Giving Truth to Jacob (Micah 7:18-20)

Yom Kippur

Before we start on some of the things we need to talk about today, I would like to talk about Yom Kippur and the festivals that we will be celebrating. At this point we hardly know why we celebrate what we do. When we do celebrate the festivals, we hardly know what we will do, what dances we are to dance, what teachings we will be teaching. We have to come to understand what festivals we will be observing and what they mean. This has to come through revelation and understanding from all of us, especially the School of the Prophets.

Yom Kippur will be the beginning of years for us. It will be the beginning of the countdown, if you want to call it that. It will take unshakable certainty that our Father has spoken to us for that to happen. It can't happen any other way except through revelation to every one of us, especially all of the prophets and apostles. We have to have revelation in our hearts that our Father has spoken to us so that we can all go in faith. Otherwise, we will never begin. We can't start.

In the beginning, as we have said, if there is any doubt in any person, we will end that doubt before we begin the Race. At Yom Kippur we will have a mass baptism or washing, whatever it needs to be, to erase every doubt there is. We can't run with doubt. It is a heavy load. We have to know who we are, knowing we have passed out of death and into life because we are laying down our lives for our brothers and sisters. We have to know that we are pleasing to our Master and that He hears our prayers. We have to know that He hears us. These are the things that are a litmus test to indicate whether we have passed out of death and into life. We know He hears us (1 Jn 5:14 and 3:22) if we are doing what is pleasing in His sight. If we are not doing what is pleasing to Him, certainly our prayers are not going to be answered and we are going to run in vain. We will bring forth wind, as Isaiah said.

Micah 7:18-20 — Give Truth to Jacob

Mic 7:18-20 seems to be a picture of what will happen during Yom Kippur. Israel would gather near a river or lake. They would go through a washing. In our ten days of searching our hearts during Yom Kippur we must come to the unshakable certainty that all of our sins are confessed, that everything we have done against a brother is confessed, our lack of love for a brother is confessed, and our sins are not piling up in any way due to not loving our brother as our Master loves.

"Love one another as I have loved you." If we have not done that, we are in sin. Our sins are keeping us from our Father, therefore they pile up. We have neglected a brother. We have to judge ourselves perfectly — as perfectly as we possibly can in the flesh that we are in, in communion with our Master, with the Holy Spirit guiding and leading us, speaking to us and letting us know whether we have neglected or ignored a brother. It is not merely speaking of physical needs, but also spiritual.

I hope that you have read the "Litmus Test" in the *Intertribal News*. The litmus test can be applied to those went through the ceremony of Bar or Bat Mitzvah. Either they merely went through a ritual or they actually received the Holy Spirit through it. Was it was something real, or just a ritual? It can become a ritual. It won't make the Jews jealous if ours are rituals like theirs. The parents must know that their son or daughter will receive the Holy Spirit. They must have *faith*, not just wishful thinking.

Soon we will talk about defective parenting. We will have seminars or a series of teachings on "Defective or Effective Parenting." We know what the consequences are. I am hearing from all over about defective parents. And what is the result of it? Defective parenting is not according to the teachings we have taught. It is not in obedience to the anointing of the Holy Spirit, what He has taught us.

One of the greatest things you can do for your child, of course, is to love your wife, or submit to your husband. Also, you can talk to your child about your iniquity, instead of just letting him grow up to be youth, seeing your iniquity, and hiding things in his heart. Talk to him about it, for it is in him also.

Mic 7:18 — "Pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression of the remnant of His heritage..." Certainly we can apply this to ourselves. We can apply it to what is going to happen in the future to the natural seed of Abraham, but, first let's apply it to ourselves. Let's make this prophecy apply to us. If it is never applied to us, it will never be applied to Israel in the next age.

"He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy." Our Father delights in mercy. If you don't believe that, in some way you are crooked, for you see God as crooked (2 Sam 22:26-27). If we are distorted in some way, we see God as distorted. If we are perverted, we see God that way. You blame God. "God this, God that... Why did He cause the rain? How come it didn't work out this way? How come this person did that? It is all your fault, God." But whose fault is it? Yours — because you have that wicked attitude. It is an evil, wicked, perverted attitude.

