

The Narrow Door (Gate)

How do you know you have entered through the narrow gate? Most believers believe they are on this path, but what does scripture have to say?

Entering the narrow gate (door) is not easy. **OWYAZ** (Yahusha) made this clear when He instructed His followers to “strive” to do so. The Greek word translated “strive” is Strong's number 75 - agonizomai (ag-o-nid'-zom-ahee), from which we get the English word agonize. The implication here is that those who seek to enter the narrow gate must do so by struggle and strain, giving your all in the effort. Entering the narrow gate is difficult because of the opposition of human pride, the desires of the flesh, the opposition of HaSatan and the world which is in under his control, all of which battle against us.

The burden and yoke that's hard is Sin **John 8: 34**. **OWYAZ** (Yahusha) said that if we follow him, then we would be free from Sin indeed **John 8:36**. However, according to the meaning of the word "strive", it apparently takes great effort to be a true follower of **OWYAZ** (Yahusha) Hamashiach (the Messiah).

“Narrow”: The Greek Strong's Number 2346 thlibó (thlee'-bo), means: I make narrow, persecute, press hard.

Matthew 7:13 “Enter by the narrow gate (Strong's number 4439 **pulé** (poo'-lay)). For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. Strong's number G4728 stenós – Narrow/Strait; (figuratively) the closely-defined path **AYAZ** (Yahuah) ordains to travel on to gain His approval (used (3) three times in the NT).

Matthew 7:14 For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

The Hebrew word for Narrow is **Tsar** {tsawr}: Strong's Number H6862 and means: enemy, distress, narrow, small, tribulation, adversary, affliction, anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe. **Tsarar** also means; narrow; (as a noun) a tight place (usually figuratively, i.e. Trouble); also a pebble (as in tsor); (transitive) an opponent, adversary, afflicted(-tion), anguish, close, distress, enemy, flint, foe, narrow, small, sorrow, strait, tribulation, trouble.

Since Hebrew is such a deep & intricate language we need to understand how the same word can mean Narrow & enemy in a different context or at the same time.

1 Samuel 2:32 And you shall see an enemy in My Dwelling Place, despite all the good which Alahym does for Yisra'el and there shall not be an old man in your house forever.

Proverbs 6:23 For the Commandment is a lamp; and the Torah (law) is light [Mashiach is called light]; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

Proverbs 10:17 He is in the way of life that keeps instruction: but he that refuses reproof errors. [Mashiach says, “I am the way the truth and the life”].

To grasp how the Hebrew word translated as the way “Derek” Strong's Number H1870, means: the way, road, distance, journey, manner from which we get

direction and is linked to an “Enemy”, in that way Salvation & Barachah (Blessing) is obstructed by an array of Adversaries or Enemies to make the Way extremely difficult & concealed, that only a few find it.

Isaiah 26:2 "Open the gates, that the righteous nation may enter, The one that keeps the truth (Torah).

Door (Gate): Paleo (Abri) Hebrew

Modern Hebrew



The word דֶּלֶת Delet (Daleth) (Strong's 1817) means 'the leaf' of a door, i.e., that which hangs or swings (on hinges or a post) and can be opened or shut. דַּל Dal (Strong's #1800) is the less common masculine word, equivalent to deleth and is also from the same root. It is used in the phrase, 'the door of the lips' in **Psalms 141:3** in parallel to and meaning the 'mouth'. One interesting use of דֶּלֶת Deleth is for the 'leaf' or 'page' of a book, as it hangs from the spine and resembles a double-door. This occurs in **Jeremiah 36:23** when the king hears 3 or 4 'columns' [literally: 'doors'] of Jeremiah's words of prophecy read from the scroll and then cuts the 'leaves' off with a scribe's knife and burns them in the fire. In the ancient Lachish letters (no.4, dated 586 B.C.) on the obverse side there is the phrase "I have written on the door (דֶּלֶת) according to all my Adonai has written to me . . .". Here we are not to imagine doors being written upon but the leaves of a scroll again.

דֶּלֶת Deleth and פֶּתַח pâthach "door, opening" (Strong's #6607) are combined in phrases who can open the doors of his [Leviathan's] face?" (**Job 41:14, Hebrew 6**). Here the phrase, which would otherwise mean lips, probably means 'jaws'.

