

# **BUILDING ONE NEW MAN**



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UNDERSTANDING THE ONE NEW  
MAN

## **RESTORING THE TABERNACLE**

## **An article from The Times of Israel on the 15 March 2018 reads** (edited to reduce the overall length of the article.)

***“Traversing 100 kilometers in five days, Shuka Ravek fulfills dream and walks from Petra to Avdat in the footsteps of Nabateans***

*At 86, the grandfather of Israeli hiking finally fulfilled a decades-long dream.*

*Over five days, trailblazing outdoorsman Yehoshua “Shuka” Ravek traversed some 100 kilometers (62 miles) by foot, walking from Petra, Jordan, to Avdat in the Israeli Negev.*

### ***The road less taken***

*Possibly even prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> century BCE and continuing through the 2<sup>nd</sup> century CE, Nabatean merchants used the Incense Route for their flourishing trade. In its heyday, it stretched from Yemen to the Gaza ports, and beyond.*

*The Nabatean trail’s route was the best for the topography, and perfectly suited to camels. After the Roman empire conquered the area, the trail was improved upon as it needed broader, clearly marked roads for its army’s legions. While using the same course as the Nabateans, the Romans widened the path and marked it every 480 meters (1,575 ft.) with a grouping of milestones.*

*The stones were 1.5 to 2 meters high and usually included inscriptions which provided the road’s destination city, as well as an advertisement for the ruling authority of the era. There could be up to 10-15 such stones at any one station along the route.*

*It is quite something to see. And has a particular biblical significance.”*

### **RELEVANCE TODAY?**

A few years ago I spoke about this route, and the significance of the physical incense and the fact that we should become that spiritual incense which can be used in the Living Stone Tabernacle.

The fact that these men have gone ahead to revitalize this route in the physical, speaks of RESTORATION.

Which got me thinking about the prophetic WORD that we find in 2 places.

The **first one** is found in the words of the prophet **Amos**:

**Amos 9:11** *“When that day comes, I will raise up the fallen sukkah of David.”*

I will close up its gaps, raise up its ruins and rebuild it as it used to be,

The **second one** is found in:

**Acts 15:16** *“After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it, so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the Goyim who have been called by my name,” says ADONAI, who is doing these things.’ All this has been known for ages.”*

## **DAVID’S SUKKAH HAS FALLEN, BREACHES, AND IS IN RUINS**

This requires us to analyse the scriptures so that we can determine;

- ◆ What David’s “sukkah” represented?
- ◆ What part of the ‘sukkah’ needs restoration?
- ◆ What would our role be in that process of restoration?

## **HISTORY OF DAVID’S ‘TABERNACLE’**

David becomes king, firstly of the house of Judah, and later (about 7 years) over the entire Israel when the 10 northern tribes accept him as king.

David’s heart is to restore the garden of Eden experience – to be intimate / close to YHVH. We hear of David’s Tabernacle and tend to think that it’s the sort of structure that we see in the wilderness, or what we can imagine now if we are standing at the Western Wall.

In other words, the COMPLETE structure.

That’s NOT what the Bible says ...

### **a) David LEAVES the Tabernacle at Gibeon**

He leaves the Sacrificial Altar, the Laver, the Menorah, the Altar of Incense and the Table of Shewbread, behind.

He appoints gatekeepers and the **Priestly order of Zadok** behind to carry on with the **day-to-day work**.

Read this portion carefully:

**1 Chronicles 16:39-40** *“He left Tzadok the cohen with his kinsmen before the tabernacle of ADONAI at the high place in Giv’on to offer burnt offerings to ADONAI every morning and evening on the altar for burnt offerings, according to everything written in the Torah of ADONAI, which he gave to Isra’el.”*



## b) David takes the Ark and the Mercy seat to Jerusalem

What we now have is the Tabernacle split into two portions.

In Jerusalem, we do not find a tabernacle, or a building (this will only come in the time of Solomon) - we have a Sukkah which ONLY contains (i) **the ALTAR (the Stones of the Covenant)** and (ii) **the Mercy Seat**.

