

free'?" **34** Yēshua answered them, "Amæn, amæn, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. **35** And the slave does not remain in the house beyond time immemorial; the son does remain beyond time immemorial. **36** If therefore the Sōn will make you free, you will be free indeed. **37** I know that you are Abraham's offspring; yet you seek to kill me, because my word has no place in you. **38** I speak the things which I have seen with *my Fāther*; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your father*."

**39** They answered and said to him, "Abraham is our father." Yēshua said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. **40** But as it is, you are seeking to kill me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from the Almīghty; this Abraham did not do. **41** You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Fāther, *even* the Almīghty." **42** Yēshua said to them, "If the Almīghty were your Fāther, you would love me; for I proceeded forth and have come from the Almīghty, for I have not come on my own, but that one sent me. **43** Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot hear my word. **44** You are of *your* father the Accuser, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*; for he is a liar, and the father of lies. **45** But because I speak the truth, you are not trustingly faithful to me. **46** Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I speak truth, why are you not faithfully trusting me? **47** He who is of the Almīghty hears the words of the Almīghty; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because

you are not of the Almīghty."

**48** The Jews answered and said to him, "Do we not say rightly that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" **49** Yēshua answered, "I do not have a demon; but I honor my Fāther, and you dishonor me. **50** But I do not seek my glory; there is One who seeks and judges. **51** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he will not see death beyond time immemorial."

**52** The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and the prophets *also*; and you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will not taste of death beyond time immemorial.'"<sup>a</sup> **53** Surely you are not greater than our father Abraham, who died? The prophets died too; whom do you make Yourself out to be?" **54** Yēshua answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing; it is my Fāther who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our Almīghty'; **55** and you have not come to know him, but I know him; and if I say that I do not know him, I will be a liar like you, but I do know him, and keep his word. **56** Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw *it* and was glad."

**57** The Jews therefore said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" **58** Yēshua said to them, "Amæn, amæn, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I AM." **59** Therefore they picked up stones to throw at him; but Yēshua hid himself, and went out of the temple.

#### **Healing the Man Born Blind**

**9** And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. **2** And his disciples asked him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind?" **3** Yēshua answered, "*It is* neither *that* this man sinned, nor his parents; but *it*

<sup>a</sup> They deliberately misunderstood Yeshua.

**John 9:4**

will be in order that the works of the Almighty might be displayed in him. **4** We must work the works of him who sent me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work. **5** While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

**6** When he had said this, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and applied the clay to his eyes, **7** and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which is translated, sent). And so he went away and washed, and came back seeing.

**8** The neighbors therefore, and those who previously saw him as a beggar, were saying, “Is not this the one who used to sit and beg?” **9** Others were saying, “This is he,” still others were saying, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the one.” **10** Therefore they were saying to him, “How then were your eyes opened?” **11** He answered, “The man who is called Yēshua made clay, and anointed my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam, and wash’; so I went away and washed, and I received sight.” **12** And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

**Controversy over the Man**

**13** They brought to the Pharisees him who was formerly blind. **14** Now it was a Sabbath on the day when Yēshua made the clay, and opened his eyes. **15** Again, therefore, the Pharisees also were asking him how he received his sight. And he said to them, “He applied clay to my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” **16** Therefore some of the Pharisees were saying, “This man is not from the Almighty, because he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others were saying, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And there was a division among them. **17** They said therefore to the blind man again, “What do you say about him, since

he opened your eyes?” And he said, “He is a prophet.”

**18** The Jews therefore gave no support concerning him, that he was blind, and received sight, until they called the parents of him who received sight, **19** and questioned them, saying, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? Then how does he now see?” **20** His parents answered them and said, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; **21** but how he now sees, we do not know; or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him; he is of age, he will speak for himself.” **22** His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed, that if anyone should confess him to be Mēssiah, he should be put out of the congregation. **23** For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

**24** So a second time they called the man who was blind, and said to him, “Give glory to the Almighty; we know that this man is a sinner.” **25** He therefore answered, “Whether he is a sinner, I do not know; one thing I do know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” **26** They said therefore to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” **27** He answered them, “I told you already, and you did not listen; why do you want to hear it again? You do not want to become his disciples too, do you?” **28** And they reviled him, and said, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. **29** We know that the Almighty has spoken to Moses; but as for this man, we do not know where he is from.” **30** The man answered and said to them, “Well, here is an amazing thing, that you do not know where he is from, and yet he opened my eyes. **31** We know that the Almighty does not hear sinners; but if anyone is an Almighty-worshipper, and does his will, he hears him. **32** From time immemorial it has

never been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. **33** If this man were not from the Almighty, he could do nothing.” **34** They answered and said to him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you teaching us?” And they put him out.