Psalms 24:9 Lift up your heads, O gates, And lift them up, O ancient doors, That the King of esteem (glory) may come in!

Psalms 24:7 Lift up your heads, O gates, And be lifted up, O ancient doors, That the King of esteem (glory) may come in!

The Hebrew word for gate is Shaar (shah'-ar) Strong's Number: 8179

- a.gate (of entrance)
- b.gate (of space inside gate, i.e. marketplace, public meeting place)
 - a. city, town
- c.gate (of palace, royal castle, temple, court of tabernacle)
- d.heaven

Note: (Hidden Truths Hebraic Scrolls NT) says: The Earlier manuscripts have the word “door” instead of “Gate” which was used in later manuscripts. Since the tent had a door this could be appropriate as well, since this ties in with the words of **וַיֵּשֶׁב יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** (Yahusha) in **John 10:1** “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate (Passover), but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. 2 The one who enters by the gate is the Shepherd of the sheep. 3

The gatekeeper (אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) opens the gate for him (the Shepherd OWHYAH (Yahusha) who leads us out of a life of bondage into a new life of freedom from Sin through the Narrow Gate, and the sheep (of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah) listen to his (OWHYAH (Yahusha's) voice. He calls his own sheep (Passover Lambs) by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them (offering his life as a living sacrifice and suffering at the stake (on Passover), and his sheep follow him (in the example he set) because they know his voice. 5 But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." 6 OWHYAH (Yahusha) used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. 7 Then OWHYAH (Yahusha) said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door [gate θύρα Thu'rah, the Passover Lamb) for the sheep (lambs of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah). 8 All who have come before me (claiming to be the Messiah) are thieves and robbers, but the (true) sheep have not listened to them. 9 I am the Door (Gate) Strongs #:G2374. thura a door, met: an opportunity; whoever enters through me will be saved.

Interesting fact: OWHYAH (Yahusha) is the Lion of אֲדָאֵל (Yahudah) and אֲדָאֵל (Yahudah) is spelt exactly the same as the father's name except with a Dalet (Daleth) א the 4th letter of the Hebrew alphabet, which means door. Thus making OWHYAH (Yahusha) the door to אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)

John 14:6 OWHYAH (Yahusha) said to him, "I am the way (Door/Gate), and the truth (Torah), and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The "Gate" that leads us out of the bondage of Sin and into the promised land of eternal life is obedience to the Commandments and remembering the Passover (Lamb). OWHYAH (Yahusha) speaks of this very same narrow gate as he illustrates that he is the Passover Lamb, and we all must follow his example on Passover. The Narrow Gate is his example of "how" we keep the Commandments and the Passover. OWHYAH (Yahusha) is the Shepherd of all the Passover Lambs of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah), and he led the way through the Gate on Passover.

Exodus 12:7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two DOORposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

Revelation 22:14 Baruch (Blessed) are they that do his Commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Psalms 118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness (obeying the Commandments): I will go into them, and I will Halal (praise) אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah): 20 This gate of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah), into which the righteous shall enter. 21 I will Halal (praise) you: for you have heard me, and have become my salvation. 22 The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

1 Peter 2:6 Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and he that believes on him shall not be confounded. **7** Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, **8** And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.

Jeremiah 7:2 Stand in the gate of אֲיָאֵל (Yahuah)'s house, and proclaim there this

Word, and say, Hear the Word of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), all אַדְיָהּ (Yahudah), that enter in at these gates to worship אַיָּהּ (Yahuah). **3** Thus says אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) of hosts, the Alahym of Yashra'al (Yisrael/Israel) , Amend [גִּזְרֵי/beautify] your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place

Isaiah 51:7 Hearken unto me, you that know righteousness (obedience to the Commandments), the people in whose heart is my Torah (law); fear not the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their reviling's.

This also takes us back to Ya'acob (Jacob) in **Genesis 28:17** which is hinting at **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha) being the narrow door: And Ya'acob (Jacob) was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of AL (EL), and this is the gate of Shamyim (heavens)!"

It also gives us a hint in the following verse where we see Balaam's donkey which stood in the narrow path and saw the Malak (angel) of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) giving the hidden meaning. We walk through the "door" being **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha) Ha Machiach (the Messiah).