**1 Chronicles 15:1** *“David built houses for himself in the city of David. And he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.”*

**1 Chronicles 16:1-2** *“They brought the ark of ADONAI in and put it in the tent that David had set up for it; and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. 2He appointed certain L'vi'im to serve in front of the ark of ADONAI, to celebrate, and to thank and praise ADONAI the God of Isra'el: It was on that same day that David first ordered that thanks be given to ADONAI through Asaf and his kinsmen:”*

We see something in the scriptures about the HEART of David - what does this mean?

### **Can a circumcised heart respond differently to YHVH ?**

**2 Chronicles 3:1-2** *“Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. He began to build in the second month of the fourth year of his reign.”*

Now that we understand that the Tabernacle / tent / Sukkah of David is not the complete version of the wilderness Tabernacle, we have to ask ourselves ... **what does it mean when we say - restore the Tabernacle / tent of David?**

Let us try to highlight some of these **differences**.

### **Tabernacle at Gibeon**

Sacrifices, First-fruits offering and Tithes, Priestly intercession, Lighting the Menorah (the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, Weekly shewbread), the WORD of YHVH, The daily incense offering - worship and praise.

If I consider these, **they represent that actions of man approaching YHVH – it is the deeds that bring us close to YHVH.**

They are the deeds and the process of dealing with our issues in life and of our actions of reconciling with YHVH plan for our lives.

- ◆ It's dealing with sin
- ◆ It's dealing with generational issues
- ◆ It's dealing with wounds and hurts

We call it “**clean**” in Tabernacle language.

**Leviticus 10:10** “You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean,”

### **Sukkah of David**

The mercy seat, The covenant stones.

If I take a careful look at what happens here, I see that the actions here are those on entering into the Covenant space, **into intimacy with YHVH, or recreating the Garden of Eden experience.**

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### **LET US NOW CONNECT THE OLD WITH THE NEW**

Y’shua tells us that He will be rebuilding the Tabernacle of David, and as Paul and Peter explain it becomes something that is SPIRITUAL - what David does in the physical, we must be completing as the Body of Messiah.

**Acts 15:16-18** “After this, I will return; and I will rebuild the fallen tent of David. I will rebuild its ruins, I will restore it, so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, that is, all the Goyim who have been called by My Name,” says ADONAI, who is doing these things.

Paul in Ephesians tells us that we are to be building a new Tabernacle where we will all be fitted together.

**Ephesians 2:19-22** “So then, you are **no longer foreigners and strangers**. On the contrary, **you are fellow-citizens with God’s people and members of God’s family**. You have built on the foundation of the emissaries and the prophets, with the cornerstone being Yeshua the Messiah himself. In union with him the whole building is held together, and it is growing into a holy temple in union with the Lord. **Yes, in union with him, you yourselves are being built together into a spiritual dwelling-place for God!**”

Peter talks about our role as priests in a Living Stone Tabernacle - in other words, a role set aside for the Levites due to the sin of the golden calf, is now restored to all who are ‘first-born’ in the spirit .

**1 Peter 2:4-5** “As you come to Him, the Living **Stone**, rejected by people but **chosen** by God and **precious** to Him, you yourselves, as **living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be **cohanim** set apart for God to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to him through Yeshua the Messiah.”

