

# ROOD REVIEW

THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD

JUNE 2020

## DEAR TORAH FAN,

THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 6-7, 2020 MARKS THE ANNIVERSARY OF WHEN YESHUA WAS ASKED TO READ FROM THE TORAH IN A CROWDED SYNAGOGUE. IT WAS THE 13TH DAY OF THE THIRD MONTH, 27 CE. LUKE'S RECORD TELLS US:

*"When he opened the scroll, he found the place where it was written, and he read: 'The Spirit of Adonai YeHoVaH is upon me, because YeHoVaH has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are bound, to preach the acceptable year of YeHoVaH.' He closed the scroll, gave it back to the rabbi, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was riveted on him. He began, 'This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.'"*

- Luke 4:17-21

When the crowd heard that last statement, they lost it! This was the same young rabbi who healed a lame man on the Sabbath (a major Pharisee no-no) the previous week (John 5:2-15); he was rumored to have spoken to some Samaritan woman a week before that (John 4:5-43); and (perhaps most infamously), he drove the merchants out of the temple with a whip exactly two months prior (John 2:14-22). Indeed, this was the "acceptable year of the LORD" in the eyes of that crowd, an acceptable year to get rid of this character!

The "year of the LORD" is more literal than most believers realize. In his statement at the synagogue that day, Yeshua was prophesying the final "one year" countdown in which the Spring Feasts of YeHoVaH would be fulfilled. You see, this event occurred on the first Sabbath after Shavuot (Pentecost). Exactly one year later, again on Shavuot, the crucified and risen Messiah would mikveh (baptize) his followers with the Ruach Kodesh (the Holy Spirit).

We don't need fairytales about a three-and-a-half year ministry; we need only one, acceptable year of YeHoVaH. We need only to heed the words of THE Prophet, the one of whom Moses spoke – the prophet who stood up and boldly proclaimed the acceptable year of the LORD in a crowded, angry synagogue. That prophet also spoke of things we are seeing in our present age and said, "I am coming quickly" (Revelation 22:20). Let's be like him. Let's do what he told us to do with the time that we have left.

*See you  
when the smoke clears,*

  
Michael Rood





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# THE TRAP OF OFFENSE

By David Robinson

*We live* in a hypersensitive and easily-offended culture. Too many people today don't know how to deal with their emotions. They can't handle it when someone offends them — even when the offense was clearly unintentional. Indeed, even believers are getting caught up in their offenses, bringing strife and division to the body of Messiah.

So how are we supposed to respond when we're offended? And how do we help others "come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil"

**(2 Timothy 2:25-26)?**

In the Bible, the concept of offense in Greek is represented by the word scandalon, which is the movable stick or trigger of a trap or snare. In order for offense to trap us, there needs to be bait. And the bait has to be something that we really desire. After many years of counseling people, I've learned that the ultimate bait is our sense of value.

We all want to be affirmed. We all want to be loved. The trap is that we look to the wrong source from which to fulfill these needs. YeHoVaH created us with a sense of value and purpose because He wants us to pursue His divine presence in which these needs are completely satisfied. But rather than seeking Yehovah, we look to other fallen, imperfect people to fulfill us — and they can't.

Whether or not you have a right to be bitter depends on whom you ask. If someone hurts your feelings and you run and tell your friends because you're seeking their validation, they will most likely affirm your offense, even if you are wrong. Your friends typically aren't the best people to go to unless they are spiritually mature enough to assess the situation objectively and have the guts to tell you that you are wrong and need to make things right. The best place to turn for your answer is YeHoVaH's Word:

*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Yehovah in Christ forgave you.*

*- Ephesians 4:31-32*

We are commanded to put away all bitterness and anger. We are commanded to forgive those who offend us. According to YeHoVaH's Word, we do not have the right to hold on to our offenses. But why is it so hard to let it go? Because we've forgotten that we've been forgiven. If we are able to keep in mind how much YeHoVaH has forgiven us, it would be much easier to forgive others. Once you truly come to grips with your sins and the depth of the Father's forgiveness, it is from that basis that you can see your offender as a fallen, imperfect person just like you. They weren't designed to fulfill your need for love and validation. They're incapable of perfectly affirming your value. Only the Father can do that.

