

Concerning Hannah Leviy's Death

Dear Brothers,

I'm sorry to have taken so long in getting this to you. The enclosed is the distilled substance or the essence of what has been said regarding Hannah's death. Her death was untimely, sudden, and violent.

Enclosed are:

- a. A new article from the Fargo, ND, paper;
- b. A letter from Savav about Hannah's visit that weekend in Gad;
- c. A letter from Batach in Levi;
- d. A note from Jehu;
- e. A letter about the accident from Tsiytsah;
- f. Two letters about our Manasseh meetings;
- g. Yoneq's response to these letters and some notes about what Aquila said about divorce.

We instructed the Body here that this judgment is a spiritual judgment, for spiritual people. Since Hannah was held in such high esteem by the public in St. Joseph, it would be impossible to explain her death to them in terms that they could understand. The judgment was for the Body, for the Body's edification. Let us all learn.

Shalom,

Caleb

From the Apostolic Workers Meeting in Boston, May 6, 1996:

Also included with these letters is the teaching Nehemiah, which tells us how to deal with accusations. Some of those who have left have come around or called, eager to hear what we are saying about Hannah's death. They have given up their right to know, having broken their covenant. Some seem eager to accuse. We do not want to be distracted from building in order to feed their curiosity or receive their accusations or discouragement.

It is vitally important that the shepherds take in the following pages and express clearly what has happened and what our Father is saying. We do not want this to trickle into (or out of) the Body as unspiritual second-hand comments. We want to express with wisdom the fullness of what we have learned.

Missouri Woman Dies in Accident Near Fargo

(Article from the Fargo, ND, Newspaper)

A 45-year-old St. Joseph, Mo., woman was killed north of Fargo Monday when a payloader went out of control and struck the minivan in which she was riding.

North Dakota Highway Patrol officer, Ed Gruchalla, said the state Transportation Department payloader was northbound on Interstate 94 when it lost its hydraulic fluid, which affected the steering. The payloader crossed the median and struck the southbound minivan on its left side, pushing it onto the shoulder of the highway. The payloader continued into the west ditch.

The Highway Patrol will not release the dead woman's name until her relatives are notified.

The van's driver, Anthony Marchildon, 21, his 21-year-old wife Jessica, and two other passengers, Jeremiah Whitten, 24, and Sara Whitten, 18, all of St. Joseph, were taken to MeritCare Hospital in Fargo. They were treated for their injuries and released.

Gruchalla said the payloader driver, Richard Niemi, 37, 1633 Broadway, Fargo, was not injured.

The accident happened at 11:45 am about a mile north of Fargo's 19th Avenue North.

Niemi was on his way to help a fellow North Dakota Department of Transportation employee who had an accident with his sanding truck on Interstate 29 south of Grandin, ND, earlier in the day.

Gruchalla said the truck's driver had the box up to dump and when it struck an overpass. The collision knocked the box off the truck.

That accident happened about 11 am. Gruchalla said it's still under investigation.

Letter from Savav to Yachin

Dear Yachin,

I will try and express the things on my heart. I pray that the spirit will be communicated through this paper.

This is the reality I heard through Hannah's eyes. During my talks with Hannah I heard her express hope that she was finally being released from a relationship that had become torture to her. She told me that she had tried and tried to make it with Levy, but she just felt it always came back to the same place. She was willing to consider a reconciliation, but only after there was some drastic clean change in him. She hoped her love for him could be rekindled if that change took place.

When they were first married, she loved him and had hope they could overcome together what she believed were his insecurities. She tried and tried to confirm him and love him. Gradually, she lost hope that he could change and when he left for California she was relieved. When he came back, she didn't want to live with him again. She was told it was her fault and she needed to repent. She tried her best to do that. When they lived together in Nova Scotia it was so hard because of all that was going on in her life with her children, but she and Levy were drawing together and she was encouraged. She grew very close to her friends there. Again in Lancaster she had a time of refreshment and love for Levy. There she thought they had made it and were over their problems. Then in Manasseh it all came out again and it was the same feelings she had sensed in their past. Then everything seemed as though he was no different than when he left to go to California. In Manasseh their relationship had become a horror to her. She didn't feel she could bear it any longer, but she feared the words that it was her fault if she talked to anyone about it. She didn't have faith to go on or to talk. She felt trapped because all the things in their relationship were so subtle she didn't think anyone could see or understand them. She prayed to be released; she begged for escape. She pleaded with our Master to spare her and let her out of the relationship somehow. Shortly after that Levy began to act very strangely and it was gradually exposed that there was sin in Levy's life, sexual fantasy and lying. Hannah was so thankful for Isaac because he saw and could speak in her behalf.