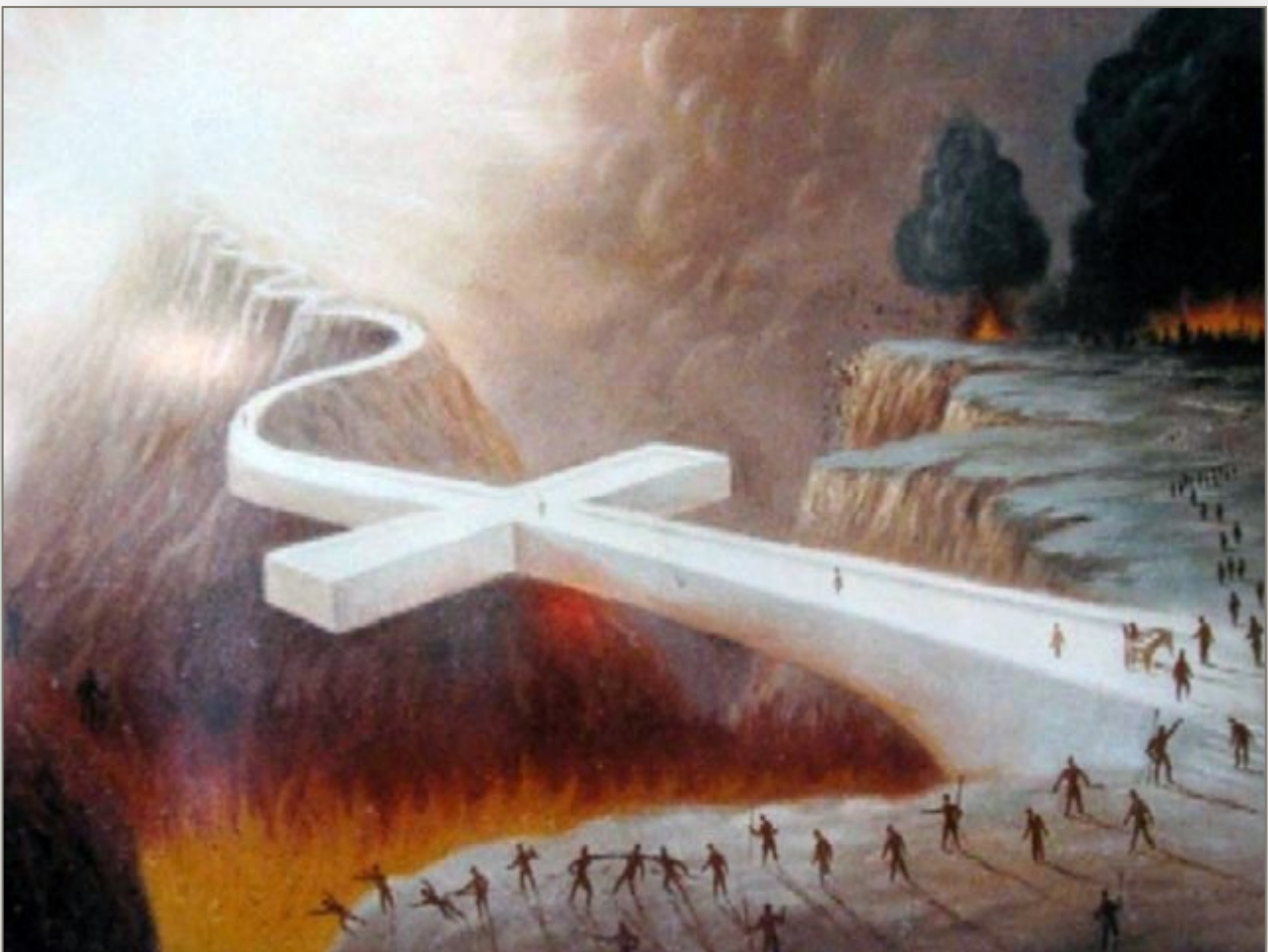
What we see is that the **image of the Tabernacle is clearly a critical part of the end time work**. We need to ask ourselves ... **what is our part in this function?**

And then more importantly, exactly what it is that we should be doing, to ensure that YHVH's Plan come together.

## **ONE NEW MAN**

- A) PREPARING to Restore the Tabernacle of the Living Stones by living the goal of One New Man / the one olive tree.**
- B) David had the heart to build the Tabernacle - for various reasons he was not able to do so. David wanted to focus on the physical tabernacle.**
- C) Y'shua knew that the Tabernacle that mattered would be one made up of Living Stones.**

We are called to transform from the physical to the spiritual, from the old Adam to the One new man.



