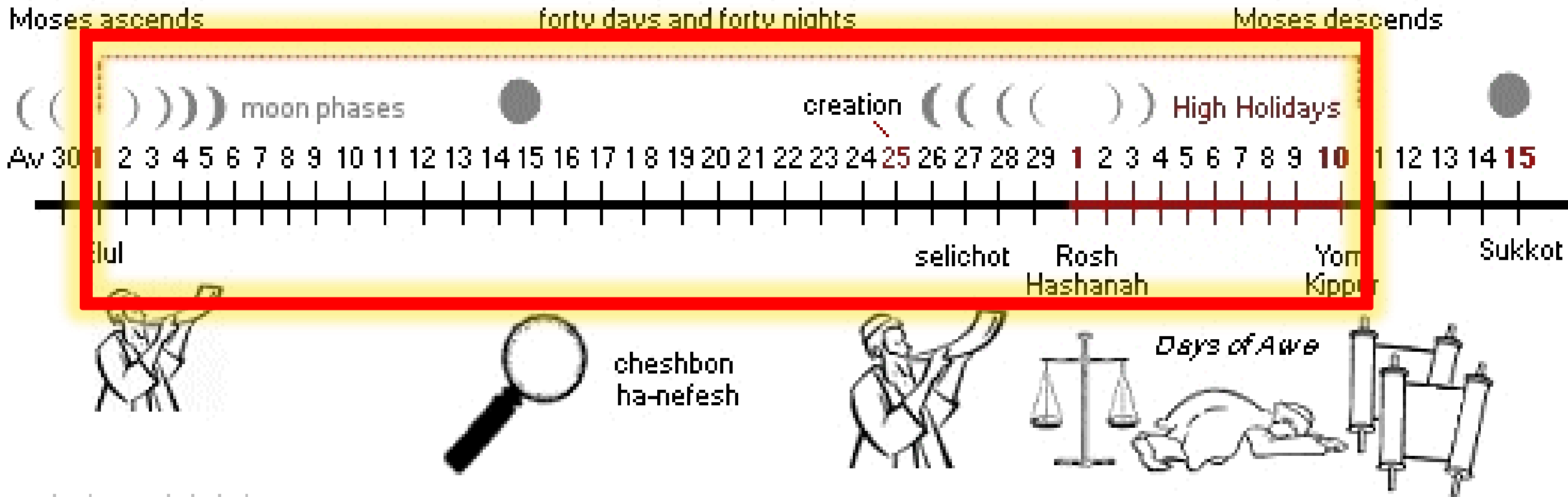


40 Days of Teshuvah



Elul & the Season of Teshuvah





Elul – Honest Self Reflection

The Key To An Intimate Relationship



*NATIONAL SIN &
ITS CONSEQUENCES*

*INTIMATE
RELATIONSHIP*



This transition is critical: a relationship rebuilt on the foundation of grace and mercy and whose goal is intimacy is the kind of relationship that can support honest self-examination and repentance.

The Seven Haftarot of Comfort



1. **Nachamu** ("Comfort, comfort") – Isaiah 40:1–26 (read on Shabbat Va'etchanan)
2. **Va-tomer Tzion** ("And Zion said") – Isaiah 49:14–51:3 (read on Shabbat Ekev)
3. **Aniya So'ara** ("O afflicted storm-tossed one") – Isaiah 54:11–55:5 (read on Shabbat Re'eh)
4. **Anokhi** ("I, even I am He") – Isaiah 51:12–52:12 (read on Shabbat Shoftim)
5. **Roni Akara** ("Shout aloud, O barren woman") – Isaiah 54:1–10 (read on Shabbat Ki Tetze)
6. **Kumi Ori** ("Arise, shine") – Isaiah 60:1–22 (read on Shabbat Ki Tavo)
7. **Sos Asis** ("I will greatly rejoice") – Isaiah 61:10–63:9 (read on Shabbat Nitzavim)

Week 5: Roni Akara

(Isaiah 54:1-10)



¹ “Sing, barren woman who has never had a child! Burst into song, shout for joy, you who have never been in labor! For the deserted wife will have more children than the woman who is living with her husband,” says *ADONAI*. ² Enlarge the space for your tent, extend the curtains of your dwelling; do not hold back, lengthen your cords, make your tent pegs firm. ³ For you will spread out to the right and the left, your descendants will possess the nations and inhabit the desolated cities. ⁴ Don’t be afraid, for you won’t be ashamed; don’t be discouraged, for you won’t be disgraced. You will forget the shame of your youth, no longer remember the dishonor of being widowed. ⁵ For your husband is your Maker, *ADONAI-Tzva’ot* is his name.

