

...**UNTIL!**

(**Or TILL**)

Many times in the Scriptures, the Lord God of Isra'el says: This or that will..... **UNTIL** (or **TILL**) at which point something will change:

So what is the Lord saying about
“**UNTIL** (or **TILL**)?”

Preface.

Having written these series of studies on a given word, in this case **UNTIL**, for several years and having now typed them into MS WORD, I felt that should they be published. You, the reader, may find them useful as a point of reference, similar to a Commentary, but much more focussed, in this case on a specific word where ever it appears in the (*AV - King James Version*) Scriptures. All the other studies on a given word, will be found in: www.bible-studies-on-a-word.org.uk

To that end, an index is at the front of this book, rather than is more usual, at the back.

This morning, Sunday the 16th of February 2014, I was watching a recording of “The Late Show,” broadcast by Revelation TV on the 10th of February whilst having my breakfast (*I'm always in “catch-up” mode in my TV watching*). In that broadcast, Hugh Jackman read out a prophecy given by Lance Lambert in 2011 (*appended below*). Lo and behold, at the South of Reading Christian Fellowship (*SORCF*) in Three Mile Cross, to which I went that morning, John Angliss, the Pastor, read out the self-same prophecy!!! A God-incidence! The message by John, when the meeting reached that stage, was about the number of times in the Old and New Testaments, that things were to happen **UNTIL** something was accomplished then something else was going to happen. This, of course related to the prophecy.

I felt quite strongly that the Lord wants me to start another Bible Study on a word of every occasion that the word **UNTIL** is used in the (*AV*) Scriptures (*according to my Crudens Concordance on the AV*) as I have previously done for the other words, **LOVE, FAITH, HOPE, RIGHTEOUSNESS** and **WORD**.

Lo and behold again, after I had had these two mentions of Lance Lambert’s prophecy in one morning, and back at home, having switched on my PC to make a start by typing the first Study, there was an E-Mail from a friend, Moira Dare-Edwards, containing nothing less than a transcript of this prophecy! Three times in one day, is way beyond a coincidence!!!! This could only be God! I have underlined the word **UNTIL** in the prophecy.

I am acutely aware, as always, that what I write here in these Studies, could be only my own feelings, but I trust God that this will only happen rarely.

Prophetic word for Great Britain, Saturday 6 August 2011.

Saturday 6 August 2011

*Hear the voice of the Lord, O Isles that I have so greatly loved and favoured. I, the Lord the Almighty, I took you when you were nothing, clothed with skins and woad, and through My saving power, I made you great. When you were nothing, through My Word and your faith in Me, I lifted you and made you **Great Britain**. Through many awakenings and many revivals, stage by stage, I took you **until** you became a great power with the greatest Empire in the history of the nations. From you My Gospel and My Word went throughout the world, and tens of thousands came into an experience of saving faith! That Empire, with all its many failings and weaknesses, was still one of the most just and righteous Empires of history.*

Those Isles of yours were soaked with the blood of My faithful martyrs and its soil received the burnt ashes of those who would not renounce My Name, My Truth, and My Word. I, the Lord have not forgotten those who gave their all for Me!

But now the whole nation that I created and sustained has turned from Me. They paganise their land, state and institutions; there is no voice heard to warn the nation. False religion, the work of world rulers of darkness, cover your Isles; A Laodicean Church, neither hot nor cold, rumbles on like machinery. It is a Church where I am outside of its routine; its organisation and its methodology. It is Christianity without Me: Religion without Me!

*My being is seared with pain, for judgement is determined against your land. I can do no other. I will destroy the vestiges of her greatness; I will return her to her first estate. I will wreck her economy, destabilise her in every way. **I will change her climate, even her weather.** I will prove to her that the way of the transgressor is hard and terrible. I will allow demonic forces held in check erstwhile by My Word and Gospel, and the living faith of so many, to become rampant in her social life, to the destruction of her society.*

Will you who know Me and love Me go blind and dumb and deaf into this judgement?

It is time for you who love Me, who are faithful to Me, to take action! Stand before Me and plead The Finished Work of My Son. At least cry out to Me, that there will be those who turn from darkness, from sin, and be saved. For whosoever shall call upon My Name in the midst of these judgements, I will save!

It will cost you everything to stand in the gap, but you will enter into My heart, and know deep fellowship with Me. Such travail conceived in your heart by My Spirit will cost you deeply, but it will end in My Throne and Glory.

Lance Lambert

So here goes with the Studies on the word: **UNTIL**. Previous studies, I've used the AV, but this time I'm using the AV Concordance for the references, but quoting The Complete Jewish Bible (*CJB*). I will write down what I feel the Lord is telling me in and about the word in the verse in its context. It is good to get used to some Hebrew words, since that is the language used in Heaven.

However, it was about 2 years after I finished 'doing' **UNTIL**, that I realised that the short form of that word is **TILL** and checking in my Cruden's Concordance, sure enough, there was **TILL**. When I had finished my next study (*on the word **WORSHIP***) which I had been doing, I embarked on **TILL** and have added these studies to the original on **UNTIL**.

However, in the Word studies below on the word **UNTIL**, I have cut and pasted the Biblical text from the Bible Gateway version of the CJB (*Complete Jewish Bible by David Stern*) whilst in the studies of the word **TILL**, I have cut 'n pasted from the CJB and from the AKJV (*Authorised King James Version*) both from www.biblegateway.com on the internet.

Interestingly, both **UNTIL** and **TILL** each occur 45 times, according to my Crudens Concordance.

Now I will let the Lord suggest to me the next word He would like me to study.

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The Studies on the word

UNTIL:

1. **Genesis 28 v 15:** “Look, I am with you. I will guard you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land, because I won’t leave you **UNTIL** I have done what I have promised you”

Wow! Another God-incidence! In our Sunday morning Bible Study group, here in our home, up to when Sheila died (*Friday 27th of December 2013*) going through and studying Genesis, we were in the middle of **Genesis 28!!!** And that, after about 18 months, almost every Sunday. I feel that God is saying that He will deliver on what He has promised. In **this verse**, it is to Ya’akov and reflects the similar promises given to Avraham and Yitz’chak. God will always honour the promises He has made to them and to us all throughout history. He is totally reliable, but He is sovereign and so is His timing, we mustn’t try to pre-empt God by trying to say that so-and-so will happen at such-and-such a time or place. We must submit to His ways and times **UNTIL** He will carry out His promises to us. *Sunday 16th of February 2014*

2. **Genesis 32 v 4, 5:** “Ya’akov sent messengers ahead of him to ‘Esav his brother toward the land of Se’ir, the country of Edom, with these instructions: “Here is what you are to say to my lord ‘Esav: your servant Ya’akov says, ‘I have been living with Lavan and have stayed **UNTIL** now....””

Ya’akov had been away from ‘Esav for 20 years and had married 2 of Lavan’s daughters and had children with them. When he left him 20 years before, he had effectively run away from ‘Esav and now he was returning to the land of his father, Yitz’chak, in trepidation, for ‘Esav might want to take retribution for what had happened just before he left (*stole ‘Esav’s eldest son’s inheritance*). Ya’akov was now trusting in the God of his father Yitz’chak, so the message to me here is that I must trust in the Lord God of Isra’el, that whatever wrong I did in the past, if I am trusting God, then I must leave it in His hands, whatever happens, whichever way that turns out.

3. **Genesis 46 v 34:** “tell him, ‘Your servants have been keepers of livestock from our youth **UNTIL** now, both we and our ancestors.’ This will ensure that you will live in the land of Goshen – for any shepherd is abhorrent to the Egyptians.”

The implication of **UNTIL** in this context seems to say that Joseph’s family would no longer continue as shepherds. However, from the rest of the context of **this verse**, that would seem not to be the case, as Goshen was a land of lush pastures (*Wikipedia tells me*) suitable for all the livestock that Ya’akov’s family had brought with them. So, what is the Lord saying to us here? Be honest about ourselves even when to do so might be to our detriment.

4. **Genesis 49 v 10:** “The sceptre will not pass from Y’hudah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his legs, **UNTIL** he comes to whom (*obedience*) belongs; * and it is he whom the people will obey.” (* *or: **UNTIL** Shiloh comes.*)

Well, to start, this part of Ya’akov’s final blessing upon his 12 sons. In this he makes Y’hudah the ruler over his brothers, gives him the position and privileges of the Eldest son. This is to be **UNTIL** Shiloh comes, or **UNTIL** he comes to whom (*obedience*) belongs. Now in **Psalm 78:60**, the Lord declares how He abandoned the Tabernacle at Shiloh, so it would seem that the prophetic word over Y’hudah in Genesis here, has not yet been fulfilled, a happening yet to be. Now if I remember correctly, Shiloh is modern day Hebron and it is quite firmly in the control of the Muslims. I think that the Lord is here saying that when Shiloh comes back under the control of the Jews (*Y’hudah!*) the Lord may return. It is one of the signs to be fulfilled before that day? The alternate translation of “he comes to whom (*obedience*) belongs” shows, to me, that will be the returning Messiah, Jesus!

5. **Numbers 14 v 19:** “Please! Forgive the offence of this people according to the greatness of Your grace, just as You have borne with this people from Egypt **UNTIL** now.”

Here Moses is trying to reason with God for Him to be merciful after the Isra’elites had gone against God. Here are 2 things about God: He does hear our prayers; We can reason with Him in intercession. The first item, we may feel that we are praying against a glass ceiling, but here we see that God does hear the prayer of Moses. We may rest assured that God always hears our prayers, but sometimes we fail to realise that His answer is not what we want to hear from Him! He may say “yes,” as in this case, or He may say “no” or even wait - not yet. In the latter case, we must patiently wait **UNTIL**, in God’s perfect timing, our prayer may be answered. Secondly, we see here that God is big enough to listen to our “reasoned” requests to change a situation which is obviously beyond our capabilities to influence. Hallelujah!

6. **Judges 18 v 30:** “The people of Dan set up the image for themselves. Y’honatan the son of Gershom, the son of M’nasheh, and his sons were cohanim for the tribe of the people of Dan **UNTIL** the day of the exile from the land.”

Oh dear, the people of Dan were right off the (**spiritual**) rails at this point! At the beginning of **the chapter**, it is written that they had not been given any land of their own at that stage (???). So, they apparently took things into their own hands. In **the verse** I’ve written out above it reads that they had set up certain of their own family to be cohanim (*Priests*) to them, and they had even taken a Levi from one Mikhah, who had made the Levi his own cohanim, to be another one for the tribe of Dan. Then we come to **verse 30** above, where this situation pertained **UNTIL** they were driven from the Land. So, the message, to me, here is: don’t take things into your own hands, much better do it God’s way!

