



**Month of Sh'vat - Deeper Roots in Jesus**  
**January/February**

We are continuing to learning that each prophetic month on the Biblical calendar holds something special for us and if we align ourselves with it we can get all our benefits from it. As you go through this lesson you will discover how to apply the many wonderful things God has for you to move out in with confidence and assurance in Him in every situation that arises.

I am so excited for you! And as we grow our \_\_\_\_\_ go deeper in Jesus!

Welcome to the month of 'Sh'vat' the month of the\_\_\_\_\_.

This Hebrew month holds great things for us! It is the month of oil, the month of anointing, the month of the word of God. A good month filled with blessings as we are rooted and \_\_\_\_\_ in our faith in Jesus.

Shevat is the 11<sup>th</sup> month on God's calendar. The Hebrew number eleven represents transition, can you feel it? If you are in transition it can be a very difficult time but you can receive \_\_\_\_\_ for your transition. How can we do that? When we are aware of how the Lord is moving in that season there is an anointing released that we can tap into to help us that may not be there like this any other time.

The scripture associated with this month is Proverbs 10:25:

'When the storm passes through, the wicked are swept away, but the righteous are an everlasting foundation.'

God is our true foundation we humbly, confidently trust and rely on Him for the ability to live in obedience to His will. That's the only way we can do this life. There is only one righteous, Jesus, Yeshua He became less to make us more and we want to build our foundation on His righteousness.

He is the rock; his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ is He. Deut. 32:4

'What the wicked construct finally falls into ruin, while the roots of the righteous give life and more life.' Prov. 12:12

Tzadik/Tsade is the Hebrew letter – 'the righteous one' as the letter is a picture of or represents a humble and faithful servant bent in submission.

Each Hebrew letter has many meanings, Tzadik also speaks of hunting or search, searching for nourishment and we get our \_\_\_\_\_ from the word of God when we dig deep into it. If you're not in the word like you want to be now is a great time to begin because there is grace to start and have a plan to continue in it.

'Tzadik' is the 18<sup>th</sup> letter, and the Hebrew number 18 means life; His word is life to us. L'Chiam! Decree life over dead situations in your life, your family, your business or your job.

The sense for Sh'vat is Taste/eating, 'Taste and see that the Lord is good, blessed is the man who \_\_\_\_\_ in Him!' Ps. 34:8

'How sweet your words are to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth.' Ps 119:103.

'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' Mt. 4:4

Again, there is a grace to get ahold of His word and get all your benefits from it. How will we know what they are unless we read and study it?

The stomach is the 'body part' for Sh'vat, we want to eat, chew and \_\_\_\_\_ on the word of God. So much emphasis on the word of God; ask the Lord for a plan, He will give it to you. Then be intentional everyday to read and declare from and apply it to your life, you will be glad you did!

## **Astronomy not astrology!**

The constellation is Aquarius - It looks like a person carrying a pail and the pail carries the water. We are that pail and the Holy Spirit is the water. We are the pail carrying the Holy Spirit to those around us; if we are not in the word our container will be empty. We want to 'leak' Jesus on who-ever we come into contact with.

## **The Hebrew tribe is Asher for Sh'vat.**

Asher is the second son to Leah from her servant and Jacob's 8<sup>th</sup> son. The Hebrew number 2 is linked to agreement, joining together. This speaks of \_\_\_\_\_; which is very important to God. We have the number eight here as well, what is the meaning of eight? New Beginnings!

If you need a new beginning, here you go! Of course there are always new beginnings with the Lord, this is a great reminder of that.

The meaning of Asher is happiness, pleasure, blessed - Leah was very happy God gave her another son. The root meaning is; be straight, level, right, to go forward, prosperous, guide, be honest, relief, blessed. There's good stuff right here we can receive from and declare over every area of our lives.

## **Jacob's Blessing**

Gen. 49:20 – Jacobs blessing on Asher's food supply will be rich, and fat, and he shall yield and deliver royal delights. Asher was a very rich tribe, God not only replenished for necessity but with "fatness" that's another word for this month. This speaks of abundance!

Food speaks of nourishment, and fatness speaks of anointing.... Oil.  
Also the word rich literally means greasy like oil.

Yield – to give, we are \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_. As we help others we have great joy.

