

A Study on Yahuah's
“Book of the Covenant” Calendar

Rightly Divide

the WORD
of

TRUTH



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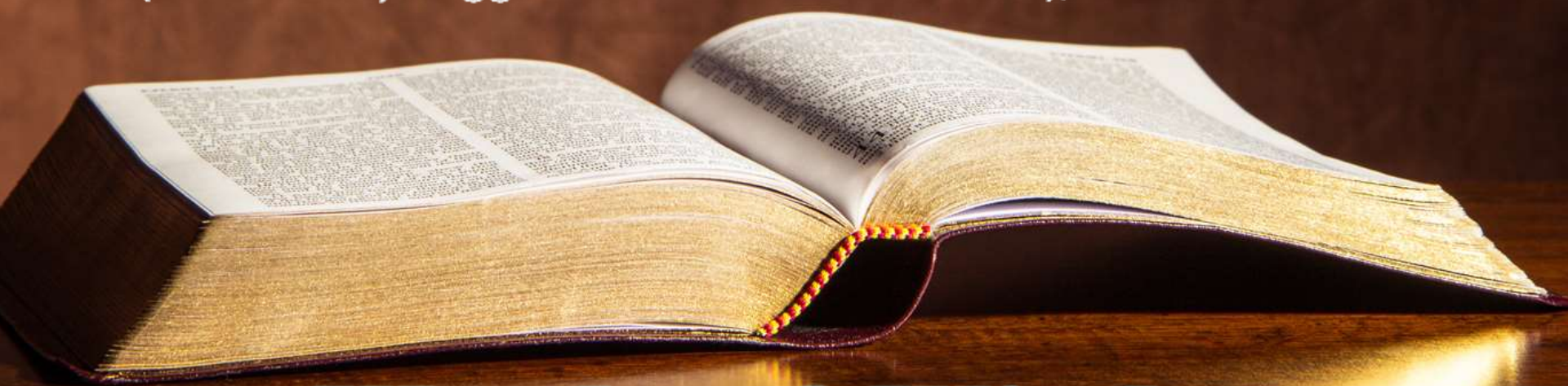


2 Kings
Chapters
6 & 7

Why sit here until we die?



- ❖ Yahuah is presenting to the minds of many, divinely appointed precious gems of truth, appropriate for our time. Yahuah has rescued these truths from the companionship of error, and has placed them in their proper frame-work. When these truths are given their rightful position in Yahuah's great plan, when they are presented intelligently and earnestly, with reverential awe by Yahusha's servants, many will conscientiously believe because of the weight of evidence, without waiting for every supposed difficulty (which may suggest itself to their minds), to be removed.



Words of Wisdom

COUNSEL FROM COLOSSIANS 1

Along with Paul, this is our prayer
for those that are searching
for Yahusha's end time truths.

9 For this cause **we** also, since the day we heard it, **do not cease to pray for you**, and to desire **that ye might be filled with the knowledge** of his will in all wisdom **and spiritual understanding**;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Master unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and **increasing in the knowledge of Yahuah**;

12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet **to be partakers** of the inheritance of the saints **in light**:

13 **Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.

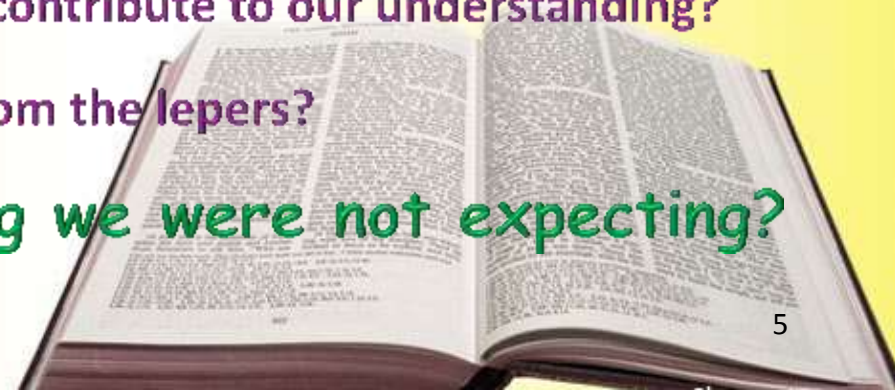
A Lesson From the Lepers

This is a very interesting Scriptural account about some lepers that were definitely not part of society. However, at the end of the story, everyone is grateful for these four beggarly lepers. You would be too.

The details in this story reveal the “new day” begins with “dawn” ... not “sunset” the day before. We might feel lepers have nothing to contribute to us or society; that they are not educated, refined in culture – and certainly they don’t seem to care for others because they are so needy themselves.

As we begin our search, there may be some questions:

1. Would you be wondering how these four rejected lepers of society could possibly understand when Yahuah’s new 24 hour cycle begins?
2. Do they have knowledge that would contribute to our understanding?
3. Will we choose to learn something from the lepers?
4. Or, will we learn something we were not expecting?



