing comes when we act in accordance with the Torah, requesting our brothers to do likewise. If he will not listen to you, release him, divorce him as he refuses to resolve and repent. This one causes divisions...have nothing to do with him.

Matthew 16:20-23

(20) Then He warned His taught ones that they should say to no one that He is Yahushua the Messiah. (21) From that time Yahushua began to show to His taught ones that it was necessary for Him to go to Yerushalayim, and to suffer much from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and to be **raised again the third day**. (NOTICE: He always ends with the resurrection - HalleluYah!) (22) And Kepha took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Be kind to Yourself, Master, this shall not be to You!” (23) But He turned and said to Kepha, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to Me, for your thoughts are not those of Elohim (heaven), but those of men (earth).”

A stumbling block destroys the connection back to the Head because it disagrees with it. In dealing with RLS (Restless Leg Syndrome), my body has become a stumbling block, because at night, when I try to rest, my legs move, twitch, and jerk WITHOUT ANY COMMANDMENT FROM THE HEAD (my brain). My body is not in alignment with the

head, nor in agreement when this happens. This is a stumbling block. IF we are a stumbling block, we do not have the authority to bind or loose anything because we are not in agreement/alignment with the Word, and the established laws of the Kingdom. Would Satan have left Messiah in the trial of temptation in the wilderness if Messiah was not in alignment with the Words He spoke? What happens when one is not in agreement with the Word, and tries to bind/loose the enemy? Look at Acts 19 and the sons of Sceva.

A stumbling block disconnects what is asked upon the earth, because it is not in agreement with what heaven has already declared. If our lives do not line up with the standard of Truth, agreeing with it, the key we hold will continually lock out anyone who desires to come into the Kingdom when they look at our lifestyle. If our lifestyle IS in agreement with His Word, we hold the key to unlock the Kingdom for others to enter because our lifestyle does not disagree with the standard of Truth, His Word; our lifestyle is not imbalanced on Yahuweh's scales. If we are built on the foundation of His Word, whatever we proclaim, whatever we ask, will be done because it has already been agreed and established in the mind of Yahuweh to give it to us. This is the principle of binding and loosing. This is the principle of aligning to His will, therefore whatever we ask is already approved to be given. We just had to ask for it.

Messiah, like in the wilderness, bound the enemy by the Truth; the Word. We must bind the enemy by holding him, obligating him to what the Word of Elohim says. Naturally, the enemy will refuse to obey the Word, so we loose him, separate him from our thoughts because he wants to derail our mission in fulfilling the will of Elohim in our lives.

Satan desires to divide the house of Elohim. We must all bind together, even more so, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves as the day approaches, so that we are not overcome. We cannot overcome the strongman without first binding together in order to take back from him what he has plundered; stolen from us.

If the rebellious are not loosed and sent away, they will continue to be a stumbling block of division in the house of Elohim.

## **CONCLUSION**

1 John 3:15, “Everyone hating his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has everlasting life staying in him.”

Binding has to do with uniting the house to what is clean. Loosing has to do with separating from what is unclean to prevent it from attaching itself to us. This ensures posterity!

To bind is to **prevent** division — to loose is to give way what desires to be divided.

In reproof, we attempt to bind the other person to the Torah (Messiah), through love, to convict them unto righteousness. In doing so, if the brother comes around, we have gained him, and have not lost him.

It's all about unity not division; saving what was lost. This is why Messiah came - to hold us to the standard so that we can be saved. He came to help us stay within the boundaries of life, so that we can endure to the end. Only by the Spirit of Yahuweh, Who Yahushua gives to us, can we endure to the end and be saved.

We must be held to the fire for Yahuweh to prove us, whether we will stay within His boundaries of Torah (life) or not. In 2 Chronicles 32:32, Yahuweh left Hezekiah for a while to find out what was in his heart.

This is true love! This is Psalm 133. The oil speaks of unity flowing, connecting the head to the rest of the body. This is the work of the Spirit.

If when Messiah returns and does not find the fathers and children turned towards one another, the evidence of human love, alignment to the standard of Truth, the evidence of Messiah's work of redemption, then there is nothing left to save and the earth will be destroyed. This is Malachi 4.

1 John 4:7, “Beloved ones, let us love one another, because love is of Elohim, and everyone who loves has been born of Elohim, and knows Elohim.”

Reproof in love binds us in unity, closing - reinforcing - the sheep pen boundaries.

Refusing to reprove, destroys unity. It will cause a breach in the sheep pen.

We MUST, for the sake of the House of Elohim and His little sheep, reprove, exposing all those contrary to His Word, the rebellious and those who divide in refusing to repent of their sins. If not, the sheep pen will be broken, the walls fall, and the sheep will be scattered, only to be eaten up by wolves.

Take this time now to read 2nd Yochanan (John)

It is crucial to ensure unity reigns among the brethren, the house of Elohim. It only takes one to divide an entire house, which could lead to an entire community, and worse - an entire nation. This is why we must walk in unity together, bound in the love of Messiah. This is what I experienced this past weekend. A community of believers walking in love towards one another...and oh my...was it ever refreshing!

Walking in unity is not such a light task. No! It is hard work to ensure that we of the household of Elohim, are not allowing division among us which could cause many precious and innocent ones to stray away from Messiah. Listen to James Block's, Psalm 133 if you have it. It is imperative to allow the Spirit, the oil to flow from the Head (Yahuweh), through Messiah Yahushua and down to His body.

Those who cause division is as the serpent who divided mankind from His Creator. Those who do not do what is necessary to prevent and/or expose the divider within the midst, will have even a greater sentence. If we do not prevent, expose the sin amongst us, reproofing in love those who stir up strife, then we are as guilty as they are; participants of division, and we also then should have the same millstone hung around our necks as the stumbling block who is among us.

We must reprove anyone who has sinned against us in order for him/her to be gained back into the sheepfold. If we are the ones who have sinned against others, we must realize we ourselves are the stumbling blocks. Yahuweh begins with His family. There must be unity within the family if the rest of the world will ever acknowledge the One Who sits enthroned.

If there is no family to come back for, what purpose then does the earth serve — it will be destroyed! However, as Noah comforted Yahuweh in preserving for Him a remnant, so Yahuweh has comforted His people by sending His Son to redeem a family, preserving a remnant who is united in love and bonded together with shalom. This, is the most powerful weapon Yahuweh has - a unified family - because through it, will He destroy the enemy and eradicate all evil from the earth. (Daniel 7:18, 26-27)

Shalom, Shalom!

Written in much love for the unity of His family,

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