

# ***LINE UPON LINE***

## **Lesson #22**

### **Aliyah. Spiritually Ascending to Mount Zion**

#### **LESSON OBJECTIVES**

- Learn that the spiritual meaning of "*aliyah*" which means "*to ascend*" is "*growing in the knowledge and understanding of God by climbing a spiritual ladder*".
- Learn that God's people who desire to follow after the ways and influences of the world spiritually "*descend*" before God.
- Learn that God's will for His people is to desire to "ascend to Mount Zion" which spiritually is associated with "*a goal, the bright object at a distance traveled toward; the most distant point of view*".
- Learn that spiritually ascending to Mount Zion is done by growing in the knowledge and understanding of God in a step-by-step progressive manner and is a lifestyle.
- Learn that the burnt offering, "*olah*" in Hebrew, means "*to ascend*," and was an offering freely given to God with a joyful heart.
- Learn that we are to willingly and joyfully give our lives, time, talent, and money to God as a "*burnt offering*" to Him.
- Learn that God gave *Yeshua*/Jesus as a "*burnt offering*" when He died on the cross/tree.
- Learn the spiritual concept of "*ascending/making aliyah*" unto God.
- Learn that the goal of every believer in Messiah should not only be salvation but walking in the ways of God, which is a lifestyle, with the goal being "*ascending to Mount Zion*".
- Learn that the Hebrew word, "*ma'alah*" which means "*an elevation, a journey to a higher place, a climatic progression*" and the Hebrew word "*tsa'ad*," which means "*to step regularly, to march, to go, on slowly in a solemn procession*" communicates to us the spiritual meaning that "*making aliyah*" before God is a step-by-step spiritual journey (lifestyle) with the goal being to grow in spiritual understanding, knowledge, intimacy, and maturity of the things in the Kingdom of God.

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# ALIYAH

## (Spiritually Ascending to Mount Zion)

====> Psalm 24:3-6 "Who shall ascend (#5927 = alah) unto the hill of the Lord".

====> The hill of the L-rd is Mount Zion (*Psalms 2:6*).

God's people are in Zion (*Isaiah 10:24, 51:16*). God dwells in Zion (*Psalm 9:11, Joel 3:17*).

====> Zion = Strong's word #6726 = Hebrew word "zion." #6726 = zion = the same as #6725 = zioon.

#6725 = zioon = A guiding pillar, way mark (compare #5329).

#5329 = Hebrew word "n'tsach" which means "to become chief, preferred, eminent, especially of the Temple services and its music".

----> God prefers Zion (*Psalms 132:13-14*).

#5331 = Hebrew word "netsach" from #5329 = Hebrew word "n'tsach". #5331 = netsach = "a goal, the bright object at a distance traveled toward; the most distant point of view".

====> Psalm 24:3 "Who shall ascend (#5927) unto the hill of the Lord".

#5927 = Hebrew word "alah" which means "to ascend". #5944 = Hebrew word "aliyah" from #5927 which means "something lofty a stairway, going up, ascend".

---> Jews who immigrate to Israel from any other country in the world are said to be making "aliyah" to Israel. They are "ascending".

---> The spiritual understanding of "aliyah" is that you are ascending to a higher place in God -- a deeper knowledge and revelation of God -- than where you were previously. You are growing in the knowledge of God and therefore God is taking you into a deeper understanding of knowing Him than you previously knew of Him.

*Genesis 13:1* ... Abraham went up (#5927) out of Egypt.

---> Egypt is a type of the world and anytime you leave Egypt (the world) to serve God, you are progressing into a higher spiritual place.

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*Numbers 13:16, 21 ... They went up (#5927) and searched the (promised) land.  
II Chronicles 29:20 ... They went up (#5927) to the house of the Lord.*

---> Because Mount Zion is in Jerusalem, and since Mount Zion is the highest place that you can go spiritually, whenever you go to Jerusalem, you always "go up" to Jerusalem (*Isaiah 2:2-3, Luke 2:41-42, 19:28, John 2:13, 5:1, Acts 25:1*).

You can only go down from Jerusalem (*Luke 10:30*).

