

A SABBATH DAY'S JOURNEY

In the gray dawn of another morning, I sat in my prayer closet attempting to keep my mind focused on prayer and the morning priestly duties that I believe I am to perform. Sometime this focus is not easy, particularly after so many years of this routine and the ever present thoughts of the day that seem to be determined to creep in. My prayer closet is normally my office at home fashioned from a store room addition to my house that provides a quiet place to be alone with GOD in the early morning hours each day before work. In the past, it seems that if YAHWEH was to bless me with an understanding or revelation, HE would often wait until I had gotten up to shower or had begun the day before HE would begin to teach.

The quiet time it appears is often left to questions from HIM or things to ponder. Although HE can and will interact with us in any manner that HE might choose, this morning was no exception to the norm. I felt GOD began to give me an understanding that I was to write something called "*A Sabbath Day's Walk*". This understanding was immediately perceived by me to be a commission to write of the revelations that HE had brought in the last few weeks to many of the brothers in the fellowship and myself regarding the walk down the ancient path, which we have also come to understand is a walk in the Sabbath of GOD. I should have remembered then that the writing of any revelation of GOD is done in the writing with HIS hand upon ours and not by any planning that we might do. As it turns out the statement was no commission at all, but a question. The question led to an understanding and a wonderful revelation from GOD, but more than that it led to an undeniable confirmation of all that HE had brought recently regarding the Sabbath walk and the ancient path.

Another article on this web site entitled "[New Beginnings....The Ancient Path](#)", begins by quoting Jeremiah 6:16 – ***“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask about the ancient paths, which is the good way? Take it and you will find rest for your souls. But they said ‘we will not take it.’”*** The article further quotes Jeremiah in the next verse (17) – ***“I appointed sentinels to direct them: listen for the sound of the shofar.”*** We have come to understand that GOD has to anoint us as that sound of the shofar if we are to be used of HIM in the restoration of the Israel of GOD. We also understand that HE would have us to point the way to the ancient path for HIS people, for this is the path of restoration. From the above scriptures in Jeremiah, we also see that the ancient path is a walk in rest or **Sabbath**. Hebrews 4:1 says that as GOD's people we should be in terror of not entering into that rest, or put another way: **of not hearing the sound of the shofar and finding the ancient path**. Hebrews chapter 6 explains this path further: Beginning in verse 1 – ***“Therefore, leaving behind the initial lessons about the Messiah, let us go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of turning from works that lead to death, trusting GOD, and instructions about washings, s'mikhah, the resurrection of the dead and eternal punishment. And GOD willing, this is what we will do”***.

This is an invitation to go on down the ancient path (Sabbath walk) if you are called by GOD to do so. It is a shofar blast that can only be heard by the nation of Israel. The rest of Chapter 6 is an encouragement to take the ancient path and a description of those of Israel who hear the blast from the shofar, see the crossroads and look and say “we will not take it”.

It is clear that the beginning of the ancient path, the Sabbath walk, begins in Hebrews, Chapter 7. How do we know this? Because it begins with Malki-Tzedek -bringing bread and wine out to Abraham as it quotes the book of Genesis. It also begins the teaching about the Malki-Tzedek priesthood with Messiah Yahshua as the Head. The Sabbath walk down the ancient path is a walk made by priest of a new order. Another article in this web site (see [“The Times and Seasons of GOD”](#)) describes the Sabbath day as framed by the breaking of bread. First on Friday at sundown as families are to celebrate Messiah’s table in remembrance of the Creator GOD, and secondly, in fellowship on Motza ei’ Shabbat (literally going out of the Sabbath) as we celebrate Messiah’s table in remembrance of HIS finished work. The second breaking of bread is a priestly function in the heavenly (Spiritual) dimension as we enter into the Holy Place, remove the old bread and wine from the table of the Presence, consume it and replace it with new. In Hebrews Chapter 7, Malki-Tzedek bringing bread and wine out to Abraham typifies the first breaking of bread at the beginning of the Sabbath. The blessing given to Abraham by Malki-Tzedek says in part **“Blessed be Avram by El ‘Elyon, maker of heaven and earth”** which is a direct reference to the focus of the Sabbath beginning. If space permitted we could also say much about the walk of Abraham from this point in scripture.

The journey down the ancient path through Hebrews ends in Chapter 12; Verse 22, when it says: **“On the contrary, you have come to mount Tziyon, that is, the city of the living GOD, heavenly Yerushalayim; to myriads of angels in festive assembly; to a community of the firstborn who names have been recorded in heaven;”** In other words this journey, if ordained by GOD, ends at the second table of Shabbat, in the Spirit, in the heavenlies and in fellowship. We have come to know that Hebrews chapter 7 through Hebrews chapter 12 is a teaching ordained by GOD for the elect and is a beautiful picture of not only the Sabbath of GOD and the ancient path, but also of the Sabbath Day as HE has ordained that it should be kept.

Now with all of this remembered, we can return to the subject of this article which is “The Sabbath Day’s walk”. After I had recovered from what the LORD had said to me and all of the fleshly tendencies that immediately followed, I began to try to orient myself with what this might really mean. It seemed to me at the time that there was indeed a scripture or scriptures with this phrase in it. Following a search, it turned out that there is one, in Acts; Chapter 1, Verse 12. This verse follows a description of the instructions given by Messiah, HIS ascension and the Apostles encounter with the two men dressed in white. In simple terms, Verse 12 says that the Apostles returned to Jerusalem after this event. But, there had to be

more to this than that. A close look at the verse in the Greek text revealed the following near literal translation with the Strong's numbers:

Then (they) returned unto Jerusalem from (the) mount called Olive (trees)
5119 5290 1519 2419 575 3735 2564 1638

which is near Jerusalem Sabbath ----- journey
3739 2076 1451 2419 4521 2192 3598

In the above display of the scripture you will notice that no translation has been provided for the word in the Greek, equivalent to Strong's 2192, which is pronounced in the English "**Echo**". This was found to be the case in every translation that I examined. Instead, the word "day" has almost universally been inserted after "Sabbath". A look in the concordance revealed the following meaning for the Greek word "echo": To have, i.e. to hold, to have or hold in the hand in the sense of wearing, to have possession of the mind, to own, possess, used of those joined to any one by the bonds of natural blood or marriage, or friendship, or duty, or law, etc., to be closely joined to a person or a thing. So, this verse does not describe the distance from the Mount of Olives to Jerusalem, but describes the spiritual condition of the Apostles as they departed the Mount. They were holding onto, wearing, joined to, possessing the **Sabbath**. Unless you understand the concept of the Sabbath walk with GOD, this verse would make absolutely no sense to you and you would not have any idea how to translate it.

So, there is a Sabbath walk and a Sabbath day's journey and both can mean the same thing. Both of these terms are representative of the ancient path that leads to maturity and the Holy place in the heavenly temple. In the instance of Acts 1:12, it is a Sabbath walk in the Spirit that is referenced rather than any literal distance. Why did Messiah choose to reveal this at this time? I believe that it was a sign of confirmation for all of the teaching that HE has brought regarding the Sabbath walk down the ancient path. Without Messiah Yahshua, it is highly improbable that any man would be drawn to Acts 1:12 in the context of this new translation. He wanted there to be no doubt whatsoever. I have none.