7. **1 Samuel 9 v 13:** “Find him as soon as you enter the city, before he goes up to the high place to eat; because the people won’t eat **UNTIL** he comes and blesses the sacrifice. Afterwards, the ones invited will eat. So, go on up, because this is where you will find him.” (Sunday 23rd February 2014.)

The people wouldn’t eat **UNTIL** Samuel (*Sh’mu’el*) had gone up and blessed the sacrifice. It isn’t (*in this chapter anyway*) revealed what was the occasion of this feast or sacrifice, but it must have been something special for Samuel to have come to this town especially to bless this particular sacrifice. However, this was all God ordained, as He wanted Sha’ul (*Saul*) to be seen by Samuel, and he was to be seen to be elevated at table in front of the most important people in that city. God chose Saul to be the king over the people of Isra’el that they had previously asked for. Today, we see that **UNTIL** God’s timing was right, they wouldn’t get the king for whom they asked. Again we see that if it isn’t the right time in God’s plans, things don’t happen **UNTIL** His time is right! *Sunday 23rd February 2014.*

8. **1 Samuel 15 v 35:** “Never again did Sh’mu’el see Sha’ul **UNTIL** the day he died. But Sh’mu’el grieved over Sha’ul, and ADONAI regretted that He had ever made Sha’ul king over Isra’el.”

Samuel grieved over Saul, then God regretted that he had made Saul king over Isra’el. Strange, because in **verse 29**, we are told that God doesn’t change His mind? Truly, God did **not** change His mind, he let Saul live out his life as king. We see in **Chapter 31** that Saul died still the king of Isra’el. Now we have an “**UNTIL**” here, Samuel never did see Saul again to the day of Samuel’s death. In **Chapter 25:1** we see that all Isra’el assembled to mourn Samuel, it isn’t made clear if “all” included Saul. Although Saul did try to “see” Samuel again, when he went to the “Witch” of Endor. So, Samuel grieved over all of Saul’s wrong doings, how he failed the Lord God of Isra’el instructions time and again. Do we see anything about the word **UNTIL** here? Only that when Samuel said he would never see Saul again, he meant it.

9. **2 Samuel 19 v 7:** “Now get up, go out and speak heart-to-heart with your servants. For I swear by ADONAI that if you don’t go out, not one man will stay here with you tonight, and that will be worse for you than all the misfortunes you have suffered from your youth **UNTIL** now.”

Yoav was remonstrating with king David, for he was acting very selfishly, because Absalom his son was dead. He was thinking only of himself and ignoring the fact that his men, servants, had won the victory over the one who was trying to usurp David as king over Isra’el. David had suffered many misfortunes in his life, it all started after he had killed Goliath, when king Saul had started dealing treacherously with David. Yoav had to remind David of all these things but told him that far worse things than these that had happened up **UNTIL** this point in David’s life, would happen to him, if he didn’t go and effectively thank and congratulate his men for what they had done that day for him. As king, they fought for him to preserve him. Yoav saw that unless David did the “right” thing, this would be a turning point in his life where things would get even worse.

10. **II Samuel 19 v 24:** “M’fivoshet the son of Sha’ul came down to meet the king. He hadn’t cared for his legs, trimmed his beard or washed his clothes from the day the king had left **UNTIL** the day he came home in peace,”

Mephib’osheth was lame and later explained to king David why he had not fled with David when Absalom had usurped him, as he had been deceived by his servant. However, it would seem that as a mark of respect, he had not looked after himself since David had fled and was now presenting himself in that state to king David, since the “**UNTIL**” was now fulfilled. So, what do I learn from the Lord here? That I/we should respect those whom the Lord has temporarily allowed to be afflicted in some way. Just because bad things happen to God’s people, we mustn’t condemn them, as punished by God. When the Lord raises them up again, we must take them into our hearts. Note, that this doesn’t mean when someone is lifted up again by men!!!

11. **1 Kings 22 v 27:** “Say, “The king says to put this man in prison and feed him only bread and water, and not much of that, **UNTIL** I return in peace.””

So, why was Mikhay’hu to be imprisoned? Because Y’hoshafat, king of Y’hudah wasn’t happy to rely on the words of the false prophets of king Ach’av and asked if there was not a prophet of ADONAI to be consulted? Ach’av didn’t like Mikhay’hu because he never prophesied good to him, and no wonder. The prophet was to be imprisoned **UNTIL** Ach’av returned in peace, having won the battle, which he didn’t since he was killed, and therefore couldn’t return in peace. We are not told for how long Mikhay’hu remained in prison, or if he ever was released. So, what do I learn here? Beware of false prophets!

12. **2 Chronicles 18 v 26:** “Say, “The king says to put this man in prison and feed him only bread and water, and not much of that, **UNTIL** I come back in peace.””

Wow! Almost word for word the same as **1 Kings 22:27**. Only “*come back*” in the place of “*return*.” So, the context of this **UNTIL** is the same as before too. I can’t believe that the Lord is saying anything in only changing one word for two. The king has the authority to put anyone in prison and we must submit to that authority for as long as the Lord leaves that man in that place of authority, which, in this case, wasn’t for much longer for king Ach’av, who was to die.

13. **2 Kings 8 v 6:** “On being asked by the king, the woman verified it. At this, the king appointed a special officer and charged him, “restore all things that belong to her, including the income her fields have produced from the day she left them **UNTIL** now.””

Shomron, which is where this all happened, had been besieged by the king of Aram, but the king of Aram heard the sound of many chariots etc. and ran away, this was the Lord’s doing. In **verse 1** of **this chapter**, Elisha had warned the Shunamite woman whose son he had raised to life (see **2 Kings 4:25-37**) to flee from the 7 year famine to come on the land. Now she had returned to claim her belongings, just as Geichazi was telling the king of the great things his master, Elisha, had done. In particular, he had just told the king about Elisha restoring a dead person to life. Now I believe **Isaiah 65:24**, where the Lord answers before we even ask, God-incidences! Here we have just such an example. Would the woman have regained her possessions if the timing of her approaching the king had been any other than as Geichazi was telling the king the things about Elisha? Everything was restored to the woman from when she left the land **UNTIL** now, when she returned. Hallelujah! I praise the Lord for his graciousness to me and the many God-incidences he gave Sheila and I before she died.

14. **Ezra 4 v 21:** “So now, order that these men stop work and that this city not be rebuilt **UNTIL** I order it.”

This happened during the reign of Achashverosh (*Ahasue’rus in the AV*) when the people who had been moved into Shomron by the king’s predecessors, tried everything they could think of to stop the returning Jews rebuilding the city of Jerusalem. Finally, having failed in every other attempt, they had written (*half-truths*) to the king and here **in this verse**, we have the king’s response: “Stop them!” He hadn’t gone far enough back in the Archives, so he believed the letter sent to him. What the Lord seems to be saying here in this passage is: There will be opposition to anything that we try to do in God’s Will. We should not be surprised by this. Hallelujah Lord Jesus! Help us to set out only to do Your Will and not our own interpretation of it, may You give us the strength to persevere in the face of the opposition. Amen.

15. **Ezra 5 v 16:** “So this same Sheshbatar (*Sheshbazzar in AV*) came and laid the foundations of the House of God in Yerushalayim; it has been under construction ever since, and it isn’t finished yet.”

The AV says: “*and since that time even UNTIL now has it been in building.*” So, the word **UNTIL** doesn’t appear in the CJB as it doesn’t use middle-ages English expressions and language. Thank goodness for that I say! We have now the second time that the enemies of God tried to stop the re-building of the Temple and Jerusalem, and then another letter to Daryevesh (*Dari’us in the AV*) who was by then king of the Medes and the Persians, for him to check the archives again to get him to write to say “Stop Them” again. However, this time their letter mentioned the decree of king Koresh (*Cyrus in the AV*) as quoted to them this time, by the Jews doing the building. To me, this tells me, that if I am going to quote something or somebody, I must quote the whole thing. If the Jews had done that in the first place, the second lot of disturbance wouldn’t have happened. The enemies had their come-uppance in the reply from king Daryevesh in that they were to give every assistance and to supply all that was needed, to the Jews for the Temple!

16. **Ezra 10 v 14:** “Let our leaders represent the whole community; and let all those in our cities who have married foreign women appear at pre-arranged times, accompanied by the elders and judges of each city; **UNTIL** our God’s fierce anger over this has been turned away from us.”

Oh dear. By Ezra, the Lord had expressed his anger that the returning exiles had polluted the bloodline by marrying foreign women, now, **UNTIL** the foreign women had been sent away, together with any children they had produced, the anger of the Lord God of Isra’el would not be assuaged! There were many of the Cohanim (*Priests*) and Levites who had married foreign women, they had to not only send them away, but also to make sacrifices to the Lord in atonement. To me, this preservation of the bloodline applies to the Jews of then and of today, we Gentiles don’t have a bloodline, although my own belief is that we should marry believers. I confess that I didn’t but backed down after the “explosion” from the In-Laws-to-be when I said that I couldn’t marry Sheila since, at that time, she wasn’t a believer. Sheila did become a believer not too long after we married. Phew! Thank You Lord!

17. **Job 14 v 13:** “I wish You would hide me in Sh’ol, conceal me **UNTIL** Your anger has passed, then fix a time and remember me.”

Poor Iyov (*Job*) doesn’t understand the powers to which he is being subjected, he only knows the Lord God, but doesn’t realise that he is feeling the results of the way God is proving to Ha’Satan (*The Adversary, in English*) how much it would take to force Iyov to give up his faith in God. In the midst of all his troubles and the “comforters” that have been sent (*by Ha’Satan?*) to try to make him feel even worse. Iyov is here wishing that the Lord would hide him **UNTIL** what he perceives as the anger of God, passes. Like all of us, he has no knowledge of what is going on in the Heavens. The lesson here to each of us is to keep leaning on our faith in the Lord God, we must become aware that whatever happens, that same Lord God **is** on our side. Amen.

Sunday 9th of March 2014

18. **Psalm 36 v 2:** “For the way he sees it, crime makes his life easy – that is **UNTIL** his wrongs are discovered; then, he is hated.”

Here we have King David’s exposé of the results of the life of a criminal. He is loving the ease of the life of crime, quite oblivious of God watching. Then we have the **UNTIL!** After that, the criminal is hated by those around him. The message here would seem to be, to remember that God is watching all that we say or do, even what we are thinking (**Psalm 139:2 and others**). We should ask the Lord to search us as in **Psalm 139:23-24**, then ask Him to reveal to us the things within us of which we may not even be aware, buried too deep in my/our memories.