We Should Know By Now

- After a thorough examination of Yahuah's Calendar for day-start, month-start and year-start, there should be a good understanding that His Covenant of the Day begins with LIGHT – in the morning – the moment when night is over and the new day enters.
- With over 35 Bible Testimonies, (along with the strongest witness in the ministry of Yahusha), there shouldn't be any reason, or need, to examine yet another "day-start" study.
- However, this Leper Study has a special purpose for those aligning with the Covenant Calendar. The experience of the Lepers is one that many of us will go through in these last end times.

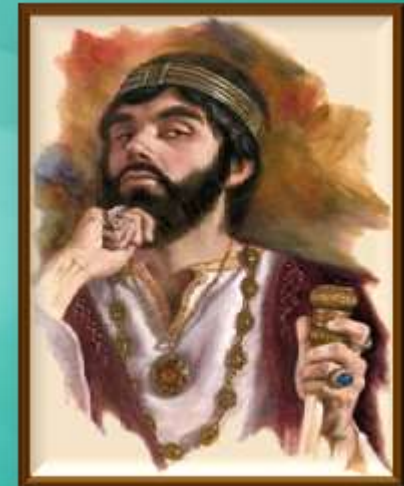
**THE LEPERS HAVE
SOMETHING
TO TEACH US!**



The Story Begins in 2 Kings 6:24-33

Introduction

1. The land of Samaria was experiencing severe problems.
2. A drought had inflicted difficult times upon the people.
3. Then, Benhadad of Syria, moved in with his army laying siege upon it.
4. Food was at a premium to say the least.
5. The extreme hunger was so severe people began to eat their own children!
6. Samaria's King Jehoram (son of King Ahab) blamed everything on Elisha.
7. His intent was to plan, and act upon a scheme, to kill Elisha.



2 Kings 6:24-29 (~894 BC)

24 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria.

25 And there was a **great famine in Samaria**: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for **fourscore [80] pieces of silver**, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung **for five pieces of silver**.

26 And as the king of Israel [King Jehoram] was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king.

27 And he said, If Yahuah does not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the barn floor, or out of the winepress?

28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow.

29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.

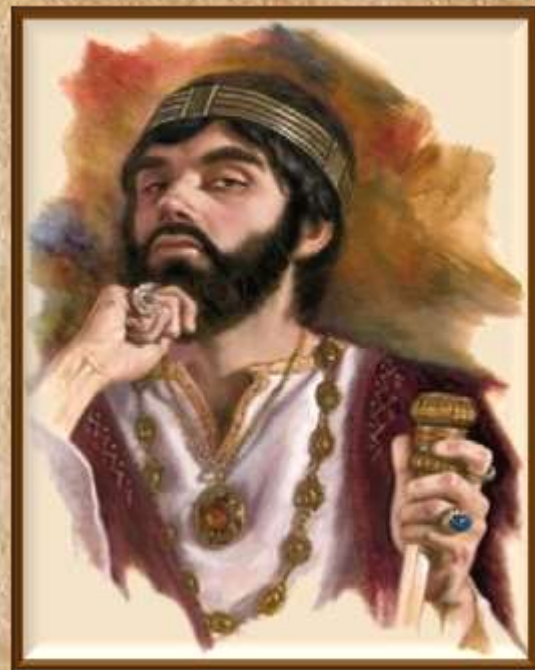
2 Kings 6:30-31

King Jehoram's Threat to Elisha

30 And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh.

31 Then he said, **Yahuah** do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

➤ **Question:** Which day? A “day” that ends at sunset, or a “day” that ends with the break of daylight?



2 Kings 6:32-33

Elisha Has No Fear

32 But Elisha sat in his house [on that day], and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head [this day]? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him?

33 And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger [of the king] came down unto him [this day]: and he said, Behold, this evil is of **Yahuah**; why should I wait for **Yahuah** any longer?



2 Kings 7:1

What was Elisha's Response?

1 And Elisha said, "Hear the word of Yahuah. Thus saith Yahuah, *To morrow* about *this time* shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.

2 Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of Yahuah, and said, Behold, if Yahuah would make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

Question: Is King Jehoram's referral to "this day" the same as Elisha's referral to his "tomorrow"?



Definition for "to morrow"

"to morrow" in Hebrew is <machar>. The definitions are:

Strong's: H4279 - <machar>

- 1) tomorrow, in time to come, in the future
 - a) tomorrow (as the day following the present day)
 - b) in future time

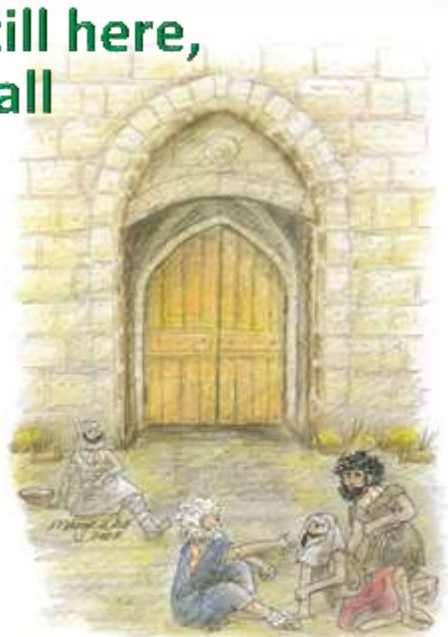
In this study we will seek answers to these questions:

1. **When** is this juncture for the next cycle exchange?
2. Does the cycle exchange arrive at Sunset as most Christian Sabbath-keepers profess?
3. What about a cycle exchange at midnight, noon or sunrise?
4. Or will Dawn prove to be the **Scriptural** point of the cycle exchange in this testimony?