#### *Yeshua Affirms His Deity*

**35** Yēshua heard that they had put him out; and finding him, he said, “Are you faithfully trusting in the Sōn of Man?” **36** He answered and said, “And who is he, *my* Adōni, that I may be trustingly faithful in him?” <sup>a</sup> **37** Yēshua said to him, “You have both seen him, and he is the one who is talking with you.” **38** And he said, “Adōnai, I am faithfully trusting.” And he worshiped him.

**39** And Yēshua said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see; and that those who see may become blind.” **40** Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said to him, “We are not blind too, are we?” **41** Yēshua said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but since you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

#### *Parable of the Good Shepherd*

**10** “Amæn, amæn, I say to you, he who does not enter by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbs up some other way, he is a thief and a robber. **2** But he who enters by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. **3** To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name, and leads them out. <sup>b</sup> **4** When he puts forth all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>c</sup> **5** And a stranger they simply will not

<sup>a</sup> *faithfully trust*: or *make my support with him*.

<sup>b</sup> *hear*: or *listen to, obey*.

<sup>c</sup> See 1John 2:3.

follow, but will flee from him, because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

**6** This figure of speech Yēshua spoke to them, but they did not understand what those things were which he was saying to them. **7** Yēshua therefore said to them again, “Amæn, amæn, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. **8** All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. **9** I am the door; if anyone enters through me, he will be saved, and will go in and out, and find pasture. **10** The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly.”

**11** “I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **12** He who is a hireling, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, beholds the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees, and the wolf snatches them, and scatters *them*. **13** *He flees* because he is a hireling, and is not concerned about the sheep. **14** I am the good shepherd; and I know my own, and my own know me, **15** even as the Fāther knows me and I know the Fāther; and I lay down my life for the sheep. **16** And I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will hear my voice; and they will become one flock *with* one shepherd. <sup>d</sup>

**17** “For this reason the Fāther loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it again. **18** No one has taken it away from me, but I lay it down on my own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from my Fāther.”

<sup>d</sup> *other sheep*: Ephraim, the fullness of the nations; cf. Gen. 48:19, Isa. 49:6 • Eze. 37:19; cf. Zech. 11:14.

**John 10:19**

**19** There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words. **20** And many of them were saying, “He has a demon and is insane. Why do you listen to him?” **21** others were saying, “These are not the sayings of one demon-possessed. A demon cannot open the eyes of the blind, can he?”

**Yeshua Asserts His Deity**

**22** At that time the Feast of the Hanukkah took place at Jerusalem. <sup>a</sup> **23** It was winter, and Yēshua was walking in the temple in the portico of Solomon. **24** The Jews therefore gathered around him, and were saying to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Mēssiah, tell us plainly.”

**25** Yēshua answered them, “I told you, and you are not faithfully trusting; the works that I do in my Fāther’s name, these bear witness of me. <sup>b</sup> **26** But you are not faithfully trusting because you are not of my sheep. **27** My sheep are hearing my voice, and I am knowing them, and they are following me; **28** and I offer everlasting life to them that they should not by any means perish in the age; and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>c</sup> **29** My Fāther, who has given *them* to me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of the Fāther’s hand. **30** I and the Fāther are one.”

**31** The Jews took up stones again to stone him. **32** Yēshua answered them, “I showed you many good works from the Fāther; for which of them are you stoning me?” **33** The Jews answered him, “For a good work we do not stone you, but for blasphemy; and because you, being a man, make Yourself out to be the Almighty.”

<sup>a</sup> Hanukkah: or **dedication**.

<sup>b</sup> trusting: or **committing**.

<sup>c</sup> everlasting: or **eternal**.

**34** Yēshua answered them, “Has it not been written in the Law, ‘I SAID, YOU ARE MIGHTY-ONES’? <sup>d</sup> **35** If he called them mighty ones, to whom the word of the Almighty came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), **36** do you say of him, whom the Fāther sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Almighty Sōn’?”

**37** “If I do not do the works of my Fāther, do not be trustingly faithful to me; **38** but if I do them, though you may not be trustingly faithful to me, then support the works, that you may know, and might be understanding that the Fāther is in me, and I in the Fāther.” **39** Therefore they were seeking again to seize him, and he eluded their grasp.

**40** And he went away again beyond the Jordan to the place where John was first immersing, and he was staying there. **41** And many came to him and were saying, “While John performed no sign, yet everything John said about this man was true.” **42** And many faithfully trusted in him there.