**1 Corinthians 15:45-49** *“In fact, the Tanakh says so: Adam, the first man, became a living human being; but the last “Adam” has become a life-giving Spirit. Note, however, that the body from the Spirit did not come first, but the ordinary human one; the one from the Spirit comes afterwards. The first man is from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. People born of dust are like the man of dust, and people born from heaven are like the man from heaven; and just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, so also we will bear the image of the man from heaven.”*

That Tabernacle can only be restored if there is a WALK of holiness evidenced in the life of the believers.

This walk of obedience must have visible fruit that is **manifested in the society** of the day - it is not about the believers personal lifestyle, it's all about the values and principles that he / she puts in place, **and more importantly keeps in place.**

**How do we evaluate the concept of one new man?**

**What is our benchmark to measure our progress by?**

Y'SHUA tells us that HE WILL RESTORE this Tabernacle.

**So what exactly is being restored?**

YHVH tells Abraham, that through this **Covenant ALL NATIONS will be blessed** - through the history of the TANACH we see that the ONLY group included are the Jewish nation. All nations means every single grouping that could possibly have emerged out of the first ADAM / EVE.

**Genesis 12:2-3** *“I will make of you a great nation, I will bless you, and I will make your name great; and you are to be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, but I will curse anyone who curses you; and by you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”*

When Y'shua comes he does two things:

1. He comes to call the lost sheep of Israel back to the path of the Covenant ... in doing so, He will challenge the “word” being taught and the “traditions’ that are being enforced.

AND

2. He will open the door to the gentiles to enter the Covenant through the process of adoption through His own death and resurrection.

**Isaiah 2:2** *“In the acharit-hayamim the mountain of ADONAI’s House will be established as the most important mountain. It will be regarded more highly than the other hills, and all the Goyim will stream there.”*

Paul will tell us how Y'shua created the way for **ALL NATIONS to be included** ... he calls it - One New Man.

This piece is written in classical Hebrew Chiastic style.

**Note: The passage starts and ends with “peace” and goes on to include both of you are now one ... and one new man. Has as its middle the concept of breaking down the walls of traditions and hatred.**

***Ephesians 2:14-15*** “For he himself is our (a) *shalom* - he has made us (b) **both one** and has **broken down the m’chitzah which divided us** by destroying in his own body the enmity occasioned by the Torah, **with its commands set forth in the form of ordinances**. He did this in order to [b] **create in union with himself from the two groups a single new humanity** and thus make [a] *shalom*,”

In other words, He is **re-establishing the Garden of Eden model**.

**And what did we have there in the GARDEN?**

**MANKIND AS ONE ... ADAM AND EVE CLEAVING TOGETHER.**

**After the fall, what do we have?**

- ◆ Mankind **splits into multiple nations** at the tower of Babel.
- ◆ Man and woman **compete with one another** rather than complement one another.



There is a desire to see the unity of the brethren in the Body. We are different, but we should have one heart for YHVH's Kingdom values and principles.

There just is too much division today:

- ◆ Fights about which “name” to use
- ◆ Fights about the dates of the Feasts
- ◆ Fights about the correct interpretation of the Bible, and so on.
- ◆ Fights about the positional role between men and women

For years we have seen nations / groups, etc, **try to establish dividing walls.**

One has to ask ... **what does Paul refer to when he speaks about this concept?**

I suggest to you that it's all of the traditions / rules / laws that would divide people - we can call these **culture / religion / tribal**, but they remain walls of separation that mankind builds.

We see Y'shua speaking where He takes on the Pharisees, telling them that they negate the Torah with their traditions - this is not strange.