Next, we must initiate reconciliation. Most of the time when people offend you, it was unintentional, and they are completely unaware of it. In those cases, it's very easy to reconcile as most people (especially if they are a friend) truly wouldn't want to offend you and therefore they are quick to apologize and make things right. But even if the offense was intentional, the Bible gives us a great outline for initiating reconciliation:

*If your brother offends you, go and confront him while the two of you are alone. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.*

*- Matthew 18:15*

The enemy loves to operate in darkness and play off your doubts and assumptions. Most conflict is due to a lack of communication. Honest discussion about your offenses opens the door of the trap for you to escape!

So, if you are trapped in your offenses, know that escape is possible. All you need to do is receive, release, and reconcile. Receive YeHoVaH's forgiveness. Release your offenses towards others. And reconcile with the person who offended you. Let the Father free you from the trap of offense!





# THE BOOK OF ACTS IN ACTION!

Acts chapter 2 tells us that when the day of Pentecost (Shavuot) came, all nations in attendance on the Temple Mount heard the word of YeHoVaH in their own languages — at A Rood Awakening! International, we think that should continue today!

Michael Rood removes the blinders for people to see the true depth of their faith in Yeshua, but to keep it only in English is like hiding a light under a bushell! So, over the last several months, volunteers from around the world have come together to translate some of Michael's most popular works into several other languages.

**WE'RE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT SEVERAL OF THESE PROJECTS ARE NEARING COMPLETION!**

## CHINESE

The 2020-21 Astronomically and Agriculturally Corrected Biblical Hebrew Calendar has been translated into Chinese by Paul Hsein's Kingdom for Jesus team from California and will soon be available for distribution! The Chinese speaking community will soon have access to The Chronological Gospels Bible, too! Volunteer translator from Taiwan Hsiu-o Yu recalls starting the process of translating The Chronological Gospels Bible after feeling she was alone in her search for truth.

"There was no companion (for me) on the path of seeking YeHoVaH," she says. "I felt worthless. But one day, I thought at least I could do something with my English: Let those who love the Truth but do not understand English read such great scriptures!"

Translation is nearing completion and she recalls one of several divine moments along the way.

"When translating the text about Yeshua's resurrection and appearing to the disciples, and the disciples were so excited, I also jumped from my chair," she says. "I was excited with tears, jumping and yelling 'Yeshua is alive! Yeshua is alive! Yeshua is alive!' It was such a real experience that my beloved Yeshua doesn't leave me."



Paul Hsein



Michael with Hsiu-o Yu

## FRENCH

By the year 2050, it is estimated that French will be the language most spoken in the world. As such, now is the perfect time to have The Chronological Gospels Bible in French, and volunteer translator Pamela Lutzker is making it happen.

"I majored in French in college but did not use it much afterwards," Lutzker says. "When I returned to school in 2014, I became involved in a project covering the National Archives of the world. The only way to find information on some of the archives was to read articles and websites in the original languages, including French. During this project I became convinced that YeHoVaH was preparing me for something. After finding answers to my questions about the connection between the Old and New Testaments from Michael's videos, I prayed and asked what Yehovah wanted me to do with the skillsets he had given me. He told me to translate The Chronological Gospels. So, I did."

The process was a triumph for Lutzker, who had struggled with debilitating depression and anxiety for years. While translating The Chronological Gospels Bible, she was gradually healed of her struggles, and says, "I feel normal for the first time in over 40 years."

In December 2019, Les Évangiles Chronologiques was published in both the Kindle (Amazon) ebook format and the epub (Smashwords) format.



Pamela Lutzker

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