19. **Psalm 73 v 17:** “**UNTIL** I went into the Sanctuaries of God and grasped what their destiny would be.

It is difficult to know what **this verse** means without the **previous verse** at least, since **this verse** begins with the word **UNTIL**. Asaf, in **this Psalm** starts off by looking at all the (*earthly*) advantages the wicked have and maybe wishing that he had some of them **UNTIL** he went into the Sanctuaries of God. For us, the nearest would be into the Word of God, the Scriptures, Old and New Testaments. Then he realised what is the destiny for those wicked. What is the message here for me or us today? Keep our eyes upon Jesus, the Word of God! Keep studying His Word, the Scriptures.

20. **Psalm 132 v 5:** “**UNTIL** I find a place for ADONAI, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Ya’akov.”

Once again, **our verse** starts with **UNTIL**, so the message lies only in the context. Here, the writer is saying that he will not enter his home or use his bed, he will not so much as close his eyes **UNTIL**..... That is, **UNTIL** he finds a place for ADONAI, a dwelling. Since this is a Psalm of Ascents, it means that it is to be sung as the pilgrim ascends the steps up to the Temple. Obviously, the Temple is there as a dwelling place for ADONAI already, so to what dwelling place does this refer? The only thing I feel the Lord is saying to me here, is that the dwelling place is to be in my heart. Lord Jesus, please come into MY heart anew, fill every little crevice in my being. Amen.

21. **Song of Songs 2 v 17:** “Before the daytime breeze arises and the shadows flee, return my love, like a Stag or Gazelle on the hills of Beter.”

Hum. Must resort to the AV to see where **UNTIL** comes in: “**UNTIL the day break and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be you like a Roe or a young Hart upon the mountains of Be’ther.**” OK, I can see that ‘before’ and ‘**UNTIL**’ could be the same, so what do I learn here? The Shulamite Maiden is here calling to Solomon to return to her in good time. Now in the Song of Songs, it alludes to Solomon being Jesus and the Maiden to being us - today, Isra’el and the Church. I am struggling here to see what the Lord is telling me! The Maiden is searching, in her mind, for her love, so, today we should be seeking the Lord with all our heart and mind and strength. Amen.

22. **Song of Songs 4 v 6:** “Before the day’s cool breeze comes up and the shadows lengthen, I will get myself to the mountain of Myrrh, to the hill of Frankincense.”

Once more, the AV says ‘**UNTIL**’ whilst the CJB here has ‘before,’ otherwise both versions are saying more or less exactly the same. In **this passage**, Solomon is confessing his love to the Shulamite Maiden and is looking to see her soon. This is also the way the Lord God of Isra’el looks at you and me, Jew or Gentile, we are no different in his love. He is longing to have that intimate relationship with us, for which purpose He created us. That intimate relationship for which He died on the Cross and was resurrected. Some God eh!

23. **Isaiah 32 v 15:** “**TILL** the Spirit is poured out on us from above, and the desert becomes a fertile field, and the fertile field regarded as a forest.”

The first thing here that strikes me is, in reading the context, is that **this passage** is addressed to complacent, overconfident women! The warning in **verse 10** to them is that “in a year and a few days more... the vintage will fail...” **UNTIL** “**the Spirit is poured out on us from above.**” After this **UNTIL**, everything will be better, as a result of these women learning to lean on the Lord instead of being complacent and overconfident in themselves, that everything will continue as it always has and nothing will change. In **this passage**, the Lord is telling them that I will bring them to look to me and when they do, instead of looking to themselves, then things will be better. So, the Lord is telling me, that I must look to Him and not trust in my own resources. Help me please Lord, to turn my eyes upon Jesus and not to take my eyes off Him. Amen.

24. **Isaiah 36 v 17:** “**UNTIL** I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land with grain and wine, a land with bread and vineyards.”

Rav-Shakeh was here saying, that if the Jews would surrender to the king of Ashur, they could stay where they are **UNTIL** the king of Ashur came to take them away to Ashur, a land like their present land. Rav-Shakeh was ridiculing ADONAI, in whom Hizkiyahu (*Hezekiah*) was trusting and telling the people to trust. When we read on, we see that Hizkiyahu tore his clothes and went into the Temple, the House of ADONAI, and subsequently sent his officials, wearing sackcloth, to Yesha’yahu (*Isaiah*) who told them to go back Hizkiyahu with words of comfort from the Lord God of Isra’el, to the effect that He would cause the enemy to return to his home, leaving them safe. The message here is that when we know the word of the Lord, we can trust it and live safely under it. Amen. (Sunday 16th March 2014)

25. **Isaiah 62 v 1:** “For Tziyon’s sake I will not be silent, for Yerushalayim’s sake I will not rest, **UNTIL** her vindication shines out brightly and her salvation like a blazing torch.”

Such a **well-known verse!** Here, the living Lord God of Isra’el is telling of how He is going to restore Yerushalayim to a greater glory than she had before. He is not even going to rest, much less be silent about His plans for her, **UNTIL** he has done all these things. The message here for us is that the Lord God keeps His promises, what He has spoken **WILL** come to pass! We have already seen His work start (*no one said it would all be done in an instant*) when the State of Isra’el was brought back into being in 1948 with part of Yerushalayim made the capital, then all of Yerushalayim re-united as one city in 1967. Hallelujah! Now we look forward to her salvation shining out brightly, like a blazing torch, as **this verse** says. This has yet to happen as I write this, but it **WILL**, God has spoken it! This past week we have had in Bethlehem, another “Christ at the checkpoint” conference, where all the right, nice, words were spoken, but where the unspoken message is that Isra’el is not the true Isra’el and that they are an evil apartheid state. Lord Jesus, they are not preaching Your Gospel, I ask you to destroy their witness and let Your truth prevail. Amen.

26. **Jeremiah 32 v 5:** “ ‘.....and he will lead Tzidkiyahu to Bavel, where he will stay **UNTIL** I remember him,’ says ADONAI, ‘and even if you fight the Kasdim, you will fail.’”

Zedekiah had put Jeremiah in prison because he didn’t like what Jeremiah had prophesied. So, the simple message here is that, even if we don’t like what ADONAI says to us about what we should do or where we should go, it is no good trying to stop the Will of God! It will be much easier for us and possibly “less unpleasant” if we do or accept what the Lord is telling us first time around. Zedekiah had been disobeying the Lord for some time and this was his come-uppance. There was good news for him though, because ADONAI was saying “**UNTIL** I remember him,” so the problems may not last forever.

27. **Jeremiah 44 v 27:** “I am watching over them for harm, not for good. All the men of Y’hudah in the land of Egypt will be destroyed by sword and famine, **UNTIL** none of them is left.

What a terrible indictment, that the Lord God of Isra’el is watching over Y’hudah for harm! Against Jeremiah’s advice, to escape N’vukhadretzar, the men of Y’hudah had not only gone to Egypt, but had taken Jeremiah too, against his will. Not only this, the men (& women) of Y’hudah had been sacrificing to the queen of heaven, and here vowed to continue! They reasoned that things had been OK for them when they did so and could not reconcile their present problems as being the result of going against the Lord God Himself! They refused to see God’s point of view on what they had been and continued to do wrong. They would not see that **UNTIL** they changed their ways, despite being told, things were only going to get much worse for them, they were nearly all going to die, either by the sword or by famine! The message for me, for us, is that it is much better to do things God’s way earlier than later.

28. **Ezekiel 21 v 27:** “Ruin! Ruin! I will leave it a ruin such as there has never been, and it will stay that way **UNTIL** the rightful ruler comes, and I will give it to Him.”

There is confusion in the CJB over **verse numbering** here! It took me several minutes to work out why **verse 27** was so different from the AV! The CJB has **Ezekiel 21** starting from the AV **chapter 20:45**! Having resolved that.... The king of Bavel (*Babylon*) is standing at a fork in the road using divination to decide which turn to take and takes the road to Yerushalayim. In **this verse** he is giving the orders to assault the city. The inhabitants are aware of this, but due to false prophets, they don't believe the city is to be attacked, or overcome. **Ezekiel** is saying that ADONAI says that the city will be destroyed and will remain that way **UNTIL** the rightful ruler comes. This would seem to be Jesus. So, I must be aware of false prophets and beware of them, they were “tickling the ears” of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim. I/we must keep asking the Lord to give me/us the ability to discern which prophets are true and which are false. Amen!

29. **Micah 7 v 9:** “I will endure ADONAI's rage, because I sinned against Him; **UNTIL** He pleads my cause and judges in my favour. Then He will bring me out to the light, and I will see His justice.”

Micah is saying that although he has sinned against the Lord God, He must have confessed this to Him, and here he is trusting in the Lord God of Isra'el pleads his cause and judges in his favour, then brings Micah out to the light. The Lord will also vindicate Micah against his enemies and will gloat over them when they are brought to shame. I must also keep short accounts with the Lord, confessing my sins to Him and repenting of them. Then I too will be vindicated by the Lord. Amen.

30. **Matthew 2 v 13:** “After they had gone, an angel of ADONAI appeared to Yosef in a dream and said,” Get up, take the child and His mother, and escape to Egypt, and stay there **UNTIL** I tell you to leave. For Herod is going to look for the child in order to kill Him.””

The Lord knew exactly what was going to happen, that Herod would try to kill Jesus at a few days or weeks old. Ha'Satan (*the Adversary*) was using Herod to try to thwart God's plans and purposes. In the same way, nearly two thousand years later, he used Hitler to try again to thwart God's plans in that if he could kill ALL Jews, that would have prevented God's plans and hence made God a liar, not carrying out all His promises to His chosen people, since they would no longer exist. This would mean that God was no longer God and hence, Ha'Satan could accomplish his ultimate plan, to usurp the Lord God and make himself God!!!! Ha'Satan will never prevent God's plans coming to fruition, but he is fighting very hard and will not give up, right up **UNTIL** the last day! *And he will take as many as he can to the Lake of Fire with him!!! (Thanks to Karen Beaven for the bit in italics and reminding me.)* I can rely upon the Lord God to do what He has promised. Hallelujah! Amen.

31. **Matthew 11 v 12:** “From the time of Yochanan the Immerser **UNTIL** now, the Kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence; yes, violent ones are trying to snatch it away.”