2 Kings 7:3-5

The Lepers Have a Plan

- 3 And there were **four leprous men at** the entering in of **the gate**: and they said one to another, **Why sit we here until we die?**
- 4 If we say, **We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.**
- 5 And they rose up in the **twilight**, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there.



The Meaning of “twilight”

- *Strong's*: H5399 <nesheph> from OT:5398; properly, a breeze, i.e. (by implication) [#1] dusk (when the evening breeze prevails): KJV - dark, [#2] dawning of the day (morning), night, twilight.
 - **H5398**; nashaph; a primitive root; to breeze, i.e. blow up fresh (as the wind): KJV - blow.
- *Etymological Dictionary of the Hebrew Language*:
twilight: <nesheph>
 1. to blow, to blow fiercely,
 2. to become dark,
 3. evening twilight, evening, morning twilight, properly denotes the time of the evening breeze; [See Gen 3:8, when Yahuah, walked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.]
 4. Blowing

The Meaning of “twilight”

- The *Interlinear Scripture Analyzer* translates this word as: *the gloaming*.
- The *Webster’s Encyclopedic Dictionary* claims the word – *gloaming* – is of Scottish origin for - fall of the evening, twilight evening period.

These four definitions
designate twilight:
1st as “evening” & 2nd as “dawn.”

Will that hold true in this study?

2 Kings 7:6, 7 – The Syrians Flee

And *why* did the Syrians flee in such terrified haste?

6 For **Yahuah** had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, **Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.**



- **Yahuah** had created a miracle that terrified the Syrians to the bone! They fled with only the clothes on their back!

7 Wherefore **they arose and fled in the twilight**, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life.

- **Which twilight?** According to the definitions, this can be “evening” or “morning” twilight. Confirmation follows in verse 12.

2 Kings 7:8

Miracles & Surprises for the Lepers

➤ Upon entering the camp, the hungry lepers began feasting on all the food and stashing valuable items. However, it is very important to note the honorable thoughts of the lepers!

8 And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

2 Kings 7:9

Lepers Avoid the Consequences

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief [punishment] will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household.

Does it not appear the leper's "day" ended with the morning light?

2 Kings 7:10

Lepers Share the Good News

10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city: and they told them, saying,
We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were.

2 Kings 7:11-12

News for King Jehoram

11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king's house within.



12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city.

➤ arose in the night [this is after the former evening “twilight”].

2 Kings 7:13-15

King Jehoram Investigates

13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some **take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain,** which are left in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it: behold, I say, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed:) and let us send and see.

14 They took therefore two chariot horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see.

15 And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste.

And the messengers returned, and told the king.

2 Kings 7:16-17 The Siege is Over!

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. **So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of Yahuah.**

17 And the king appointed the lord on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of **Yahuah** had said, who spake when the king came down to him.

2 Kings 7:18-20

Elisha's Prophecy Fulfilled

18 And it came to pass as the man of **Yahuah** had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be **to morrow about this time** in the gate of Samaria:

19 And that lord answered the man of **Yahuah**, and said, Now, behold, if **Yahuah** should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

20 And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

Is Everyone's "day" on the Same Page?

King
Jehoram's
"day."

Elisha's
"day."



The Leper's
"day."



King Jehoram's "Day"

- King Jehoram was the son of the very wicked King Ahab of the northern tribes of Israel.
- Most of the time the kings of Israel followed the pagan ways of worship and led the people to practice these wicked ways.
- Who knows whether King Jehoram was honoring **Yahuah's** "Covenant of the Day" at this time?!
- Or, will the details in this account reveal the truth about this matter?

When is “King Jehoram’s day”?

The terminology around the events of King Jehoram is given as “this day.”

2 Kings 6:26 And as the king of Israel [King Jehoram] was passing by upon the wall ...

2 Kings 6:31 Then he said, **Yahuah** do so and more also to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

- According to the context, this event is taking place during the Day Season hours, not the evening, or Night Season.
- **Jehoram’s threat to Elisha is to be carried out on this day.**
- **Which day is “this day”? A “day” that ends at sunset, or a “day” that ends with the break of daylight.**

LET’S EXAMINE THE TWO CHOICES:

When Does “King Jehoram’s day” Begin?

At Sunset? ... to the next Sunset?

With a Sunset day, the threat given during the “Day Season” will end in less than 12 hours.

Night Season

Day Season

OR ...

At Dawn? ... to the next Dawn?

With a Dawn day, the threat given during the “Day Season” can extend nearly 24 hours!

Day Season

Night Season

Depending on when King Jehoram’s day begins, he only has so much time to carry out his death threat against Elisha before “his day” ends!

