

Discussion 7

Redemption

(The Strait and Narrow Path)

Primary Content (From 1 Sefer Moses, the Book of Beginnings):

- Chapter 6 - The Redemption
- Chapter 7 - The Oath

Additional Reading (Comparison Texts):

- Genesis 4-5 from the Inspired Version of the Bible
- 2 Nephi Chapter 13 (RAV) / Chapter 31 (OPV)

Objectives:

- Compare and Contrast: Teshuvah vs. Rebellion

Kabbalistic Concepts:

- Walking in Teshuvah
- The Proclamation of Shalom

Notes Before Reading:

These two chapters don't seem to be thematically related to each other, but they do give a stark contrast between walking in teshuvah and rebelling against YHVH Elohim.

Reading:

Chapter 6 - The Redemption		
1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	Discussion Ideas
6:1. And it came to pass that after YHVH Elohim had driven them out, that mankind began to till the earth, and to take charge over all the beasts of the field;	4:1 And it came to pass that after I, the Lord God, had driven them out, that Adam began to till the earth, and to have dominion over all the beasts of the field, and to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow, as I, the Lord, had commanded him; and Eve also, his wife, did labor with him.	This entire chapter is not in the Bible (other than the Inspired Version)
6:2. And to eat their bread by the sweat of their brow, as YHVH had decreed; for Eve also, the wife, did labor with them.		
6:3. ¶ And Adam knew his wife, and she bare unto him sons and daughters.	4:2 And Adam knew his wife, and she bare unto him sons and daughters; ...	
6:4. ¶ And it came to pass that YHVH Elohim called unto the man, Adam; and Adam answered, saying: Hineni;		
6:5. And Adam and Eve did hearken unto	(notice, these 3 verses are from the next	

<p>the Voice of Yah and called upon their sons and daughters to walk in teshuvah.</p> <p>6:6. And thus all things were confirmed unto Adam and Eve by an holy ordinance, and the proclamation of Shalom was preached;</p> <p>6:7. And a decree sent forth, that the Good News should be in the world until the end thereof.</p> <p>6:8. And mankind hearkened unto the Voice of Yah and called upon their sons and daughters to walk in teshuvah.</p> <p>6:9. And the Proclamation of Shalom began to be preached from the beginning, being declared by holy angels sent forth from the Presence of Elohim, and by The Voice of Yah, and by The Gift of Ruach HaKodesh.</p>	<p><i>chapter, but they seem to line up here)</i></p> <p>5:44 And thus the gospel began to be preached from the beginning, being declared by holy angels sent forth from the presence of God, and by his own voice, and by the gift of the Holy Ghost.</p> <p>5:45 And thus all things were confirmed unto Adam by a holy ordinance, and the gospel preached, and a decree sent forth that it should be in the world until the end thereof; and thus it was. Amen.</p> <p>6:1 And Adam hearkened unto the voice of God and called upon his sons to repent.</p>	
<p>6:10. And these began to share the Proclamation of Shalom, and thus did they multiply and replenish the earth.</p> <p>6:11. And from that time forth, the sons and daughters of Adam began to divide, two and two, in the land, and to till the land, and to tend flocks; and they also begat sons and daughters.</p>	<p>4:2 ... and they began to multiply and to replenish the earth.</p> <p>4:3 And from that time forth, the sons and daughters of Adam began to divide, two and two, in the land, and to till the land, and to tend flocks; and they also begat sons and daughters.</p>	
<p>6:12. ¶ And Adam called upon the name of YHVH, and Eve also, his wife;</p> <p>6:13. And they heard the Voice of YHVH from the way towards the garden of Eden, speaking unto them;</p> <p>6:14. And they saw Him not, for they were shut out from The Presence of Elohim.</p> <p>6:15. And YHVH gave unto them teshuvah, that they should worship YHVH, their Elohim, and should gift the firstlings of their flocks for an offering unto YHVH.</p> <p>6:16. And they, Adam, were obedient unto YHVH in teshuvah.</p>	<p>4:4 And Adam called upon the name of the Lord, and Eve also, his wife; and they heard the voice of the Lord, from the way towards the garden of Eden, speaking unto them; and they saw him not, for they were shut out from his presence.</p> <p>4:5 And he gave unto them commandments that they should worship the Lord, their God, and should offer the firstlings of their flocks for an offering unto the Lord.</p> <p>4:6 And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord. ...</p>	<p>In these verses, Adam and Eve are walking in teshuvah, but they are still “shut out from the Presence of Elohim”.</p> <p>What is the difference between these two states of being?</p>
<p>6:17. ¶ And after many days, the angel of YHVH appeared unto this man, Adam,</p>	<p>(4:6 ...) And after many days, an angel of the Lord appeared unto Adam, saying,</p>	