No one born of a woman is greater than John the Baptist, said Jesus in **verse 11**. Yet, Jesus said, from John’s time “**UNTIL** now, the Kingdom of Heaven has suffered violence; yes, violent ones are trying to snatch it away.” So, what does this ‘snatching away’ mean? Well, no one can take away the Kingdom of Heaven, it belongs to and is a part of the Lord God himself. It can only mean that there are those who are trying to take it away from the ones who believe the message of salvation. These violent ones are doing the work of Ha’Satan in sowing seeds of doubt in the minds of believers, to attempt to rob them of their salvation. The violence does not necessarily mean physical violence. Strangely, Cruden’s doesn’t mention **this verse**.

32. **Matthew 11 v 13:** “For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied **UNTIL** Yochanan.”

It would seem that here Jesus was saying that John was the last of the prophets... Maybe, one should differentiate between prophesies as such, and things which are said which turn out to be prophetic? Or, maybe Jesus is saying that all the prophets and the Torah prophesied the things that were to happen up **UNTIL** the time of John, but that doesn’t ring true, since many things were prophesied about Jesus which didn’t happen **UNTIL** after John was beheaded! It seems that, as one looks back over the centuries from now, that there hasn’t been a Prophet as such, since John the Baptist. There have been prophesies down those centuries, some of which have yet to be fulfilled (*one is at the beginning of the study*) some of which were wrong, but there has not been a Prophet as such. We are called upon to verify any prophesy against the Scriptures! If it contradicts the Scriptures, then it is not true.

33. **Luke 16 v 16:** “Up to the time of Yochanan there were the Torah and the Prophets. Since then, the Good News of the Kingdom has been proclaimed, and everyone is pushing to get in.”

The AV uses the word **UNTIL**, but the same meaning is given here in the CJB. The message here is much the same as the **last 2 studies**, except that the “Violence” implied here is not of Ha’Satan trying to snatch away the Good News from those who have accepted it, **Study 31**. Now, it is of those who are pushing to get into Heaven. They have heard the Gospel and want more. I too must want more! I have struggled to see what the Lord is telling me here...

34. **Luke 21 v 24:** “Some will fall by the edge of the sword, others will be carried into all the countries of the Goyim, and Yerushalayim will be trampled down by the Goyim **UNTIL** the age of the Goyim has run its course.”

Goyim being non-Jews, the Gentiles of course. **This verse** has been variously interpreted over the years, one of which has been “**UNTIL** the full number of Gentiles has been brought in.” I don’t like this, it implies a limit of the number of Gentiles coming into Heaven. We know, of course that “Broad is the way to destruction” – the Lake of Fire, and “narrow is the way...” The Lord God knows the numbers of those in each category, course, it is not our job to try to interpret this. We know too that Yerushalayim has indeed been trampled down from about 70 AD to 1948, when the State of Isra’el was formally accepted into the UN. Then, the rest of the city (*Golan, Y’hudah and Shomrom too*) were re-captured by Isra’el in the 1967 **defensive** war. Some hold that this is when the Times of the Gentiles finished and that we are in a period of grace, well praise God for His grace if that is so. I try to keep an open mind about such things which involve the Tribulation and similar issues. However, what is the Lord saying to us here? I believe that He is saying that time is short, get the message of the Gospel out into the towns and market places. In the New Testament, that is how things were done, everybody was involved, not “come to our Church and get saved by our minister,” which seems to be the way most Churches are run today! Oh boy, this is one huge message to me as one of those guilty of NOT broadcasting the Gospel as in New Testament days. I really do think that this is THE message to the Church! Amen. Wow, that is a hard saying!!!

35. **Romans 11 v 25:** “For, brothers, I want you to understand this truth which God formerly concealed but has now revealed, so that you won’t imagine you know more than you actually do. It is that stoniness, to degree, has come upon Isra’el, **UNTIL** the Gentile world enters in its fullness;”

This is a highly **contentious verse** that a huge part of the Church prefers to ignore, along with **all of chapters 9, 10 and here, 11**. This is a result of adopting Replacement Theology (*RT*)! I, along with millions of other Christians, pray regularly for the land and the people of Isra’el, but I have been told in Churches that believe in RT that Christians should not pray for Isra’el, in one because they are no more important to God than the Hungarians or the Chinese, because they rejected Jesus and so He rejected them and they no longer figure in God’s plans and purposes for the world! In another, I was told not to pray for Isra’el because we are in the Millennium now, hence the Jews are irrelevant! I find that there are 66 books in a library (*the Bible*) all about God’s plans and purposes for them, and God does not change (***Malachi 3:6***) and He keeps His promises. Stephen Sizer tries to get around it by contending that the Jews of today are not the same people as in the Bible....

I would contend that entering into “fullness” means that we are so much into doing God’s Will, that we actually make the Jews sit up and realise that we are praising and worshipping their own God, thus making them jealous!!! See **Deut 32:31, Romans 10:19, Romans 11:11** and many more references to God making the Jews jealous by a nation that is not a nation, the Church!!! It is a function that, more or less the whole Church, has never really taken up!

36. **Luke 24 v 49:** “Now I am sending forth upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city **UNTIL** you have been equipped with power from above.”

This is what some call, “the great commission” passage. I believe that those who go forth in Jesus name without being commissioned by the Holy Spirit are guilty of “dead works” as described in **Hebrews 6:1**. If we are not specifically empowered by the Holy Spirit, we should be very careful in what we are doing (*or even saying*). It is very easy to rush around and say and do things which are ostensibly good things to do in the world’s eyes, but if the Lord didn’t send us to do them, then they are dead works, motivated by Ha’Satan and do us no benefit in terms of Kingdom life etc. So, the message here is to seek the Lord before embarking on any new venture that we think He might actually be sending us to do.

37. **Acts 1 v 2:** “**UNTIL** the day when, after giving instructions through the Ruach Ha’Kodesh to the emissaries whom He had chosen, He was taken up into Heaven.

Here Luke is explaining the link between this book, the Acts of the Apostles, and his previous book, the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus had set out to do and to teach all required of Him by the Father, **UNTIL** He gave His final instructions through the Ruach Ha’Kodesh (*Holy Spirit*) to His chosen Apostles. Again, **UNTIL** He was taken up into Heaven before their eyes. Luke was, apparently, a doctor, who would have dealt with tiny details in his work. He is explaining that he is trying to do the same in both his books. Jesus went on to warn His apostles not to leave Jerusalem **UNTIL** they were newly empowered by the baptism in the Holy Spirit in the near future. All this was a warning not to try to do anything in their strength or of their own volition! This echoes the similar warning to each of us, in the **previous study, Number 36.** (Sunday 30th March 2014)

38. **Romans 5 v 13:** “Sin was indeed present in the world before *Torah* was given, but sin is not counted as such when there is no *Torah*.”

The AV starts with “for **UNTIL** the Law sin was in the world...” Like most English translations, it translates *Torah* as “law,” which is wrong. *Torah* is “teaching” or “instruction,” *Torah* also includes the Law! Some see this as a “get-out” clause, but that is wrong too, since everyone has a conscience. What **this verse** is telling me is that sin was not accounted as such before the *Torah* was given. I don’t understand this, since the *Torah* wasn’t given **UNTIL** hundreds of years after the Flood, when every person living, bar eight, were killed as a result of their wrongdoing? I only know that, as we learn, further into the passage containing **this verse**, Jesus sacrifice and resurrection at Calvary is a gift offering eternal life and the remission of sins, for those who will accept it. Lord Jesus, please HELP me here!

39. **I Corinthians 4 v 5:** “So don’t pronounce judgement prematurely, before the Lord comes; for He will bring to light what is now hidden in darkness; He will expose the motives of people’s hearts; and then each will receive from God whatever praise he deserves.”

The AV says: “**UNTIL** the Lord come.” **This verse** does NOT say, don’t pronounce judgement, for it says ‘don’t pronounce judgement prematurely.’ Paul was admonishing the Corinthians for trying to judge him, because the one who is “evaluating him is the Lord.” The situation here in Corinth is that the members of the congregation, were taking sides, Paul or Apollos, Paul is admonishing them for judging between them, by taking sides. Neither they nor we are to do so, because that would elevate ourselves to be above those we are judging! For, as Paul writes in **verse 7** “what makes you so special?”

40. **Philippians 1 v 6**: “And I am sure of this: that the One who began a good work among you will keep it growing **UNTIL** it is completed on the day of the Messiah Yeshua.”

Paul is here writing to the congregation at Philippi, saying many good things about them. This is reflected in **Revelation 3:7ff**, where the Lord is holding little against the congregation at Philadelphia and was encouraging them. (*I am thinking that Philippi and Philadelphia are the same place, forgive me, if when reading this, you find that I am wrong – again.*) I think that the main point to see in **this verse** before me today, is to realise that our lives are an ongoing process of increasing our love for God’s people and our righteousness, **verses 9-11**. God isn’t finished with me, He is continuing the “good work” in me and “will keep it growing **UNTIL** it is completed on the day of the Messiah Yeshua.” Hallelujah! Amen.

41. **II Thessalonians 2 v 3**: “Don’t let anyone deceive you in any way. For the day will not come **UNTIL** after the apostasy has come and the man who separates himself from Torah has been revealed, the one destined for doom.”

This is another use of the word **UNTIL**, which is in the CJB but not in the AV. Here the warning to me and all of us is that we must not allow ourselves to be deceived, because the coming of the Lord will not take place **UNTIL** after the apostasy (*in the Church as well*) has come about. All the deceiving signs, the man against all of God’s plans and purposes, the one who tries to set himself up as being God, the false Messiah, must all happen, in his attempt to deceive us and deprive us of our place in the Kingdom of Heaven! Stand firm **UNTIL** the Lord really does return. Amen.

42. **II Thessalonians 2 v 7**: “For already this separating from Torah is at work secretly, but it will be secretly only **UNTIL** he who is restraining is out of the way.”

The first thing that stands out is “secretly!” We have warnings elsewhere in the Scriptures, that anything which holds secrets is best avoided. Here, we are specifically warned about he or those who try to replace Torah with something else, often secret things, only revealed after one joins this or that society or group. The Free Masons is usually the first that springs to mind, but there are many others waiting to trap us. Sometimes these things come in a Church, and the Lord has just put into my mind, “legalism.” We must remember that these terrible anti-God things will happen **UNTIL** Jesus comes again, when the judgement will begin. This morning, I was reading **Revelation 13, 14 and 15**, which is all about these things that will happen in the Judgement. Who is this restrainer? The Ruach Hakodesh, Holy Spirit, operating through His Church.

43. **I Timothy 6 v 14:** "...¹⁴ to obey your commission spotlessly and irreproachably **UNTIL** our Lord Yeshua the Messiah appears."