The Damascus scroll, from the Qumran caves defines the Pharisees as the “**builders of the wall**”. **In fact the wall that is built in these circumstances is considered as “a pile of loose, uneven rubble, that has been piled up”.**

***Ezekiel 13:10-16*** “They deserve this, because they have led my people astray by saying there is peace when there is no peace. **If someone builds a wall without mortar, they ‘plaster’ it with whitewash (to make it appear strong).** Tell these ‘plasterers’ that a cloudburst is coming, with huge hailstones and gale-force winds; and the wall will fall down. Then people will ask you, ‘Where is the whitewash you used to “plaster” it?’” Therefore Adonai ELOHIM says: “In my rage I will cause gale-force winds to break out, and in my anger there will come a cloudburst, with huge hailstones to consume it in fury. **This is how I will break down the wall you covered with whitewash — I will smash it to the ground, so that its foundation will be revealed. The wall will fall down, and you will be consumed with it. Then you will know that I am ADONAI. In this way I will spend my fury on the wall and on those who covered it with whitewash; and I will say to you, ‘The wall is gone, and so are those who “plastered” it,’ that is, the prophets of Isra’el who prophesy about Yerushalayim and see visions of peace for her when there is no peace,” says Adonai ELOHIM.**”

We also **see** Y'shua clearly pointing the Pharisees to their false sense of importance.

***Mark 7:5-6*** “The P'rushim and the Torah-teachers asked him, “Why don't your talmidim live in accordance with the Tradition of the Elders, but instead eat with ritually unclean hands?” Yeshua answered them, “Yesha'yahu was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites - as it is written, **‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away from me. Their worship of me is useless, because they teach man-made rules as if they were doctrines.’**”

**Mark 7:8-9** “You depart from God’s command and hold onto human tradition. Indeed,” he said to them, “**you have made a fine art of departing from God’s command in order to keep your tradition!**”

We are all adopted ... even the Jews - we see Abraham as a pagan, who makes a choice to cross over - that process of crossing over is the act of being adopted into YHVH’s family.

As children of God/ we have to emulate the works of Y’shua. We need to break down any false walls.

Any sign , set up by mankind that has this kind of message is a WALL OF SEPARATION.

FOR Jews / Gentiles / man / woman / etc ONLY.  
(only okay in some cases – e.g. a mother’s room)

**What are some of these boundary stones that define our vision of One New Man?**

**What set us apart?**

**We are called to be SALT, to be LIGHT ... to provoke all others to jealousy, when they see how, as a community, we truly love our neighbour.**

**JUSTICE - equality**

We are all equal, but different in the calling and gifting that YHWH places inside of us. Paul makes it clear. It’s not about being a Jew or a Gentile, a man or a woman.

There is no special race-nor special culture, nor class distinction ... no denomination barrier, there are no walls of man’s belief system that have any credibility whatsoever.

**The only criteria is ... are you a son / daughter of the covenant?**

**Do you reflect this in the even handedness of every action that you make?**

**COMPASSION - mercy**

We show everyone the same Face of YHVH ... we apply the principle of loving your neighbour fully.

- i) By doing no harm to anyone.
- ii) By actively doing good where ever we can.

**HUMILITY**

We give YHVH the glory at all times ... for everything, at all times. Within this criteria, we look at the **positional place of the woman / wife** (no longer domination, no longer rulership), **but a CO-EQUAL in unity**, while still operating as servant-leader.

## What is the evidence of this lifestyle?

- ◆ Strong families,
- ◆ powerful marriages,
- ◆ unscrupulous business ethics,
- ◆ acts of loving my neighbour.

## WE CALL THIS DEALING WITH THE OLD MAN

In the **Book of Acts** we read the story where Paul finds himself on the sinking ship.

The sailors immediately grab hold of the 'lifeboats - Paul tells them that the only safe place is to stay on the main ship.



**Acts 27:31-32** *“Sha’ul said to the officer and the soldiers, “Unless these men remain aboard the ship, you yourselves cannot be saved.” Then the soldiers cut the ropes holding the lifeboat and let it go.’*

The Hebrew word for the lifeboats is “**anijah**”

This comes from the same root word “**ani**” which means : me / I / the old-man / the ego

We need to deal with our ‘**ego**’ or self, if we want to become a part of the One New Man.

## REVERSING Y'SHUA' s WORK

Y'shua did a complete work - through His death and resurrection, the WALLS OF SEPARATION have been broken down.

