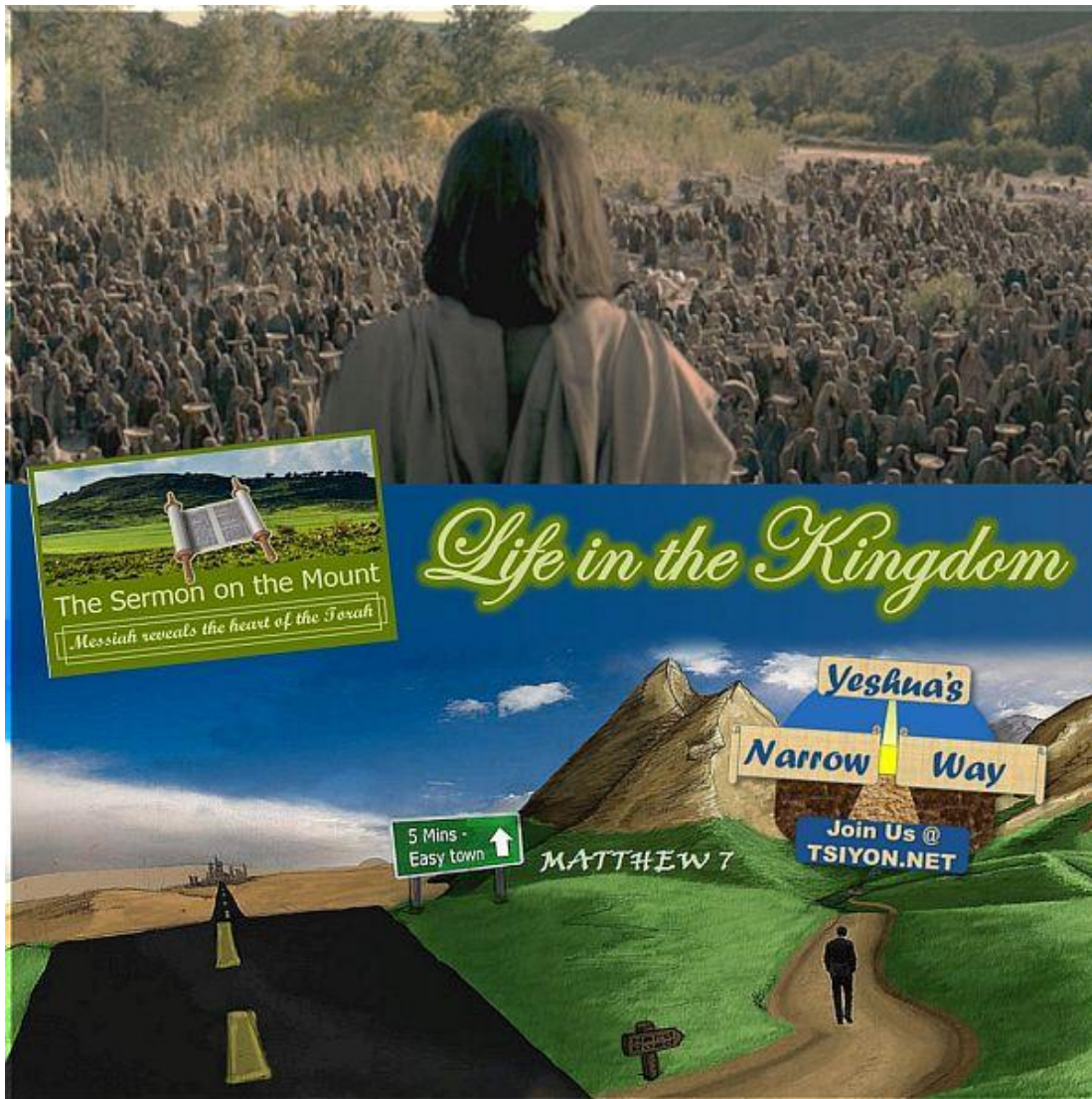


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From Eliyahu

Consider this:

Life in the Kingdom is meaningful, fulfilling and, yes, challenging. It is the narrow way that leads to eternal life. The broad way: Life dedicated to pursuing selfish interests of this world, seems appealing, can be fun sometimes, but it is very deceptive. Yeshua said that broad way "leads to destruction."