This is a call upon each one of us to live a life worthy of the Lord. It calls for us to be perfect, which the Lord knows we cannot attain this before we reach Heaven, but we are to never give up trying. The Lord is here commissioning us to live "spotlessly and irreproachably" before him, **UNTIL** He comes again. Please Lord, I need an awful lot of help from You in order to even begin to do this. Amen!

Sunday 6th of April 2014

44. **Revelation 17 v 17:** "For God put it in their hearts to do what will fulfil His purpose, that is, to be of one mind and give their kingdom to the beast **UNTIL** God's words have accomplished their intent.

John had seen a vision, which he has written down here, of the woman, who had caused many to be killed, was to be vilified by those she had seduced. Her gold cup was filled with "**the obscene and filthy things produced by her whoring,**" with the 10 kings, **verse 4**. She was "drunk from the blood of God's people, that is, from the blood of the people who testify about Yeshua," **verse 6**. Now the beast and all his minions, the 10 kings in **verse 16**, were going to devour her by eating her flesh and burn the rest of her! The woman represented "**the great city that rules over the kings of the earth,**" **verse 18**. I have a vision that this city is the greatest financial centre in the world today – LONDON! This will remain part of the kingdom of the beast **UNTIL** God's words have accomplished their intent. WOW!!! Oh dear, oh dear, oh dear! This came about, maybe, as a result of watching the (*recorded*) Chanel 4 programme about Nigel Farage, leader of UKIP last evening.....

45. **Revelation 20 v 5:** "(*The rest of the dead did not come to life UNTIL the thousand years were over.*) This is the first resurrection."

Well, I had never realised that the dead in Christ were not all raised to life together. Reading the context here, it seems that only those who were beheaded for witnessing for Jesus were raised in, what this passage calls the first resurrection. They are the ones who will reign with Jesus for the one thousand years. The Muslims are the main ones of whom I have heard, beheading Christians for being Christians, even today in Syria (*2014*) they are doing so. I believe that the Muslim Brotherhood are doing the same in Egypt too. Lord, I'm not going to put myself in the place to be beheaded if I can help it, the process of dying seems an unpleasant door to go through as it is, especially watching Sheila, my wife, die. But Lord, your will be done.... I sincerely trust that I'll resist the mark of the Adversary! Not nice things to contemplate, but, nothing will happen **UNTIL** Jesus, with the Father, says the time is now. Amen.

The Studies on the word

TILL (rendered **UNTIL** in places in the CJB):

46. **Genesis 19:22** ²² Hurry, and escape to that place, because I can't do anything **UNTIL** you arrive there." For this reason the city was named Tzo'ar [*small*].

(AV: ²² *Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything **TILL** thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.*)

Here we have a display of the mercy and patience of ADONAI! ADONAI waited **UNTIL** Lot, his wife and 2 daughters were clear of the city before destroying it. Lot had "become a part of the city of Sodom and was inured to their evil ways, he even sat in the gate of the city, a sign of authority in their ways. There is no way in which Lot and his family deserved salvation, but as we see in **verse 29**, Lot, his wife and the 2 remaining daughters were saved from that destruction in deference to Avraham. His other daughters and his sons-in-law, having disbelieved Lot, were all destroyed.

18th February 2017

47. **1 Samuel 22:3** ³ David went from there to Mitzpeh of Mo'av and said to the king of Mo'av, "Please let my father and mother come and stay with you **UNTIL** I know what God will do for me."

(AV: ³ *And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, **TILL** I know what God will do for me.*)

David was fleeing for his life, from king Shaul. He went to the king of Mo'av (*Moab*) to ask him to allow him and his parents to stay there **UNTIL** David knew what plans ADONAI had for him. However, ADONAI told David, by the prophet Gad in **verse 5**, not to stay there after all. So, David left, presumably with the 400 who had joined themselves to him in **verse 2**. For David's parents.....? We learn that David was happy to wait **UNTIL** he knew God's plans for him, which were, **verse 5** again, for him to leave there and go to the land of Y'hudah, so he went to the forest of Heret. We read no more of David himself **UNTIL** the end of **this chapter**.

19th February 2017

48. **2 Samuel 3:35** ³⁵ All the people came to David and tried to make him eat some bread while it was still daytime; but David swore, “May God bring terrible curses on me and worse ones yet if I taste bread or anything else **UNTIL** the sun goes down.”

*(AV: ³⁵ And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or ought else, **TILL** the sun be down.)*

David was mourning for Avner, to whom he had given safe conduct, since Avner was coming over to David’s side, after an upset between him and Shaul’s people. As part of that mourning, David would not eat anything **UNTIL** the sun went down, even though his own people tried to persuade him. This action pleased the people, as they saw that David was not complicit in the death of Avner which showed the honour of David. *20th February 2017*

49. **2 Chronicles 26:15** ¹⁵ In Yerushalayim he built devices designed by experts for the towers and angles, from which to shoot arrows and lob large stones. His fame spread far and wide, for he was miraculously helped, **UNTIL** he became strong.

*(AV: ¹⁵ And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, **TILL** he was strong.)*

This verse is the beginning of a rather sad but true tale. In **this verse** we see that Uziyahu became, with the help of ADONAI, as he followed His ways, stronger and more famous all around the area. He had a huge well trained and equipped army, by which he defeated the P’lishtim (*Philistines*). This continued **UNTIL**, as we see in **verses 16 and following**, which tells us that it all started to go wrong for him, when his strength, power and fame went to his head. Oh how very sad! He thought of himself then, as higher than the priesthood, and tried to go into the Temple to burn incense, with the result that ADONAI put tzara’at (*leprosy*) on him, which continued to his death, so he no longer reigned, Yotam, his son reigned as Regent instead. How we must walk in the ways of ADONAI all the days of our lives, not giving up. *22nd February 2017*

50. **2 Chronicles 36:16** ¹⁶ But they ridiculed God's messengers, treating his words with contempt and scoffing at his prophets, **UNTIL** the anger of ADONAI rose up against his people to the extent that there was no longer any remedy.

(AV: *16 but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against his people, TILL there was no remedy.*)

Oh what a terrible litany of evil! King after king of Y'hudah did only evil in the sight of ADONAI, **UNTIL** we reach **this verse in 2 Chronicles**. At this point, "there was no longer any remedy" in the eyes of ADONAI. "He had compassion on His people and on the place," we read in the **previous verse**, but in **our verse** today, all the people were treating the words of God with contempt and scorning His prophets. They had tried God's patience **UNTIL** they had gone too far in their evil, and for too long! As we see in the rest of **this chapter**, ADONAI brought major disasters upon the king and all the people, as there was "no longer any remedy" for their sins against Him. We see here that we must not try the patience of ADONAI!
25th February 2017

51. **Ezra 2:63** ⁶³ The Tirshata told them not to eat any of the especially holy food **UNTIL** a *cohen* appeared who could consult the *urim* and *tumim*.

(AV: *63 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, TILL there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.*)

The Tirshata (*Tirshatha in the AV*) was the Governor. The context here is of those Cohen returning from Babylon who were not able (*immediately*) to show their genealogy records, as proof of their priesthood, and hence were instructed, by the Tirshata, not to eat the Holy food. They were to wait **UNTIL** a Cohen appeared who could consult the Urim and Tumin (*which were on the Cohen's apparel*) which would enable that Cohen to discern the will of ADONAI concerning the subject in question. In this case, the subject was the validity of these Cohen's genealogy. We learn here that we must not pre-empt the will of ADONAI, not even by making assumptions.
26th February 2017

52. **Nehemiah 7:65** ⁶⁵ The *Tirshata* told them not to eat any of the especially holy food **UNTIL** a *cohen* appeared who could consult the *urim* and *tumim*.

(AV: *65 And the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, TILL there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.*)

This **chapter 7 of Nehemiah** is essentially the same as **Ezra 2**, consisting mainly of a list of all the those who returned from Babylon. **Verse 64 and our verse** is about those Cohen who could not prove their inheritance as Cohen by reference to the genealogical records. **Verse 65** again tells that these (*claimed Cohen*) were not to eat of any of the priestly food **UNTIL** a Cohen arose who was able to consult ADONAI through the Urim and Tumin for the authenticity (*or otherwise*) of the priesthood of these people. In other words, these people had to exercise their own patience **UNTIL** ADONAI confirmed (*or denied*) the legitimacy of their individual claims to be Cohen.
27th February 2017

53. **Ezra 9:14** ¹⁴ are we to break your *mitzvot* again by making marriages with the peoples who have these disgusting practices? Won't you become so angry with us **that you would** destroy us completely, so that there would be no surviving remnant and no one who escapes?

(AV: ¹⁴ *should we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the people of these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us **TILL** thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant nor escaping?*)

Ezra is here broken hearted, at what the returning remnant of Y'hudah had been doing, knowingly breaking the clear mitzvot of ADONAI in marrying these pagan worshipping foreigners, and joining in with their disgusting practices, which are abominations against God. Ezra is reasoning with ADONAI not to destroy all the people completely, since ADONAI is just and had every right to do so. In the **next chapter**, Sh'khanyah pleaded the guilt of Y'hudah, but suggested making a covenant with ADONAI to put away all these foreign wives and their children. This they subsequently did, turning away the anger of God. So, for us, as believers, when we know we have sinned against ADONAI, we must repent and make good, or amends, for what we have done wrong. *28th February 2017*

54. **Job 14:14** ¹⁴ If a man dies, will he live again? I will wait all the days of my life for my change to come.

(AV: ¹⁴ *If a man die, shall he live *again*? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, **TILL** my change come.*)

Job is here expressing a mournful monologue! For what is he waiting? He is waiting **UNTIL** the call from ADONAI, as we see in the **next verse**, where he says that he will answer. Then he continues the mournful monologue! Job is waiting for his change (*of his situation*) to come from ADONAI. All this is in the midst of the words of his comforters, Job's comforters, whom ADONAI had to rebuke later in this book! What is the lesson here for us today? No matter how much we are oppressed by people or circumstances, we must exercise the "**patience of Job!**" We must keep our eyes set on Yeshua. Amen. *1st March 2017*

55. **Job 27:5** ⁵ Far be it from me to say you are right; I will keep my integrity **'TILL** the day I die.

