

April 1996 Asher  
Newborns

*Letter from Nun*

Dear brothers and sisters in all the Tribes,

Yoneq wanted me to write and ask you to execute something which we discussed in our last Social Meeting that he feels is essential to the proper growth of the Body of Messiah that has to do with our spiritual newborn babies.

When a woman in the community has her baby, usually the covering midwife appoints two or three women to monitor the first 72 hours of the newborn's life and attend to the needs of the mother. This is a very crucial time for the baby because it is actually learning to stabilize all its bodily functions (i.e., temperature, pulse, elimination, excretion, etc.). It has just come into a new environment. The child's vital signs must be checked *regularly* to ensure that this little new life is *off to a good start*.

*So it is with those born of the Spirit.*

The first three days of our spiritual newborn's life are the most crucial. It is the *stabilizing-transitional period* of time in their lives (having transferred out of the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of His beloved Son, Col 1:13). The shepherds where these newborns live will *appoint someone* with spiritual grace to attend to their needs during this period. They will make sure they are receiving their first milk (colostrum) to ensure they have strong, healthy immune systems. This sets the pattern for the new disciple's spiritual metabolism to function properly. Whatever the *need* may be during this crucial period cannot be made up at a later date, for their immune system is set at this point in a certain direction. They either get it or they don't. That first milk from their mother is so important it cannot be overlooked. The colostrum is the very thing they need to be strong in warding off infection and even potential diseases later on in life.

So, from now on until our Master returns, every time someone is baptized immediate care and attentiveness will be given to them. Those appointed to help them in this way will continue to do so, especially the first week of their life in Messiah. All too often in the communities everyone is waiting on someone else to give that first milk, to meet their needs. This will help bring order and care to these new brothers or sisters in Messiah. By no means are they the *only ones* who are responsible to shepherd or help feed them the *Word*. They just make sure they *are* being fed and getting what they need spiritually. These young disciples should always be brought to the Social Meeting *the first week after their baptism* and talked to in a shepherding and caring way in order to see how they are doing. This will give both us and our new disciples confidence in growing up into the image of our Master Yahshua. This is what causes the Body to grow and be built up *IN LOVE*.

*A note on baptisms and celebrations afterwards:*

Recently we had three newborns here in the Tribe of Asher. The first lot were twins and the most recent baptism was just this morning, First Day. Everyone was extremely jubilant as we have been fervently crying out to our Master for many more to be added to us. He heard our cry. Yoneq has said, "Our Father blesses us according to how we pray altogether in our Minchot." This includes how we pray for others to be saved and added to our number. The nucleus is being gathered in the Tribe of Asher with these three new additions. They are such a wonderful gift to us here and we dearly love them as true little babies under our Master's care.

When we arrived home, we immediately celebrated with joyful dancing and songs of praise. *Yatzaq*, our new brother, was brought into the lost coin celebration where we honored him, giving him *security and confirmation* in the Holy Spirit, like a true *induction of faith* into this new life. Many spoke of the meaning of his name, which is out of Isa 50:7 — *flint*, meaning: one who is resolute, determined, deliberate. He will be an example of one who sets his face like flint to do our Father's will, even as our Master in Luke 9:62. We talked about his sensitive character, giving him vision of his calling and the things he will undergo for our Master's sake. One after another spoke confirming Yatzaq in his confession of faith. As we spoke, he spoke — it was like aiding a newborn, giving him warm blankets, the first milk, etc. No time was wasted. At the end of the celebration we drew Yatzaq into the center and sang a love song directly to him, looking him in the eyes — *Abiding in the Vine... I want to be in love all of my days... I want to be in love with **you** always*. Let us all make the celebration after each baptism a special time of true confirmation, affirming and securing our new brothers and sisters in the love of our Master's Body.