Week 5: Roni Akara

(Isaiah 54:1-10)



The Holy One of Isra'el is your Redeemer. He will be called the God of all the earth. ⁶ For *ADONAI* has called you back like a wife abandoned and grief-stricken; "A wife married in her youth cannot be rejected," says your God. ⁷ "Briefly I abandoned you, but with great compassion I am taking you back. ⁸ I was angry for a moment and hid my face from you; but with everlasting grace I will have compassion on you," says *ADONAI* your Redeemer. ⁹ "For me this is like Noach's flood. Just as I swore that no flood like Noach's would ever again cover the earth, so now I swear that never again will I be angry with you or rebuke you. ¹⁰ For the mountains may leave and the hills be removed, but my grace will never leave you, and my covenant of peace will not be removed," says *ADONAI*, who has compassion on you.

Elul & God's Plan of Redemption



ISAIAH 61
"THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR"

SPRING FEASTS

Tarrying In Jerusalem
Until Power On High

COUNTING
THE OMER

PASSOVER
PESACH

FIRST
FRUITS
HAG
HABIKURIM

FEAST OF
WEEKS
SHAVUOT

UNLEAVENED
BREAD
HAG HAMATZOT

Death, Burial And
Resurrection of Messiah

The Ruach
HaKodesh
Coming to
Inhabit &
Empower
The Body of
Messiah

THE GREAT
SUMMER
"HARVEST"

THE GREAT
PERSECUTION
TIME OF JACOB'S
TROUBLE

ISAIAH 61
"THE DAY OF VENGEANCE"
THE DAY OF THE LORD

FALL FEASTS

DAYS OF
AWE

FEAST OF
TRUMPETS
YOM T'RUAH

TABERNACLES
SUKKOT

The
Second
Coming
of
Messiah

DAY OF
ATONEMENT
YOM KIPPUR

1ST DAY

3RD DAY

50TH DAY

1ST DAY

10TH DAY

15TH - 22ND

Day



Will The Real Paul Please Stand Up?

The Gospel of Rav Shaul

Part 9

Paul In His Own Words



Romans 1

1 From: Sha'ul, **A SLAVE** [δουλος/doulos – bound together in subjection to] the Messiah Yeshua, **AN EMISSARY** [ἀπόστολος/apostolos – an ambassador] because I was called and set apart for the **GOOD NEWS** of God.

Paul's Mission – The Goal of His Calling



Romans 1

5 Through him we received grace and were **GIVEN THE
WORK OF BEING AN EMISSARY** on his behalf

**PROMOTING TRUST-GROUNDED [FAITHFUL]
OBEDIENCE** among all the Gentiles, 6 including you,
who have been called by Yeshua the Messiah.

The Gospel of Rav Sha'ul



*Paul is presenting and reinforcing to the Gentile world the **Good News of REPENTANCE FROM SIN** leading to **redemption and faithful obedience**...and escape from utter destruction.

Romans 2:15



Their consciences also bear witness to this,
**FOR THEIR CONFLICTING THOUGHTS
SOMETIMES ACCUSE THEM AND
SOMETIMES DEFEND THEM.**

Cheshbon HaNefesh
“An accounting of the soul”
THE REPENTANT LIFE

The Repentant Life



1. Torah Obedience – The Goal
 - Living & doing the word
2. Cheshbon Hanefesh – Searching for Gaps
 - Taking inventory of your good and evil inclinations
3. Teshuvah – The Bridge to The Goal
 - Actively and intentionally turning/returning

Romans 2



16 on a day when God passes judgment on people's inmost secrets. (According to the Good News as I proclaim it, **he does this through the Messiah Yeshua.**)

Would you rather consistently and faithfully take inventory of your heart, comparing it to the Torah's requirements and bridge the gap through repentance? Or would you prefer God passing judgment because you refused the process of becoming holy?

