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“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an kodesh nation, a peculiar people; that you should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:’ (I Peter 2:9)

We are going to look at some of the heritage that Yahweh has given us as His holy people. Did you know that we will judge angels? (I Corinthians 6:3) When we do a study of how we have been adopted and what we have actually inherited and see the authority we have, it is awesome to understand the great calling that is ours. We have power and authority now, and we will have more in the Kingdom. We are already translated into the Kingdom of His dear Son (Colossians 1:13), and we know that the Kingdom is Peace, Righteousness, Love, Power, and Joy in the Holy Spirit. Now that we have accepted His great calling, we understand that we have now been placed in a training program for the Kingdom. We know that we are not ready for all that we will be asked to do, but He, in His mercy, goodness, and wisdom, will give us what we need in training and experience in order to be prepared. However, we must be willing to accept our responsibilities as Priests and Princes (Kings).

Part of the schooling is life experiences and part of this schooling is learning His Word and Law. But, a large part of this program is learning to take and use the authority and power that He gives us now and utilize it the way He desires; and we must do it all to His glory.

Before we go any farther, it is important that we build this concept of inheritance and authority slowly so that, when we are through, there will be no doubt that we must take all that He has to offer us now! So what about inheritance?

Yahweh, Yahshua, makes it clear in the Old and New Testaments that we are an inheritance to Him. We know that we are Firstfruits redeemed from the earth, after Yahshua.

“But now is Yahshua risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Yahshua's at his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when He shall have delivered up the kingdom to Yahweh, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet.” (I Corinthians 15:20-25)

We see that we will be with Him and that we are an heritage to Him, after Yahshua. But, there is more. We are not just firstfruits, but sons to Him that lives forever.

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of Yah, they are the **sons of Yah**. For ye have not

received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the **Spirit of adoption**, whereby we cry, **Abba, Father**.

“The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we **are the children of Yah**: And if children, **then heirs; heirs of Yah, and joint-heirs with Messiah**; if so be that we suffer with *Him*, that we may be also glorified together.” (Romans 8:16-17)

We now understand that we are sons of Yahweh and joint heirs with Yahshua, in the Kingdom, to reign with power and authority. Some do not believe this, for it is too much for us to comprehend. We must simply, as children, take it on faith. We do now have a great calling, that is handed down to us through Yahshua, our elder brother, and will have more in the Kingdom. Galatians 3:29 says that if we be in Yahshua, we are heirs according to the promise. We are a royal priesthood and a peculiar people, to proclaim Him and to work directly for Him, as our Master. He reigns and so will we. But as the Master and owner are away, we have charge of the work and the vineyard. We have work to do and through the Holy Spirit, we go and do the work He has set before us. In this work, we sow, we water, and tend. We keep the wolves and predators away and protect the heritage to come. We have authority to do this and we have all the resources. Yes, He no longer calls us servants, but friends, if we do as He desires and receive the good things He shows us. Where did all this start? Where did we receive inheritance and authority?

If we look first to the garden, we see that Adam and Eve were given dominion over the earth to subdue it. As we move forward in Yah's plan, we see the Levitical priesthood, that was established in Exodus 25. This and the ceremonial law were added, due to sin, but, in addition, authority was given here and great inheritance to the Levites as a special tribe that belonged to Yahweh Himself. Did you know that all the tribes had inheritance of land and goods, but the Levites did not? Numbers 3:12 says that all the firstborn are His. We are first-fruits and, therefore, firstborn. We are children of the inheritance. (Psalms 127:3) But, in Numbers 18, verse twenty, Yah says that the Levites belonged to Him and He is their inheritance. They had nothing else. In verse twenty-three, Yah says that the Levites would do service in the sanctuary and bear the sins of the people. But, the Levites did not own any land or goods or possessions, as the other tribes did. There are no more Levites or a Levitical priesthood, but we are now under the priesthood of the order of Melchizedek. Under this order, we, all believers, just as the Levites, bear the sins of one another and have Yahshua as our inheritance. We are to confess our sins to one another and bear each other's grief. And, as it is written, we are His inheritance, also. When we got the heritage, we received authority. When we received authority, in order to exercise it, we did receive power. Where do we read of this authority in the Scriptures?

Yahshua said that He goes to prepare a place for us, and in that place there are many mansions or offices. If we do understand that we will be priests and kings in the New Kingdom with Him, then we know we will have to have authority to exercise those offices. (John 14:2 and I Peter 2:9) Our office will be custom made for us. After our

change, we will be placed into a position that we will understand and be comfortable with. It will be made just for us and we will enjoy it, as we serve Him and His earthly heritage. (See Revelation 1:6 and Revelation 20:6) Paul says that it does not appear yet what glory has been prepared for us.