**The Death and Resurrection of Lazarus**

**11** Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Miriam and her sister Martha. **2** And it was the Miriam who anointed the Adōnai with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. **3** The sisters therefore sent to him, saying, “Adōnai, behold, he whom you love is sick.” **4** But when Yēshua heard it, he said, “This sickness is not unto death, unless for the glory of the Almighty, that the Almighty Sōn may

<sup>d</sup> mighty-ones: Psa. 82:6; Hebrew: Elohim. The same Hebrew title may mean “Almighty” or “mighty-ones” • *the Law*: Other manuscripts read, “your Law”.

be glorified by it.”<sup>a</sup>

**5** Now Yēshua loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. **6** When therefore he heard that he was sick, he stayed then two days *longer* in the place where he was. **7** Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” **8** The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?” **9** Yēshua answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. **10** But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

**11** This he said, and after that he said to them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awaken him out of sleep.” **12** The disciples therefore said to him, “Adōnai, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.” **13** Now Yēshua had spoken of his death, but they thought that he was speaking of literal sleep. **14** Then Yēshua therefore said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, **15** and I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, so that you may be trustingly faithfully; but let us go to him.” **16** Thomas, who is called Didymus, said to *his* fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

**17** So when Yēshua came, he found that he had already been in the tomb four days. **18** Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off; **19** and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Miriam, to console them concerning *their* brother. **20** Martha therefore, when she heard that Yēshua was coming, went to meet him; but Miriam still sat in the house.

**21** Martha therefore said to Yē-

<sup>a</sup> *unless*: or except, if not *also*. The conjunction limits or qualifies the main clause.

shua, “Adōnai, if you were here, my brother would not have died. **22** Even now I know that whatever you ask of the Almighty, the Almighty will give you.” **23** Yēshua said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” **24** Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” **25** Yēshua said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who is trustingly faithful to me, even if he dies, will live,<sup>b</sup> **26** and everyone living and becoming trustingly faithful to me will not die beyond time immemorial. Do you support this?”<sup>c</sup> **27** She said to him, “Yes, Adōnai; I have come to be trustingly faithful; For you are the Mēssiah, the Almighty Sōn, even he who comes into the world.”

**28** And when she had said this, she went away, and called Miriam her sister, saying secretly, “The Teacher is here, and is calling for you.” **29** And when she heard it, she arose quickly, and was coming to him. **30** Now Yēshua had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him. **31** The Jews then who were with her in the house, and consoling her, when they saw that Miriam rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

**32** Therefore, when Miriam came where Yēshua was, she saw him, and fell at his feet, saying to him, “Adōnai, if you were here, my brother would not have died.” **33** When Yēshua therefore saw her

<sup>b</sup> *will live*: these words refer to the resurrection of the dead. Between death and resurrection the person is not living.

<sup>c</sup> *everyone living*: this refers to the person who has been raised from the dead. Once raised from the dead, the person lives forever • beyond *time immemorial*: Hebrew: עַד-עוֹלָם.

**John 11:34**

weeping, and the Jews who came with her, *also* weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit, and was troubled, **34** and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Adōnai, come and see." **35** Yēshua wept. **36** And so the Jews were saying, "Behold how he loved him!" **37** But some of them said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of him who was blind, have kept this man also from dying?"

**38** Yēshua therefore again being deeply moved within, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. **39** Yēshua said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the deceased, said to him, "Adōnai, by this time there will be a stench, for he has been *dead* four days." **40** Yēshua said to her, "Did I not say to you, if you would be trustingly faithful, you will see the glory of the Almighty?" **41** And so they removed the stone. And Yēshua raised his eyes, and said, "Fāther, I thank you that you hear me. **42** And I knew that you hear me always; but because of the people standing around I said it, that they may become trustingly faithful, because you sent me." **43** And when he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth." **44** He who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings; and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Yēshua said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." **45** Many therefore of the Jews, who had come to Miriam and beheld what he had done, faithfully trusted in him.

**46** But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Yēshua had done.

**Conspiracy to Kill Yeshua**

**47** Therefore the chief priests and the Pharisees convened the Sanhedrin, and were saying, "What are we doing? For this man is

performing many signs. **48** If we let him *go on* like this, all men will become trustingly faithful to him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."

**49** But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, "You know nothing at all, **50** nor are you considering that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation should not perish." **51** Now this he did not say on his own initiative; but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Yēshua was going to die for the nation, **52** and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of the Almighty who are scattered abroad.

**53** So from that day on they planned together to kill him. **54** Yēshua therefore no longer continued to walk publicly among the Jews, but went away from there to the country near the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there he stayed with the disciples.