Even as the things were exposed, Hannah waited expecting every meeting to turn toward her sin and expose it as all being her fault. She was just gradually beginning to believe that our Father was actually exposing Levy's sin and she wasn't imagining it all these years. She wasn't able yet to fully believe it that it wasn't her fault. She still expected it to turn around on her.

She spoke of Jeremiah's statements to the government that Hannah had been trying to tell them these things for years. She was reserved in endorsing this because I think she feared it being wrong to think that way. Was this an accusation or the truth? She was dependent on Jeremiah to care for her and direct her. She felt much relief from talking to Hakam when he came because she felt much responsibility had been on her because of her husband's dysfunction and the confusion in the government.

She expected to be corrected about the way she had been managing the cafe when she turned the books over because she had juggled the accounts in some way to try to meet all the needs of the community and the cafe. I sensed she felt she was judging the men and going around them according to how she thought it should be. Instead, she felt confirmed and relieved because she was told there has been confusion in the government and she was forced to behave as she had. She felt she had been carrying a weight that wasn't meant for her to carry and she felt relieved of it as she turned over the books.

She told me she was concerned for the youth in Manasseh that there was such strict, quick judgments on them for just being youth and there were reaction out of proportion to their behavior. She felt ha-emeq dealt with them differently by correcting them but not inflating little incidents into big ones. She thought they needed room to be youth. She told me of an incident where one of the youth who didn't like hair nets had put on a hat that someone had worn in another restaurant. Hannah knew the youth had a problem about hair nets, but she thought it was just an immature act, not one of rebellion. She felt the incident was exaggerated in the way it was dealt with.

She told me Sarah and Lev needed a friend, that they were totally unconfirmed. She hoped they would be

loved and drawn out by someone.

She was concerned for Mac (?), because he was grieved that she was the last of the old crew that he knew from Yoneq's time there. She hoped he could receive care.

She told me she looked forward to going to care for Leshem and spending some time with her. She was so thankful for the restoration in their relationship.

She told me that John Mark was almost at the end of his grace about renegade ranch because it was supposed to be a place for those who were thankful for a last chance of mercy. Instead, he found himself with people who didn't want to be there (Obadiah) and who were full of disrespect. She spoke with him about Chazek on the Sabbath saying he was there with an arrogant, "I've come to check out the place" attitude. She knew John Mark was sad that she didn't have a relationship with his children the way she did with Leshem's. He hoped she could come and help Yohannah learn how to deal with their son.

She told me she expected to go eventually to Woodstock to support Hakam with his family. She was thankful for Hananiah and Hakam's confirmation that she was having warm, tight hands with him.

She was eager to return to Hananiah and share her welcome basket with him. She was sad he couldn't come with her, but was relieved that he didn't seem to suffer about it too much.

She told me that Hakam had explained to her about Zadok's involvement in the Lancaster situation and she told me that she couldn't imagine Shiphrah not returning. That she only knew the community through Zadok's principled ways and she didn't think she could do it but she wasn't doubting this was the truth.

She felt that the judgments about Levi that were coming to her now were our Father's answer to her prayer for help and she felt peace in waiting. She said there was very little communication to her but she thought it was because no one knew what to say yet, and that Caleb was going to write to Yoneq and explain things. She wanted to write to Yoneq too, but wanted to wait until Caleb explained the situation first so it would just come from her.

She dreaded going back and facing all that had to be done in order for her to leave with Jeremiah. She didn't think she could do all she had to take care of in two days to leave with Jeremiah, but she really didn't want him to leave her. Could he delay leaving till late Wednesday?