This is the blessing and prophetic word Moses spoke over the tribe of Asher before his death. Duet. 33:24-25

"Of Asher, he said: Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable (favored) to his brethren, and let him dip his feet in oil. Thy shoes shall be iron and brass and as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

We see the blessings of happiness, luxury, wealth, anointing, favor, security and strength!

This scripture also speaks of multiplication but not just with children; they were prosperous and fruitful.

Feet dipped in oil; that means walking in the anointing.  
“The key to Asher’s success was the word of God.” Becky Albert

Love the ‘Message’ translation:  
“Asher, best blessed of the sons! May he be the favorite of his brothers, his feet massaged in oil. Safe behind iron-clad doors and gates, your strength like iron as long as you live.”

This speaks of increase, favor and anointing.  
“Asher lived protected and in continual strength and vigor. Asher’s strength was renewed as in the days of their youth, they will not feel decay or the worst for ware, renewed not only their shoes but also their bones.” Matthew Henry Commentary.

We want our days to be strong! Walk in joy; choose joy, for that is our strength. As your days go so shall your \_\_\_\_\_ be. Deuteronomy 33:25

Asher, mighty warriors, chief of princes; this speaks of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Chron.

I’m talking about an anointing we can all tap into. Let’s tap into the favor, the strength and blessings of this tribe. This is an appointed time, a special time to receive our inheritance from them. Not only in wealth did this tribe prosper it was in every area because they were rooted and grounded in the word. God is showing us these things so we will receive all our \_\_\_\_\_.

The symbol of the tribe of Asher is an olive tree and their land was rich with olive trees. Olive oil was not only a staple in the diet it was the only oil permitted in the temple for the menorah and the anointing of the priests. Asher was the tribe to furnish this oil; it is valuable and special to the Lord.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of Sh’vat is the feast Tu bsh’vat is celebrated, the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Feast of Tu bsh’vat – The Celebration of Trees**

Lev. 19:23-25 says that for the first three years of a tree bearing fruit we cannot eat of it, the fourth year is for an offering to the Lord and the fifth year we can eat of the fruit. They put God first; we honor God when we give Him our first.

Trees play a very important role this month. As we near the end of a long dark winter we know that this means this season is nearing the \_\_\_\_\_. Now we look to the spring and early harvest.

A new agricultural cycle starts and they celebrate it with a feast called "Tu bsh'vat". This feast is the highpoint of the month and the Jews mark the day by eating fruit.

Ex. 15:16-17 the song of Moses refers to the people being \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

When studied out the numbers 15 and 11 point to the secret of the tree of life in the Garden of Eden. The tree of life (the Torah) is central this month; it's a symbol of free access to God, His goodness and His blessing.

Read Psalm 1, "His delight is in the law of the Lord, in His law he meditates day and night, a tree planted by the rivers of water and shall bring forth fruit in it's season, who's leaves shall not wither and whatever he does will prosper."

**True prosperity is tied into being rooted in the word of God.**

In all our getting get \_\_\_\_\_! Declare, "My youth is being restored"!

### **The Almond Tree**

When God was instructing Moses in the building of the tabernacle He said to have the menorah fashioned to the branches of an \_\_\_\_\_ tree.

The almond tree is the first tree to blossom in the winter; it blooms in the middle of this month. The word almond in Hebrew means to awaken or watch.

Jeremiah saw an almond branch, the Lord watches over His word to perform it. The Lord wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ to his truth, to His \_\_\_\_\_.

It also speaks of promise and fruitfulness. The faithfulness of God is associated with the hope of the resurrection of Christ.

In Jer. 23:5-6 \_\_\_\_\_ is referred to as a branch.

Also in Is. 11:1, there shall come forth a Shoot out of the stock of (David's father) Jesse and a Branch out of his roots shall grow and bear fruit. Jesus!

In Romans 11 this scripture talks about the wild olive branch (gentile) being grafted into the root of the olive tree because of their belief in Jesus the Messiah the root of Jessie. The 'One New Man', here we see both Jew and gentile together in their belief in Jesus, the root of Jessie. This is our portion.

In the book of Revelation John see's a new heaven and a new earth. The tree of life is on both sides of the river. The leaves are for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the nations.

In Is 61:3, we are called trees/oaks of \_\_\_\_\_, redeemed and restored, the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified.

