

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 62

### Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries ~ Part 2

In our last post, we began to examine the topic of **Yeshua Sends Out His Emissaries**. In this post, we learned that **Yeshua Instructed Them**.

#### Yeshua Instructs His Emissaries

<sup>5</sup> *These twelve Yeshua sent out with the following instructions: "Don't go into the territory of the Goyim (Gentiles) and don't enter any town in Shomron (Samaria)*

**Yeshua** first extends His announcement of the kingdom of heaven to the Jews, who were eagerly awaiting its arrival. Their eventual rejection of **Yeshua** leads to the **Gentile** mission, which receives its most explicit expression in the ministry of the **Emissary Sha'ul**. The people of **Shomron** were of mixed Israelite and foreign descent who lived in the region of the northern kingdom of **Isra'el** before the **Assyrian** and **Babylonian** exile.

<sup>6</sup> *but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Isra'el. <sup>7</sup> As you go, proclaim, 'The Kingdom of Heaven is near,'*

**Lost sheep** commonly served as a metaphor for a hopeless and leaderless people. The **emissaries** were to preach the same message that **Yeshua** preached and that **Yochanan the Immerser** preached before Him.

<sup>8</sup> *heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those afflicted with tzara'at (leprosy) and expel demons. You have received without paying, so give without asking for payment.*

The tasks listed here authenticate the **emissary's** message. These actions also show the arrival of the **Kingdom of Heaven**. **Yeshua** calls on the **talmidim** to share the blessings of the kingdom of heaven with no expectation of being compensated.

<sup>9</sup> *Don't take money in your belts, no gold, no silver, no copper; <sup>10</sup> and for the trip, don't take a pack, an extra shirt, shoes, or a walking stick - a worker should be given what he needs.*

The **talmidim** were to go without money or supplies. Their needs would be met through God's provision. The phrase *a worker should be given what he needs* sums up biblical principles regarding both priests and laborers (Lev 19:13; Num 18:31; Deut. 24:15; 25:4; 1 Cor 9:9; 1 Tim 5:18). The ultimate provision for ministry is the power of God, not our resources.

<sup>11</sup> *"When you come to a town or village, look for someone trustworthy and stay with him until you leave. <sup>12</sup> When you enter someone's household, say, 'Shalom aleikhem!'* (Peace be upon you)  
<sup>13</sup> *If the home deserves it, let your shalom rest on it; if not, let your shalom return to you. <sup>14</sup> But if the people of a house or town will not welcome you or listen to you, leave it, and shake its dust from your feet!*

*Shake its dust from your feet* is a symbolic act of renunciation and indicates a severed relationship.

<sup>15</sup> *Yes, I tell you, it will be more tolerable on the Day of Judgment for the people of S'dom and 'Amora than for that town!* ~ Mattityahu 10:5-15

In our next post, we will continue to examine **He Sends Out His Emissaries** in Mattityahu 10:16.