Any man who works to **re-introduce this wall in any way,**

- ◆ by setting traditional / cultural barriers,
- ◆ by acts of anti-Semitism,
- ◆ by 'rules" of exclusivity,
- ◆ by words and deeds of anti-Israel – and so forth ...

**are making the work of the Messiah to nought.**

Any man who witnesses such actions / words spoken, and does nothing about that, is complicit in declaring YHVH's work worthless.

## PRACTICAL APPLICATION ... HOW ABOUT APPLYING THIS FROM NOW UNTIL THE PASSOVER FEAST

Paul teaches us an important principle.

We are no longer focusing on the physical dimension.

We will do things in **the physical to help us understand the spiritual**, and we will do things in the physical in order to transform the "intent / meaning / value" of a commandment into a spiritual reality – so that we can present an acceptable offering in the Living Stone Tabernacle.

And then Paul tells us to **keep the Feast of Passover.**

**1 Corinthians 5:8[a]** *"Let us therefore celebrate the festival,"*

**Is he saying it's about a physical Feast?**

ANSWER: **yes and no.**

We will gather together on the correct day of the year – we will make sure that it's a day of rest (a Shabbat), **we will pick up the unleavened bread ... matzah to eat for 7 days. But it is also about a SPIRITUAL DIMENSION.**

And then Paul demonstrates this physical / spiritual transformation

It is not about the MATZAH - that of its own does not make any difference in the Kingdom of God - if it did, you should eat Matzah every day of the year!!!

We eat the Matzah in a process that makes us think about the state of our SPIRIT-MAN.

## How are we really doing - in other words are we clean or unclean??

This time period of making a conscious decision to avoid leaven (which tastes so good!, does it not?) and to choose to eat the unleavened bread, HELPS you to focus – helps you to think about the malice and evil that you have thought, planned, implemented and about the people that you have wounded, disadvantaged or wronged.

You see, if you have come to understand the purpose of Passover, and you have come to understand that you are on a life journey with God – then you will realize that you:

- ◆ Cannot cross over into your Promised Land for this year, in the state that you are in.
- ◆ You will not arrive at Mount Sinai for the infilling of the Holy Spirit - Shavout / Pentecost.
- ◆ You will not be invited as the Bride to the wedding Feast of the Lamb - Sukkot / Tabernacles.

**1 Corinthians 5:6-7** *“Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know the saying, “It takes only a little hametz to leaven a whole batch of dough?” Get rid of the old hametz, so that you can be a new batch of dough, because in reality you are unleavened. For our Pesach lamb, the Messiah, has been sacrificed.”*

And then Paul lists the “unclean“ things, the things that he considers are leaven in our lives.

**1 Corinthians 5:8** *“So let us celebrate the Seder not with leftover hametz, the hametz of wickedness and evil, but with the matzah of purity and truth.”*

Wickedness and evil ... **these words and actions are LEAVEN.** As you eat the matzah you are challenged to think about your lifestyle. Paul wants you to think about the way in which you interact with this world, both with other believers, but also with the non-believers who you do business with.

## LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The two primary Commandments are simple:

- i) Love God with all of your heart and
- ii) Love your neighbour as yourself.

**Romans 13:8-10** *“ ... except to love one another; for whoever loves his fellow human being has fulfilled Torah. For the commandments, “Don’t commit adultery,” “Don’t murder,” “Don’t steal,” “Don’t covet,” and any others are summed up in this one rule: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does not do harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fullness of Torah.”*

The wickedness and evil that Paul talks to has to deal with our attitudes towards our fellow man ... our neighbour.

Loving your neighbour has two legs:

- ◆ First, do them no harm
- ◆ Secondly, do good whenever you can.

The prevailing attitude in the world today can be summed up in this phrase:

### **What's is yours, is yours and What's mine, is mine**

It is the attitude of a people who do not care for anybody – we are totally absorbed by our own needs and desires, that we fail to see the opportunity to help others.



While we may not take from others, we seldom stand up for the rights of others, and more often do not defend the helpless, the abused.