As far as I can remember, that was all she told me about. I had a few impressions from it, but mostly I just felt it was being judged in Manasseh and I would wait on the judgments of people who knew both sides of the issue. I felt a sense of not being able to just believe her because the subject of Levi was such an long, subjective one.

I was thankful that she seemed to be receiving comfort from her children. I had always longed for her to have a relationship with them as we lived through those years of suffering together. I was concerned that she would depend on them entirely because even though they are wonderful, they are not her peers. I was surprised that she had no relationships in Manasseh that she seemed to draw strength from. She told me that she told Caleb she could feel secure with her children and her friends in Gad. That grieved me for her because I thought she needed closer help than that. I wondered if it was just because of the depth of the pain she was feeling that she needed friendships that were older than that, so she wouldn't have to explain anything.

I felt personal grief as I remembered how we had not invited her to Leshem's wedding supper in our insensitivity and had even asked her to care for some of Dinyah's children. I wondered how many other people had overlooked her in similar ways over the years.

I wondered if our Father had just answered her prayer to not have to suffer any more.

I found myself believing that I felt she had reasoned about some of her sins, but I did not think it was intentional. I thought she would have to pay for those sins in death, but I felt she had peace and was connected.

She loved me while she was here. She was sensitive to me and received my love and comfort. She went out of her way to encourage and love Yakar and she felt warm and connected to me. I felt she was suffering and weary but that she had faith. I wanted to see her comforted.

I felt Jeremiah was a little too self-confident, spoke a little too often and too long, but I felt he was trying to be life-giving and was life-giving.

Phinehas was sensitive and delightful. He didn't speak until the last day here, but he cried and gave us his life. He was connected and tender.

I love you and pray our Master will give you all the grace you need to judge this matter. I don't pretend to understand why someone has to die.

We love you,

Savav

Letter from Batach to Reah

Dear Reah,

As I've been thinking I remembered some other things that have bothered me as our Father has been exposing things in my own life that are off. Like I know Hannah and I were close, but somehow I valued it above my covering and really any of the other women. In Asher this thing in me to cling to one person who "really" understands me was exposed and dealt with. But I know she and I were very close, but our friendship didn't lead me to be open with other women as well, so much. She had special care for certain in people. I felt really cared for and looked after like I never had in the Body. I could tell her anything. She understood me. But everyone else couldn't really relate to what I'd been through (so I thought) as much. But I know a real wall grew up in me — "no one else really understood like Hannah." Somehow there I trusted her above everyone, even those in authority. I don't think I was so aware of all of it, but a lot came out of my life in Asher that exposed my lack of trust and openness.

I know sometimes you need someone whom you really trust and can be totally open with, but I saw that I wasn't always open with certain people about certain things because I didn't want my life to be handled. (I didn't see it so much in Manasseh, but I saw it really come up and out in Asher.)

So I wondered if Hannah was suffering in the same way. I know she suffered thinking that people didn't really understand her or could relate to her. She was open with me, but was that really letting her life be handled? I don't know, but always I felt a sense of distance in her. She was so close to customers in the cafe, but not with the other women in the house. We talked about it quite a few times. She seemed to see a lot of things that didn't seem right in the Body. She often told me what she thought about Body matters. Like she told me a few times about things she had seen about a situation, but no one seemed to give weight to her words (she felt like sometimes). Like others who had been in the Body as long as her were very responsible, but she wasn't (she felt like it was because of Leviy's problems and instability). So no one really respected her.

I guess in so many ways I was very influenced by her and I believed she was due more respect and honor and she wasn't really appreciated like she should be. So it took away from the things other people told me because of the subtle ways she seemed to not trust people and talked to me about. It tinted my view of people there very slightly, but it had a great affect on me. She protected me from being "mishandled" or "uncared for." She met my needs (personal, or herbs I needed, etc.). She'd just say it was all right to use tip money for this or that because the household was poor right now. She felt neglected, like her needs were never really met, so it was fine to get things she or I needed. I mean I guess I just thought she had a good heart to help people.