1 Corinthians 11



31 If **we would examine ourselves**, we would not come under judgment. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined, so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

Would you rather consistently and faithfully take inventory of your heart, comparing it to the Torah's requirements and bridge the gap through repentance? Or would you prefer God passing judgment because you refused the process of becoming holy?

Isaiah 1



16 “Wash yourselves clean! Get your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing evil, 17 learn to do good! Seek justice, relieve the oppressed, defend orphans, plead for the widow. 18 “Come now,” says Adonai, “let’s talk this over together. Even if your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; even if they are red as crimson, they will be like wool. 19 If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good of the land; 20 but if you refuse and rebel, you will be eaten by the sword”; for the mouth of Adonai has spoken.

Isaiah 1



16 “Wash yourselves clean! Get your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing evil, 17 **LEARN TO DO GOOD!**

LEARN

לָמַד – lâmad

To develop the skill

THIS IS A PROCESS!!!

**HOW DOES GOD DESCRIBE THE
PROCESS??**

Isaiah 1



18 “Come now,” says Adonai, “let’s talk this over together.

“Lechu na venivakhah”

**HOW DOES GOD DESCRIBE THE
PROCESS??**

THE KEY TO INTIMACY IN ANY
RELATIONSHIP BEGINS WITH
HONEST SELF-REFLECTION

AND CONTINUES WITH HONEST
CONVERSATION FOUNDED ON LOVE
AND GRACE WITH REDEMPTION
BEING THE OUTCOME

Isaiah 1



18 Even if your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; even if they are red as crimson, they will be like wool.

The Promised Outcome

**HOW DOES GOD DESCRIBE THE
PROCESS??**

Isaiah 1



19 If you are **WILLING AND OBEDIENT**, you will eat
the good of the land;

WILLING

אָהָה – a'vâh

To breathe after, to consent

WILLING TO DO WHAT?

**To CONSENT to God's process – to reflect
on missing the mark, discuss our rebellion,
and turn from our evil inclination**

Isaiah 1



19 If you are **WILLING AND OBEDIENT**, you will
eat the good of the land;

OBEDIENT

שָׁמָע – shâma'

To hear attentively in order to obey

OBEDIENT TO DO WHAT?

**To DO God's process of repentance – of
returning to doing good – doing Torah**

Isaiah 1



19 If you are **WILLING AND OBEDIENT**, you will
eat the good of the land;

**WILLINGNESS WITHOUT OBEDIENCE IS
FAITH DESCRIBED AS DEAD!**

**OBEDIENCE WITHOUT WILLINGNESS IS
LEGALISM!**

BOTH ARE OF NO VALUE – WORTHLESS

Isaiah 1



20 but if you **REFUSE AND REBEL**, you will be eaten by the sword”; for the mouth of Adonai has spoken.

REFUSE

מָאֵן – ma'an

To utterly refuse, to be obstinate

REFUSE WHAT?

To REJECT God's process – to disagree with the notion that reflecting on our sins, exposing our rebellion, and turning from our evil inclination is God's way

Isaiah 1



20 but if you **REFUSE AND REBEL**, you will be eaten by the sword”; for the mouth of Adonai has spoken.