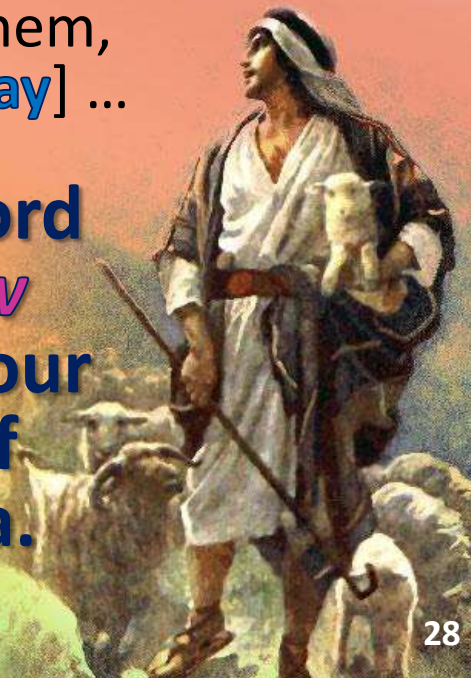
When is Elisha's "Day"?

The terminology around the events of Elisha is given as "tomorrow."

2 Kings 6:32 But Elisha sat in his house [**on that "same day"** of the king's proclamation], and the elders sat with him ... he said to the elders, **See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head [this day]? Look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door ...**

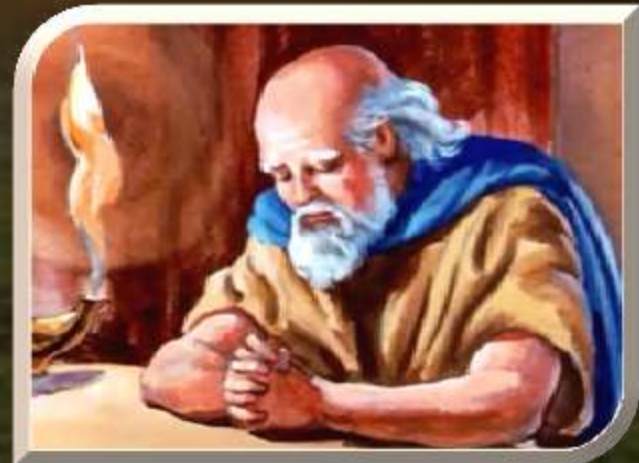
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Prophet Elisha's "Day"

- The prophet Elisha would have kept and taught **Yahuah's** Covenant Laws including the Laws of Moses and the Covenant of the Day.
(See Jer 33:20-26.)
- He would have understood the day begins with morning <boqer>, or the first light that breaks the day.