Also Yohannan gave a teaching this morning that really helped me see clearly a root. I prayed our Father would speak clearly to me because I feel very responsible to pass on everything I can remember. The teaching was "Judging Yourself" and it made things very clear to me about Hannah from my point of view. (John 8:51; 3:36; Heb 4:12) Obey — those who obey will not see death. He asked, are we doing everything we can to obey His word? Are there distractions like a person or books or anything? Then we are distracted from Yahshua if we are distracted from the Word. I know Hannah loved to read books, the newspaper, etc. Were they distractions? Were there other distractions? In the teaching it also said how we need to obey the voice of God right now at this present moment — what's spoken to us now (John 3:36). If you don't obey our Father, you don't believe it will bring these things about. If we don't obey God we won't see life. I know it takes a person's will (the use of their will) to obey. Really obey.

Were there lots of hidden things that distracted her from His word? I think there were. I think in many ways it was hard for her to surrender her will, her opinions. I could tell she could be defensive in subtle ways, maybe not so noticeable to everyone, but I saw it. She made it seem like people just didn't understand, but really it's a defense. I see it in my own life. I know I can feel misunderstood, but in a way I'm not totally receiving what people are saying. She was that way too about many things. I feel she had a hard time letting people have access into her life. Trusting. She had many excuses for being this way. I have too. But really it's that you don't want to surrender your own life. The word is not our enemy. Our brother is not the enemy when he brings it. If we surrender to the word, we live. Pretenders don't surrender, they don't judge themselves (1 Cor 11:27-30).

I know that there were many people in Manasseh who suffered physically, but really it was spiritual (myself included). Many of them are gone now. Hannah is too. I know it always bothered me her physical suffering, but now I think I see things clearer. Was she falling asleep? So many people loved to come talk to Hannah in the cafe, but was it always Yahshua they were drawn to? When we speak with a guest, we should always be communicating what the Holy Spirit is saying. I know I didn't really see the seriousness of that when I worked in the cafe. I found it easy to make light conversation, but not always make sure it was the Holy Spirit speaking (John 3:11). But I just followed Hannah's example, took on her mind. But I want to produce fruit that will endure and remain, not be burned up. I know we can't force people to surrender. It has to be an act of their will.

We can always get what we want if we push hard enough, if we aren't willing to do what our Father says we should do, if we aren't devoted. I was devoted to Hannah in many ways and I know it took away from our Father's work in my life. I totally trusted her and believed her. I didn't see things clearly at all then. I was very clouded by her influence over me. Please understand that it's not that I feel like she was a terrible person. I loved her like my own mother. But I believe our Father has brought me clarity in my own heart about things that happened between her and myself that were off. I want to be open and honest about all I saw and felt. I know it's very serious if we hear His voice speak to us but we don't say anything. Caleb, I'm sorry, so sorry I didn't say something about even the few thing I saw when I was there that bothered me. Even though my sight was all cloudy in things then, I did see some things. But I want to really repent to you and the Body there. I'm so sorry. Our Father is dealing with this sin in me.

Also, what I said about Levy I want to make clear. It was just something I wondered about because of the things Hannah had said about him hugging the young girls, but there was so much strain on their relationship that it may have just been her insecurities. I don't really know. I don't want to stir something up that's not there, but I just wanted to get everything out that I was thinking. I know that if somehow the enemy got a foot in the door of Levy's life, only our Father can expose it. Somehow his behavior reminds me so much of my own father. He went insane because of his unconfessed, hidden sin, like legion. The evil one built a nest, one twig at a time. Actually, I had a dream while I was in Manasseh. It was about a man and woman and they were arguing because she was unfaithful to him. It deeply hurt him because he loved her so much. She was yelling at him and he was yelling back. He saw her as the source of all his pain and suffering because he loved her so much but she didn't love him back. So he wanted to put an end to his suffering, just end the pain, so he killed her. But the whole time he was going back and forth in his mind, "I love her. No, she's the pain. No, I love her. No, she's the pain." A battle between evil and good in his mind. But the moment he pulled the trigger of the gun, he was filled with the most horrible sense of regret.