With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful; with a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless; with the pure You will show Yourself pure; and with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd. (2 Sam 22:26-27, NKJ)

With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you show yourself blameless; with the pure you show yourself pure, and with the crooked you show yourself perverse. (NRS)

Our Father delights in mercy. We have to start helping people. Twisted thoughts come to everyone. There is no one here whom it hasn't come to, to think God is not doing right. We prayed yesterday for the rain to pass over, and someone said, "How come it rained?" But it was marvelous that it rained a little bit. It was good.

(A thunderstorm was coming that was supposed to bring a downpour and dangerous winds, but after we prayed, it passed over us with only a gentle shower.)

Mevaser — It was the amazing kindness of our Father to settle the dust and cool the air. It made it the most pleasant afternoon for our people.

Daniel — You wouldn't believe how much we got done when we saw that storm cloud coming. We all rallied together.

Mic 7:18-19 — "He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us and will subdue our iniquities." That is a promise. What does it mean that He will subdue our iniquities? It keeps talking about iniquities. Then it says, "You will cast all of our sins into the depths of the sea, and You will give truth to Jacob, and mercy to Abraham, which you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old." If we could just understand that. I know we have some understanding, but if we could just cast all of our sins into the depths of the sea… It sounds like a washing or baptism to me.

Our whole life centers around Mic 7:20, "You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, as You have sworn to our Fathers from the days of old." Mal 1:11 is truth to Jacob, truth to Israel. We are going to do what Mal 1:11 says, and of course, Isa 49:6,8. We are going to do it for them, for Abraham's offspring. It is something our whole life centers around, making sure our Father's promise to Abraham is fulfilled. "To give truth to Jacob…" That *truth* is the witness of the truth, the evidence, the veritable witness of Isa 49:6. We have to know who we are and what our purpose is. "To give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham…" — what He promised Abraham, which hasn't been fulfilled yet — an enemy-free land.

Isa 49:8 speaks of the desolate inheritances — 4,000 years have passed and it hasn't been fulfilled yet. But there is a people on the earth who will fulfill that for Abraham's natural descendents (Gen 15:18; 18:19).

Rom 11:15 is when Israel goes back and reclaims the land. It is like a resurrection from the dead. Israel is as dead as the First Church, as demonstrated by Christians. They are without understanding and without the breath of life, without the water of life. Acts 26:8 and Isa 49:8 and Rom 11:15 are speaking of the same event — the resurrection of Israel. This is what we are working for. We are the spiritual Israel, the Twelve Tribes.

Our Master said He was born for a purpose, and the Word came into the world for a purpose — to dwell in our Master Yahshua. The Word came into the world to dwell in the *man*, our Master Yahshua (Jn 18:37). These are familiar passages. We have to know and understand them.

Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (Jn 18:37)

He came into the world to give witness to the truth — to give truth to Jacob. But our Master ascended; He didn't stay on earth in His physical, personal body. He is not going to come back and do it Himself. He is going to do it *before* He comes back. He can't come back until we actually fulfill what He was born for. We have to fulfill what He, the Word, came into the world for. What was that? To bear witness to the truth.

We have to be the witness of the truth — to give truth to Jacob. If we are not the truth, we are hypocrites — we are worse than Christianity because we make greater claims that Christians do. We are here to give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham, to startle many, to have a startling effect (Isa 52:15). Kings will shut their mouths, not because they are "sprinkled" (as some translations say), but because they are *startled*. We are going to give truth to Jacob and extend mercy to Abraham. Gal 3:27,29 — They are the seed of Abraham, those who belong to Him. And they live as those who belong to Him, as we are His possession.

We care nothing about the world. We are not inclined to love the world and the things of the world. It doesn't make any difference what is going on in the world. All we care about in the "news" is what affects us as a people, what is essential that we learn from. Those who pay attention to the news must always judge, "Is it beneficial to us as a Body to know these things?"

We have some people who are learning these things. But, if we learn them on our own, we are going to bring a lot of things into the Body that are useless or defiling and are going to get us off-center. We want to be centered around Mic 7:20. We don't get political. We are not political. We don't have a political agenda.