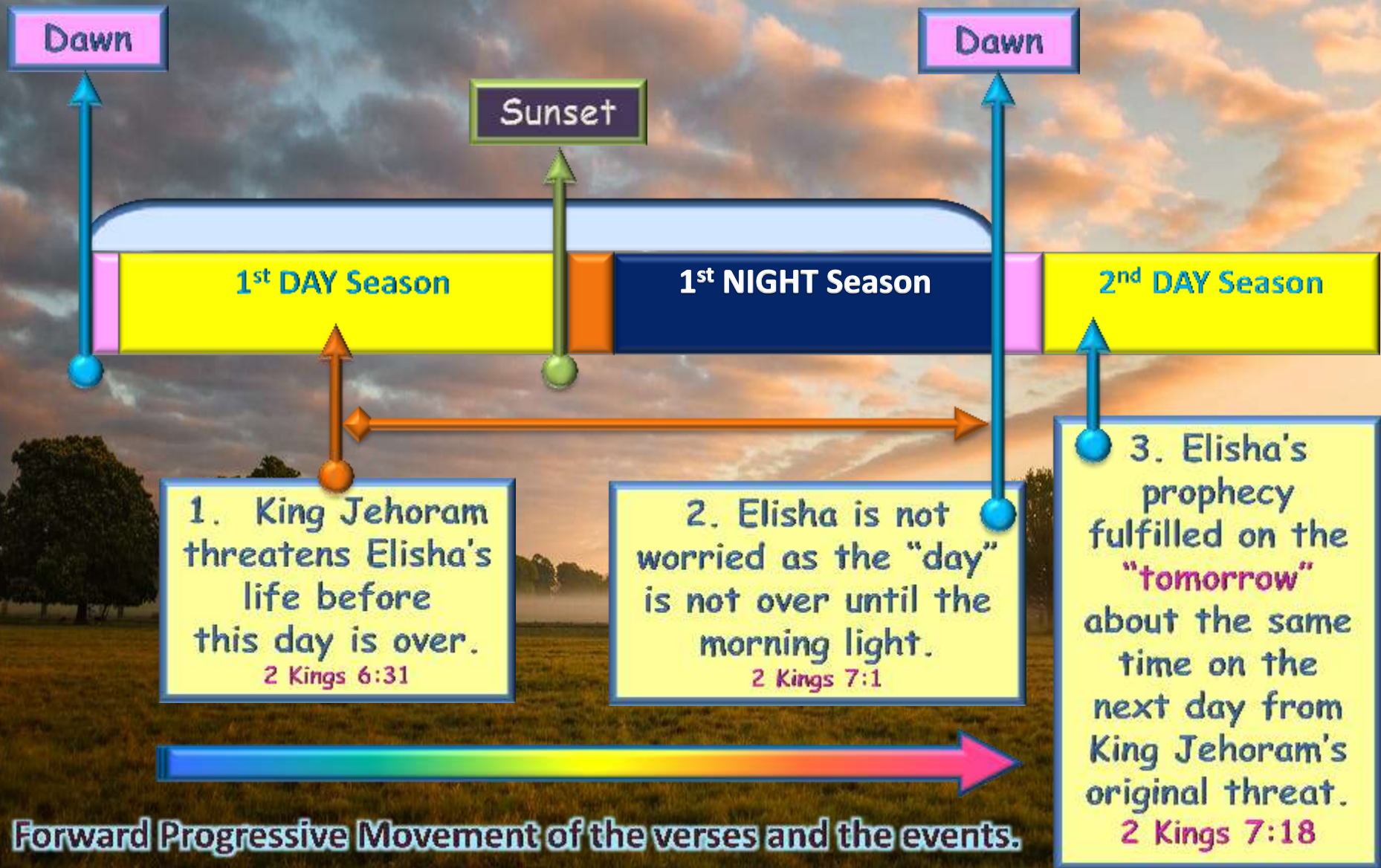


When Did Elisha's "Day" Begin?



There is a Forward Progressive Movement of the verses and the events.

Where is “tomorrow” for Elisha?



Do you think **Elisha** may have the “last word”?

The Leper's "Day"

- The Lepers were from Samaria, ruled by King Jehoram.
- We do not know the length of time they were living outside the city gate.
- If the people of Samaria were following King Jehoram's ways, including how he honored the "day-start" – is it possible the Lepers were following the same pattern?
- Or, were the Lepers practicing an alternative "day-start"?
- Or, does it matter?
- Note: The Lepers will have the clues to solve this whole mystery!



When is the Leper's "Day"?

The terminology around the events of the Lepers is given as "twilight" and "morning light."

2 Kings 7:5 And they [the Lepers] rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp ...

2 Kings 7:7 Wherefore they [Syrians] arose and fled in the twilight ... [they] fled for their life.

2 Kings 7:8 And when **these lepers** came to the uttermost part of the camp [**after the evening twilight!**], they [found the camp deserted]!

2 Kings 7:9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: **this day** is a day of good tidings ... if we tarry **till the morning light**, some mischief will come upon us ...

**There is more information in the Scriptures
for the Lepers
than for the King, or for Elisha.**



The next slide charts the major timed events of the King, Elisha and Lepers.

This calendar testimony must demonstrate the

**Forward
Progressive
Movement of:**



#1 The verses from:

- i. 1 Kings 6:31
- ii. 2 Kings 7:5, 8-10
- iii. 2 Kings 7:12-15
- iv. 2 Kings 7:16 & 18



#2 The events of the next 24 hours from:

- i. Day 1 **Light Season**
- ii. Twilight (dusk)
- iii. Night of Day 1 (to ...)
- iv. Tomorrow of Day 2 (**about the same time as Day 1**)

Forward Progressive Movement



Everyone wants to know if
King Jehoram was using a
sunset day commencement!

The next chart will attempt
to demonstrate the
Forward Progressive
Movement according to
a sunset day-start.



Did the King honor a sunset day?

1. It was during the Day Season that King Jehoram threatened Elisha he would lose his head before this day was over.

2. This means Elisha has about 9 hours to live before the 24 hour day ends at sunset.

3. If King Jehoram's threat is to be completed, he must act quickly!

#1 Sunset Begins New Day

Dawn

#2 Sunset Begins Tomorrow

Dawn

#1 Night Season

Day Season

#2 Night Season

4. If it is Night #1, this is before the king's anger at Elisha or any of the story events!

Everything is backwards.

Night follows sunset!
Which "night" did the King rise up to investigate the leper's report?

5. If it is Night #2 there has been a cycle change. It's not the "same day" anymore and Elisha is still around.

The events move forward, but do not remain on the "same day."