REBEL

מָרָה – mârâh

To act with bitter defiance

REBEL

**Acting *beyad ramah* (with a high hand),
persisting in wrongdoing without turning
back**

**WILLING (WILL/CHOICE) + OBEDIENT
(DEED/ACTION) →**

**THE PROCESS OF BEING SET APART/HOLY
RESULTING IN THE PERPETUAL LIFE THAT COMES
FROM LIVING WITHIN THE GATES OF THE
KINGDOM OF GOD**

**REFUSAL (WILL/CHOICE) + REBELLION
(DEED/ACTION) →**

**THE PROCESS OF FALLING IN LINE WITH THE
CURSE RESULTING IN THE PERPETUAL SIN THAT
COMES FROM EXISTING APART FROM OUR
ORIGINAL PUPOSE**

1 Samuel 15



3 Now go and attack 'Amalek and completely destroy everything they have. Don't spare them...

9 However, Sha'ul and the people spared Agag, along with the best of the sheep and cattle, and even the second best, also the lambs, and everything that was good — they weren't inclined to destroy these things.

1 Samuel 15



19 Why did you seize the spoil instead of paying attention to what Adonai said? From Adonai's viewpoint, you have done an evil thing." 20 Sha'ul said to Sh'mu'el, "I did too pay attention to what Adonai said, and I carried out the mission on which Adonai sent me. I brought back Agag the king of 'Amalek, and I completely destroyed 'Amalek.

1 Samuel 15



21 But the people took some of the spoil, the best of the sheep and cattle set aside for destruction, to sacrifice to Adonai your God in Gilgal.”

1 Samuel 15



22 Sh'mu'el said, "Does Adonai take as much pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying what Adonai says? Surely obeying is better than sacrifice, and heeding orders than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel



23 “For REBELLION is like the sin of
SORCERY, STUBBORNNESS like the crime of
IDOLATRY.

REBEL/REBELLION

מָרָה – marah; meri

The act of bitter
defiance

STUBBORNNESS

הַפְּצָר – haftzar

Insisting on asserting
one's own will

1 Samuel



Because you have **REJECTED** the word of Adonai, He too has **REJECTED** you as king.”

REJECT

מָאַס – ma’as

To spurn, to despise

Why Do We Avoid Facing The Truth?

Why Do We Become Easily Offended When Faced With Someone Pointing Out Error, Sin, or Unhealthy Behavior?

Leviticus 19



17 “Do not hate your brother in your heart, **BUT**
REBUKE YOUR NEIGHBOR FRANKLY, SO THAT
YOU WON'T CARRY SIN BECAUSE OF HIM.

18 Don't take vengeance on or bear a grudge against
any of your people; rather, **LOVE YOUR**
NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF; I AM ADONAI.

Leviticus 19



17 “**DO NOT HATE YOUR BROTHER IN YOUR HEART, BUT REBUKE YOUR NEIGHBOR FRANKLY**, so that you won’t carry sin because of him.

REBUKE
tokhiach

יָכַח – yikhach

Isaiah 1



18 “**COME NOW,” SAYS ADONAI, “LET’S
TALK THIS OVER TOGETHER.”**

“Lechu na venivakhah”

**TALK THIS OVER
TOGETHER
venivakhah**

יכח – yikhach,

Leviticus 19



17 “Do not hate your brother in your heart, but rebuke your neighbor frankly, SO THAT YOU WON’T CARRY SIN BECAUSE OF HIM.

CARRY

נָסָה – yikhach

To lift, accept, honor

Proverbs 9

7 “He who corrects a scoffer only gets insulted;
reproving a wicked man becomes his blemish.

8 If you reprove a scoffer, he will hate you;
if you reprove a wise man, he will love you.

Proverbs 15

31 He who heeds life-giving correction
will be at home in the company of the wise.

32 He who spurns discipline detests himself,
but he who listens to correction grows in understanding.

33 The discipline of wisdom is fear of Adonai,
so before being honored, a person must be humble.

Proverbs 29



1 He who remains stiff-necked after **much rebuke**
will be suddenly and incurably broken.

Caveats



1. Treat it as a discussion – the manner of the correction matters
 - God says, “Come now, let’s talk this over together”
2. There’s a difference between a first defensive response and a settled, stubborn refusal to acknowledge
 - Someone who hardens "after much rebuke" — it's the accumulated pattern
3. God's correction is by definition accurate and without ulterior motive. Human correction is not guaranteed either.
 - The human authority is functioning as Isaiah 1:18 functions when they are genuinely oriented toward the other's good, open to being wrong, and not self-protective.