31. EMOR { אֱמֹר } “Say”

Leviticus 21:1-24:23; Ezekiel 44:15-31; Luke 14:12-24

This week continues our study of holiness with the laws regarding purity for the priesthood and the sanctity of time through the ’Moedim’ (YHWH’s Appointed Feasts and Festivals).

Moses instructions regarding rules of purity to the priests ( כֹּהֲנִים , Kohanim), who were obligated to hold to a stricter standard than the general population.

The Renewed Covenant (NT) tells us that there are some who will be judged by a stricter standard than others, for example, teachers of the Word of YWHW.

“Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.” (James 3:1)

Why? It is because with greater knowledge comes greater responsibility. A teacher may have a wider circle of influence – for good or for evil – than the general population since they teach others not only by their words but by their living example. A teacher may be looked up to by his or her students; therefore those who teach YAH’s Word are to live an exemplary life – a sobering challenge.

YHWH not only sanctifies people and places, but also time. People places, and time, and are a three strand cord held together by the One who sanctifies and makes each holy. King Solomon wrote in his wisdom, “For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

YHWH has a divine purpose for each one of His sacred meeting times. Are we missing a blessing by failing to keep our ‘appointments’ with our ELOHIM?

Each of these are intended to be celebrations or memorials of YESHUA.

EVERYTHING IS ABOUT HIM! ALL THINGS IN TORAH, THE WHOLE TORAH POINT TO HIM AND IS ABOUT HIM!