While you are thinking about what I have just said, consider this ... this was the prevailing attitude of the people of Sodom!!

While we only think of ourselves, we engage in what Paul describes as the deeds of the flesh - these are the wicked and evil things:

**Galatians 5:19-21** *“And it is perfectly evident what the old nature does. It expresses itself in sexual immorality, impurity and indecency; idol-worship and misuse of drugs in connection with the occult; in feuding, fighting, becoming jealous and getting angry; in selfish ambition, factionalism, intrigue and envy; in drunkenness, orgies and things like these. I warn you now as I have warned you before: those who do such things will have no share in the Kingdom of God!”*

## **The Last Supper**

We are back with that final Passover Feast, together with Yeshua, in that upper room - after He breaks the news that one of the disciples will betray Him. He continues with the meal.

**Mark 14:22-25** *“While they were eating, Yeshua took a piece of matzah, made the b'rakhah, broke it, gave it to them and said, “Take it! This is my body.” Also he took a cup of wine, made the b'rakhah, and gave it to them; and they all drank. He said to them, “This is my blood, which ratifies the New Covenant, my blood shed on behalf of many people. Yes! I tell you, I will not drink this ‘fruit of the vine’ again until the day I drink new wine in the Kingdom of God.”*

## What did he do?

1. He took the bread and broke it.. Will you take a MATZAH—share it with someone that you know / your family.

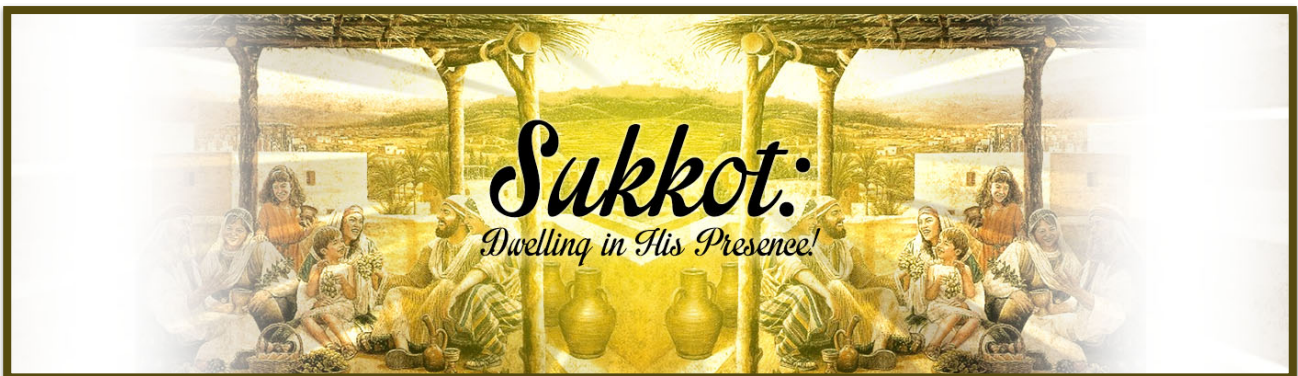
BEFORE you eat ... focus - is there any wickedness / evil that you have thought / done to someone in this room?

If you have to face God tonight, you will need to rectify those actions , with GOD and with the people - before YOU CAN CONTINUE.

- ◆ Restore relationships
- ◆ Ask forgiveness
- ◆ Make restitution

2. He took the cup and offered it to you and I so that we could be fully restored to complete son / daughter-ship - to complete inclusion in the Covenant - to wholeness.