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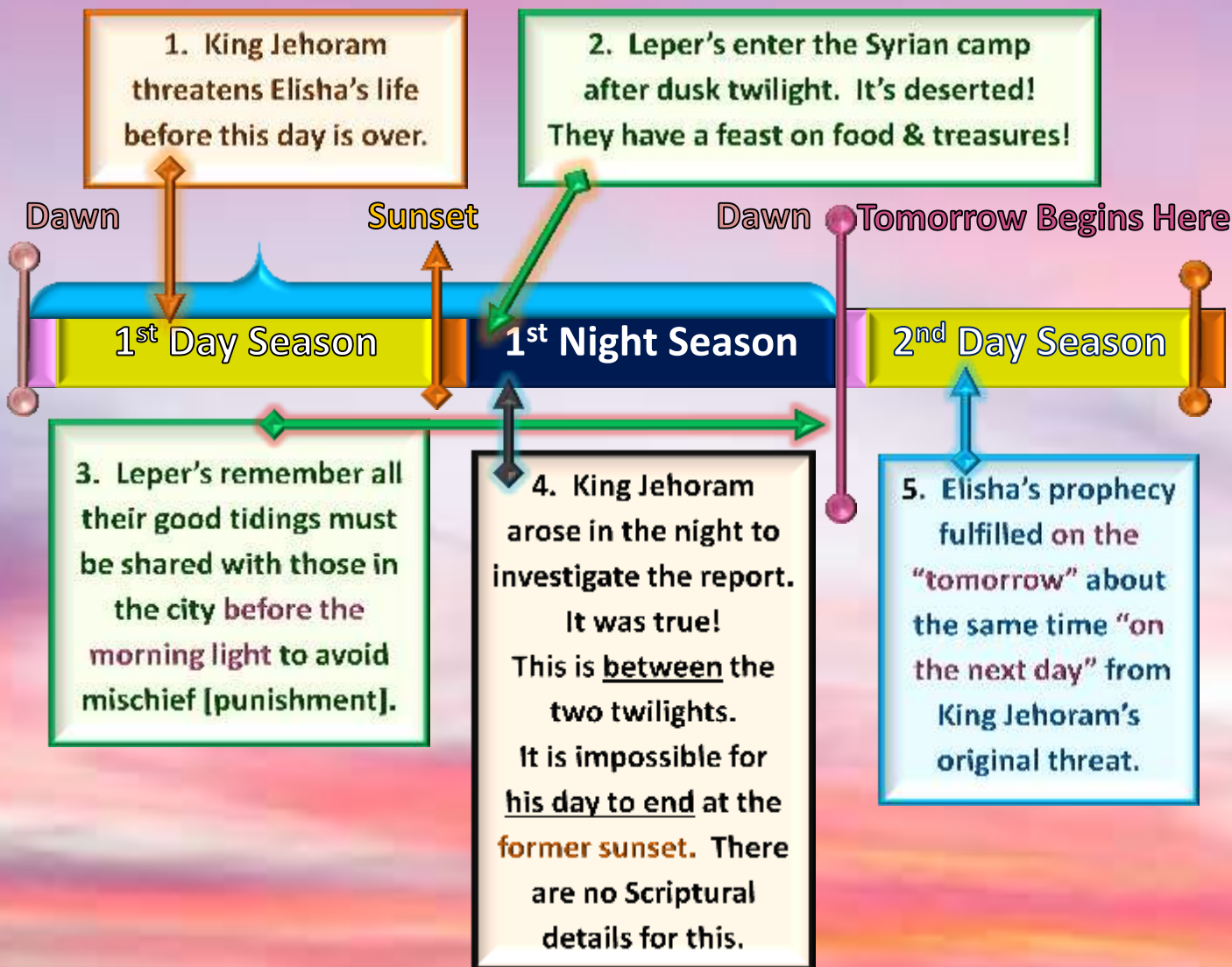
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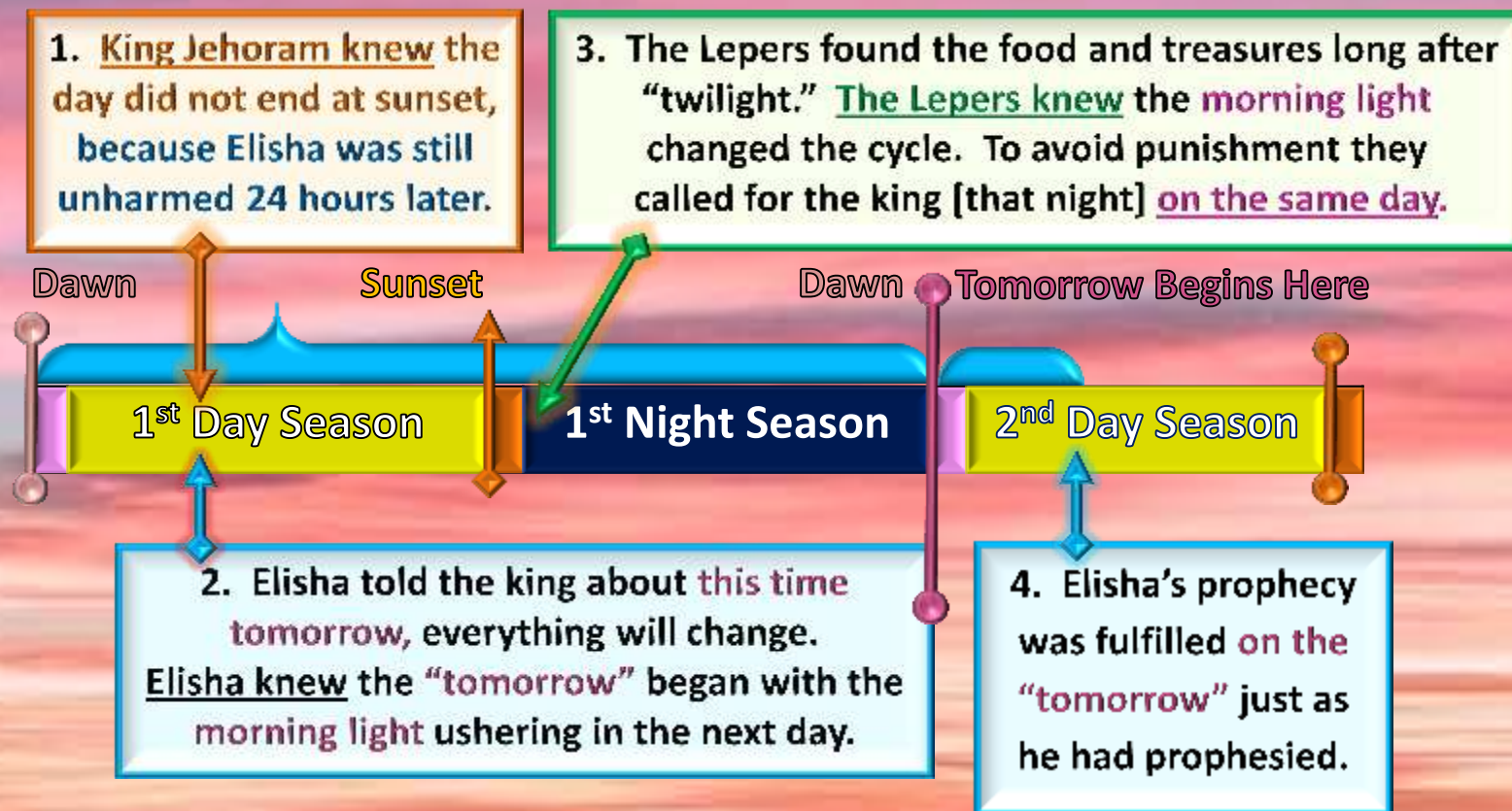
The events in this day-start testimony do not recognize a sunset day commencement! Neither did King Jehoram!