(AV: ⁵ *God forbid that I should justify you: **TILL** I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.*)

Here Job is confessing that only by "sticking with" ADONAI, is he going to keep his integrity **TILL** the day in which he dies. In **verses 11 and 12**, Job tells his "comforters" that he **is teaching** them (*and us today*) **how God uses His power and not hiding what El Shaddai (all sufficient God) is doing**, unlike the rubbish (*false comfort*) that they were talking, of which he was correcting them. Then He goes on to tell how He will reward **the wicked man** and so on. What then do we see about **TILL**? We must hold on to the integrity God gives us, as long as we live! Amen. *2nd March 2017*

56. **Isaiah 22:14** ¹⁴Then ADONAI-Tzva'ot revealed himself in my ears: "You will not atone for this iniquity **UNTIL** you die." This is what ADONAI ELOHIM-Tzva'ot says.
(AV: ¹⁴And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you **TILL** ye die, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.)

This verse is at the end of the prophesy, which started in **Verse 1** of this chapter, which follows all that Shevna, the palace administrator, had been to try to negotiate with the Assyrians to save Y'hudah. He achieved only a temporary reprieve! ADONAI had called upon him and the people to weep and mourn etc. in **verses 12 and 13**. (**Verse 13** ends with an often quoted saying: "Let's eat and drink now, because tomorrow we'll be dead!") For all this, ADONAI-Tzva'ot revealed to Isaiah, that they would not atone for these sins **UNTIL** they die! Shevna, in particular, had been taking upon himself, too much, as we see in the **following verses**, doing things for which he had no entitlement and not done what ADONAI had told him to do. In the meantime, Shevna was removed from office and to be replaced in **verse 20** by Elyakim. A lot happening here, so what is the message for us today? Very difficult to say! Just to follow the Lord at all costs, not ignore Him. 3rd March 2017

57. **Psalms 10:15** ¹⁵Break the arm of the wicked! As for the evil man, search out his wickedness **UNTIL** there is none left.
(AV: ¹⁵Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil *man*: seek out his wickedness **TILL** thou find none.)

This Psalm of David is a continuation of **Psalm 9**. As the notes in my new CJB Study Bible says: "**Psalms 9 and 10** are a single Acrostic poem, whose stanzas each begin with successive letters of the Hebrew Alef-Bet. The Septuagint records **Psalms 9 and 10** as a single Psalm." In **this verse**, David is calling upon the Lord God to deal with the wicked. **The two Psalms** record many of the things that the wicked have done and are doing. The CJB expresses it far better than the AV, asking ADONAI to search out all the wickedness of the evil man **UNTIL there is none left!** The message here for us today, is that we cannot hide the wrong things that we have done in our lives, so confess them to the Lord before He has to search them out. 4th March 2017

58. **Proverbs 29:11** ¹¹A fool gives vent to all his feelings, but the wise, thinking of afterwards, stills them.
(AV: ¹¹A fool uttereth all his mind: but a wise man keepeth it in **TILL** afterwards.)

There is no context in **this chapter**, **this verse** stands alone. The message is quite simple: **keep your mouth closed!** Or at the very least, think hard before speaking your mind (*thoughts*). Think of all possible consequences that may arise as a result of one's words, or even actions. 6th March 2017

59. **Ecclesiastes 2:3** ³ I searched my mind for how to gratify my body with wine and, with my mind still guiding me with wisdom, how to pursue foolishness; my object was to find out what was the best thing for people to do during the short time they have under heaven to live.

(AV: ³ *I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, **TILL** I might see what was that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.*)

Verse 11 of this chapter, sums up all that Shlomo was trying to convey in this book! He was trying to find the meaning of life. He had been, and was trying secular ways to gratify himself, but, as in **verse 11 and subsequent verses**, found it all to be meaningless. Shlomo finally comes to his conclusion in the **penultimate verse** of the book (*chapter 12:13*): “**¹³ Here is the final conclusion, now that you have heard everything: fear God, and keep his *mitzvot*; this is what being human is all about.**” In between we see the **first 8 verses of chapter 3**, where he defines “**For everything there is a season!**” My conclusion here is that we should **read the whole book of Ecclesiastes**, as is read by observant Jews every Sukkot (*Tabernacles*). 8th March 2017

60. **Song of Songs 2:7** ⁷ I warn you, daughters of Yerushalayim, by the gazelles and deer in the wilds, not to awaken or stir up love until it wants to arise!

(AV: ⁷ *I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, **TILL** he please.*)

The Lord has woken me up very early (*I am a nocturnal creature!*) and told me to delete what I had written for this study (*and the next one*) and do them again.... He has given me the word ‘anticipation.’ This book is unashamedly erotic and many try to allegorise it, for it is the story of the love of a maiden for her lover and how she is anticipating his arrival. In the **next verse**, she sees him on his way to her. In **our verse**, she is warning the other maidens not to anticipate his arrival. All things must wait **TILL** the time is right. So must we learn to exercise patience, the Lord’s timing is perfect and we must not try to rush the Lord. Amen. Amen. Amen. 12th March 2017

61. **Song of Songs 3:5** ⁵ I warn you, daughters of Yerushalayim, by the gazelles and deer in the wilds, not to awaken or stir up love until it wants to arise!

(AV: ⁵ *I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, **TILL** he please.*)

This verse is exactly the same as **in chapter 2:7**, both in the CJB and the AV. So, what is ADONAI saying different in **this chapter**? The context is the difference! This is why we must always read the context in any studies, for that holds part of the message. Here we see that it is about sex (*yes, I am sorry, but that is the word*). The maiden had taken her lover into what had obviously been her mother's bedroom, and here he was asleep and she didn't want the other maidens outside to awaken him with their noise. In **Ecclesiastes 3:1-8** we are told that there is a time for everything and we must learn to wait **TILL** the time is right, which is the Lord's, decision, not ours. Again we must never try to preempt His timing and decisions, as did Sha'ul when he went to the witch of Endor, for the whole thing, read **1 Sh'mu'el 28: 7ff** for that. Thank you Lord Yeshua, these are quite different to what I had written in the originals. All glory, honour and praises belong to You! 12th March 2017

62. **Isaiah 5:8** ⁸ Woe to those who add house to house and join field to field, **UNTIL** there's no room for anyone else, and you live in splendour alone on your land.

(AV: ⁸ *Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, **TILL** there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!*)

Oh what a sad, sad true history **this chapter** foretells. It begins by telling of how ADONAI created a vineyard (*Isra'el*) and how it failed to produce good grapes, only sour! ADONAI then tells of how He will abandon the vineyard, by letting it go to "rack and ruin," as the saying goes. **Verse 7** starts to tell why. There were those who grabbed what didn't belong to them, joining fields to fields (*which didn't belong to them*) and built houses on those fields, crowding out everyone else, and those who owned them. (*This reminds me of what has happened, today, to the Christians in Bethlehem, which used to be 80% Christian, but is now a 90%+ Muslim town!*) What had happened in Isra'el, was that greed and hedonism had overtaken so many of the people, ignoring their very own God and all His mitzvot, as we see in the **rest of the chapter**! There is a message for us today? Make God's Will our number one priority in our lives and let our own will come second, in our lives. 15th March 2017

63. **Isaiah 62:7** ⁷ and give him no rest **'TILL** he restores Yerushalayim and makes it a praise on earth.

(AV: ⁷ and give him no rest, **'TILL** he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.)

Wow! Some commandment! We must continually ask ADONAI (*giving Him no rest*) to restore Yerushalayim to the glory it should always have been. That it will be a praise in the earth. This is quite clear and incontrovertible! Many, mostly in "Replacement Theology," would argue that this is only a command to the people of Isra'el, but to counter that, we must remember that we Gentiles, are grafted-in to Isra'el, and if we expect the blessings thus due to us, we must also take on the obligations! So, here we learn that we must "nag" ADONAI to restore Yerushalayim!
16th March 2017

64. **Jeremiah 49:9** ⁹ If grape-pickers came to you, they would leave no grapes for gleaning. If thieves came at night, they would destroy **UNTIL** they were satisfied.

(AV: ⁹ If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, they will destroy **'TILL** they have enough.)

This passage, verses 7 to 11, is prophesying what ADONAI-Tzva'ot is going to do to Esav (*Esau – Edom*) for what they have done to Isra'el. Esav will lose everything they have, even their very existence. The message here for us today is that we must confess and repent of our every sin, or we will suffer loss on the Day of Judgement. This is not to say that we will lose our salvation, but we will suffer loss of reward (*of crowns?*).
17th March 2017

65. **Obadiah 5** ⁵ If thieves were to come to you, or if robbers by night (*Oh, how destroyed you are!*), wouldn't they stop when they'd stolen enough? If grape-pickers came to you, Wouldn't they leave some grapes for gleaning?

(AV: ⁵ If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (*how art thou cut off!*) would they not have stolen **'TILL** they had enough? if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?)

How interesting that **this verse** is a mirror image on the one in the last study – **Yirmeyahu 49:9**. So, who was this Ovadyah? He can be found in **1 Kings 18**, **Ezra 8**, **Nehemiah 10 and 12** and **1 Chronicles** many times. He was in charge of the palace of king Ach'av (*Ahab*) and greatly revered ADONAI (**1 Kings 18:3**). He was given this vision of what ADONAI was going to do to Edom, a prophesy. In this **one chapter book**, ADONAI lists many of the things that He had against Edom, it is well worth reading the whole of **these verses** in this book. **Verse 5** here tells how ADONAI will not use half measures, their destruction will be complete! What do we see in this book then? We see that God means what He says and will thoroughly do what He says!
18th March 2017

66. **Jeremiah 52:3** ³ And it was because of ADONAI's anger that all these things happened to Yerushalayim and Y'hudah, **UNTIL** he had thrown them out of his presence.

(AV: ³ *For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, 'TILL he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.*)

Tzidkiyahu (*Zedekiah*) did evil all his 11 year reign, angering ADONAI to the extent that Y'hudah was cast out of the land, out of His presence! What then is there for us to learn here? That there IS a limit to the patience of the Lord God! Don't push it! Short and sweet. 19th March 2017

67. **Lamentations 3:50** ⁵⁰ **UNTIL** ADONAI looks down and sees from heaven. (AV: ⁵⁰ *'TILL the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.*)

The **preceding verse** should be the minimum reading here, although it is much better to read the **whole (long) chapter**. **Verse 20** tells us that the writer is very depressed by all the things he was thinking about that had gone wrong, making him so depressed. Then in **verse 31**, he shows that ADONAI does not reject His own people for ever. Then we come to our **verse 50**, where he reveals that his eyes weep ceaselessly **UNTIL** ADONAI looks down from Heaven and sees all things. For us, the message is that in spite of things apparently going wrong for us believers, the almighty God misses nothing, He sees all things. The Lord misses nothing. **Verse 58 ff** tells how ADONAI defends our cause. Whatever happens, we must keep our eyes on and our faith in ADONAI, our God and saviour. 20th March 2017

68. **Ezekiel 28:15** ¹⁵ You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, **UNTIL** unrighteousness was found in you. (AV: ¹⁵ *Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, 'TILL iniquity was found in thee.*)

This verse is a part of the prophesy against the king of Tzor (*Tyre*) who had set himself up as a god, having acquired much wealth and splendour. He had convinced himself that he even thought like God. However, **this verse** reveals that he “**was perfect 'TILL unrighteousness was found in him.**” Some of this unrighteousness is listed **throughout the chapter**. The word of ADONAI was given to Ezekiel for Tzor and its king in **verses 20 and 21**. The message here for us is that we must continuously humble ourselves before ADONAI, taking no glory to ourselves. Tuesday 21st March 2017

69. **Dani’el 4:23** ²³ “But since it was ordered to leave the stump of the tree with its roots, your kingdom will be kept for you **UNTIL** you have learned that Heaven rules everything.

