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Num 5:11-31 Adonai said to Moshe, "Tell the people of Isra'el, 'If a man's wife goes astray and is unfaithful to him; that is, if another man goes to bed {In Hebrew Zehrah~Seed} with her without her husband's knowledge, so that she becomes impure secretly, and there is no witness against her, and she was not caught in the act; then, if a spirit of jealousy comes over him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she has become impure — or, for that matter, if the spirit of jealousy comes over him, and he is jealous of his wife, and she has not become impure — he is to bring his wife to the cohen, along with the offering for her, two quarts of barley flour on which he has not poured olive oil or put frankincense, because it is a grain offering for jealousy, a grain offering for remembering, for recalling guilt to mind. The cohen will bring her forward and place her before Adonai. The cohen will put holy water in a clay pot, and then the cohen will take some of the dust^{Aw-fawr} on the floor of the tabernacle and put it in the water. The cohen will place the woman before Adonai, unbind the woman's hair and put the grain offering for remembering in her hands, the grain offering for jealousy; while the cohen has in his hand the water of embitterment and cursing. The cohen will make her swear by saying to her, "If no man has gone to bed with you, if you have not gone astray to make yourself unclean while under your husband's authority, then be free from this water of embitterment and cursing. But if you have in fact gone astray while under your husband's authority and become unclean, because some man other than your husband has gone to bed with you . . ." then the cohen is to make the woman swear with an oath that includes a curse; the cohen will say to the woman, ". . . may Adonai make you an object of cursing and condemnation among your people by making your private parts shrivel and your abdomen swell up! May this water that causes the curse go into your inner parts and make your abdomen swell and your private parts shrivel up!" — and the woman is to respond, "Amen! Amen!" The cohen is to write these curses on a scroll, wash them off into the water of embitterment and make the woman drink the water of embitterment and cursing — the water of cursing will enter her and become bitter. Then the cohen is to remove the grain offering for jealousy from the woman's hand, wave the grain offering before Adonai and bring it to the altar. The cohen is to take a handful of the grain offering as its reminder portion and make it go up in smoke on the altar; afterwards, he is to make the woman drink the water. When he has made her drink the water, then, if she is unclean and has been unfaithful to her husband, the water that causes the curse will enter her and become bitter, so that her abdomen swells and her private parts shrivel up; and the woman will become an object of cursing among her people. But if the woman is not unclean but clean, then she will be innocent and will have children. This is the law for jealousy: when either a wife under her husband's authority goes astray and becomes unclean, or the spirit of jealousy comes over a husband and he becomes jealous of his wife, then he is to place the woman before Adonai, and the cohen is to deal with her in accordance with all of this law. The husband will be clear of guilt, but the wife will bear the consequences of her guilt.' "The husband will be clear of guilt, but the wife will bear the consequences of her guilt.' "

One concept to look at here is this...

v13 "If she lays with the seed" is how it actually reads in Hebrew "זרע שכבה" "Zeh-ray^{H2233} shek-aw-baw^{H7902},"

Now read **Genesis 3**...

Gen 3:14-15 YHWH, Elohim, said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all livestock and wild animals. You will crawl on your belly and eat dust as long as you live. I will put animosity

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between you and the woman, and between your seed^{Zehrah} and her seed^{Zehrah}; he will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel."

So here it seems that by doing this act you are choosing to be of another seed. Why is the dust from the Tabernacle swept up and into the cup for the accused? The dust could represent **YHWH's** chosen seed...

Gen 13:15-16 *All the land you see I will give to you and your descendants forever, and I will make your Seed^{Zehrah} as numerous as the specks of dust^{Aw-fawr} on the earth — so that if a person can count the specks of dust on the earth, then your descendants can be counted.*

So its as if the “dust” represents the Seed of Abraham, the accused drinks this, and if she is guilty of mingling with another “seed” then the “dust” convicts her. Later in Revelation this cup poured out on all those who worship the beast, so in other words when we fornicate both physically and spiritually we are worshiping the beast...