**55** Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, to purify themselves. <sup>a</sup>

**56** Therefore they were seeking for Yēshua, and were saying to one another, as they stood in the temple, "What do you think; that he will not come to the feast at all?" **57** Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that if anyone knew where he was, he should report it, that they might seize him.

<sup>a</sup> John specifies "of the Jews", not because he is being anti-Semitic, but because false teachers were disagreeing with the Jewish timing of Passover, and he wanted to make it clear which one Yeshua observed. The Jewish timing was still correct at this time.



**Miriam Anoints Yeshua**

**12** Yēshua, therefore, six days before the Passover, came to Bethany where Lazarus was, whom Yēshua had raised from the dead. **2** So they made him a supper there, and Martha was serving; but Lazarus was one of those reclining *at the table* with him. **3** Miriam therefore took a pound of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Yēshua, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. **4** But Judah Iscariot, one of his disciples, who was intending to betray him, said, **5** “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to poor *people*?” **6** Now he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and as he had the chest, he used to pilfer what was put into it. **7** Yēshua therefore said, “Let her alone, in order that she may keep it for the day of my burial. **8** For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.”

**9** The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not for Yēshua’s sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom he raised from the dead. **10** But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus to death also; **11** because on account of him many of the Jews were going away, and were faithfully trusting in Yēshua.

**Yeshua Enters Jerusalem**

**12** On the next day the great multitude who had come to the feast, when they heard that Yēshua was coming to Jerusalem, **13** took the branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet him, and were crying out, “HOSANNA! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF YĀHWEH,

even the King of Israel.”<sup>a</sup> **14** And Yēshua, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, **15** “FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY’S COLT.”<sup>b</sup> **16** These things his disciples did not understand at the first; but when Yēshua was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things to him. **17** And so the multitude who were with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, were bearing him witness. **18** For this cause also the multitude went and met him, because they heard that he had performed this sign. **19** The Pharisees therefore said to one another, “You see that you are not doing any good; look, the world has gone after him.”

**Greeks Seek Yeshua**

**20** Now there were certain Greeks among those who were going up to worship at the feast; **21** these therefore came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and were asking him, saying, “Sir, we wish to see Yēshua.” **22** Philip came and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip came, and they told Yēshua. **23** And Yēshua answered them, saying, “The hour has come for the Sōn of Man to be glorified. **24** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. **25** He who loves his life loses it; and he who hates his life in this age will keep it to life everlasting. **26** If anyone serves me, let him follow me; and where I am, there will my servant also be; if anyone serves me, the Fāther will honor him.

**Yeshua Foretells His Death**

**27** “Now my soul has become

<sup>a</sup> Ps. 118:26.

<sup>b</sup> Zech. 9:9.

John 12:28

troubled; and what shall I say, 'Fäther, save me from this hour?' But for this purpose I came to this hour. **28** Fäther, glorify your name." There came therefore a voice out of heaven: "I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again." **29** The multitude therefore, who stood by and heard it, were saying that it had thundered; others were saying, "An *angelic* messenger has spoken to him." **30** Yēshua answered and said, "This voice has not come for my sake, but for your sakes. **31** Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. **32** And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." **33** But he was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which he was to die.

**34** The multitude therefore answered him, "We have heard out of the Law that the Mēssiah is to remain beyond time immemorial; and how can you say, 'The Sōn of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Sōn of Man?" <sup>a</sup> **35** Yēshua therefore said to them, "For a little while longer the light is among you. Walk while you have the light, that darkness may not overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. **36** While you have the light, become trustingly faithful to the light, in order that you may become sons of light." These things Yēshua spoke, and he departed and hid himself from them.

**37** But though he had performed so many signs before them, yet they were not faithfully trusting in him; **38** that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, "YĀHWEH, WHO FAITHFULLY TRUSTS IN OUR REPORT? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF YĀHWEH BEEN REVEALED?" <sup>b</sup> **39** For this cause they were not able to become

trustingly faithful, for Isaiah said again, **40** "HE HAS BLINDED THEIR EYES, AND HE HARDENED THEIR HEART; LEST THEY SEE WITH THEIR EYES, AND PERCEIVE WITH THEIR HEART, AND BE CONVERTED, AND I HEAL THEM." <sup>c</sup> **41** These things Isaiah said when he saw his glory, and he spoke of him. **42** Nevertheless many even of the rulers faithfully trusted in him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing *him*, lest they should be put out of the congregation; **43** for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of the Almighty.

**44** And Yēshua cried out and said, "He who faithfully trusts in me is not faithfully trusting in me, if not also in him who sent me. **45** And he who is looking at me is looking at the One who sent me. **46** I have come *as* light into the world, that everyone who faithfully trusts in me may not remain in darkness. **47** And if anyone hears my sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, so much as that I may save the world. **48** He who rejects me, and does not receive my sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. **49** For I did not speak on my own initiative, but the Fäther himself who sent me has given me commandment, what to say, and what to speak. **50** And I know that his commandment is everlasting life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Fäther has told me."

