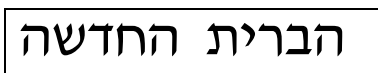




Vayyera

(and came)

B'reshit [Genesis] 18:1-22:24



HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Romans 1:28-2:10

We have chosen this portion from the Brit because it speaks of the contrast between those who do right and those who do wrong or evil, and this reminds us of the contrast between Yitzchaq and Ishmael.

Worthy of Death

Romans 1:32

who, knowing the judgment of the Elohim, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.

We are given a list of things in the verses just before this verse, teaching us that if a person participates in these things, then he is worthy of death. As we will see shortly, this list is quite informative and consists of those things that are commonly found in all Babylonian systems. Considering these things, one can easily see why the Babylonian system is the antithesis of Israel, with all this evil and wickedness which prevails within it.

It is not only those who practice these things that are worthy of death, but it is also those who approve of such behavior. When a person approves of such unlawful anti-Torah behavior, he is essentially putting his hand with the wicked to do the same thing and he becomes guilty of the same sinful actions.

Let us now prayerfully consider these attributes of Babylon.

Reprobate Mind

Romans 1:28-31

28 And even as they refused to have the Elohim in their knowledge, the Elohim gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 without guidance of the covenant for them, no love, no shalom, and no mercy for them,

This list of sinful activities is divided into four groups for us in this passage. Let us also consider these groups as well. Please meditate upon these groups to see the seriousness of these sins and how they are raised up against YHWH and His kingdom of Israel.

This first group tells us what these with a reprobate mind fill themselves with. Those with a reprobate mind are being filled with:

1. all unrighteousness
2. wickedness
3. covetousness (greed)
4. maliciousness

This second group tells us what those with a reprobate mind are already full of in their hearts and minds. Those with a reprobate mind are full of:

1. envy
2. murder
3. strife
4. deceit
5. malice

This third group tells us the actual character traits and attributes of those who have reprobate minds. Just a note on number seven below, one who is an inventor of evil is a person who is living in sin and as he submits to that sin it no longer satisfies the lusts of his flesh so he must invent new ways of appeasing the flesh, thus inventing new evil. Those with a reprobate mind are:

1. gossips
2. slanderers
3. haters of Elohim
4. insolent
5. arrogant (prideful)
6. boastful
7. inventors of evil
8. disobedient to parents

Those that have been given over to a reprobate mind are totally and completely outside the covenant that YHWH has with Israel. Therefore, they do not have the understanding, nor guidance of His loving covenant. So, they have no love, no shalom and YHWH will show them no mercy. Those with a reprobate mind are without:

1. guidance of the covenant for them
2. love
3. shalom
4. and mercy for them

The only cure for a reprobate mind is complete and total repentance away from all sin, and turning towards YHWH and His Torah through Yeshua our Mashiach. If one does not do this, then the reprobate mind will continue to wax worse and worse, until such time as the only thing left for such a person is destruction.

Without Excuse

Romans 2:1

Therefore you are without excuse, man, whosoever you are that judges; for wherein you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do practice the same things.

Those that practice evil are also those who are often the loudest voices against the same evil that they practice. How many times have we heard about a preacher who is soundly against homosexuality and is always condemning it; only to later hear that he was actually involved in this sin? He is without excuse! And there are many such things that happen in this world.

According to Truth

Rom 2:2

And we know that the judgment of Elohim is according to truth against them that practice such things.

The Torah of YHWH will rightly judge those who practice these things. His Torah is according to truth and this is what will judge them for the evil they would not repent of doing.

Tehillim (Psalm) 119:142

***Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your Torah is truth.***

No Escape

Rom 2:3

And do you reckon, man, who judges them that practice such things, and do the same, that you shall escape the judgment of the Elohim?

There is no one who is born into this world who will escape the judgment of Elohim. We will all have to submit to it one day. But here is the thing: we do not have to wait. We can submit to His judgment now through Yeshua our Mashiach. We simply agree with YHWH that we are evil, wicked sinners and in need of His mercy. We throw ourselves upon the mercy of the High Court and ask to be forgiven through Mashiach Yeshua. If we are sincere and honest, then we will receive that forgiveness and a full pardon. Then we must show that we are truly appreciative of this most wonderful gift by living for Him.

Storing Up Wrath

Rom 2:4-5

4 Or do you despise the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of the Elohim leads you to repentance?

5 but according to your hardness and impenitent heart you treasure up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of the Elohim;

Every day that a person goes without repentance is one more day of wrath that is added to him.

Tessaloniqim Aleph (1st Thessalonians) 5:9

For Elohim appointed us not to wrath, but to the obtaining of salvation through Adonenu Yeshua Mashiach,

However, we can praise our heavenly Father that He has not appointed us to wrath because we have obtained mercy through Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein!

According To Deeds Done

Rom 2:6

who will render to every man according to his works:

Yeshua also taught us this very principle in many of His parables. One such parable is the parable of the separation of the sheep and the goats in Matityah 25. The sheep and the goats were separated into their respective groups simply on the basis of what they did or did not do. Please note that in this parable and in this verse above it is not about what one believes or does not believe, but upon how we

live our lives in this present world. Yes, what we believe will either result in right living or wrong living. But one is not judged according to what he believes, but judgment is based upon what he has done or not done.

Contrast of Life to Wrath

Rom 2:7-10

7 to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and incorruption, eternal life;

8 but to them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation,

9 tribulation and anguish, upon every being of man that works evil, of the Yehudim first, and also of the Aramean;

10 but glory and honor and peace to every man that works good, to the Yehudim first, and also to the Aramean.

We can choose to live according to His righteousness. Or, we can choose to live according to unrighteousness. We must understand that we do not have the authority to define what righteousness or unrighteousness is, only YHWH has that authority. When a person attempts to define these things according to his own heart and mind, that person is eating the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Eating of this tree is the essence of living in Babylon. To choose not to eat of this tree is the essence of living in Israel, because then one is choosing to live according to His standards and according to His Torah and hearing and obeying His Voice. He is choosing to shema.

ABBA YHWH, do whatever it takes to remove all evil, wickedness and unrighteousness out of our hearts, minds and lives, so that we may live a life pleasing to You; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

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