Rev 14:9-12 *Another angel, a third one, followed them and said in a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives the mark on his forehead or on his hand, he will indeed drink the wine of God's fury poured undiluted into the cup of his rage. He will be tormented by fire and sulfur before the holy angels and before the Lamb, and the smoke from their tormenting goes up forever and ever. They have no rest, day or night, those who worship the beast and its image and those who receive the mark of its name." This is when perseverance is needed on the part of God's people, those who observe his commands (Torah) and exercise Yeshua's faithfulness. (See also **Isa 51:17-23, Jer 25:15, & Rev 16:19**)*

This is how the unfaithful spouse is to be tested, if found guilty of fornication, or in other words, breaking covenant, the guilty party would swell up and become bitter, this is exactly what happened to **YHWH's** bride Israel...

Exo 32:19-20 *But the moment Moshe got near the camp, when he saw the calf and the dancing, his own anger blazed up. He threw down the tablets he had been holding and shattered them at the base of the mountain. Seizing the calf they had made, he melted it in the fire and ground it to powder, which he scattered on the water. Then he made the people of Isra'el drink it.*

This is how the Levites knew exactly who was guilty, and killed those individuals guilty of fornicating with another “god” ...

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Exo 32:26-29 *Moshe stood at the entrance to the camp and shouted, "Whoever is for Adonai, come to me!" All the descendants of Levi rallied around him. He told them, "Here is what Adonai, the God of Isra'el, says: 'Each of you, put his sword on his side; and go up and down the camp, from gate to gate; and every man is to kill his own kinsman, his own friend and his own neighbor!' The sons of Levi did what Moshe said, and*

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that day three thousand of the people died. Moshe said, "You have consecrated yourselves today to Adonai, because every one of you has been against his own son and against his own kinsman, in order to bring a blessing on yourselves today."

They didn't just go out and randomly slaughter people, those who were guilty of fornicating with other "gods" after Moses served them the ashes in the water, were swollen and then killed by the Levites!

In perspective... The last census had Israel at 603,550 (Males 20 years and older) {**Exo 38:26 & Num 2:32**} 3,000 people were guilty or instigated the act of Idolatry...

3,000 divided by 603,550 = **.004%**

Or in other words... "A little leaven, leavens the whole lump"! (**1 Cor 5:6**) How could such a small percentage of people cause all of Israel to sin? It's the same thing in the body today.

I want to explore the this concept of the "cup of the unfaithful spouse" and look at it through a larger perspective...

YHWH is married to Israel

Jer 31:32 (31:31) *It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Adonai.*

Isa 50:1 *Adonai says: "Where is your mother's divorce document which I gave her when I divorced her? Or: to which of my creditors did I sell you? You were sold because of your sins; because of your crimes was your mother divorced.*

Jer 3:1-10 *[Adonai] says: "If a man divorces his wife, and she leaves him and marries another man, then if the first one marries her again, that land will be completely defiled (Deut 24:1-4). But you prostituted yourself to many lovers, yet you want to return to me?" says Adonai. "Raise your eyes to the bare hills, take a look: where have you not had sex? You sat by the roadsides waiting for them like a nomad in the desert. You have defiled the land with your prostitution and wickedness. For this reason the showers have been withheld, there has been no rain in the spring; still you maintain a whore's brazen look and refuse to be ashamed. Didn't you just now cry to me, 'My father, you are my friend from my youth'? — [thinking,] 'He won't bear a grudge forever, will he? He wouldn't maintain it right to the end.' You say this, but you keep doing evil things, you just do whatever you want." In the days of Yoshiyahu the king, Adonai asked me, "Have you seen the things that backsliding Isra'el has been doing? She goes up on every bare hill and under every green tree and prostitutes herself there. I said that after she had done all these things, she would return to me; but she hasn't returned. Meanwhile, her unfaithful sister Y'hudah has been watching. I saw that even though backsliding Isra'el had committed adultery, so that I had sent her away and given her a divorce document, unfaithful Y'hudah her sister was not moved to fear — instead she too went and prostituted herself. The ease with which Isra'el prostituted herself defiled the land, as she*

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committed adultery with stones and with logs. Yet in spite of all this, her unfaithful sister Y'hudah has not returned to me wholeheartedly; she only makes a pretense of it," said Adonai.