I felt it in my dream. Nothing could take back what he had done. Nothing could change it. It was done. I had that dream not too long before I left Manasseh, but I didn't understand it. It just scared me. It was very vivid. I know Levy's really going through a battle right now in his mind — not that he's thinking about murder, but it is a real battle. My father went through the same kind of thing in his mind, but he chose death. His worthlessness and guilt drove him to hang himself. But Levy has hope if he will repent and be forgiven. I'm sure he has inherited temperaments from his parents, but in Yahshua he can control it. If he's willing (Eph 4:25-31).

Could their ill health have been because they let the sun go down on their anger? If we go to sleep without peace, it just buries itself inside. We might not notice it, but it comes out in other ways. Unconfessed sin affects us, affects our health. Hating is not loving. It's just not loving. If you withdraw your love, then you hate a person. Did Hannah and Leviy hate each other. Did they just withdraw their love? Even if they were the biggest wrecks you've ever seen, I know if they would have turned their attention to Yahshua, He could have supernaturally changed them (2 Cor 3:5; Rom 8:4; Heb 10:26).

I love you and hope this will help you. If I think of anything else, I will write. I feel like our Father is undoing me though this whole thing. He is faithful.

Batach

Letter from Jehu

These things I'm writing now were already communicated for the most part when Jeremiah asked Leshem to send things she thought about what was going on with Leviy when he was going through that time. We still do not know what came of that situation, and I don't know if you still have a copy of Leshem's fax or not. These are the things that really concerned and affected her in her childhood and up until now.

Leshem said the first time Leviy was sent away she was 13. She remembers her Imma saying to her at that time (while he was gone) that she didn't know if she should have married him anyway. She was saying people had questioned her about their relationship when they were on their waiting period. Recently, Leshem found out that Hannah had said this to John Mark also. What she said deeply affected Leshem and John Mark.

Leshem remembers the anniversary meal after Leviy came back and was restored. She says that Hannah seemed uncomfortable there. Leshem said that she as a little girl felt like Hannah was having a hard time accepting Leviy back as her husband. Leshem felt the same way about accepting him as her abba.

Leshem told me that Hannah said that something died in her at this time about their relationship.

In St. Joseph Leshem remembers the time Leviy went to Gad for a month. When he returned he came in the cafe to greet Hannah. Leshem said that she (Leshem) was happy to see Leviy and greeted him. She said Hannah was waitressing and kept waiting on customers for a while. Leshem said it seemed to hurt Leviy as she hardly acknowledged him.

Leshem and I had been in the kitchen once while Leviy was gone and Leshem asked her imma if she missed him (she was thinking inside that she probably didn't because she was sensing that their relationship wasn't doing too well). Hannah said not too much. Leshem said, "How can this be?" Hannah said that after fifteen years of marriage in the Body things like that don't affect you very much anymore. Leviyah told Leshem (she thinks it was Leviyah) that Leviy had told her once that it hurt him how Hannah would so freely talk to customers and have conversation with them, but would come home at night and read and not have much to say to him.

Hannah told Leshem the opposite. She said Leviy would come out during the day and try to show affection to her in front of the customers, but would come home at night and wouldn't say much and look at the floor.

As I said, we don't know what came out there about Hannah and Leviy's relationship when the incident with him happened. I hope these things may be of assistance to you. We will pray for you that you could hear clearly from our Father.

In Yahshua,

Jehu

Letter from Tsiytsah to Yoneq and ha-Emeq

3/31/1996

Dear Yoneq & Ha'emeq,

I started a letter to you a few weeks ago, but so much has happened since then. So I thought I should start over.

This past week seemed to last forever and fly by at the same time. It all started Thursday, the 21st of

March. I worked in the cafe all day and went home to rest a little before the minchah, since I had a terrible headache. Fifteen minutes before the shofar, Phineas raced in our room and said, "Pack our bags — we're going with Jeremiah and Sara to Gad for the weekend." We drove off as soon as the minchah was over. Hannah Beukers went also.