When Did the Leper's "Day" Begin?



The record of events show the Leper's new day arrives at dawn!

Was Everyone on the Same Page?



Yes! Definitely, King Jehoram, the Lepers and Elisha the Prophet understood each new day arrives at dawn!

ALL Honored Yahuah's Covenant



Elisha's
"day."

With the
break of
daylight!

King
Jehoram's
"day."



The Leper's
"day."



Forward Progressive Movement

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- 2 Kings 6:31 **King Jehoram determines Elisha is to lose his head this day.**
- 2 Kings 6:32 **Elisha knew about this threat before the messenger arrived with the news.**
- 2 Kings 6:33 **King's messenger arrives with the dreadful threat.**
- 2 Kings 7:1 **Elisha proclaims “about this time tomorrow” [or about 24 hrs. later] a measure of fine flour will be sold for a shekel, and 2 measures of barley for a shekel.**

Forward Progressive Movement

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- 2 Kings 7:3-5 Lepers at the city gate decide to search out the Syrian camp. They left at [dusk] twilight.
- 2 Kings 7:6-7 Also at [dusk] twilight the Syrians fled from their camp leaving everything behind.
- 2 Kings 7:8 Lepers arrive at the empty Syrian camp and begin to spoil the goods of the tents (food, clothes, silver and gold) during the night.
- 2 Kings 7:9 Lepers realize the good tidings of this day will not last if not shared before the morning light.

Forward Progressive Movement

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- 2 Kings 7:10 The Lepers head back to Samaria and call for the porter on that night.
- 2 Kings 7:11-12 King Jehoram rises "in the night" to hear a report that he doubts.
- 2 Kings 7:13-15 The king sent servants with chariots & horses to investigate. The report is true!

Forward Progressive Movement

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- 2 Kings 7:16 The Samaritans also went out and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. Elisha's prophecy for the fine flour and barley is fulfilled.
- 2 Kings 7:17 About 24 hours later [from 2 Kings 6:31] the gate keeper is trampled & dies fulfilling Elisha's prophecy.



Some of the Facts for the Lepers:

The Lepers Found Bread in Their Time

1. Times were tough. The city was under siege.
2. People thought they were safe locked behind walls, but they were starving.
3. The Lepers were considered “unclean” and tossed outside the city.
4. The Lepers had no choice but to go and look for food or die.
5. When they looked, food was provided.
6. The “unclean Lepers” were the ones that brought the good report of “free food” to those starving inside the walls of the city.
7. “That day” the people were thankful for the Lepers.

Leper's Lesson: If you get, give!

How Does This Testimony Relate To Us?

Yahuah's Children Find Bread at the Endtimes

1. In the endtimes, we will have tough times as well.
We may be under siege in a spiritual way.
2. Christians feel they are safe locked behind the walls of the church.
But, many of them are starving.
3. Bible students that are finding newly discovered truths are often considered "unclean" and shunned by fellow church members.
4. These dear ones have no choice but to go and search for "living bread" or die spiritually.
5. When they search, Yahuah provides them with the best "bread."
6. Although labeled as "unclean" they attempt to share their treasured food with starving souls in the church.
7. Unlike the story of the Lepers, many in the churches/fellowships are not thankful for the "living bread" of the so-called unclean.

Will we be subjected to a "Leper" experience?

Would Honoring “sunset” be Considered Fellowship with “darkness”?

