

TIME - SHA'AH (The Hour)



### Revelation 3:10

"Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth."

What's the time?' 'ma ha sha'ah'
The word "Ma" in Hebrew is translated in English as "What"
The word "Ha" means "the"

For example we look at "HaShem"
"ha' means 'the' and Shem was the name given to one of the sons of Noah. The meaning of Shem is "Name or Renown"

Single שעה "*sha'ah* "Hour" Plural שעות "*shaot* "Hours"

For us not to lose track of time or the hour we have a "clock or watch"

Today's word, sha'ah, an hour, was a time unit that took effect when several events could take place in that time. It is known to us that an hour is 60 minutes and a day consist of 24 hours.

YHVH is outside of time that is counted upon earth because He is the Creator of time itself

### 2 Peter 3:8

With YHVH a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. YHVH is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.'

In the Old Testament we learn something about a thousand years. Surely it indicates something that is extraordinary as we see this more than a life span of human. Infact one thousands of generations can be born in this time frame.

### **Psalm 90:4**

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

Therefor we can grasp the frailty of mere mortal man in comparison to YHVH. No matter how long a time interval is from man's time-bound perspective, it's like a twinkling of an eye from YHVH's eternal perspective.

### Ephesians 5:16

making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Time can be used in two ways. Time to do good or evil but we will have to answer for the time we used.

When we do, something incredible in the time we will encounter a living YHVH working through us to usher in His Kingdom of love and justice on earth. To end exploitation. To restore lives. To empower communities. And in serving His commandments, we serve time with Him.

### **Revelation 8:1**

"When he opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour"

The second word, da•ka, a minute, which means 'thin' or 'little'.

The common expressions in Hebrew 'what's the time?' we make use of the word 'sha•ah.'

We should never haste the time because there is time for everything that YHVH planned. Wait upon YHVH.

The word "Qavah" means **t**o wait actively with anticipation, hopefully watching for YHVH to act.

The most familiar passage in scripture where we see qavah is Isaiah 40:31: "Those who qavah "wait" upon YHVH will renew their strength. They will mount up on wings like eagles.

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear the word, "Wait"? Surely many people have lost being patient some time of their lives. But if we wait patiently for YHVH to fulfill His plan in the right time and season we will reap the benefits thereof.

We have seen the blossoms blooming on the trees and it tells us the time and season is near that it will bring forth good fruits. The tree will shed the blossoms in making way for the time we will see the new fruits. All this requires time of waiting. Before we can gather the fruit in large measures we have to allow it time to ripen.

A child starts of with a seed. It takes nine months to grow and develop. When the time to be born arrives, everyone is eagerly awaiting for that day. The excitement to see that child for the first time is a time captured for a story of a lifetime.

So we are eagerly waiting for our Saviour and Redeemer.

When we think of waiting, we often think of passivity.

Biblical waiting is demonstrated by active dependence upon and obedience to YHVH. Waiting upon YHVH is a spiritual discipline that we should seek to practice in our lives.

### Ecclesiastes 7:13-14

"Consider the work of YHVH: who can make straight what he has made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: YHVH has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him."

Psalm 33:20

Our soul waits for YHVH; He is our help and our shield."

Psalm 27:14

"Wait for YHVH; be strong, and let your heart take courage; Wait for YHVH!"

Psalm 31:24

"Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for YHVH!"

Psalm 23:1-2

"YHVH is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters."

We lack of anything because we have Yeshua HaMashiach as our Good Shepherd. He leads and we follow.

This pandemic has caused all to slow down. We have witnessed less street traffic, less air traffic, and a silence noise all around.

We are now in a season, a glorifying time of giving Praises to the forgiveness of sins. For Yeshua is born in this season in this most crucial time that all humanity needs him.

### Lamentations 3:26

"It is good that one should **wait quietly** for the salvation of YHVH."

Yeshua HaMashiach!!! Our Saviour

### **Psalm 62:5**

"For YHVH alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from Him."

As we are now in the Joyful Feast of Ingathering we sound the trumpets for the time we have to celebrate the birth of Yeshua HaMashiach.

No matter our situation, however, Scripture shows us that a part of waiting upon YHVH involves avoiding being controlled by fear and worry. The remedy to our fears is knowing that YHVH Himself is in control of all time.

Yeshua HaMashiach instructs us to avoid worrying about our lives because we have a heavenly Father who takes care of us

### Psalm 46:1-3

"YHVH is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah"

As we wait upon our Saviour, we are to grow in knowledge of him and the commands gave to us. And we are to be diligent to seek Him and apply His law to our lives. And why? So that we might stay close to YHVH our Father and avoid drifting into error or patterns of disobedience.

"It will be said on that day, 'Behold, this is our Elohim; we have waited for Him, that he might save us.

This is Elohim; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.‴ Isaiah 25:9

### **Romans 12:12**

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

## Philippians 4:6-7

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to YHVH. And the peace of YHVH, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Yeshua HaMashiach."

The joy of Elohim is our strength," is brought to fullness when we accept His provision of righteousness by grace that reunites us so we can enjoy His presence.

The term "the joy of the Lord is my strength" is found in Nehemiah 8:10. It's after the children of Israel returned to Jerusalem from exile. They were listening to the law being read, were overcome with condemnation, and were weeping.

## The scripture reads:

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is holy to YHVH your Elohim. Do not mourn or weep."

Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our YHVH. Do not grieve, for the joy of YHVH is your strength."

His people had been separated from Him in exile for years and were finally reunited to Him. YHVH had His beloved people back.

## Zephaniah 3:17

For YHVH your Elohim is living among you. He is a mighty savior. He will take delight in you with gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will rejoice over you with joyful songs

### Psalm 16:11

You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand

### Isaiah 12:3

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation

So we praise YHVH for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His beloved Son (Ephesians 1:6).

# **Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving**

Worship YHVH with gladness, because through Yeshua HaMashiach we have eternal life and ability to enter the Kingdom prepared for us.

### Psalm 100:4-5

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name. For YHVH is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations."

There is A Time for Everything. Now we enter into a time of celebration as Yeshua HaMashiach came to bring us joy. He came to save and Redeem and assure us of the love of our Father. In the Kingdom has been prepared a place for us.

Let us rejoice and be glad in every given time. Let us celebrate.

#### Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

- 3 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
- 9 What do workers gain from their toil?
- 10 I have seen the burden YHVH has laid on the human race.
- 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what YHVH has done from beginning to end.

## Philippians 4:4

Rejoice in YHVH always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. YHVH is near.