So, what is truth? Our Master came to give witness to the truth. What is only then, in that time, that He gave witness to the truth? No! He came to give witness to the truth, but He is talking about *us*. He is not talking about just then. How many times did He say, "I have come to do this or that?" We have to fulfill them all. If we are not fulfilling them, we don't even belong to Him. We are not Him!

Yoceph Rodriguez — "Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice" — That means He is still speaking on the earth. The prophetic voice is still alive. His anointing is being heard today. Revelation is still coming forth.

What is truth? What does it mean to give witness to the truth? We are here to do what He was born for. We are here to do what He came into the world for. In Jn 18:37 He speaks of His humanity and His divinity. "I was born..." Divinity wasn't born, but perfect, pure humanity was born, in order for the Word to dwell in His pure humanity, without sin.

"I was born for this cause... I came into the world for this cause." This is speaking of His oneness. We are here to give witness to the truth, to do what He was born for. We are here to do what *we* were born for. "Why was I born? Why was I created?" That is our question. If we are not doing what we were born for, what we were created for, we are wasting our time. You can't imagine what is happening in the world now.

We are here to do what He was born for, what the Word came into the world for — to give witness to the truth, to those who are of the truth. Isn't it wonderful that you were of the truth? You didn't know that you were of the truth. You had no idea, but you were of the truth. I was of the truth. My wife was of the truth. She heard His voice through a little weak one. I don't even know how it happened. We couldn't even distinguish ourselves from Christians, except by how they lived. We couldn't understand why Christians didn't live the way we lived. But we just thought that everyone was going to heaven, until we started seeing and having revelation, and understanding came little by little.

The one who is of the truth, and who is willing to do His will, that is the one who receives the Holy Spirit. It is not a doctrinal thing. There were many who weren't willing to do the will of our Father. There were many who were. Those who were are still here. Those who weren't aren't here.

Those who are of the truth and who hear His voice will give witness to the truth to others who are of the truth and who hear His voice. I looked up the word *truth* this morning. Are we of the truth? If we are, we hear His voice and we continue to hear His voice.

The truth is unimpeachable, irrefutable, uncolored, undisguised. Our Master was undisguised, yet He told His disciples not to tell people that He was the Messiah.

The truth is plain. The truth is authentic. The truth expresses fidelity — faithfulness. We must live a life of fidelity.

Mt 21:43 says, "I am taking the kingdom away from you and giving it to a nation who will produce the fruit of it." Make sure you know it is a *nation*. Our Master said it is a *nation*. It was not a group of unrelated people.

The truth is unexaggerated. It doesn't need to be exaggerated. It stands on its own. The truth is "all wool, a yard wide." What does that mean? The dictionary said it was a colloquial expression. It's a standard of measure: a full yard wide, with no impurities in it. There is nothing adulterating it. It is pure wool. We could write a book on that.

Nothing ever has been or ever will be comparable to us. That sounds pretty boastful, doesn't it? Nothing will EVER compare with us. Why? Because we are fulfilling everything our Master Yahshua came for, what He was born for, and what He came into the world for. We represent Him. It has to be the most tremendous witness that you can even think of in order to judge the whole world, to bring an end to this world, and bring about the next age.

It can't be an indefinite, vague kind of a witness. It is going to be something so great and mighty that it brings judgment to all the world. It won't be some little hidden thing, either. It will be a light that goes forth to all the world. It can't be done except through a pure people — pure wool, no synthetics, nothing else mixed in with that wool. Linen can't be mixed with wool (Dt 22:11). You can mix things of the same nature, but not of animal and plant origins. We don't like to mix synthetics in, either. We don't wear polyester, do we? We don't mix linen and wool, do we? We don't know exactly why, but we don't do it. Is there a particular reason our Father said not to do it? Is there a spiritual reason our Father said not to do that?