#5944 = "An upper chamber, a loft in the roof of a house" (*I Kings 17:19, 23*).

---> Used symbolically to refer to heaven (*Psalms 104:13*).

---> Yeshua/Jesus ascended to heaven (*Psalms 68:18, Ephesians 4:8-15*).

The greatest in the Kingdom of God is a servant (*Matthew 23:11*).

==> #5945 = Hebrew word "elyone" from #5927 which means "an elevation, the Supreme or most High -- used to describe God" (*Psalms 50:14, 57:2, 97:9*).

#5945 = "A ladder, ascent by steps by which one went up to the temple" (*II Chronicles 9:4, Ezekiel 40:2, 26, 31*)

==> #5929 = Hebrew word "aleh" from #5927 which means "a leaf coming up on a tree" (*Psalms 1:1-3*).

(*Psalms 1:3 = leaf = #5929 ---> Isaiah 1:21, 30*)

==> #5930 = Hebrew word "olah" from #5927 which means "a step, stairs, an ascending, go up, burnt offering" ---> *Genesis 22:2-3, 6*.

An "olah" is "a free will offering that must be given freely and joyfully" (*Leviticus 1:1-3*).

---> Abraham/Avraham believed that God would raise Isaac/Yitzchak from the dead if Isaac was slain (*Hebrews 11:17-19*).

God freely gave Yeshua/Jesus (*Isaiah 53:1, 5, 10*).

Yeshua/Jesus freely gave His life (*John 10:17-18*).

---> We are to willingly and joyfully give our lives, time, talent, and money to God (*Romans 12:1, Philippians 4:15-18, II Corinthians 9:6-8*).

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====> #4608 = Hebrew word "ma'aleh" from #5927 which means "an elevation or platform, rise, ascent, hill, stairs".

- a. Nehemiah 12:37 .... Went up (#5927) by stairs (#4609).
- b. I Samuel 9:11 ..... Went up (#5927) by hill (#4608).
- c. Nehemiah 9:4 ..... Stood upon the stairs (#4608).

====> #4609 = Hebrew word "ma'alah" female of #4608 which means "an elevation, A JOURNEY TO A HIGHER PLACE, a climatic progression" (a song of steps, ascent ---> *Psalms 120-134*).

====> #4546 = Hebrew word "m'cillah" from #5549 which means "a staircase, course, path, highway".

- a. A way cast up, highway, a public way (*Judges 20:31-32, Isaiah 35:8, 40:3*).
- b. Applied to a course of life (*Proverbs 16:17* .... highway (#4546) ... way (#1870).
- c. *Joel 2:1, 3-5, 7-8* ... Walk in His path (#4546).

====> #6805 = Hebrew word "tsa'ad" which means "to step regularly, to march, to go, to go on slowly in a solemn procession" (*Psalms 37:23* = steps = #4703 = Hebrew word "mitz'ad" from #6805, *Proverbs 20:24, Proverbs 3:5-6*).

- a. *Proverbs 3:6* ..... Ways (#1870) acknowledge (#3045).
- b. *Proverbs 16:9* .... Steps (#6806) = tsa'ad = a pace or regular step.

====> We are on a spiritual journey departing from the ways of the world and entering into the ways of God growing spiritually step by step desiring to finish the course which God has laid before us and to ascend to the city of God, Mount Zion (*Isaiah 28:9-10, I John 2:12-14*).

## HOW ARE WE TO RUN THE RACE?

The race: *Jeremiah 12:5* vs. *Joel 2:1, 3-5, 7-9*.

---> *I Corinthians 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1-3, II Timothy 4:7-8*.

====> #8558 = Hebrew word "tamar" which means "to be erect, a palm tree" (*Psalms 92:12*).

Zion = #6726 = a sunny place or mountain. #6726 same as #6725, which means "a monumental or guiding pillar, way mark".

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1. *Jeremiah 31:21*: "Set (#5324) thee up way marks (#6725 associated to #5331 -- a goal, the bright object at a distance) make high heaps (#8564 from #8558, which means a pillar or guide board), set your heart to the highway (#4546 -- a public way, a course of life, path, staircase) even the way (#1870) which thou wentest (#1980 = walk) ..."