As I was looking up information on trees I found that when a tree is in transition the tree sap begins to move where it has been 'still' (a sleep), it awakens. The roots begin to dig down deep to get to water, to prepare for more growth, more fruit. As the tree seeks out nourishment, we should see this as an example for us just like it says in Psalms 1.

God expects us to bear fruit; we are a people planted by God.

Trees bear fruit from light, sunshine and water.

How do we do that as His people? "We bear fruit by reading the word, obeying and walking the word of God out in our lives." (Christine Vales)

### **The Olive Tree - the king of trees**

Another important tree is the olive tree. Olive oil was not only a staple in the diet it was the only oil permitted in the temple for the menorah and the anointing of the priests, it is very special, very rich and very valuable. \_\_\_\_\_ was the tribe to furnish this oil.

The symbol of the tribe of Asher was an olive tree and their land was rich with olive trees. Despite their prosperity it was said they remained down to earth and walked \_\_\_\_\_.

They took a left turn and failed to help drive the Canaanites out of the land so they had to live among them and serve them. However we read they humbled themselves and repented and honored King Hezekiah when he called the tribes back to celebrate Passover Feasts.

The key to Asher success was the word of God. If we don't get into the word of God we will not grow 'good' fruit and be truly successful.

When we walk in the Spirit we bear good fruit. Gal 5:16-25

We must say yes to the Spirit and no to the flesh.

This is a month to immerse ourselves in the word of God and as we do this we become those carrying the pale FULL of the Holy Spirit. For out of our bellies rivers of Living Water will flow continuously.

This is a month of increase, light, joy, hope, prosperity and happiness. It's a time to taste and see that the Lord truly is good. We can call everyone of those things in our lives.

We can learn from Asher's choices, they did fail, they chose not help drive the Canaanites out of the land so they had to live among them and serve them. However we do read that they humbled themselves and repented and came when called by King Hezekiah to celebrate Passover.

Father we enter into the anointing of Asher, we receive favor!

Despite their prosperity it was said they remained “Down to earth” and walked humbly.

We receive the anointing to walk humbly, honestly and with integrity so you will bless us and prosper us so we can be a blessing to others.

A huge key to this month is giving!

Remember out of Gen. 49:20 Jacobs blessing on Asher’s food supply will be rich, and fat, and he shall yield and deliver royal delights.

To “Yield” is to give; we are blessed to be a blessing! Look for ways to give to others. Blessing and favor in our lives are to promote the kingdom of God.

Let’s activate our faith!

#### **Declarations (all in Jesus Name):**

- 1. I am full of the Holy Spirit out of my belly will flow rivers of Living Water.**
- 2. I enter into the anointing of Asher and receive favor, I am moving forward, to be prosperous, be honest, and blessed.**
- 3. We receive the anointing to walk humbly, honestly and with integrity.**
- 4. As I prosper I am blessed to be a blessing and as I give I have great joy.**
- 5. I will taste and see that the Lord is good. I will see his goodness in the land of the living!**
- 6. I am rooted in the righteousness of Jesus my Savior.**
- 7. I am an oak of righteousness, redeemed and restored, for the planting of the Lord that He may be glorified.**
- 8. The joy of the Lord is my strength so I choose joy.**
- 9. My name is associated with royalty, greatness, nobility, prosperity, righteousness, luxury, wisdom, extravagance, and anointing and kingdom undertakings. (Cindy Trimm)**
- 10. The blessings of the Lord make us rich, and I am daily loaded with benefits.**
- 11. For as my days go so shall my strength be.**
- 12. I am crowned with God’s love and mercy. With all good things He satisfies me.**

**13. My roots go deep into Your word God for it is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**This is your assignment for this month.**

We are still seeking God for the year and setting new goals. Use this time of anointing to get up and get into the word. Start with Psalms 1, which is central to this month. Pull up the Matthew Henry Commentary on your computer, iPad or phone and study it. There are apps on our phone we can use for this. I assure you that when you make time to do this it will renew your mind and revolutionize your life. You may have to do this as it fits your schedule but ***PLEASE do it.***

As you dug deep into Psalms 1, what beautiful nuggets did you find?

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**Sh'vat Answer Key**

Roots, trees, grounded, grace, upright, just, nourishment, meditate, trusts, unity,  
Blessed, blessing, strength, royalty, victory, benefits, New Year for trees, end,  
planted, understanding, almond, awaken, word, Jesus, healing, righteousness, Asher,  
humbly