(AV: ²³ *And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, ‘TILL seven times pass over him;)*)

This was to be a hard lesson for king N’vukhadnetzar to learn, and a warning to each of us. The king had considered himself to be a god, a common thing for kings and potentates in days of old! However, ADONAI had decreed that he had to learn that he was not a god but only a man and so, was to be humbled by some sort of disease which would last for 7 years, ‘**TILL** he learned that HEAVEN rules all things! Reading on, we know that this prophesy came about, 12 months later and, indeed, for 7 years N’vukhadnetzar was cast out to be with the (*wild*) animals and to eat grass like them. We know too, **by reading on**, that at the end of those 7 years, he came to know that HEAVEN does indeed rule over all things, and he was restored to his throne. The lesson here for us today is that pride over ADONAI will bring us to a fall, but when we learn the lesson, then ADONAI will restore us.

23rd March 2017

70. **Dani’el 12:13** ¹³ But you, go your way **UNTIL** the end comes. Then you will rest and rise for your reward, at the end of days.”

(AV: ¹³ *But go thou thy way ‘TILL the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.)*)

This verse comes after the angel had been explaining timescales of the end day(s) to Dani’el. Here he was telling Dani’el that he would see these things happen, but not whilst he was alive, in the meantime, Dani’el was to continue in his life, basically ‘**TILL** his death, but with the assurance that he would rise from the grave to receive his reward “**at the end of days.**” So, what is the message for us today? The same as to Dani’el: carry on our walk with Yeshua, drawing ever closer to Him and His ways (*as in 2 Thessalonians 3:6ff*) ‘**TILL** either Yeshua comes again or we die and rise again when Yeshua comes in the clouds and we all rise up from the grave (*another way to say Resurrection*) to meet Him in the sky. This is written for us in **1 Thessalonians 4:16, 17.**

25th March 2017

71. **Hosea 5:15** ¹⁵ I will go and return to my place, **'TILL** they admit their guilt and search for me, seeking me eagerly in their distress.”
(**AV:** ¹⁵ *I will go and return to my place, 'TILL they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.*)

ADONAI had left Efrayim and Y'hudah to the consequences of their sins, since they had turned their backs upon ADONAI and his ways. In **this chapter** is a listing of some of the things that they had been doing (*or not doing*) and now in **this verse**, we see that ADONAI is abandoning them altogether, **“'TILL they admit their guilt and search for me, seeking me eagerly in their distress.”** They are going to have to really change their attitude towards ADONAI and admit their guilt, then eagerly, diligently, seek their God anew! No casual “sorry God” was going to suffice. So, for us today? We must be zealous in our search for and in doing the Will of ADONAI, no half measures. **Amen!** 26th March 2017

72. **Hosea 10:12** ¹² If you sow righteousness for yourselves, you will reap according to grace. Break up unused ground for yourselves, because it is time to seek ADONAI, **'TILL** he comes and rains down righteousness upon you.
(**AV:** ¹² *Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, 'TILL he come and rain righteousness upon you.*)

In **the chapter** up to here, it lists some of the things ADONAI has against the 10 tribes. In **this verse**, ADONAI is telling Y'hudah to sow righteousness for themselves, after which they will reap according to grace. They are to break up their unused ground and **“seek ADONAI 'TILL He comes and rains down righteousness upon”** them. The message for us today is to sow righteousness for ourselves, which means to seek the Will of ADONAI for ourselves and do it with all our being. 27th March 2017

73. **Matthew 1:25** ²⁵ but he did not have sexual relations with her **UNTIL** she had given birth to a son, and he named him Yeshua.
(**AV:** ²⁵ *and knew her not 'TILL she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.*)

We all know this story, of how it is a fulfilment of the prophesy in **Isaiah 7:14**. Yosef would have been aware of **this Scripture** when the angel of ADONAI visited him in a dream, hence he was obedient to ADONAI. Yosef knew enough to know that although he was not the father of the child in his (*now?*) wife's womb, he was to act as though he was. Yosef knew that he could not consummate the marriage until after the birth of the promised son, Yeshua (*which means: 'ADONAI saves.*) so he waited **'TILL** Miryam had given birth to that son (*and had been through her purification. See Luke2:21-39*) Personally, I rarely have dreams (*or rather that I don't remember having them*) but we must be aware that ADONAI can speak to us in dreams and if He does, we must be careful to obey what He says. 28th March 2017

74. **Matthew 5:18** ¹⁸ Yes indeed! I tell you that **UNTIL** heaven and earth pass away, not so much as a *yud* or a stroke will pass from the *Torah*, not until everything that must happen has happened.
(**AV:** ¹⁸ *For verily I say unto you, 'TILL heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*)

This verse is part of the Beatitudes. These words of Yeshua do not agree with the commonly held view “*that we are not under Law, but under Grace.*” Which is not to say that we believers must obey all the Torah (*meaning teachings, the word “law” is a mistranslation*)! Yeshua is saying these teachings will have validity **UNTIL** everything that must happen has happened. All the sacrificial teachings are gone, along with the Temple, obviously, but much, if not most of the remainder are still applicable, think of the 10 Commandments, who would dare to say that we believers should not obey them. It would take a book to go through all the other (*non-sacrificial*) teachings and show their validity today. So, what for us today? We must not ignore the “Old Testament” as though it is not applicable to us today, as some so do! 29th March 2017

75. **Luke 12:50** ⁵⁰ I have an immersion to undergo, how pressured I feel **'TILL** it's over!
(**AV:** ⁵⁰ *But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened 'TILL it be accomplished!*)

This verse is in the middle of a series of dissertations to the disciples, please read the **whole chapter** to get the full context. The immersion (*baptism*) of which Yeshua is speaking is not a water immersion, since He had already been there, done that, with Yochanan many months before, at the beginning of His ministry. Yeshua is referring to His crucifixion and how much He is feeling the pressure, knowing what is to befall Him. What do we learn here? Thank the Lord that we do not know what is to happen to us even in 10 minutes time, much less in the more distant future! The lesson for us here is to make sure that we are ready at all times, to meet Him, whether by our death, or to meet Him in the sky in the first resurrection! 30th March 2017

76. **Luke 15:8** ⁸ “Another example: what woman, if she has ten drachmas and loses one of these valuable coins, won’t light a lamp, sweep the house and search all over **UNTIL** she finds it?

(AV: ⁸ *Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently ‘**TILL** she find it?’*)

The P’rushim and the Torah Teachers (*Pharisees and Sadducees*) were complaining (*verses 1 & 2*) about Yeshua, since He “welcomes sinners – and even eats with them!” How awful, fancy mixing with sinners, in **their** eyes! So Yeshua told them a series of parables, trying to open their eyes to the truth. It brings to mind the old saying: There’s “none so blind as them what don’t want to see!” Now the lady in this parable searched everywhere “**TILL** she found the lost (*valuable*) coin and she rejoiced when she did. She called all her friends and neighbours to celebrate with her. All God’s Angels also celebrated too, when a sinner repents and turns to ADONAI. So too, we must search diligently for the way to Yeshua for ourselves and also to help others to find the way.

31st March 2017

77. **Luke 19:13** ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten *manim* [*a maneh is about three months’ wages*] and said to them, ‘Do business with this while I’m away.’

(AV: ¹³ *And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy ‘**TILL** I come.*)

To better understand the meaning of **this verse**, please **read verses 1 to 27** of **this chapter**. Here we have the well-known story of Zakkai (*Zacchaeus*) where we read, that the crowd around were muttering about Yeshua going to be a house-guest of a sinner (*one of the worst in their eyes – a Tax Collector!*). As a result, Yeshua told them all this Parable of the Nobleman, his ten servant and the money he gave each of them. The nobleman told the ten servants to get busy using the money profitably “**TILL** he returned. For us today, the message is that Yeshua has given every one of us talent(s). We must each determine what that or those Talent(s) is/are and put it/them to use for the Kingdom. We must not waste any of those Talent(s) that we have been given!

1-April 2017

I have been away at the annual Foundations Conference number 8.

78. **John 21:22** ²² Yeshua said to him, “If I want him to stay on **UNTIL** I come, what is it to you? You, follow me!”
(AV: ²² *Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry ‘TILL I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.*)

Shim'on Kefa (*Peter*) had just been brought up short, about his love for Yeshua and was instructed to feed the sheep, those who were and would become believers. He sought to justify himself by asking Yeshua about the future for Yochanan (*John*) whereupon Yeshua told him that was none of Shim'on's business. Yeshua simply said that if He wanted Yochanan to live **UNTIL** He returns, what is that to you? Shim'on was simply to do what He would set for him to do, get on with your job and don't concern yourself with what Yeshua had given others to do. The message to us is that it is not our concern what others are doing for the Lord, just get on with what we are expected to do without comparing it with others.

11th April 2017

79. **John 21:23** ²³ Therefore the word spread among the brothers that that *talmid* would not die. However, Yeshua didn't say he wouldn't die, but simply, “If I want him to stay on **UNTIL** I come, what is it to you?”
(AV: ²³ *Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, if I will that he tarry ‘TILL I come, what is that to thee?*)

This is the same story as the last study, and is effectively a repeat of the words by Yeshua. It does, however, confirm to Shim'on Kefa, that Yeshua was **not** saying that Yochanan would not die. The message for us today is to read carefully the Scriptures, not “speed read” them with the risk of missing a point. Remember **2 Timothy 3:16**, every single word (*especially the original Hebrew – Yeshua didn't speak Greek.*) has a meaning for us.