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which Yahweh hath prepared for them that love Him. But, Yahweh hath revealed *them* unto us by His spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of YAH.” (I Corinthians 2:9-10)

Yes, we will have authority in the Kingdom, but what about now? Daniel 11:32 says that, in the end-time, they that know their Mighty One shall be strong and do *exploits*. This suggests that we, as the end-time elect, shall have some power to take part in the end-time work. Yahshua said that greater things we will do than He did. (John 14:12)

Look at the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. We see that some received five, some two and some one. This applies to us today. We have received talents as skills, but also power and authority. If we use them well, we will have more in the Kingdom, but if we do not, even what we have will be taken away. And He says that because we were faithful in a few things, He will make us rulers over many things. So, finally, what is this power and authority we have been discussing?

Yahshua overcame sin, death, and the Devil. We, through inheritance, have also done the same through His name and faith in Him and His Word. Did you get that? We must believe in Him and what He said in His Word. As we have said many times, some do not believe what He has said. Some only believe what they want to believe. This will make His Word void! Yahshua said to hear His words and do them! We are to do the will of His Father. It is written, “...This is my beloved Son,.. .hear ye Him.” (Matthew 17:5)

We, too, have overcome sin, death and the Devil. We overcome sin, because His seed dwelleth in us. (I John 3:9) We have overcome death because the second death will not touch us. We have part in the first resurrection, and we will sleep, waiting for the change we quoted.

We now have a glorious calling through His name and the inheritance of the Kingdom which He has given us. Matthew 12:28 says that if He casts out demons by the Spirit of Yah, then the Kingdom of Yah has come unto you. What else does the scripture say?

“Behold, I give unto **you power** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and **over all the power of the enemy**: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that **the spirits are subject unto you**; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.” (Luke 10:19-20)

He says that He has given us power over all the enemy and nothing will hurt us. But, some say that was only given to the Apostles, not us. Let us look at this argument. Turn to Luke 9:49. We see that some were casting out demons who were not of the Apostles' calling. Yahshua did not rebuke them or tell them to stop. Did you know that the assembly has been kicking out demons ever since Yahshua's time? Did you know that it is recorded and that it is still being done? Write for more information on the history of deliverance. But, to continue, He says that stronger is He that is in us than he that is in the world. It is also written that, through Yahshua, we can do all things! We know it is the Father's good pleasure to give us the Kingdom. Why should we doubt about these small things now? But, some do doubt! We are to have our conscience exercised to know the difference between good and evil. (Hebrews 5:14)

We can know the difference between good and evil and we can do something about it. We have authority over all the power of the enemy, and ones who would, through evil, come against us. (Isaiah 54:17)

“Let the high *praises* of Yah be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, *and* punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all His saints. Praise ye Yahweh.” (Psalms 149:6-9)

This is the heritage or honor of all His saints! All of us can pick up the sword!

But what about those who do not believe or will not take their heritage? Yahweh said in Romans 9:13, that He hates Esau because he gave away his inheritance for a bowl of beans. He would have had great wealth and inheritance from Abraham's family, but he gave it up for the needs of the day. Did not we see in Galatians 3:28-29, that if we are of Yahshua, we are Abraham's seed and worthy of the promises? But some may hate their allotment. Orders do not believe that the fight is Yah's and not ours and they are afraid.

In the story of Gideon's battle, Judges 7:1-23, he started with a great multitude, but those who were afraid and left and went home were twenty-two thousand. Others that bowed down were also sent home. This was a sign of weakness and lack of self-respect. They forgot who they were. Others lapped the water like dogs. They were not worthy of the glory that was to come to the three hundred. The three hundred also were the only ones that received power and great glory after the victorious battle. We see three groups of people: They were those who were afraid, those who were not worthy, and those who did not believe, the dogs. This is a serious condemnation. This is not just a story of Gideon, as some may think.

“Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no

pleasure in him.” (Hebrews 10:38)

He also says that if a man is afraid, He will turn His face from him.

Samson was given literal physical power through a covenant that was made with him and his parents. But, when he forgot the importance of his calling and heritage, what he had was taken away. Because he got involved with an unbeliever, he was seduced and lost his power. Do you know that some have been seduced by unbelievers to give up the truth and turn against the Word? Some would have believed in real spiritual warfare, but listened to those “who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof.” (2 Timothy 3:5) What we have, can be taken away from us, either by unbelief or by fear. These are the primary ways that Satan will work to steal power from you! Yah warns us about both. 2 Chronicles 20:15, “And he said, hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith Yahweh unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude for the battle is not yours, but Yah’s.” Also see 2 Timothy 1:7, “For Yah hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of **power**, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

Yahshua said that the gates of hell shall not prevail against His assembly. This means that neither death nor the Devil will overcome us. He also said they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony. (Revelation 12:11)

In conclusion, we can say that we have been given a glorious calling by faith and by heritage in Yahweh and Yahshua. We will need more power in the evil end-times, but if we are afraid or doubting now, how will we receive more in that evil day, “that having done all, we may be able to stand”? We are to put on all the armor of Yah, and part of that armor is the sword of the Word. People talk about the sword of the Word and Spiritual warfare, but the reality of the power and authority has been stolen from them. Remember, the thief comes but to lie, steal, kill, and destroy. Has anything been stolen from you that you have been give by inheritance?

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