וַיָּהוּשָׁה (Yahusha)'s ways however are the ways of the Torah, which are hard for many who recoil at keeping the Scriptural feasts calling them legalistic. Also Sabbath keeping makes the path even more "Narrow" but according to his Word we read in **Revelation 14:12** Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones; here are those who keep the Commandments of Alahym and the Amanah (faith) of **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha).

Revelation 22:14 Baruch (Blessed) are those who do His Commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life (**וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha)), and may enter through the gates into the city.

Exodus 31: we read that the Shabbat will be "the sign between אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) and Yisrael (His people) for the generations to come."

We see from all this just how "Narrow" the way is with **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha) being the "Door" or "Gate" and the path being the Torah of truth bringing us to completeness in **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha). No-one gains entry without **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha), but the way (Path) is the Torah.

וַיָּהוּשָׁה (Yahusha) said: **John 14:15** "If you love me, obey my Commandments.

THE WIDE OR BROAD

This Word for Wide or Broad is the Word "Revach – Strongs number H7305: Means space, respite, and relief. With this understanding we can say that **וַיָּהוּשָׁה** (Yahusha) is saying that the way of Destruction has been widened by the work of HaSatan, the way of Destruction is broader since Scripture says in **Romans 9:27** Yeshiyahu (Isaiah) also cries out concerning Yisrael: "Though the number of the children of Yisrael is as the sands of the sea, only a remnant (few) will be saved.

Matthew 7:21- 23 "Not everyone who says to Me, Adoni, Adoni (Lord, Lord), shall enter the kingdom of Shamyim (Heavens), but he who does the will of My Father in Shamyim (Heavens). 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Adoni, Adoni (Lord, Lord), have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you;

depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness)!

For false Messiahs and false Prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even אַיָּאֵל (Yahuah)'s chosen ones. **Matthew 24:24, Mark 13:22**

The practising of Lawlessness is equivalent to being without Torah. To do the Will of the Father is to be obedient to his Word (the Torah). These people still had no love for him in their heart, because they did not know his heart which is his Torah. We must consider carefully to whom **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha) is referring in these verses. We must ask ourselves who is doing the Works of healing and casting out of Demons, but are not doing the will of the Father which is clearly revealed in his Torah, since **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha) did not come to abolish (do away with the) Torah.

OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) warned us in **Matthew 7:13** - Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. 14 "For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Notice that he said that we must "find it." If we must "find it", then it must mean that we should be seeking/pursuing it. We cannot be complacent and sit back doing nothing or doing our own wills.

We must be seeking the truth in his word regularly. We will do this because we love the truth and do not want to be fooled by the deceitfulness of Sin. Notice also that **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha) said only a "few" find it. Now if we are on a path that everyone else is on, how can we be on a path that "few find"? This is why we should not be surprised that the whole world is deceived.

What methods does the adversary use to deceive? One of his greatest advantages is that those who are deceived are often willing participants to engage in deceiving others. Look at what **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha) said after warning us to enter the narrow way of life in **Matthew 7:15** "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves.

Right away He warned about false prophets. But how can we tell the difference? Let's examine this question by continuing in the chapter: **Matthew 7:16** - You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 "So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 "A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 "Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits.

OWYָּאֵל (Yahusha) said in **John 15:4** - Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

To even bear good fruit, one must abide in **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha). How can we know if one is abiding in **OWYָּאֵל** (Yahusha)?

1John 2:4 - Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his Commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him. By this we know.

1John 2:6 - whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which

he walked.

So, those that claimed to be abiding in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) would be doing the things that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) did. What was **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) like? We saw earlier that Sin is transgression of the Torah (law) and by the Torah (law) is the knowledge of Sin. Did **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) ever transgress the Torah (law) of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) meaning he Sinned?

1 Peter 1:18-19 - knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Messiah.

1 Peter 2:21 - For to this you were called, because the Messiah also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: 22 - "Who committed no Sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth"

Isaiah 53:9 - His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

2 Corinthians 5:21 - He made Him who knew no Sin to be Sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) in Him.

Hebrews 4:15 - For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without Sin.