12th April 2017

80. **Acts 7:18** ¹⁸ until **there arose another king over Egypt who had no knowledge of Yosef.** ¹⁹ ²⁰ Exodus 1:7–8
(AV: ¹⁸ *till another king arose, which knew not Joseph.*)

This verse is in the middle of a dissertation by Stephen to the Sanhedrin in his defence, after being accused of blasphemy (*see the previous chapter*). It is more or less a condensed history of the Hebrews up **UNTIL** the time of king David, at which point Stephen told the men of the Sanhedrin exactly where they stood in spiritual terms. This enraged them and when Stephen said that he could see the son of man standing at the right hand of God, in **verse 56 of this chapter**, they tried to shout down Stephen, in order to not hear him, then they stoned him in order to shut him up completely, so they wouldn't hear the truth of what he was telling them about themselves! We must not try to deny the truth of where we may be in Spiritual terms, our hearts must be open to hear/know where we are in the eyes of ADONAI!

13th April 2017

81. **Acts 23:12** ¹²The next day, some of the Judeans formed a conspiracy. They took an oath, saying they would neither eat nor drink **UNTIL** they had killed Sha'ul;
(AV: ¹² *And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink **TILL** they had killed Paul.*)

Oh Father, how you have everything worked out ready! What a wonderful God we have! Please **read verses 1 to 25 of this chapter** to get the whole picture here. First, there is how ADONAI gave Sha'ul the inspiration to call out to the whole Sanhedrin, that he was being tried for believing in the resurrection of the dead, causing his trial to collapse in arguments. Second, in the subject of **the verse** before us today, some 40 of the 'zealous for Judaism' Jews banded together with an oath, to not eat or drink anything **UNTIL** they had killed Sha'ul (*for his beliefs*) and in collusion with the head Cohanim and the elders, they concocted a plot to carry out their plans. However, ADONAI did not have this death in His plans for that time, so He provided a way to prevent that plan from happening. One wonders if those 40 plotters died of starvation..... So, what is the message for us today? Trust in the Lord for inspiration when needed, and for Him to change circumstances as required in order to ensure that His plans are not thwarted. Hallelujah! Amen. 15th April 2017

82. **Acts 23:14** ¹⁴They went to the head *cohanim* and the elders and said, "We have bound ourselves by an oath to taste no food **UNTIL** we have killed Sha'ul.
(AV: ¹⁴ *And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing **UNTIL** we have slain Paul.*)

Why would these Jews want to kill Sha'ul, with such determination that they took an oath to neither eat nor drink **UNTIL** they had done so? We find the answer in **Chapter 21:21** and similarly in **21:28** where lies about what Sha'ul had been doing abroad were spread. Even today, we see the Muslim Arabs in Judea and Samaria (*the so-called West Bank*) fomenting lies about the Jews 'fouling the Temple Mount with their dirty feet,' and many other similar lies, which is much the same as happened here to Sha'ul. The message to us today, is that similar lies will be told about us, as true Christians, and we will be persecuted in much the same way in the not-so-distant future! So, what are we to do about this? We must be firm in our beliefs, and strong to hold on to those beliefs, in the face of ridicule initially, then imprisonment and maybe even death for standing with our Saviour, Yeshua Ha'Mashiach. 16th April 2017

83. **Acts 23:21** ²¹ But don't let yourself be talked into it, because more than forty men are lying in wait for him. They have taken an oath neither to eat nor to drink **UNTIL** they kill him; and they are ready now, only waiting for you to give your consent to their request."

(AV: ²¹ *But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink 'TILL they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.*)

How the Lord works! Sha'ul's nephew heard about the plot, how did that happen? How did the young man come to realise that his uncles life was in danger from what he heard? How much we **can** rely upon ADONAI to ensure that His plans and purposes are worked out when He wants them to be worked out, and none of the plans and schemes of men will thwart His plans. In the rest of **the chapter** after **our verse**, we read of the means by which those plans of men were confounded, their patience, waiting **UNTIL** the moment in which they could kill Sha'ul. Our message in this is that we can wholly rely upon ADONAI to do what He plans, when He plans, and not when we think it should happen/be done. We must learn patience and not expect 'instant everything,' when we are dealing with ADONAI and His plans.

17th April 2017

84. **Ephesians 4:13** ¹³ **UNTIL** we all arrive at the unity implied by trusting and knowing the Son of God, at full manhood, at the standard of maturity set by the Messiah's perfection.

(AV: ¹³ *'TILL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:)*

A sentence that begins with **UNTIL**, must mean that the preceding passage is important, in order to find out what happens after the **UNTIL**. **Verses 11 and 12** show that the Lord Yeshua gives certain work or functions to all believers:

12 Their task is to equip God's people for the work of service that builds the body of the Messiah. Then **our verse** tells that this must continue towards our reaching maturity, like the Messiah. The message for us then, is to press on with the work or function that ADONAI has allotted to each one towards maturity in Yeshua. It is definitely NOT a question of 'ah well, I'm saved now, that is all I need to get into Heaven!' We have work to do! As Tony Pearce once said, reaching salvation is only gets us to the starting line of the Christian life.

18th April 2017

85. **Philippians 1:10** ¹⁰ so that you will be able to determine what is best and thus be pure and without blame for the Day of the Messiah,
(AV: ¹⁰ *that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence **TILL** the day of Christ;*)

Sha'ul is praying here for the believers in Philippi to be able to determine (or discern) the best path in which to walk in purity and blamelessness **TILL** the day of the Messiah, His return in the clouds, where we shall rise to be with Him forever (*I Thessalonians 4:16-17*). In the **previous verse (9)**, Sha'ul tells the Philippians that he is praying for them to have more love, overflowing love, **in fullness of knowledge and depth of discernment**. As believers, we (*I*) should pray for one another in this way. In the **next verse**, Sha'ul prays that the Philippians would be ¹¹ **filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Yeshua the Messiah — to the glory and praise of God**. Oh that I should be like that, as Sha'ul prayed for them. O Lord Yeshua, help me to be like that and so, be a praise and a glory to ADONAI. This last, is the message to each of us living here on the earth today. 19th April 2017

86. **1 Timothy 4:13** ¹³ **UNTIL** I come, pay attention to the public reading of the Scriptures.
(AV: ¹³ ***TILL** I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.*)

In **this passage**, Sha'ul is teaching Timothy the way to live out his testimony. Specifically, the continual public reading of the Scriptures (*Tanakh, the Brit Hadashah, New Testament wasn't written then*) and to do this **UNTIL** Sha'ul returns, or more specifically for us today, **UNTIL** Yeshua comes in the clouds. We are reminded in **2 Timothy 3:16,17** that ¹⁶ **"All Scripture is God-breathed and is valuable for teaching the truth, convicting of sin, correcting faults and training in right living; ¹⁷ thus anyone who belongs to God may be fully equipped for every good work"** which tells us why we must persist in reading the Scriptures (*Tanakh*) out loud. **Verse 17** gives the reason/reward for doing this. For myself, I read out loud, since then, I receive those Scriptures through my eyes and my ears! Do I do that in public? The time will come when I do, and that doesn't mean reading passages out in our Church or Fellowship! 20th April 2017

87. **Revelation 2:25** ²⁵ only hold fast to what you have **UNTIL** I come.
(AV: ²⁵ *But that which ye have already hold fast **TILL** I come.*)

In Yeshua's letter to the believers in Thyatira, the Messianic community, Yeshua was commending them for their love, trust, service and perseverance **in verse 19** above, but condemned them for tolerating that Izevel woman, who was corrupting some of the congregation with her teaching and deception, leading them into sexual sin, amongst others, **in verse 20**. Back to **our verse**, Yeshua was telling the congregation to **"only hold fast to what you have UNTIL I come."** This is the message to us today: do not be swayed by persuasive messages which seem nice, but stick to the literal Word of the Scriptures, not some "nice interpretations" of it. 21st April 2017

88. **Revelation 7:3** ³ “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees **UNTIL** we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!”
(*AV: ³ saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, ‘TILL we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.’*)

This event in **our verse**, happened after the breaking of the 6th seal at the **end of chapter 6**. Back now in **chapter 7 verse 2**, there is another angel, with a seal from the living God, who shouted to the 4 angels in **verse 1**, who were to damage the land and the sea, to not start their work **UNTIL** this this one angel had **sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads!** Then in the **next verse (4)** it is shown that 144,000 were so sealed. The lesson here for us is that we must not try to pre-empt God’s plans, purposes and timings, a similar lesson to that seen in **Study number 83**. *22nd April 2017*

89. **Revelation 15:8** ⁸ Then the sanctuary was filled with smoke from God’s *Sh’khinah*, that is, from his power; and no one could enter the sanctuary **UNTIL** the seven plagues of the seven angels had accomplished their purpose. (*AV: ⁸ And the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to enter into the temple, ‘TILL the seven plagues of the seven angels were fulfilled.’*)

The 7 plagues were:

1. disgusting & painful sores;
2. the sea became like blood & everything in it died;
3. the rivers and springs of water turned to blood;
4. the sun burned people;
5. the kingdom of the Beast grew dark;
6. the river Euphrates dried up, preparing the way for the kings from the East;
7. and the 7th one was lightening, voices, thunder and an earthquake so massive that it shook the whole earth and then 70 lb hailstones!

All this was the wrath of God, yet men cursed God for the plagues, instead of turning to Him in repentance, and asking Him for mercy. The message for us is that when things go wrong for us, just badly or in a major way, we must repent of all our wrong doings and turn to God, asking for His mercy **BUT**, we must not imagine that in so doing, all our problems will disappear! We must continue (*in a changed lifestyle*) knowing that ADONAI, God, will be with us in and through all our problems. Amen. *23rd April 2017*

90. Revelation 20:3 ³ He threw him into the Abyss, locked it and sealed it over him; so that he could not deceive the nations any more **UNTIL** the thousand years were over. After that, he has to be set free for a little while. (*AV: ³ and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, ‘TILL the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.’*)

After the Tribulation, or Time of Jacob’s Trouble (*Jeremiah 30:7*) Yeshua returns to earth with all His saints (*the Bride*) to rule for 1,000 years – the millennium. One of the first things He does is to send an angel with a great chain, who seized Ha’Satan (*the Adversary in English*) chained him up and threw him into the Abyss and locked him in there for 1,000 years. In **our verse**, the angel locked the abyss and sealed it, so that Ha’Satan would be kept there **UNTIL** the 1,000 years were over, unable to deceive the nations anymore **UNTIL** that period would be over, after which he would be set free for a little while. What happens then is, for now, another story. What is the message for us here? We are to trust the Lord, that what He says will come to pass, no ifs and no buts! He says it, He will do it! We can trust the Lord absolutely. *24th April 2017*