Counsel from Eph 5:11, 13

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

13 ... all things that are reproved are made manifest **by the light**: for **whatsoever doth make manifest is light**.

What does it mean to reprove others?

COUNSEL FROM 1 THESS 5

- 1 But of the times and the seasons, brethren,
ye have no need that I write unto you.
- 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day
should overtake you as a thief.
- 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night;
and they that be drunken are drunken in the night.
- 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as do others;
but let us watch and be sober.
- 5 Ye are all the children of light, and the
children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Our Lesson: If you learn, teach!

How easy is it
to share what
you have learned?



Share gently, like
Yahusha, remembering
everyone has a choice.



Share what you have found, but ...

Allow the Ruach to Convict!

However do remember: When defending what one considers to be sound Biblical principles, (that are considered as fundamental articles of faith), it is important to use sound Biblical arguments that will endure the highest scrutiny.

- Would the worship statutes qualify as a “fundamental article of faith” in these last days?
- Does that link to following our Master completely – according to His Covenant of the Day?

Highest WORDS of Recommendation

1 Peter 3:15 & Col 4:6

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify **Yahuah** in your hearts:
and **be ready always to give an answer**
to every man that asketh you a reason of the
hope that is in you with meekness and fear.

Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace,
seasoned with salt, **that ye may know how ye**
ought to answer every man.

The Final Goal: A Peculiar People



1 Peter 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: (Also see Matt 4:16.)

Luke 8:17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

Luke 12:2 For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known.

Mandate For A Peculiar People

2 Timothy 2

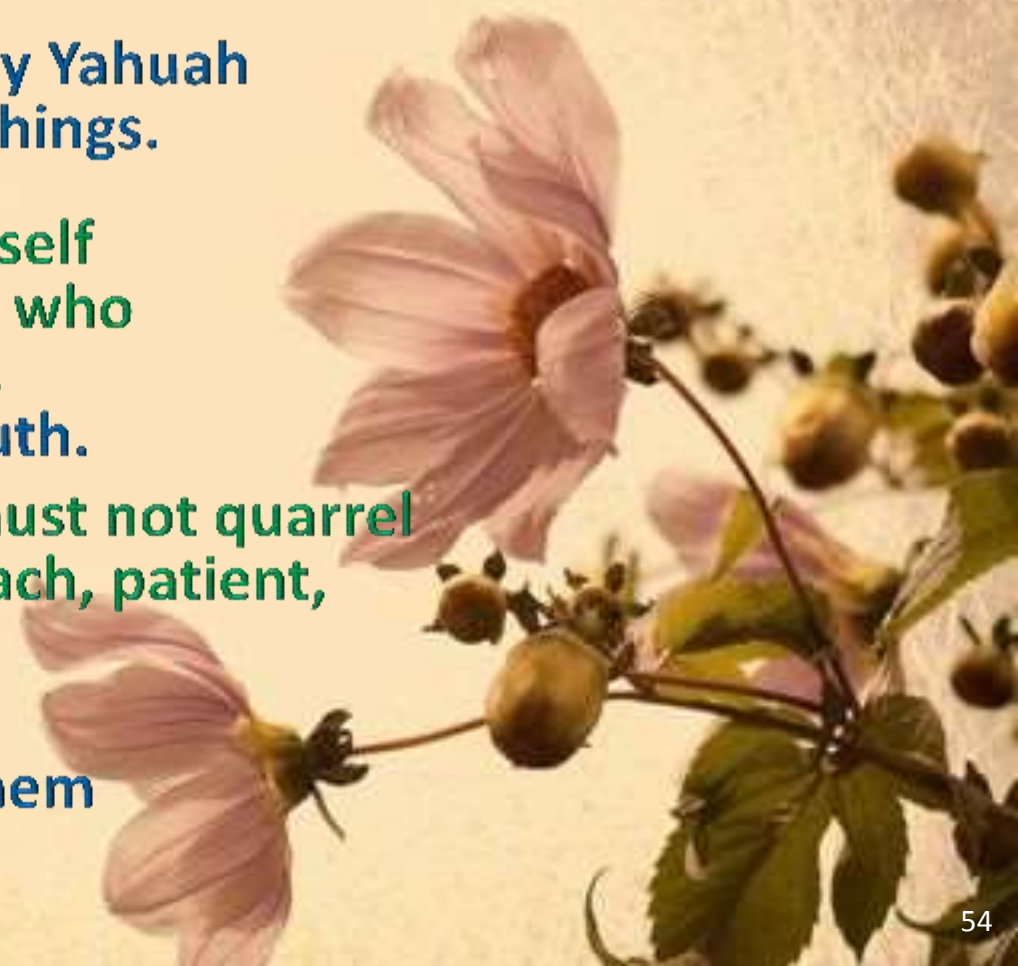
2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

7 Consider what I say, and may Yahuah give you understanding in all things.

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to Yahuah, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

24 And a servant of Yahuah must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,

25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if Yahuah perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth ... NKJV



Yahwah's Peculiar People ...

Will be
“kings” and
“priests”
forever
in His
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Priesthood!



The End

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