1 John 3:5 - You know that He appeared in order to take away Sins; and in Him there is no Sin.

We see that **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) committed no Sin, thus he kept **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Torah (law), his Commandments perfectly. So those who say they abide in Him should walk as He walked. Therefore, they should also keep **AYAZL** (Yahuah)'s Torah (law), his Commandments.... if indeed they abide in Him. This is confirmed when we continue to read **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s words in **Matthew 7:19** - Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 "So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, Adona, Adonai ('Lord, Lord),' will enter the kingdom of Shamyim (Heavens), but he who does the will of My Father who is in Shamyim (Heavens) will enter.

Notice carefully **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said: "but he that does the will of my Father which is in Shamyim (Heavens)." We can see then that the bad fruit is Sin, but those who bear good fruit are doing the will of the Heavenly Father. What is the will of His Father?

Matthew 7:22 - Many will say to Me in that day, Adoni, Adoni (Lord, Lord), have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness)!

Thus, He has expanded on His teaching regarding the narrow gate and He also makes a prediction. He predicts that there will be "Many" (those on the broad road that leads to destruction) who will think they have salvation through Him. He gives an example a group of people who are obviously deceived. They think that they have salvation, but sadly they do not. Again, He said that there were "Many" (as opposed

to "few"). They even thought that they were doing mighty works in His name. But what did he tell them? "I never knew you. Depart from me, you that work of Lawlessness." They didn't know Him. He didn't know them.

They were doing many miracles, but they were also working lawlessness. Let's examine the Greek word that is translated "Lawlessness (iniquity)" in this verse since it seems to be the deciding factor in their salvation. It is from the Greek word "anomia {an-om-ee'-ah} from 458, 459; 085, 646; - iniquity, unrighteousness, transgress the Torah (law), transgression of the Torah (law); the condition of without Torah (law), because ignorant of it, because of violating it, contempt and violation of Torah (law), iniquity, wickedness.

It is the same word that is translated "transgression of the Torah (law)" in **1John 3:4** Whoever commits Sin transgresses also the Torah (law), for Sin is the transgression of the Torah (law).

Also, it is the same word translated "iniquity" in **2 Thessalonians 2:7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way.

Deuteronomy 30:10 If you shall hearken unto the voice of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) your Alahym, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the Torah (law), and if you turn unto אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) your Alahym with all your heart, and with all your soul. 11 ¶ For this Commandment which I Command you this day, it is not hidden from you, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in Shamyim (Heavens), that you should say, Who shall go up for us to Shamyim (Heavens), and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? 14 But the word is very nigh unto you, in your mouth, and in your heart, that you may do it.

Malachi 2:5 My covenant was with him of life and Shalum (Peace); and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and was afraid before my Name. 6 The Torah (law) of truth was in his mouth, and Lawlessness (iniquity) was not found in his lips: he walked with me in Shalum (Peace) and Equity, and did turn many away from Lawlessness (iniquity).

Are we beginning to see the solution to the mystery? It becomes evident that these false prophets have deceived "many" into doing what they are doing and that is transgressing (Breaking) אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Torah (law), jois Commandments . It was also predicted in **2 Thessalonians 2:9** that there would be miracles associated with this mystery:

2 Thessalonians 2:9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of HaSatan with all power and signs and lying wonders.

It is evident that these false prophets are not bearing the fruit we should be expecting. They are working "illegally, violating of the Torah (law)" rather than righteousness, because they believe and teach that we need not be obedient to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Torah (Law) (Commandments). And of course, their followers follow them.

Be warned, it is the same OLD deception that Adam and Eve fell into ("Has אַיָּהּ

(Yahuah) said?"). It is HaSatan that will try to get us to disobey אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s Commands. Why would אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) ever want you disobey His Commandments?

Psalms 14:2 - אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) looked down from Shamyim (Heavens) upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek Alahym.

Psalms 119:104 - Through YOUR precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

Psalms 111:10 - The fear of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His Halal (Praise) endures forever!

Jeremiah 6:16 - Thus says אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), "Stand by the ways, see and ask for the ancient paths, Where the good way is, and walk in it; And you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' 17 "And I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the Shofar!' But they said, 'We will not listen.' 18 "Therefore hear, O nations, And know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 "Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing disaster on this people, The fruit of their plans, Because they have not listened to My words, And as for My Torah (law), they have rejected it also. Only a few will seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).

Psalms 14:2 - אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) looked down from Shamyim (Heavens) upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek Alahym. 3 - They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that do good, no, not one. 4 - Have all the workers of Lawlessness (iniquity) no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).