As **YHWH** said, Israel was married, then divorced, If **YHWH** and Israel were to remarry, it would be a sin, the land would be defiled, there has to be a death in order for a re-marriage to occur!

Hos 2:7 (2:9) *She will pursue her lovers but not catch them. She will seek them but won't find them. Then she will say, 'I will go and return to my first husband; because things were better for me then than they are now.'*

The above could never happen if it was not for a death...

John 19:28-30 *After this, knowing that all things had accomplished their purpose, Yeshua, in order to fulfill the words of the Tanakh, said, "I'm thirsty." A jar full of cheap sour wine was there; so they soaked a sponge in the wine, coated it with oregano leaves and held it up to his mouth. After Yeshua had taken the wine, he said, "It is accomplished!" And, letting his head droop, he delivered up his spirit.*

Yeshua accepted the Cup of Bitterness of the unfaithful spouse, even though... "because they, for their part, violated my covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them" We were guilty, yet he bore our transgressions of Idolatry/Adultery by accepting the cup and dying and opening a path for a remarriage! Paul talks about this in **Romans Seven...**

Rom 7:1-4 *Surely you know, brothers — for I am speaking to those who understand Torah — that the Torah has authority over a person only so long as he lives? For example, a married woman is bound by Torah to her husband while he is alive; but if the husband dies, she is released from the part of the Torah that deals with husbands. Therefore, while the husband is alive, she will be called an adulteress if she marries another man; but if the husband dies, she is free from that part of the Torah; so that if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress. Thus, my brothers, you have been made dead with regard to the Torah through the Messiah's body, so that you may belong to someone else, namely, the one who has been raised from the dead, in order for us to bear fruit for God.*

Haf Torah

Hos 4:11-19 *Whoring and wine, both old and new, take away my people's wits. My people consult their piece of wood, their diviner's wand speaks to them; for the spirit of whoring makes them err, they go off whoring, deserting their God. They sacrifice on the mountain peaks and offer incense on the hills under oaks, poplars and pistachio trees; because they give good shade. Therefore your daughters behave like whores, And your daughters-in-law commit adultery. I won't punish your daughters when they act like whores, or your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery; because the men are themselves going off with whores and sacrificing with prostitutes. Yes, a people without understanding will come to ruin." If you, Isra'el, prostitute yourself, still Y'hudah has no need to incur such guilt. Don't go to Gilgal or up to Beit-Aven, and don't swear, "As Adonai lives." For Isra'el is stubborn as a stubborn cow; will Adonai now feed them like a lamb in a big pasture? Efrayim is joined to idols; let him alone! When they finish carousing, they start their*

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whoring; their rulers deeply love dishonor. The wind will carry them off in its wings and their sacrifices bring them nothing but shame.

Brit Chadesha

Eph 5:25-32 *As for husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah loved the Messianic Community, indeed, gave himself up on its behalf, in order to set it apart for God, making it clean through immersion in the mikveh, so to speak, in order to present the Messianic Community to himself as a bride to be proud of, without a spot, wrinkle or any such thing, but holy and without defect. This is how husbands ought to love their wives — like their own bodies; for the man who loves his wife is loving himself. Why, no one ever hated his own flesh! On the contrary, he feeds it well and takes care of it, just as the Messiah does the Messianic Community, because we are parts of his Body. "Therefore a man will leave his father and mother and remain with his wife, and the two will become one." There is profound truth hidden here, which I say concerns the Messiah and the Messianic Community. However, the text also applies to each of you individually: let each man love his wife as he does himself, and see that the wife respects her husband.*

Shabbat Shalom! Written by Jesse Himango, Tabernacle of David Ministries