<p>saying: Why dost thou gift this, thy offering, unto YHVH?</p> <p>6:18. And Adam said unto him: I know not, save YHVH spake it unto me.</p> <p>6:19. And then spake the angel saying: This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Yachad Yachid Echad of Avinu, which is full of Grace and truth;</p> <p>6:20. Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of YHVH.</p> <p>6:21. And thou shalt walk in teshuvah and call upon Elohim in the name of the Yachad forevermore.</p>	<p>Why dost thou offer sacrifices unto the Lord? And Adam said unto him, I know not, save the Lord commanded me.</p> <p>4:7 And then the angel spake, saying, This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father, which is full of grace and truth;</p> <p>4:8 Wherefore, thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son. And thou shalt repent and call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.</p>	
<p>6:22. ¶ And in that day, the Spirit of YHVH fell upon the man Adam, which beareth record of Elohim Avinu, Shekinah, and Yachad, saying: I AM, the Yachad Yachid Echad of Elohim, from the beginning, henceforth and forever; Aleph Tav;</p> <p>6:23. Even as thou hast fallen, thou mayest be redeemed, and all mankind—even as many as will receive.</p>	<p>4:9 And in that day, the Holy Ghost fell upon Adam, which beareth record of the Father and the Son, saying, I am the Only Begotten of the Father from the beginning, henceforth and forever; that, as thou hast fallen, thou mayest be redeemed, and all mankind, even as many as will.</p>	
<p>6:24. ¶ And in that day, Adam blessed YHVH in The Presence of Elohim, and was filled even by the Spirit of YHVH,</p> <p>6:25. And the man Adam began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying: Blessed be the name of YHVH; for because of my transgression, mine eyes are opened;</p> <p>6:26. And in this life I shall have joy, and again, in the flesh I shall see my Creator.</p>	<p>4:10 And in that day, Adam blessed God, and was filled, and began to prophesy concerning all the families of the earth, saying, Blessed be the name of God; for because of my transgression, my eyes are opened; and in this life I shall have joy, and again, in the flesh I shall see God.</p>	<p>Now Adam IS in the presence of Elohim. What changed, and when did it change?</p>
<p>6:27. ¶ And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying: Were it not for our trespass, we never should have had seed and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our teshuvah, and the eternal life which YHVH giveth unto all the obedient.</p> <p>6:28. And Adam and Eve blessed the name of YHVH; and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters.</p>	<p>4:11 And Eve, his wife, heard all these things and was glad, saying, Were it not for our transgression, we never should have had seed and never should have known good and evil, and the joy of our redemption, and the eternal life which God giveth unto all the obedient.</p> <p>4:12 And Adam and Eve blessed the name of God; and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters.</p>	<p>Its interesting that this chapter is named Redemption, but here, it uses Teshuvah where the Joseph Smith translation used redemption. Any thoughts on that?</p>