We had an enjoyable trip and we arrived in Gad by 10:00 Friday morning. We had a wonderful time all weekend. We left there at 1:30 am Monday morning. By the time we reached the border, they wouldn't let us through since the roads were closed (because of a blizzard and icy conditions), so we spent the night in the caravan. They let us through around 8:00 am that morning. The road was closed again in Grand Forks an hour later. We waited in a mall until 10:00 am. We began driving again. Jeremiah drove for about 45 minutes, then switched with Phineas and me. Jeremiah and Sara laid down and fell asleep. I was in front, buckled in, but the sun was so bright I closed my eyes and eventually fell asleep. I prayed as I closed my eyes for our Father's protection, because I all the sudden feared we would wreck.

One hour later I woke up to the sound of glass shattering. A gush of freezing air blasted through the broken windows as I sat bolt upright. "What happened?" I frantically said to Phineas, who was now yelling, "That stupid payloader came right across the median and hit us!" As he spoke I turned to see how everyone else was doing. At that moment I saw something I'll never forget as long as I live. Jeremiah and Sara were Ok. Jeremiah was very frantic, crying hysterically, running through the snow with no shoes on.

They were both drenched with Hannah's blood. Phineas yelled to me and said, "Come on. Let's get out quick." He pulled me through his window. By now we were already surrounded by EMTs, paramedics, police, and by-standers. Once outside the van Phineas and I embraced, crying and asking why and what happened. I've never been so afraid in my whole life. It was 11 degrees below zero, so some college students let us sit in their van. We made it to the hospital by 1:00 pm. Jeremiah was bruised and had spinal injury. The bucket hit Phineas in the left shoulder. He got a good scrape and a major bruise. Sara and I were relatively unharmed, so we called Roi and Kefir. They said to hold tight and someone would come get us. Phineas felt so bad because he was the one driving, but Jeremiah said it wasn't his fault. He believed our God was the one who took her life. He said, "For about two weeks I've felt my imma was going to die."

Around 4:00 pm the hospital gave us each a hotel room and free meal tickets. We left Jeremiah and Phineas and went with the police officer to get our belongings out of the van. When I saw the van in the junk yard, I knew it was truly a miracle any of us lived. It was our Father's mercy that he allowed Jeremiah, Sara, and me all to sleep. We don't know if Hannah was awake, but Phineas says she did let out a short scream as the bucket hit.

Phineas says we were driving about 45 mph along with the rest of the traffic. The highway was full of cars backed up from the roads being closed. He saw the payloader pull into the median but didn't think twice about it, since it was a road construction vehicle clearing snow and helping other cars who were in the ditch. The payloader was in northbound traffic; we were in southbound traffic with a 50-foot median in between. Phineas looked away and the next thing he knew was the payloader was coming across the southbound traffic, going about 34 or 40 mph. First the bucket hit the driver's front corner of the window. It slid back, broke the driver's window. Phineas leaned forward and away. It barely hit his shoulder, pushed his seat over, and cut every post and broke every window, and the back hatch. Hannah was leaned against the window on the seat behind Phineas (the side the bucket hit). She was facing the front, so her cheek was against the glass and her legs were stretched across the seat. So the bucket hit her right between the jaws. Her head was split open and you could see her bottom jaw. The force of the bucket knocked her clear across the van against the sliding door, kind of leaned over Jeremiah's feet. She died instantly.

Well, later that evening Phineas and I stood in the shower crying and praying that our Father would speak about why. We were so thankful to be alive. We always want to be thankful, whole-hearted people! We love and miss you both lots! We hope to see you again some time. I hope everything I wrote is clear. It's difficult to say exactly what happened. We've had difficulty sleeping since the accident. Also Phineas

is not able to use his arm. We've been at the farm for about a week. That has been nice to be away from the situation. I am very thankful that Phineas is still alive. He could have died very easily. I love him so much. He's the Best!!!

Love,
Tsiytsah
(Phineas too!)

