

קֹרַח

Qorach

(Korah)

B'midbar [Numbers] 16:1-18:32

הברית החדשה

HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

No Vision – No People!

Qorintyah Aleph (1st Corinthians) 10:6

Now these things are our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

For nearly a year now YHWH has been speaking to us about this passage and the principle that it contains. One of the surprising things that has been shown to me is that the majority of things recorded in Scripture are those things that were done against or in opposition to YHWH and to His will and contrary to His Voice. What this teaches us is something very important that we dare not miss. When we look into Scripture to learn how we are to live, then we need to pay attention to some very important details. Just because it is found recorded in Scripture does not mean that we should be doing such things. In fact, according to this passage and others like it the very reason that it was recorded was because what was being done was wrong, sin, and against YHWH; and it was recorded to show us what not to do.

Shaul in writing this portion of this letter lists a long string of incidents in which Israel sinned against YHWH. In last week's Parasha we learned how YHWH condemned a generation because of their constant rebellion against Him; specifically YHWH says they tested Him ten times. Recorded in the Torah as well as in the Tanak is incident after incident of YHWH striking Israel with plagues and invading armies because of their sin against Him. Shaul states that these things were recorded for our instruction, specifically of what not to do.

We need to be very careful to properly discern what it is that has been recorded for our instruction. One question that we absolutely need to answer is this: Is this something that I should do; or, is this something that I should not do?

Now some of those things are rather obvious to us that they are things that we should not do. For example, many times Israel grumbles against YHWH and then YHWH strikes them with a plague. It seems obvious that this is something that we should not do. Grumbling is something that is totally against YHWH.

Yet even as obvious as this is, the majority of His people still engage in grumbling even today. I wonder if we will ever learn.

In this next passage we will find one of the core reasons behind the fact that so many people in the past as well as many today have turned aside from following YHWH and end up perishing.

Mishle (Proverbs) 29:18

***Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint;
But he that keeps the Torah, happy is he.***

Some translations use the word “perish” for that portion which is underlined in the above passage. Either way the outcome is the same. In this version we just have a little bit better understanding of how the people perish. The people perish because they are not restrained from sin. When a person throws off all restraints and does whatever is in his dark heart, then surely the result will be to perish. This is brought about when the people have no vision. But the question is: vision of what? Or, perhaps even more succinctly the question is: a vision of whom?

So you probably have already guessed that when there is no vision of YHWH, then the people are unrestrained and will perish. Let us consider visions for just a moment.

Many are the visions that permeate our world today. Martin Luther King Jr. stated that he had a dream. This was his vision of what the world should look like. There are those today who have picked up that vision and still carry it forward. Many times when companies offer a product or service they have a vision or mission statement. Those who work there carry this vision and push for its accomplishment. Each time we see a commercial on TV, it is a sort of mini-vision of those who are selling something; and they are trying for the consumer to catch this vision and buy their product. As you can see visions come in all sorts of sizes and types. However, there is only one vision which will actually do us any good at all. It is a vision of YHWH Tzava’ot, our Savior and Redeemer. Without this vision one will surely perish.

Mishle (Proverbs) 19:16

***He that keeps the commandment keeps his soul;
But he that is careless of his ways shall die.***

It is a fair statement that most people desire to have eternal life. The thing is that most have been sold a bill of goods that does not lead to eternal life, but rather away from it. We need to be able to see clearly, we need to be able to have proper discernment if we are not going to perish with the world. Having the ability to see clearly means that one will be able to understand and obey His word and to follow His Voice on a daily basis.

Luqa (Luke) 11:28

But He said, "Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of Elohim, and keep it."

Blessings come to us only if we obey YHWH, obey YHWH's will, and obey His Voice. Without this we perish. And we cannot do these things if we cannot see clearly. If one shuts up his eyes to truth as He reveals it, regardless of how uncomfortable it makes one in the short term, then his vision will suffer and he will not be properly restrained from sin.

Ya'aqov (James) 1:25

But he that looks into the perfect Torah, the Torah of liberty, and so continues, being not a hearer that forgets but a doer that works, this man shall be blessed in his doing.

So much of what is recorded in Scripture is YHWH punishing His people because they did not have the proper vision and sinned against Him. Rather than moving closer towards YHWH, they moved away. In an effort to change the direction of His people and move them closer to Him, YHWH had to bring chastisement into their lives rather than blessing.

Gilyana (Revelation) 22:14

Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have the right to come to the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city.

If we do not want to perish, but we want to be a part of those who YHWH blesses, then we need to see clearly. We need to have a good clear vision of Yeshua as Mashiach and that He is the exact representation of YHWH the Father. In this way the blessings begin to flow into our lives when we see Him for who He is and follow Him according to that vision.

ABBA YHWH, open our eyes that we may see You in order that we may follow You in a way that pleases You; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat Shalom

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