<p>6:29. ¶ And that Accuser came among their sons and daughters, saying: I am also a Yachad Yachid Echad;</p> <p>6:30. And it came to pass that that Adversary commanded them, saying: Believe it not.</p> <p>6:31. And they believed it not; and they loved Satan more than their Creator.</p> <p>6:32. ¶ And mankind, having seen the light and comprehending it not began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish;</p> <p>6:33. For these had known of Elohim yet sought out the desires of their flesh.</p>	<p>4:13 And Satan came among them, saying, I am also a son of God. And he commanded them, saying, Believe it not. And they believed it not; and they loved Satan more than God. And men began from that time forth to be carnal, sensual, and devilish.</p>	<p>So, v32 and 33 are saying that one interpretation of the idea of seeing the light is knowing Elohim. And Comprehending it not is more about what you choose to do about it than whether or not you “get” what is being taught.</p>
<p>6:34. ¶ And YHVH Elohim, called upon Adam, which is to say mankind, everywhere by Ruach HaKodesh, and offered unto them teshuvah; in tikkun ha-olam;</p> <p>6:35. And as many as believed in Yachad and repented of their sins should be saved;</p> <p>6:36. And as many as believed not and walked not in teshuvah should be damned.</p> <p>6:37. And the Word went forth out of the Mouth of Elohim in a firm decree; wherefore, they must be fulfilled.</p> <p>6:38. And the man, Adam, ceased not to call upon Yah; and Eve also, his wife.</p>	<p>5:1 And the Lord God called upon men, by the Holy Ghost, everywhere, and commanded them that they should repent.</p> <p>5:2 And as many as believed in the Son and repented of their sins should be saved. And as many as believed not and repented not should be damned. And the words went forth out of the mouth of God in a firm decree; wherefore, they must be fulfilled.</p> <p>5:3 And Adam ceased not to call upon God--and Eve also, his wife.</p>	<p>"tikkun olam" (תיקון עולם) literally translates to “repair of the world,” or “for the sake of repairing the world.”</p>

Chapter 7 - The Oath

1 Moses	Inspired Version / JST	KJV	Discussion Ideas
<p>7:1. And Adam was intimate with Eve, his wife; and she conceived and bare Cain, which is to say: acquired in pain;</p> <p>7:2. And the woman said: I have gotten a man from YHVH; wherefore, he may not reject the words of YHVH.</p> <p>7:3. But, behold; Cain hearkened not, saying: Who is YHVH, that I should know him?</p>	<p>5:4 And Adam knew Eve, his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord; wherefore, he may not reject his words. But, behold, also, Cain hearkened not, saying, Who is the Lord, that I should know him?</p>	<p>4:1. And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.</p>	
<p>7:4. ¶ And she again conceived and bare his brother Abel, which is to say: my breath; and Abel hearkened unto The Voice of YHVH.</p> <p>7:5. ¶ And Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain was a tiller of the ground.</p> <p>7:6. And Cain loved the Accuser more than YHVH.</p> <p>7:7. And by the voice of Lilith, the Adversary commanded Cain, saying: Make an offering unto YHVH.</p>	<p>5:5 And she again conceived and bare his brother Abel. And Abel hearkened unto the voice of the Lord. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.</p> <p>5:6 And Cain loved Satan more than God. And Satan commanded him, saying, Make an offering unto the Lord. ...</p>	<p>4:2. And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.</p>	
<p>7:8. ¶ And it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto YHVH.</p> <p>7:9. And Abel, he brought the best from among the firstlings of his flock, and YHVH had respect unto Abel and to his offering;</p> <p>7:10. But unto Cain and to his offering YHVH turned His</p>	<p>(5:6 ...) And in process of time, it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.</p> <p>5:7 And Abel, he also brought, of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof; and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; but unto Cain and to his offering he had not</p>	<p>4:3. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.</p> <p>4:4. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering;</p>	

<p>gaze away, for this sacrifice was unto the man, and not unto YHVH.</p>	<p>respect.</p>	<p>4:5. But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect...</p>	
<p>7:11. ¶ Now the Adversary knew this, and it pleased him, for he desired another in the flesh to pollute the seed;</p> <p>7:12. And Cain was very wroth, and he became defiant, having failed.</p>	<p>5:8 Now Satan knew this, and it pleased him. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.</p>	<p>(4:5 ...) And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.</p>	
<p>7:13. ¶ And it came to pass that YHVH said unto Cain: Why art thou wroth? Why is thy face black, and thy soul sleepeth?</p> <p>7:14. If thou doest that which is pleasing, thou shalt be exalted; and if thou doest refuseth, sin lieth at the door.</p> <p>7:15. Seek not to fulfill thy own desires, but take possession of thyself, or that Accuser shall have thee;</p> <p>7:16. And except thou shalt hearken unto the Word of my teshuvah, I will deliver thee up; and know thou that this shall be unto thee according to thy desire:</p> <p>7:17. For behold, thou art the ruler over him; and from this time forth, thou shalt be the father of his lies;</p>	<p>5:9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? Why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, thou shalt be accepted; and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door; and Satan desireth to have thee; and except thou shalt hearken unto my commandments, I will deliver thee up, and it shall be unto thee according to his desire; and thou shalt rule over him, for from this time forth thou shalt be the father of his lies.</p>	<p>4:6. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?</p> <p>4:7. If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.</p>	
<p>7:18. And thou shalt be called Perdition, for thou wast also before the world;</p> <p>7:19. And it shall be said in time to come that these abominations were had from Cain, for thou hast rejected the greater counsel which was had from Elohim:</p>	<p>5:10 Thou shalt be called Perdition, for thou wast also before the world; and it shall be said in time to come that these abominations were had from Cain, for he rejected the greater counsel which was had from God; and this is a cursing which I will put</p>		