Joel 2:32 - And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the Name of אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Yerusalem shall be deliverance, as אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) has said, and in the remnant whom אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) shall call.

Isaiah 1:9 - Except אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom, and we would have been like unto Gomorrah.

Matthew 22:14 - For many are called, but few are chosen. It is time to SEEK אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)!

Isaiah 55:6 - Seek אַיָּהּ (Yahuah) while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah), And He will have compassion on him, And to our Aluah (God), For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares אַיָּהּ (Yahuah).

Unrighteous man, forsake your own thoughts and submit to אַיָּהּ (Yahuah)'s ways. Many say His thoughts are not our thoughts.. but we need to seek to let His thoughts be our thoughts and be men after His own heart!

Isaiah 55:9 - For as the Shamyim (Heavens) are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 - For as the rain and the snow come down from Shamyim (Heavens), And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty (void), Without accomplishing what I desire,

And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

His word ought not be abolished or void to us. His word ought to accomplish something in our hearts and our actions. Don't let HaSatan steal the seed, the Word, out of you by tricking you into believing His Word is void or done away with!

It is time to sow to ourselves righteousness. Any who believe in His Son **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) and seek His ways will receive mercy for those times that we have Sinned and **AYAZL** (Yahuah) will rain righteousness upon us.

Hosea 10:12 - Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek **AYAZL** (Yahuah), till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

Romans 3:22 - Even the righteousness of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) which is by Amanah (faith) of **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: 23 - For all have Sinned, and come short of the esteem of **AYAZL** (Yahuah); 24 - Being justified freely by his favor through the redemption that is in **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah).

John 10:1-4 "The one (**OWYAZL** (Yahusha) who enters by the narrow gate (obedience to the Torah which includes Passover) is the Shepherd (Bridegroom) of the sheep (Bride). The Gatekeeper (**AYAZL** (Yahuah The Father of the Bride/Groom) opens the gate for him (**OWYAZL** (Yahusha), and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out (of the bondage of Sin and Death, through The Narrow Gate). When he has brought out all his own (the lost sheep of Yisrael), he goes on ahead of them (into The Kingdom), and his sheep follow him (walking in his footsteps by The Way, through The Narrow Gate into the Kingdom) because they know his voice".

Ephesians 5 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as the Messiah (the Groom) loved the body (his Bride) and gave himself up for her (as the Passover Lamb) 26 to make her Kadosh (holy), cleansing her by the washing with Living Water (Ruach HaKodesh) through the Commandments, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant assembly, without spot or wrinkle or any other blemish (as spotless Passover Lambs of **AYAZL** (Yahuah), but Kadosh (holy) and blameless.

OWYAZL (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) came the (1st) first time to fulfill The Passover. Obedience to the Commandments and remembering the Passover are part of the Narrow Gate that leads us out of bondage and into the Kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ENTER IN THE NARROW GATE?

John 8:31 - Then **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said to those Hebrews which believed on him, "If you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; 32 - And you shall know the truth (Torah), and the truth (Torah) shall make you free."

John 14:23 - **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) answered and said unto him, "If a man loves me, he will keep my words."

Luke 14:25 And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 - "If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot

be my disciple. 27 - And whosoever does not bear his stake, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

What did **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) mean when he said that in order to be his disciple, that we must hate our father and mother and wife and children, and even our own life? Since **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was without Sin, it wouldn't seem that he was telling us to break the 5th commandment, which Commands us to honor our father and mother. So then, what exactly is it that he was saying?

Matthew 10:37 - He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

It becomes clear that the meaning of the word "hate" means to "love less"... **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) was saying that in order to be his follower, it is necessary to love everyone less than they love **OWYAZL** (Yahusha).

Luke 9:61 - And another also said, "Rabbi, I will follow you; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house." 62 - And **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said unto him, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)."

OWYAZL (Yahusha) was saying that the person who looks back on his old life is not worthy of the Kingdom.

Matthew 8:19 - And a certain scribe came, and said unto him, "Rabbi, I will follow you wherever you go." 20 - And **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said unto him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head."

OWYAZL (Yahusha) seems to have been aware that the scribe was not willing to do what is required of him to be a true follower.