Nothing will ever compare with that witness of the truth, for we represent Him, and He is incomparable. Mic 7:18 — "Who is like You? Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquities, forgiving each other of sin?" *Veritable* means real, genuine, authentic, just as Mt 24:14 is a veritable witness of the truth, or as one translation put it, "setting the evidence before all." We have to set the evidence before all — the witness of the Kingdom. That is the witness of our Master Yahshua's reign in a people. And it gives witness to the Kingdom, the reign that will come, in the next age. It is a foretaste of the age to come. You don't get the whole cup of maté, just a foretaste. It has the same quality as what is coming.

Our Master came to give evidence of the truth and Mt 24:14 says we are to give evidence of the truth, to give witness to the truth. If we are not doing that we won't get off the ground. We will just bring forth wind. We will say, "Oh, the Male Child is going to be born. The mother is in anguish." And what does she do? She brings forth wind. Why? Because we haven't for fifty years selected our youth to go to events based on the

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same criterion as for the Male Child (as much as we can now, with our discernment, which is not yet fully grown).

How can we choose the Male Child and not make mistakes? We choose them from our households. We know their lives. The parents won't be partial. Of course they won't hold their son back because they know he is going to be slaughtered. But maybe some don't want their child to be tortured. It is going to be something to send your child out into that world.

David Zerubbabel — If we pamper them now we will pamper them then.

So that is what we are working toward. We have to start now.

We give mercy to Abraham. The Jews just drag our Father's name through the mud (Eze 36:21). We aren't Jew-haters, but we just have to let them know the truth. Sholom has to know the truth. He was speaking to some Jews the other day who were ready to kill him. We know how they are. We love the Jews, but they don't love us. We want to save them, but blood has come upon their heads, and their children's heads, and their children's heads, just as their forefathers said, "Let His blood be on our heads, and our children's heads." (Mt 27:25)

Martin Luther probably saw it right, but he didn't have any business taking matters into his own hands to remove them. He saw it right in a certain, natural way. It was already predicted, prophesied — our Father had already said it. But we are working on their behalf. How can they say that we hate them? We are just telling the truth.

We tell the truth about what is in Châm, but we also tell the truth about redeemed Châm. We also see what is in redeemed Shem — redeemed Jews and redeemed French and Germans — all the different cultures. Even redeemed Americans, the worst of all (I say that so you Europeans won't get mad at me).

> Mevaser — A few days ago it really spoke to me how Obadiah was speaking about 2 Ths 2:10, how they all perished because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved. He talked about how they may have thought they loved the truth, but they did not have THE LOVE of

THE TRUTH. The truth is nothing less than the Holy Spirit. He is the truth. It says that "You will give truth to Jacob and mercy to Abraham."

The reason nothing compares with us is what it says in Ps 50:2, "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God will shine forth." That is why nothing with compare with us — because it is Him. It is Him shining forth. I saw that at our event, how our Father is helping us realize that we are nothing apart from Him. We can't come with the doctrine of the truth, or the memory of the truth, but it has to be the Holy Spirit Himself.

The perfection of truth is God Himself, and God can't be seen, except through

humanity, through redeemed man. He is the perfection of truth.

Hakam — That is what *attest* really means, I think. Attest is something that is spoken that actually comes into existence. Attest has to do with what you say. You attest to something that is real. You can actually see it. It becomes tangible. It is not something that just becomes wind. When you *attest* to something, it happens. Our Father spoke and the world was. He attested and He spoke of the fact of the world, and it came into existence. There it was. It is not just that it *is*. It was *spoken*. We have to be pure in every way so that we can say it like we are hearing it today. We are hearing it so that we can speak it, and it can come into existence.

Was the DC event exaggerated? Were we exaggerating ourselves, or was it reality, a veritable witness? Were we real, or were showing something that we aren't? Was it a veritable witness, genuine? Was it what we do, or was it an act, a play? Are we showing forth ourselves in a way that we are really not there yet? Was it a veritable witness? We have to make sure that it is real.

We have marvelous pictures of our farms. People want to come see us. It seems beautiful; it seems nice. ha-êmeq and I went around the world trying to find the communities we had heard of. There were hundreds of listed communities, but of veritable witnesses — not one. The screen doors were all ripped and the flies were coming in. No one took the garbage out. No one washed the dishes. They were piled up as high as heaven.

ha-êmeq — Utopia.