Usually when people read what Messiah said in Scripture about the two ways, they think it is referring to the afterlife. This is one reason some people, most people, choose the broad way to destruction. Many of them doubt that there is an

afterlife. Others think that God loves everybody, so no worries. A lot of others just don't care.

Actually though, Yeshua's teaching of the two ways originates in the Torah, is clarified in the Psalms, and is demonstrated in the Prophets. In all of those places the two ways refers to *this life*, and only secondarily to the afterlife. In this sense the narrow way to life is referring to the abundant quality of life and blessings that come to those who choose to live in Messiah's Kingdom *right now* by walking in His way. It is this excellent way that we are teaching as we delve deeply into Yeshua's words and deeds in the Gospels.

Yeshua also warn us about another way, the broad way of this world that most people choose for their life. He calls it "the broad way that leads to destruction." Is this 'destruction' literal - in this life?

Actually, very often the way of this world is not the big party some hope for, but is the fast track to misery, destruction, and death - all too real. Scripture tells us not to fall in the trap of loving the world:

"Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's. The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does Elohim's will remains forever." 1 John 2:15-17

When you set your heart on acquiring the things of the world, even with the best of intentions in mind, you have chosen the broad way that leads to destruction. The Father is not in that choice, according to Scripture. In affluent countries such as the USA many people start out thinking they are going to 'live their dream.' Some attain what they are after, but only after sacrificing a great deal of far greater value to get it. Many people start out with high hopes on the world's road, only to end up disillusioned, suffering loss, and feeling depressed.

According to the CDC, 15,000,000 physician office visits occur each year with depressive disorders as the primary diagnosis. This number probably does not include most of the people addicted to drugs or alcohol, since they are usually using their substance abuse to cope.

Substance abuse is a deadly path to take. In fact, CDC researchers found a staggering 110,236 people died by overdose in the single 12-month period of 2022, a stunning new record. Further, people suffering from depression have approximately a 10% lifetime suicide risk. When combined with substance abuse, the suicide risk rises to about 25%.


In 2021:

1,700,000 adults
attempted suicide
in the USA.

48,183 of those
died by suicide.

That is:

1 suicide
every
11 minutes.

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Realize, a person can endure a lot of turmoil, trauma, and destruction in their life without ever turning to suicide. By definition suicide is the last resort. When a person gets to the point that they hate their life so much that they want to end it, that is beyond sad - it is tragic. This should never, or almost never, happen. In the USA today this is happening with staggering frequency, as the latest numbers confirm.

Yes, many millions of deaths by things like substance abuse and suicide are horrible, probably the worst case scenario to prove that the broad way of this world leads to destruction. However, look at all we have left out of the discussion. Broken homes, domestic violence and abuse, homelessness, the many diseases caused by risky behaviors and vices, not to mention things like wars, pestilence and famine, violent crime, and much more - all man-made afflictions. Don't be fooled. The world's way IS the broad way to destruction, just as the Proverb says:

"There is a way which seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." Proverbs 14:12

Compare that headstrong insistence to go one's own way, with this observation:

"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who is wise listens to counsel." Proverbs 12:15

The Son of God came to earth to bring counsel to the wise (see Lk 1:17). In the sermon on the mount He tells us about the way of life that most people never find - only the truly wise ever find it. It is the way to a quality of life that cannot be obtained by any other path. It is not popular, because it demands qualities of character that most people never develop. In fact, those very qualities are scorned by the world. Most people would rather go after what they want, with little to no thought about what their Heavenly Father wants for them. Yeshua's narrow way requires exactly the opposite attitude - an attitude of giving up your own life

to live the life He has planned for you. Who is going to do that! "Few" He says, and few it is.

To those few who actually find the narrow way, a whole new domain opens up. Yes, they still walk on the same ground the world walks on, complete with its troubles. Yet, before them an entire Kingdom presents itself, which surrounds them, and is in them, everywhere they go, in everything they do. It is a Kingdom filled with the Life of the Son of God, Divine Life, now their life.

This is the Life of *Yeshua's Narrow Way*. Are you one of the wise? *Ask, Seek, Knock*, and it will be opened to you. Join us for our live-stream broadcast tonight, August 8, at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, Central, for *Life in the Kingdom*.

In His Name,

Eliyahu
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See these important messages:



"This generation will not pass away until all things are accomplished." Luke 21:32





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