Bible Study Winter 2020 The Book of Mysteries week 4 (35-45)

Day 35 Road of Zion When we refer to something how do we call or name it? Is it by description only? When we look at people do we label them by descriptions? What if they change do our descriptions change? The lesson here is many layers.

Day 36 The Khatan Another Bride and Bridegroom lesson. This one is the joining. God joining himself to us.

Day 37 The Mystery of the Zeroah This is another one that deals with both Passover and predicting the Messiah.

Day 38 The Door of Evil Did this one hit home for you? There are some of us that stay as far away as possible from the door. There are others that like to walk as close to the edge without falling off when it comes to temptation. The Door or the edge is not the temptation, they are just both very close ways that lead you into the temptation. If we focus on avoiding that which might lead us into temptation, then we are very removed from the temptation itself. Think of several examples that this might fall under in your own life.

Day 39 Celestial Seed As farmers/gardeners it is easy to understand the concept of the seed. We plant it, nurture it and it grows and hopefully bears fruit in the right conditions. The Word of God is also Seed. The Bible contains many seeds. And every seed, every words is a potential miracle. Each word has a potential to produce life, growth, blossoming, fruitfulness, and a miracle. Read that last sentence and let your mind chew on that for awhile.

Day 40 The Mystery of the Secret Angels The scriptures are full of angel encounters, even Hebrews 13:2 Do not neglect hospitality, because through it some have entertained angels without knowing it. Did you ever realize that the word angel is in evangelism? That is what we are called to do. Go out and be messengers of the gospel. When you do you are God’s earthly angel.

Day 41 The Nazarene Mystery Did you know that even the towns and regions that Jesus lived in were to fulfill prophesy? Bethlehem, Egypt, Nazareth. But there is more than just a prophesy here. The meaning of the name. Netzeret = Nazareth means branch. The place of the branch, the place of the branching. It was in Nazareth that Jesus began his ministry by standing in the synagogue and reading from the Tora in Isaiah. Read Luke 4: 14-30 or 17-21 specifically. It is in John 15: 1-5 where Jesus says, “ I am the true vine,and my father is the gardener. I am the vine you are the branches. In Hebrew however the main vine is really called the branch and then the following branches flow from the main one.

Day 42 One of my favorites! How to Multiply Bread

It was in the miracle of looking up to God and giving thanks for what was already there that the miracle happened. The miracle of multiplication. You take what little you have no matter how small, or inadequate it is, and you do what Messiah did. You lift it up to the Lord and you give thanks for it. “Give Thanks” What area of your life would you like to see multiplied? Instead of just praying for more have you thanked God for what you already have no matter how meager? If so what was the outcome? List some of the times that God multiplied what you had into what you needed, or needed to give. Too often we spend our time focusing on what we do not have instead of what we can do with what we already possess.

\*\* Day 43 The Asham The Asham is the guilt offering. It removed the guilt of the one who offered it up. It has a second meaning. Asham also means “guilt”. The guilt offereing could only take away the guilt of the one offering it by *first becoming the guilt!*  Read the last 1/3rd of this lesson a few times. Let it really soak in, it is only by the grace of God that our guilt was nailed to the tree, but by the redeeming grace that the Asham died along with all of the guilt. When Jesus said “It is finished”. This was one of the references. The guilt would forever be gone.

Day 44 The Mystery of the rains. This one is referring to several aspects. Not just rain, but the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is talking about when Israel became a nation once again which happened in 1948. But it is also about literal rains and the barren land becoming fertile once again.

Day 45 The sword of Amalek It was the Amalekites that were the first to wage war on the Israelites. They continued to be a thorn. Centuries later a leader King Agag a very evil man with his wife Jezebel destroyed many Israelites. God however had prophesied King Agag’s own judgment. He would die by the sword. Centuries later another evil man by the name of Haman who was of the Persian empire tried to have all of the Israelites destroyed again. He didn’t succeed because God raised up a young courageous woman by the name of Esther who saved them all. The same war continues, darkness will always war against the light. But our hope and knowledge is in God who will always destroy the darkness. Jesus said, “ I am the light of all men”. John 8: 12 “ I am the light of the world whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Use this space to write down thoughts, images or ideas that God has place in your mind and heart over these lessons.

What previous lessons from the beginning until now still keep popping up in your mind? What action do you felt led to take?

 Next week (46-53)