Living Well Vision Update

PREPARING OUR HEARTS TO MINISTER BY THE BOOK

- In Biblical numerology 5 is number of grace or death
- 5th month is found 10 times in scripture

- Aaron dies because of rebellion against God's word:
 - Num 33:38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first *day* of the fifth month.
 - Num 20:24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

- 586BC: 2 Ki 25:8-11: Jerusalem sacked, Temple destroyed and rest of people (most of them) carried off.
- 1 Ki 9:1-7 tells why destroyed—did not keep WOG!

- 1Ch 27:8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.
- In the kingdom's early years a monthly militia was in place to serve the king/kingdom.
- During the fifth month of the year, it was Shamhuth's turn to lead the militia. Shamhuth means "Desolation."

- Jeremiah prophesies truth in the 5th month in 594 BC, of ongoing judgment for Israel during the Babylonian captivity in the face of false prophecies which were prophecies of peace—telling the people what they wanted to hear.
 - Jer 28:1-4, 15-17

- In 591 BC Ezekiel prophecies against the leaders of Israel (Judah) because of rebellion against God's Word and turning to idolatry:
 - Ezekiel 20: 1-4, 10-13, 16-21, 30-31
 - God refuse to be inquired of by them—"Go talk to your idols about it."
 - Time of judgment is coming, followed by restoration v 35-44

• 586: Israelites officially carried away. Jer 1:3

- 518 BC: Questions regarding The Fifth Month Fast:
 - For 70 yrs the nation has been fasting during the 5th month to lament the destruction of the Temple in 586.
 - Should it be continued now that temple was being rebuilt?
 - Zech 7:1-7
 - Fasting was "...for yourselves" (v.5-6)
 - God's question in return (v.7): "Shouldn't you hear the WOG which has been preached all along?"

- 518 BC: Questions regarding The Fifth Month Fast:
 - God's response continues in Zech 8
 - God plans to turn the 5th month fast into joy, gladness, and cheerful feasts!
 - Note the presence of truth in the new scenario. Zech 8:1-3, 15-19

- Ezra 7:8-10
 - 5th month is now associated with God's good hand upon Ezra
 - Don't miss the "For"
 - Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.

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