

Month 3: Return, Revelation & Blessing

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The third month of the year on the Hebrew calendar kicks off the season the Rabbis call the “Season of Revelation.” This primarily refers to the revelation of the Torah on Mt. Sinai, which most believe was the day of Shavuot/Pentecost. Shavuot always falls during the third month. As Messianic believers, we also know the revelation of the Holy Spirit was poured out 1,500 years later on the same day.

As we look at the happenings in this month, there’s a distinct pattern that leads to this pouring out of revelatory power. They are examples of how we can align with Yehovah’s season and rhythms and participate in bringing his will on earth today.

A Return to Blessing

The third month is referenced six times in the Bible. Just about all of them have to do with the people of Yehovah returning to his ways and being blessed as a result.

- In Exodus 19-20 it says that in the third month after leaving Egypt, the Israelites set up camp in the Sinai Desert. Yehovah promised them that if they would keep his covenant, they would be his special treasure among peoples. To which they agree, “All Yehovah says, we will do.” Then Yehovah appeared to them on Mt. Sinai and spoke the ten words (revelation).
- In Ezekiel 31, on the first day of this month, Ezekiel is told to prophesy that Egypt will be brought to ruin. It is compared to a strong, beautiful, majestic tree that has become arrogant and haughty, and it is foretold that once again, as they were during the Exodus, Egypt will be brought down.

Egypt represents evil and those opposed to Yehovah having power over the righteous. It represents oppression, bondage and paganism. This is what Yehovah promises to destroy.

- In Esther, the 23rd of the third month is when the decree is sent that allowed Jews to defend themselves against the Persians. As a result,

Haman’s plan to destroy the Jews is upended, and the Jews gain the victory.

- In 2 Chronicles 15, it was in this month that the people assembled together at Jerusalem and heeded Azariah’s prophecy, and then turned whole-heartedly to Yehovah. King Asa cleansed the land of all pagan worship and reinstated the temple altar:

“They assembled together at Yerushalayim in the third month of the fifteenth year of Asa’s reign. ¹¹ That day they sacrificed to Adonai 700 oxen and 7,000 sheep from the spoil they had brought; ¹² and they entered into a covenant to seek Adonai, the God of their ancestors, with all their heart and with all their being; ¹³ [they also agreed] that whoever refused to seek Adonai the God of Isra’el should be put to death, whether small or great, man or woman. ¹⁴ They swore this to Adonai in a loud voice, with shouting and blowing of trumpets and shofars. ¹⁵ All Y’hudah was full of joy at this oath; for they had sworn with all their heart and had sought him with all their will; and they found him, and Adonai gave them rest all around.”

Yehovah revealed himself to them and gave them peace from their enemies.

- In 2 Chronicles 31 Hezekiah re-established the priests as full time ministers, with the people giving offerings and tithes to support them. They brought so much to support the priests that the extras heaped up for five months:

“Hezekiah commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion due to the priests and the Levites, that they might devote themselves to the law of the LORD. ⁵ As soon as the order spread, the sons of Israel provided in abundance the first fruits of grain, new wine, oil, honey and of all the produce of the field; and they brought in abundantly the tithe of all. ⁶ The sons of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of sacred gifts which were consecrated to the LORD their God, and placed

them in heaps. ⁷ In the third month they began to make the heaps, and finished them by the seventh month. ⁸ When Hezekiah and the rulers came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel. ⁹ Then Hezekiah questioned the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. ¹⁰ Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok said to him, 'Since the contributions began to be brought into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat with plenty left over, for the LORD has blessed His people, and this great quantity is left over.'"

So we see, again, people returning to Yehovah's ways and him blessing them with peace and abundance.

The Month in Context

Let's put this in context of where we're at on our Hebrew calendar.

Month one is the month of deliverance from that which holds us back, and a time of separating the righteous from the unrighteous.

In the second month we saw those who chose to follow Yehovah drawn out of the mainstream, through the narrow road, ready to go deeper in their relationship with him.

And now in this third month, we have this righteous remnant consecrating themselves, rising up against Yehovah's enemies, and re-establishing their covenant with Yehovah. Then Yehovah reveals himself to them with his voice from Mt. Sinai, through the destruction of bondage in their lives, by defending them from evil, by giving them joy and peace, and blessing them with abundance.

This is that month! A time when Yehovah wants to reveal himself to us, defend us from destruction and bondage and abundantly bless us. In the examples above, we see that those things occurred as the righteous remnant sought him out, pursued more of his ways, recommitted to him and their covenant and

consecrated themselves for him. This is how we participate in bringing his blessings.

Preparing for Shavuot

Shavuot always falls in this month. Remember that before Yehovah spoke the ten words at Mt. Sinai, he instructed the Israelites to take three days to cleanse and consecrate themselves in preparation. Similarly, before his ascension, Yeshua told the disciples to stay in Jerusalem and wait on the Lord in preparation of the Holy Spirit after his ascension.

I encourage you to do the same this year. Take some time over a few days to wait on the Lord, seek him and prepare yourself for Shavuot.

Also remember, when the day of Shavuot arrived, when the people saw and heard Yehovah's voice from the mountain they said (Deuteronomy 5):

"Now then why should we die? For this great fire will consume us; if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer, then we will die. ²⁷ Go near and hear all that the LORD our God says; then speak to us all that the LORD our God speaks to you, and we will hear and do it.' ²⁸ The LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and the LORD said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken. ²⁹ Oh that they had such a heart in them, that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, that it may be well with them and with their sons forever!'"

This is Yehovah's desire for us, that we come into his presence – closer than we've been before -- to hear his voice, to stand in awe of him on his holy mountain, to commit ourselves to keeping all of his commandments, so he can reveal more of himself to us.

Follow the pattern and watch for his revelation in your life during this season!

"Also on your days of rejoicing, at your designated times and on Rosh-Hodesh (the head of the month), you are to sound the trumpets over your burnt offerings and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; these will be your reminder before your God. I am Adonai your God." Numbers 10:10