

Time for Circumcision

Dear Racham,

Yoneq wanted me to write to you to clarify a mistake in one of the teachings, which he has seen since we have been here in Sus.

There was a small teaching dated May 24, 1994 in which Yoneq spoke about the appropriate day for circumcising infants. After further reflection on the subject he feels that how he had originally taught was more accurate. In reading Leviticus it seems quite clear that the day of circumcision is the EIGHTH DAY.

Lev 12:2-3 says, “and on the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised — after 7 days” (Gen 17:12; Lk 1:59; 2:21; Phil 3:5).

Lk 2:21 — When the eight days were completed. Gen 17:12 says, “eight days old,” on the eighth day of his life.

Yoneq said that after seeing the support of the Scriptures, he realized that he had believed someone who thought they knew, but in fact they were ignorant. Thus he had temporarily misunderstood, for Gen 17:12 as well as Lk 2:21 SEEMS as if eight 24 hour periods must pass — but because Lev 12:2-3 is SPECIFIC (on the eighth day), we should certainly go by that.

We have had much revelation in the past about the significance of the Eighth day, and Yoneq did not really consider all the aspects of changing the time of circumcision. But now he wants to send out a correction on what was mistakenly communicated.

Here Yoneq has been very encouraged by the practice of the brothers using the simple method that our Father Abraham used in circumcising. Even in adult circumcision it is a simple procedure which testifies to the faith of the man. Yoceph is familiar with how they do it here. He should share it with you brothers.

Shalom in the name of our Master Yahshua,

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