## CELEBRATE THE FEAST, YESHUA DID!!



### How will you KNOW that your Sukkah / Tabernacle is restored?

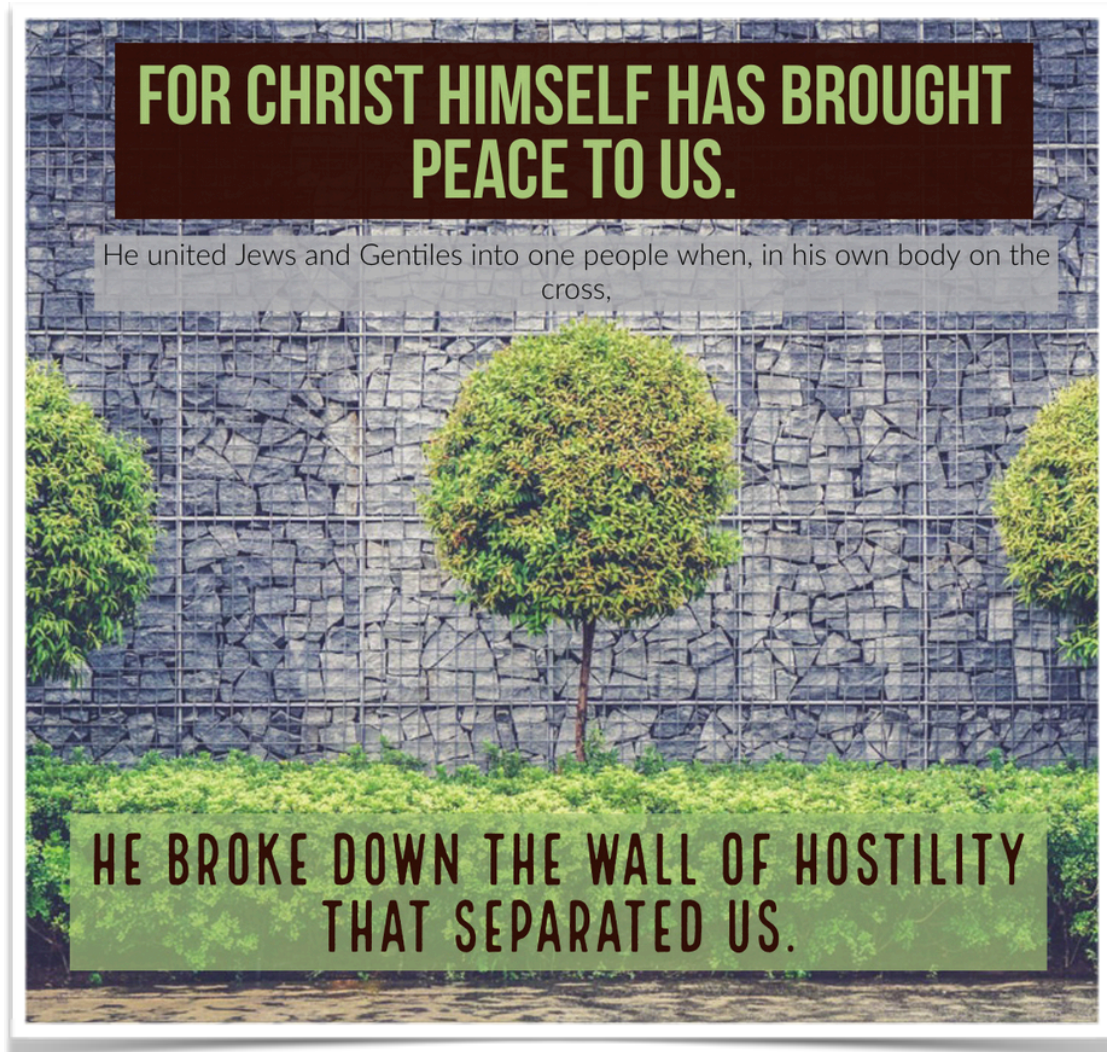
ANSWER: Its only restored when we RECONCILE, those who are near and those who are far off.

### What does this word reconcile point to?

ANSWER: To a complete work ... to bring back to its former glory - to its former state of harmony.

**Ephesians 2:16** "And in order to reconcile to God both in a single body by being executed on a stake as a criminal and thus killing in himself that enmity.

**Ephesians 2:17** “Also, when he came, he announced as Good News shalom to you far off and shalom to those nearby,



**What happens when we reconcile, break down the walls that mankind builds?**

We become Living Stones that can be built in God’s House – we do what Paul and Peter asked us to do.

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