A lovely concept! That is in our play. We could be the biggest hypocrites that ever lived if we are not diligent. Diligence includes both love and works. Diligence is a man's greatest possession, but we don't have it if we are dull to things around us. A dull man will walk by a piece of trash and not pick it up. You ought to pick up trash even when no one's eyes are on you. If you want to know what you are like, find out what you do when no one is around. That is a litmus test, isn't it? It shows whether we really believe in God, our Father. We wouldn't do it in front of our brother, but in front of our Father, it's okay. That is the fool who says in his heart, "There is no God." Today all you have to do is push a button and there it is, every unspeakable thing. It can be a dangerous thing, what we choose to do. That is why we have to have baptisms or washings, to get rid of everything on our consciences. We have to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal these things so that we can be cleansed, or we will never be that veritable witness.

If we really want to do our Father's will, then we will pray the prayer our Master taught us to pray. We don't start out praying, "Let Your will be done." I think we should start out praying, "Father, deliver us (me) from the evil one."

If we truly want to be delivered from the evil one, then is He going to deliver us? Yes. Then we can be pure and we can walk that walk. Then we can pray that His name will be hallowed and His Kingdom will come, and it will. It will come through His people praying. But we can't pray if we are not being delivered from the evil one.

Not Taking Sides or Becoming Political in Current Events and History

How many times did we pray that prayer in school? A hundred thousand times? Was it good that prayer was taken out of school, or was it bad? Should we stand up and say, "It shouldn't have been," or, "I am glad it was taken out of school"? Which one? If you get involved in these things, you are not being delivered from the evil one, who would like to get us involved in politics. We have to be pure wool, and a yard wide. We do have current events classes, but Gamaliel has to make sure he is not getting political, taking sides. If Gamaliel take sides, it will go into our children. France says not to go to war, so maybe we take sides with America, and Reuben take sides with France, and before you know it we're divided. That is why we have to be delivered from the evil one. It is tricky, very tricky. In the next thirty years, what will happen? We have to be pure wool, under the anointing.

> Hakam — I remember when you said the day would come when we would be led more and more by discernment. You can see the subtleties of the things that are coming upon the earth, and how we are going to have to have discernment, very astute discernment about so many things to not be distracted and go off the way.

Emet — It is amazing when you talk about pure wool in light of what Haggai was saying about cloths of different nature. The only way we can be that veritable witness, now that we are of a different nature, being a different race, is that as a man thinks, so he is. If our minds are on the things of another nature, then that nature infiltrates and mixes with the fiber of our being. You can see that as we respond to world events. We have to have discernment. The way we think mixes with the fiber of our being. It affects our soul, our emotions, our intellect...

Maybe that is why the kings of the earth will shut their mouths. Here we are, all over the world, but one nation.

Emet — It made me remember how it says the church *became* something else. Its nature changed. It was something, with a nature, but you start to weave a fiber in with the others, and it becomes something else.

As we have said from the beginning, a little bit of truth makes the error lethal.

You might think *Fox News* is great... they talk about God, they're conservative. Well, who almost crucified us? *The New York Post*. Guess who owns *Fox News* — the same one who owns the *New York Post*. Do you know why they are conservative? Because it makes them good money. They have enough truth to make the error lethal. So, are you going to just take it all in? We have to be very careful. Mix a little bit of linen in there, or a little bit of wool... Which is worse, wool mixed with linen, or linen mixed with wool?

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The whole world is under the power of the evil one, his cunning. Some say the United States is a "Christian nation." Thomas Jefferson never called it a "Christian nation." But what did this "Christian nation" do? They took up the sword and killed the people who were taxing them. Was that right? If they didn't claim to be Christians, it would be justifiable. But since they claim to be Christians, they contradict themselves. The revolution worked in our favor, since there is freedom of religion. Still, we can't just say it was right. We have to have discernment. We can't get involved with these things. We say Roger Williams was right, BUT Roger Williams almost claimed to be a Christian. At least he was right about a few things.