<p>7:20. And this is the curse which shall be upon thee, except thou enter into teshuvah.</p>	<p>upon thee, except thou repent.</p>		
<p>7:21. And Cain was wroth and listened not any more to The Voice of YHVH, neither to Abel his brother, who walked in holiness before YHVH;</p>	<p>5:11 And Cain was wroth and listened not any more to the voice of the Lord, neither to Abel his brother, who walked in holiness before the Lord.</p>		
<p>7:22. And Adam also and his wife mourned before YHVH because of Cain and his brethren.</p>	<p>5:12 And Adam also and his wife mourned before the Lord because of Cain and his brethren.</p>		
<p>7:23. ¶ And it came to pass that Cain took the daughter of one of his brothers to wife, and they both loved the Accuser more than YHVH;</p> <p>7:24. Yet Cain desired the wife of Abel, his twin; and thus knowing that YHVH should not give her unto him, for YHVH Elohim shall not divide that which is sealed to give unto another,</p> <p>7:25. Thus Cain, desiring to make a way, sought counsel from that serpent that has deceived so many.</p>	<p>5:13 And it came to pass that Cain took one of his brother's daughters to wife, and they loved Satan more than God.</p>		
<p>7:26. And that Adversary said unto Cain: Swear unto me by thy throat; and if thou tell it, thou shalt die;</p> <p>7:27. And swear thy brethren by their heads and by Elohim Chaiyim, that they tell it not; for if they tell it, they shall surely die:</p> <p>7:28. And this that thy father may not know it; and this day I will deliver thy brother Abel into thine hands.</p>	<p>5:14 And Satan said unto Cain, Swear unto me by thy throat; and if thou tell it, thou shalt die; and swear thy brethren by their heads and by the living God, that they tell it not; for if they tell it, they shall surely die; and this that thy father may not know it; and this day I will deliver thy brother Abel into thine hands.</p>		<p>This is the "Oath" that the chapter is named for. The interesting thing about his oath is that Satan swears to Cain to do according to his commands and not the other way around.</p>

<p>7:29. And the Accuser swore unto Cain that he would do according to his commands:</p> <p>7:30. And all these things were done in secret.</p>	<p>5:15 And Satan sware unto Cain, that he would do according to his commands. And all these things were done in secret.</p>		
<p>7:31. ¶ And Cain said: Truly I am Mahan, the master of this great secret, that I may murder and get gain;</p> <p>7:32. Wherefore, Cain was called Master Mahan; and he gloried in his wickedness.</p>	<p>5:16 And Cain said, Truly I am Mahan, the master of this great secret, that I may murder and get gain. Wherefore, Cain was called Master Mahan; and he gloried in his wickedness.</p>		
<p>7:33. ¶ And it came to pass that Cain went into the field, and Cain talked with Abel, his brother;</p> <p>7:34. And it came to pass that while they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.</p> <p>7:35. And Cain gloried in that which he had done, saying: I am free; surely all that belongeth to my brother shall fall into my hands.</p>	<p>5:17 And Cain went into the field, and Cain talked with Abel, his brother; and it came to pass that while they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and slew him.</p> <p>5:18 And Cain gloried in that which he had done, saying, I am free; surely the flocks of my brother falleth into my hands.</p>	<p>4:8. And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.</p>	
<p>7:36. ¶ And it came to pass that YHVH came unto Cain, and said: Where is Abel, thy brother?</p> <p>7:37. And Cain said: I know not; am I my brother's keeper?</p> <p>7:38. And YHVH said: What hast thou made this day? Listen! For the voice of the blood of thy brother calls out unto me from the ground;</p>	<p>5:19 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel, thy brother? And he said, I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?</p> <p>5:20 And the Lord said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood cries unto me from the ground.</p>	<p>4:9. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?</p> <p>4:10. And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.</p>	
<p>7:39. And now, thou hast brought the very curse that I had spoken unto thee before upon thine own</p>	<p>5:21 And now, thou shalt be cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy</p>	<p>4:11. And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy</p>	