First Letter from Caleb to Yoneq
3/29/96

I would like to send you all the notes from this meeting, but it is unrealistic (26 pages) to do. What was said was consistent with the letters that you already have. Hannah was cool towards her husband, didn't really respect him, was embarrassed by his odd behaviors, didn't want to live with him again, or, for that matter, continue the relationship. These observations and remarks were made to many people at various times over not just recent times (here in Manasseh), but since 1982. She never received the Body's judgment back then about Leviy, not trusting him or the Body. She clung to the testimony of one or two(?) that they should have never gotten married, rather than submitting to him. Their relationship was described as lacking warmth, but full of distance. I guess she felt that she really tried to make it work. But finally gave that up and "wanted to be real." She didn't or wouldn't live with him until there was a change in him. This puts the blame on him completely and doesn't address her attitudes at all.

At some meeting here in Manasseh, Ben Nabiyy apparently told her that she should derive all her satisfaction as a woman by being Leviy's wife. This statement caused her to give up. She even prayed that our Father would take her life. That was about six months ago when she prayed that. About three weeks ago she repeated that to Sarah (wife of Lev). She even repeated it several times. That was how badly she wanted to be free from Leviy. I think its in Savav's letter where Hannah "took a stand" not to pretend any longer, but to "be real." We felt that her taking a stand like that left our Father no room to work in her life. She was no longer willing to obey 1 Pet 2:1-6 or Col 3:18,22-25 and Heb 12:1-2. Also Eph 5:21-24.

Hannah was a living example of dysfunction. She did not respect Leviy except in lip service; there was no affection. Her life was lived in front of Gentiles, none of whom have been drawn into the kingdom, nor repelled by the gospel.

As for Leviy, he has guilt in this as well. But Hannah is responsible for herself in how she obeyed the Word. Our Father took her life because she preferred death to suffering to live to be Leviy's wife and because she stopped being willing to suffer for Messiah's sake. A wife is a wife because she is a wife. Hannah proved not to be Leviy's wife.

Hannah's example was a bad example to the other women in this tribe. She misdirected Mattanah when Mattanah wasn't wanting to submit to Sholomo. She told Segullah to seriously consider marrying Hilkiyah. Hilkiyah had, according to Hannah, traits (embarrassing to her) similar to Leviy's. Her desires to leave him and wander from clan to clan in Judah to be with her children is a bad example also of how a wife should be. Her plans are her own since we (the government) never clearly told her she was going to see her daughter. It was out of order for her to be happy in Gad last weekend while her husband was cut off in St. Joseph.

Our conclusion is that she hasn't wanted to be with Leviy for many years. In spite of Leviy's erratic behavior, she is without excuse. She let her heart drift away. Surely Leviy's sins are many and awful, but she is to respect him, honor him, and instead she despised him. An example is the time he returned from Gad. He'd been gone a month. She didn't even stop work to greet him. And to add insult to injury, she went shopping until after midnight, leaving him to go to sleep alone at home.

This is our conclusion. The notes might make the picture more vivid, but basically she hates Leviy and despised the thought of being with him again, preferring our Father to take her life rather than continue on with him.

If Leviy was guilty, why didn't he die? Hannah didn't die to escape the misery in her life, but rather because she became unwilling to obey the Word.

The discussion was so convicting that Simchah (wife of Phinehas) repented for letting herself think that her marriage was a mistake.

Segullah repented for not being content in Manasseh, thinking she belonged in Judah. She was so discontent that her husband asked her if she was sorry that she married him.

We will be meeting in the morning around 10 am. We would like to know if there are other things we should consider. I hope this helps you.

Shalom,

Caleb

Second Letter from Caleb to Yoneq

3/31/96, 9 pm

I haven't heard from you, so I'm a little at a loss to know if you concur with what was said, or if you would like the notes for a better understanding or feel for what was said.

I didn't include this part the other day because it was so late and the late hours that week were telling on my mind, but I'd like to add it now.