The American system has created freedom all over the world, but it will also help bring in the antichrist. Right now it is working in our favor. But pretty soon, the Christian "woman" will mount the back of the Beast, bringing him into power. That is what Mr. Bush is facilitating, but he doesn't know that. That is why they always act like they are Christians to get elected. I don't know how in the world Mr. Kerry is, but I guess he also claims to be a Christian.

We can get totally enamored with these things, get on the Internet and watch the news. And we can start getting "study" Bibles. Each one is different. They agree on certain things, and on others they don't. Then pretty soon we're saying, "This is what *this* Bible says," and "This is what *that* Bible says." If we can't distinguish the truth from error, if we can't extract the precious from the vile, then we are going to bring confusion into the Body. We see some people who are into the news or have study Bibles and we are not sure they are able to extract the precious from the vile.

Emet — We tend to look at things as good and bad. So, when I began to look into William Tyndale I saw him as the good man, the hero. Everything in my heart wanted him to be good. I wanted to read really good things about him, wanting him to be like us. And since Thomas More and William Tyndale opposed each other, and I went in with the premise of William Tyndale being good, I expected to find bad things about Thomas More. If you like William Tyndale, you couldn't also like Thomas More. I think that is how we see things a lot. We are looking for a hero.

That always polarizes you. But things aren't usually so black and white. Men in the nations wake up in this world and they see little bits of life. They don't have the whole picture. But what we have to communicate to our people, and especially to our children, is the whole picture — the enigma of man. It seems like there are a lot of really difficult situations. I was talking to a man who had been in Bosnia, and I asked him, "What do you think?" He said it was really complicated and that there are no really good answers. There is no clear answer.

If we could really understand things — the enigma of man — we would know the only solution is the good news.

Tyndale had a conviction, and I am glad we have the Bible. But there is validity to what Thomas More was saying about the great chaos and debauchery that would come through Tyndale's mindset that a man could just read the Bible and know right from wrong and not have to listen to anybody. That is what Christians are saying all the time.

I learned something from the way I was thinking and what I discovered. I wanted a hero, a good guy and a bad guy, but I think it is just not that simple. It is like what we heard about September 11. That terrible thing happened and then I heard that you said, "Well, look at what they have been under for the last thousand years. It's no wonder they're bitter."

It is so wonderful when you hear something like that. That whole thing comes upon you, "This is so wicked and evil! That wicked religion!" And then you hear something like that and the blinders fall off and you say, "Wow, living in the world is more complex than that."

They were at the receiving end of the Crusades. I am not saying they had a right

to do it. But here "Christian" America is supporting Israel.

Hakam — That is why we have to find the channel of the truth in the anointing to apply to everything. For instance, we know that Christianity is guilty of the blood of all men. Then, we talked to a Pakistani journalist at the event. He covered the withdrawal of the Russians in Afghanistan, the civil war there, the rise of the Taliban, and the US invasion and the entire US war against them. He is from a border town on the Pakistan-Afghan border. He spent all kinds of time in the camps of the Taliban. He was able to go in and out and write all kinds of things in the *New York Times*. He sees right through the *Times* and the prejudice in the media. But the point is this: he said that he was there, in Afghanistan, when President Bush

made that famous speech about the "crusade" against terror and the Taliban. They put that speech in every mosque across the Arab world and in ten days they recruited twenty thousand fighters for the Taliban from among the youth across the Arab world.

Just because they used that one word...

Hakam — Because the President used that one word and it was in their memory, the blood shed by Christianity, and it was passed down to them. They were ready to die for it.

The Crusades were the Christian *jihad*. When President Bush said "Crusade," that meant a Christian holy war. And they said, "All right, we are going to have a holy war," and they recruited twenty thousand soldiers in ten days. But if we didn't understand that about the blood being on Christianity, we could really get into debates about the Taliban being evil people. Why are they recruiting these men who are coming against these good Americans trying to bring freedom and democracy to the Middle East?

David Zerubbabel — It was Billy Graham who put that word into common use. The reason President Bush would say that is because Billy Graham has made it a common term. He has no sensitivity to use that word for his evangelistic crusades. It is shameless.

How is the nature of Ishmael ever going to change? It can't. It always is there. We

have an Ishmaelite who has changed, but only in Messiah can it happen.