Concerning all the preceding examples of people who said that they were desiring to be a disciple, what are the practical applications? What is it that we need to see? How can one successfully carry out the Commandment to "forsake all" and follow **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)? Let's take a look at when **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) called his (1st) first disciples, to see if we might be able to find the answer...

Mark 1:17 - And **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said unto them, "you come after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." 18 - And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.

This was the call of Kepha (Peter) and Andrew.

Mark 1:19 - And when he had gone a little further then, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. 20 - And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

We can see that when these men were called, that they immediately followed. When **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) called Matthew (Levi)...**Mark 2:14** - And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the receipt of custom, and said unto him, "Follow me." And he arose and followed him.

Notice how none of them said anything like, "I will follow you, but let me first (go and take care of anything of this world).

Matthew 10:34 - "Think not that I am come to send Shalum (Peace) on Earth: I came not to send Shalum (Peace), but a sword. 35 - For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 - And a man's foes shall be from his own household."

Just what did **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) mean by this, and what are those who want to be his followers to do, when this comes to pass? For it surely will come to pass in the life of all who accept the truth! For another witness, **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said:

Luke 12:49 - "I am come to send fire on the Earth; and how I wish it were already kindled. 50 - But I have a immersion to be immersed with; and how am I distressed till it be accomplished! 51 - You suppose that I am come to give Shalum (Peace) on Earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division: 52 - For from henceforth there shall be (5) five in one house divided, (3) three against (2) two, and (2) two against (3) three. 53 - The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother in law against her daughter in law, and the daughter in law against her mother in law." 54 - And he said also to the people, "When you see a cloud rise out of the west, immediately you say, 'There comes a shower'; and so it is. 55 - And when you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be heat'; and it comes to pass. 56 - You hypocrites, you can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that you do not discern this time?"

OWYAZL (Yahusha) said that if we keep his word, then we are his disciples indeed **John 8:31**.

Mark 10:17 And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, "Good Rabbi, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" 18 And **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said unto him, "Why do you call me good? there is none good but (1) one, that is, **AYAZL** (Yahuah). 19 You know the Commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour your father and mother." 20 And he answered and said unto him, "Rabbi, all these have I observed from my youth." 21 Then **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) beholding him loved him, and said unto him, "One thing you lack: go your way, sell whatsoever you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Shamyim (Heavens): and come, take up the stake, and follow me." 22 And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions. 23 And **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) looked round about, and said unto his disciples, "How seldom shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)!" 24 And the disciples were astonished at his words. But **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) answered again, and said unto them, "Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)."

It seems apparent that entering the narrow gate is being willing to give up any and all things that are near and dear to ones heart, if it is coming between them and **AYAZL** (Yahuah). It appears that a pattern is forming here. Anyone who wants to follow **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah), must be willing to give up anything that separates them from **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)! **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said:

Matthew 5:29 - "And if your right eye offend you, pluck it out, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into Gehenna. 30 - And if your right hand offend you, cut it off, and cast it from you: for it is profitable for you that one of your members should perish, and not that your whole body should be cast into Gehenna."

What **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) seems to be saying is that we must be willing to give up anything and everything that will keep us from eternal life!

Paul said...**Philippians 3:7** - But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for the Messiah. 8 - Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of the Messiah **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) my Master: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win the Messiah, 9 - And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the Torah (law), but that which is through the Amanah (faith) of the Messiah, the righteousness which is of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) by Amanah (faith): 10 - That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; 11 - If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

OWYAZL (Yahusha) warns that anyone who wants to follow him must first "count the cost"...**Luke 14:28** - "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sits not down first, and counts the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? 29 - Lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all that see it begin to mock him, 30 - Saying, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.'"

Luke 14:31 - "Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first, and consults whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 - Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a message, and desires conditions of Shalum (Peace). 33 - So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsakes not all that he has, he cannot be my disciple. 34 - Salt is good: but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 - It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that has ears to hear, let him hear."

2 Corinthians 6:14 - Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 - Or what harmony has the Messiah with Belial (a worthless, lawless person), or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? 16 - Or what agreement has the temple of **AYAZL** (Yahuah) with idols? For we are the temple of the living Alahym; just as **AYAZL** (Yahuah) said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their Alahym, and they shall be My people. 17 - Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says **AYAZL** (Yahuah). "And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. 18 - And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me," says **AYAZL** (Yahuah Almighty).