A letter from Tamidah (Kefir's wife) about Hannah drew a conclusion that everything Hannah did drew attention to herself. Her testimony about people at the cafe, her grandchildren, her concern over being misunderstood, etc. It was an observation and probably true. At least partially true. I considered it a fault rather than something that would directly contribute to a fatal sin. I considered it something that should have been checked by her sisters, shepherds, coverings. And that is what I consider in this situation. It is very sad that neither of them had close friends here in Manasseh. And over all it seems that they didn't have many friends anywhere. I remarked in the meeting, "I wonder if we failed them as shepherds and even as friends." Hannah's claim was "to trust" and that is what Jeremiah proclaimed before he left here. She always told him to trust.

Leviy said he tried to talk with and did talk to Roi about his problems last summer. Roi said all he remembers was just a general talk with some confession of things (nothing to the degree that has since come out now). Amidst all else that was happening back then it is not too surprising that that was as far as it went.

A wise ruler is able to draw out matters as it says in the Proverbs. The burden of so many people's lives is very great. I cannot say that I gave either of them proper care. Since they were older in the Body, able to overcome and go on, utilize their gifts, bear their sufferings, they, like many others in like circumstances, probably don't get the care they need. These ones are called here and sent there, expected to give life and do, but the maladies they have and its resulting dysfunction cause concerns where they are. Their mobile life actually works against them, if you count close friendships. Of course, no one can be saved without being open and the individual has to open up. But being expected to be a support, not wanting to be a problem themselves, can cause them to not get what they need.

Hannah was open for fear — one of not being believed, mainly because there wasn't anything concrete. And she felt it came back on her. I guess that was the usual remark. She needed to be a wife to him. I don't guess much came to him.

I think that overall as shepherds we might have done a better job drawing them out. And aside from them, two people cannot possibly (even three) deal with 80-100 people. There are certainly lacks here, but with Aquila/Prisca healthy now and Naboth/Eshet here, every single shepherding problem doesn't land squarely at Roi's or my feet. I'm grateful for that and I know the overall welfare of the people is going up. The anointing is being upheld and taught. The sincere will be even happier and it will be easier for the insincere to choose to leave or become sincere.

The lack of skilled hands here has caused a great economic depression. Work is just beginning as the grass greens and the flowers bloom.

Up to this point training here has sputtered along. The latest attempt is with Aquilla. He's re-established

order and authority in the classroom, but himself is not an academic teacher. Besides he is needed at the cafe and other places of evangelism. There was an idea of Yoceph Gonyaw coming here. But I understand from Shoresch that he isn't a rabbi. As a matter of fact, he's weak in discipline and isn't academic at all. However, he would be a great asset in the cafe and bakery.

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Some Notes from the Judgment Meeting

From Aquila:

Mal 2:14-16 — God hates divorce. There is no divorce in the church, but you can do it in your heart. Hannah wanted to leave Levy altogether (verse 16). Verse 9 says you are not following my ways — there is no partiality in the law. It doesn't matter how long you've been in the Body or who you are — we all have to obey the word.

Col 3:18-25 — First it says wives. And what we do must come from sincerity of heart. Anyone in any of those relationships who does wrong will be repaid for that wrong.

One reason we have judgment meetings after a death is to defend God. He's not *unfair*. He *does* protect those who abide in the covenant.

1 Cor 11:30 — If you go to the table and you despise your husband, you are guilty. Hannah did this.

Pr 10:27 — The fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked will be shortened.

We *loved* Hannah, our *friend*. But our Father heard her heart, her prayer, and *He* judged her.

Mt 24:34 — Our Father will prolong our days if we are faithful. Isa 53:10 — He will see His offspring and prolong their days. This is what the righteous have to look forward to.

From Caleb:

Levy is leaving in the morning to go to New York to hopefully find repentance. He's confessed many things, but is still not able to repent. He'll be with Sameach, do menial work, get help from sons. Maybe I can be clearer later.

From Matthew:

I'm thankful for clarity. Everything said bore witness with my spirit. I'm thankful our Father gave the elders wisdom.

Fax from ha-emeq to Caleb

4/2/96

Dear Caleb,

Yoneq has just been waiting to hear if there were other things which you have had to say. He receives your understanding about the situation. He believes that your appraisal of the situation is accurate. "We have heard so many things, so many reports; we can see the total picture, and one thing we do know —our Father heard Hannah's prayer."