2. Genesis 28:10-20:

*Genesis 28:12* -- "A ladder (#5551 from #5549 of #4546 -- a staircase, highway, public way -- set up (#5324) reach to heaven to be lofty (#5944 -- aliyah used as a synonym for heaven).

*Genesis 28:20* -- "Keep me in the way (#1870) that I should go (#1980) ..."

3. Ezekiel 40:2, 26:

*Ezekiel 40:26* -- "Seven steps (#4608) -- elevation, stairs, a journey to a higher place -- go up (#5930 = ascend, stairs, burnt offering given freely and joyfully) had palm trees on the posts".

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* Ascend = Go Up = Step by Step Progression = Walk = *
* To Go Forward = To Flow as Water = To Live Following *
* a Manner of Life = Way = A Course of Life = Road *
* Trodden = a Highway = a Guiding Pillar = Way mark = *
* a Goal = a Bright Object at a Distance Traveled *
* Toward = Zion = a High Calling of God = Spiritual *
* Maturity = Bride = Righteous = Those with Clean *
* Hands and a Pure Heart = Psalms 24:3-6 *
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4. *Psalms 119:14-16* --- "Meditate in thy precepts (commandments) ..." (*Joshua 1:8, Psalm 1:1-2*)

5. Psalm 119:26-27:

- a. Be taught His Word
- b. Talk His Word (*John 3:34*)

---> "He whom God sent spoke the Words of God, so He gave him His spirit without measure" (*John 3:34*).

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==> TO WALK IN THE WAYS OF GOD:

- a. Follow the Word (commandments) of God
- b. Live intimately with God
- c. Follow after God
- d. Go forward or adding to your present knowledge of God
- e. Flow as water in God

==> WE ARE TO WALK:

- a. Not after the flesh but after the spirit (*Romans 8:1, Galatians 5:16, 19-22*)
- b. Walk by faith (*II Corinthians 5:7, Hebrews 11:6*)
- c. Walk not according to our mind (*Ephesians 4:17, Romans 8:7, James 4:4*)
- d. We must walk in *Yeshua/Jesus* having our minds renewed to the Word of God (*Colossians 2:6, Hebrews 12:3, Romans 12:2*)

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### LESSON REVIEW/QUESTIONS

1. In *Psalms 24:3*, what does the word ascend (#5927 = "alah") mean?
2. What does the Hebrew word, "*aliyah*" (Strong's word #5944) mean?
3. What is the spiritual meaning of "*aliyah*"?
4. In *Genesis 13:1*, *Numbers 13:16, 21*, and *II Chronicles 29:20*, what is the spiritual message that God is communicating by examining the phrase "*went up*," which is the Hebrew word, "*alah*"?
5. Give a scripture reference where the Hebrew word "*aliyah*" (which is the Strong's word #5944) symbolically refers to heaven.
6. Give several scripture references where the Hebrew word, "*elyone*" (#5945) means "*a ladder, ascent by steps by which one went up to the temple*".
7. What is an "*olah*" (Strong's word #5930)?
8. What is the Biblical requirement of a burnt offering?
9. In *Genesis 22:1-3*, how did God ask Abraham to offer up Isaac to Him?
10. In *Genesis 22*, did Abraham believe that God would raise Isaac from the dead if he was slain?
11. How are we to give our lives, time, talent, and money to God?
12. What does the Hebrew word, "*ma'aleh*," which is the Strong's word #4608, mean?
13. What does the Hebrew word, "*ma'alah*," which is the Strong's word #4609 mean?
14. What is the spiritual relationship between the word "*ascend*" (#5927 "*alah*") and the Hebrew words, "*ma'aleh*" (#4608) and "*ma'alah*" (#4609)?
15. Spiritually, in *Proverbs 16:17*, how is the word '*highway*' (Strong's word #4546) related to the Hebrew word, "*derek*" (Strong's word #1870)?
16. Can we walk in the ways of God and follow the desires of our flesh and the ways of the world?
17. In *Psalms 24:3-6* it says, "Who shall ascend (#5927 = "alah") unto the hill of the Lord." What is the spiritual meaning of this?