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and Ruach (Spirit), perfecting, being set apart in the fear of **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

John 7:2 - Now the Hebrews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand. 3 - His brethren therefore said unto him, "Depart here, and go into Judaea, that your disciples also

may see the works that you do. 4 - For there is no man that does any thing in secret, and he himself seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the World." 5 - For neither did his brothers believe in him. 6 - Then **OWYAZL** (Yahusha) said unto them, "My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. 7 - The World cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil."

Although **OWYAZL** (Yahusha)'s brothers, James (Ya'acob) and Judah (Yahudah) did finally become believers, there was division in the beginning.

John 15:16 - "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever you shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 - These things I Command you, that you love one another. 18 - If the World hates you, you know that it hated me before it hated you. 19 - If you were of the World, the World would love his own: but because you are not of the World, but I have chosen you out of the World, therefore the World hates you.

OWYAZL (Yahusha)'s brother, in the book of James, gives another witness...**James 4:4** - Adulterers and adulteresses (Lawlessness)! Do you not know that friendship with the World is enmity with **AYAZL** (Yahuah)? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the World makes himself an enemy of **AYAZL** (Yahuah).

Have you ever found yourself, at times, bringing forth good fruit, and at other times bringing forth evil fruit? I know I have and that is not good! Being in such a state would make one guilty of being "double minded"!

James 1:8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Jeremiah 23:16 - Thus saith **AYAZL** (Yahuah) of hosts, "Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of **AYAZL** (Yahuah)." 17 - They say still unto them that despise me, '**AYAZL** (Yahuah) has said, You shall have Shalum (Peace); and they say unto every one that walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you."

Matthew 5:11 - Baruch (Blessed) are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 - Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Shamyim (Heavens): for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Luke 6:26 - Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

And to that we can say, "HalaluYAH!!!!!"

Hebrews 6:10 For **AYAZL** (Yahuah) is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which you have shown toward his Name, in that you have ministered to the set apart ones, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That you be not slothful, but followers of them who through Amanah (faith) and patience inherit the

promises.

Ephesians 6:11 - Put on the whole armor of Alahym, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 - For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

2 Timothy 4:3 - For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; 4 - And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

Having itching ears means not wanting to hear truth, but wanting to hear things that will satisfy their flesh! Many admire the words of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha), but they fail to live them. We must pray that we can be accounted worthy to follow **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) indeed!!!!

2 Thessalonians 1:11 - Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our Alahym would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of Amanah (faith) with power: 12 - That the Name of our Master **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah) may be honored in you, and you in him, according to the favor of our Alahym and the Master **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) HaMashiach (the Messiah).

Mark 8:34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his yoke, and follow me. 35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the glad tidings, the same shall save it. 36 For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole World, and lose his own Soul? 37 Or what shall a man give in exchange for his Soul? 38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of Man be ashamed, when he comes in the splendor of his Father with the set-apart messengers."

John 12:24 - "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the ground and dies, it abides alone: but if it dies, it brings forth much fruit. 25 - He that loves his life shall lose it; and he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. 26 - If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."

That is not to say that we will not have trials and tribulations, because the true followers of **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) will surely be tried!!

James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations; 3 Knowing this, that the trying of your Amanah (faith) works patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, wanting nothing. 5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah), that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him ask in Amanah (faith), not wavering. For he that wavers is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of **ʼAʼYʼAʼL** (Yahuah). 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

John 6:67 - Then said **OWYʼAʼL** (Yahusha) unto the (12) twelve, "Will you also go

away?" 68 - Then Simon Kepha answered him, "Rabbi, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 - And we believe and are sure that you are the Messiah, the Son of the living Aluah."

OWY^א (Yahusha) said in **John 16:33** - "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me you might have Shalum (Peace). In the World you shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the World."

Mark 4:24 Then He said to them, "Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. 25 For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him."

If we seek his ways...If we love the truth (His word)...If we want to walk in righteousness by seeking to apply ALL of His word...And if we are overcomers... Surely we can hear these words one day: **Luke 12:32** - Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **Matthew 25:21 & 23** 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

May it be so with us -- may we be His "little flock"-- and may we seek to enter that narrow Gate (Door) which leads to eternal life.