<p>head;</p> <p>7:40. For the earth hath opened her mouth to receive the blood of thy brother from thy hand:</p> <p>7:41. And now, when thou tillest the soil it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a vagabond and a fugitive shalt thou be upon the earth.</p>	<p>brother's blood from thy hand.</p> <p>5:22 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.</p>	<p>brother's blood from thy hand;</p> <p>4:12. When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.</p>	
<p>7:42. And Cain said: That Accuser, he tempted me because of the flocks of my brother; and I was wroth also, for his offering thou didst accept, and not mine;</p> <p>7:43. And now my guilt is greater than I can carry!</p> <p>7:44. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from The Presence of Elohim, and Thy Face shall be as a secret kept from me; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth;</p> <p>7:45. And it shall come to pass that he that findeth me will murder me; and this because of mine iniquities; for I have murdered, and these things are not hid from YHVH.</p>	<p>5:23 And Cain said unto the Lord, Satan tempted me because of my brother's flocks; and I was wroth also, for his offering thou didst accept, and not mine.</p> <p>5:24 My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the Lord, and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass that he that findeth me will slay me because of mine iniquities, for these things are not hid from the Lord.</p>	<p>4:13. And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.</p> <p>4:14. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.</p>	
<p>7:46. ¶ And YHVH said unto him: No! For whosoever shall slay thee have also done murder, just as you; vengeance shall be taken on them sevenfold;</p> <p>7:47. And this because the sheading of the blood of man only leads to the sheading of more blood.</p> <p>7:48. And YHVH gave charge unto Cain a sign, lest any finding him should smite</p>	<p>5:25 And I, the Lord, said unto him, Whosoever slayeth thee, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold; and I, the Lord, set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.</p>	<p>4:15. And the Lord said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.</p>	

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7:49. ¶ And Cain was shut out from The Presence of Elohim with his wife and many of their kin;	5:26 And Cain was shut out from the presence of the Lord and, with his wife and many of his brethren, dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.	4:16. And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.	
7:50. And these dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east side, even the Face of Eden.			

Engage:

Engage the Text through Investigation

Using the two translations, and differences in word choice, build yourself a working definition for the concept of Teshuvah. What is it, what is it not? Is teshuvah a commandment or invitation? Is it an ordinance or an attitude? Is it an action or a belief?

Engage the Concepts through Comparison

In 7:12, Cain becomes defiant. And a few verses later, he is warned that if he doesn't get control of his feelings, he's going to reap serious consequences. His defiance here is in stark contrast to the idea of Teshuvah that Adam and Eve are multiplying and replenishing out into the earth via the declaration of Shalom. Compare these two concepts (Rebellion and Teshuvah) and find deeper meaning in both by exploring their contrasts.

Engage the Spirit through Contemplation

A good topic for contemplation this week is Redemption. At first it is a simple concept that is hard to misunderstand. But, it's also a very vague thing. What is it? What does it mean to be redeemed from the fall? At what point do we become redeemed? Can we then be un-redeemed? Is it an on-again, off-again sort of thing? Does redemption require effort on our part? Does it require our cooperation? Are we redeemed somehow through our own actions? (is it achievable without atonement being made on our behalf)? Were Adam and Eve redeemed as soon as they walked in teshuvah? Or some later moment? Was it an "event" or a "process"? Did anything change at the moment of redemption? Were they suddenly allowed to eat the fruit from the tree of life? Is it the fruit of the tree of life?

Engage the Group through Discussion

When you meet together as a group to discuss the content of these chapters, here are some ideas to help get the discussion going:

- How does a person know if they are walking in Teshuvah?
- What was "the Oath" in chapter 7? This looks like something that you don't enter into it without realizing you are doing it. Do you feel people could accidentally make this oath? Does that happen today? Is there a way out of this oath for people who already made it?