*The Seder Before The Passover*

**13** Now before the Feast of the Passover, Yēshua, (knowing that his hour comes wherein he should depart out of this world to the Fäther), loved his own who were in

<sup>a</sup> *immemorial*: Hebrew: עַד-עוֹלָם.

<sup>b</sup> Isa. 53:1.

<sup>c</sup> Isa. 6:10.



the world; he loved them to the end. <sup>a</sup> **2** And during supper, the Accuser already *had* put *it* into the heart of Judah Iscariot, *the son* of Simon, to betray him. **3** *Yēshua*, knowing that the Fāther gives all things into his hands, and that he comes forth from the Almīghty, and that he is departing to the Almīghty, **4** raises himself from the supper, and lays aside his garments; and taking a towel, he wrapped himself about.

#### **Yeshua Washes the Disciples' Feet**

**5** Then he cast water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel which was wrapped around himself.

**6** And so he came to Simon Peter. He said to him, "Adōnai, do you wash my feet?" **7** *Yēshua* answered and said to him, "What I do you do not realize now, but you will understand hereafter." **8** Peter said to him, "You should not wash my feet beyond time immemorial!" *Yēshua* answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no part with me." **9** Simon Peter said to him, "Adōnai, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head." **10** *Yēshua* said to him, "He who has bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all *of you*." **11** For he knew the one who was betraying him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

**12** And so when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and reclined *at the table* again, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? **13** You call me Teacher and the Master; and you are

right, for *so* I am. **14** If I then, the Master and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. **15** For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. **16** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master; neither *is* one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. **17** If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

**18** "I do not speak of all of you. I know the ones I have chosen; but *it is* that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'HE WHO EATS MY BREAD HAS LIFTED UP HIS HEEL AGAINST ME.'<sup>b</sup>

**19** From now on I am telling you before *it* comes to pass, so that when it does occur, you may become trustingly faithful, because I AM. **20** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives me; and he who receives me receives him who sent me."

#### **Yeshua Predicts His Betrayal**

**21** When *Yēshua* had said this, he became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Amæn, amæn, I say to you, that one of you will betray me." **22** The disciples were looking at one another, at a loss *to know* of which one he was speaking. **23** There was reclining on *Yēshua*' breast one of his disciples, whom *Yēshua* loved. **24** Simon Peter therefore gestured to him, and said to him, "Tell *us* who it is of whom he is speaking." **25** He, leaning back thus on *Yēshua*' breast, said to him, "Adōnai, who is it?" **26** *Yēshua* therefore answered, "That is the one for whom I will dip the morsel and give it to him." So when he had dipped the morsel, he took and gave it to Judah, *the son* of Simon Iscariot. **27** And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him. *Yēshua* therefore said to him, "What you do, do quickly." **28**

<sup>a</sup> *before the feast of the Passover*: it was indeed the day on which the Passover was to be sacrificed, and hence the 'day of the Passover' (See Luke 22:7), but it was not yet time for the feast, which would be eaten the next day.

<sup>b</sup> Psa. 41:10(9).

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Now no one of those reclining *at the table* knew for what purpose he had said this to him. **29** For some were supposing, because Judah had the chest, that Yēshua was saying to him, “Buy the things we have need of for the feast”; or else, that he should give something to the poor. **30** And so after receiving the morsel he went out immediately; and it was night.

**31** When therefore he had gone out, Yēshua said, “Now is the Sōn of Man glorified, and the Almīghty is glorified in him; **32** if the Almīghty is glorified in him, the Almīghty will also glorify him in himself, and will glorify him immediately. **33** Little children, I am with you a little while longer. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews, I now say to you also, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’

**34** “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. <sup>a</sup> **35** By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

**36** Simon Peter said to him, “Adōnai, where are you going?” Yēshua answered, “Where I go, you cannot follow me now; but you will follow later.” **37** Peter said to him, “Adōnai, why can I not follow you right now? I will lay down my life for you.” **38** Yēshua answered, “Will you lay down your life for me? Amæn, amæn, I say to you, a cock will not crow, until you deny me three times.

**Yeshua Comforts His Disciples**

**14** “Let not your heart be troubled. Be trustingly

<sup>a</sup> new: *anew, fresh, renewed*. This was really an old commandment. See Lev. 19:18, but Yeshua is clarifying and saying that the faithful in him are especially our neighbor.

faithful to the Almīghty; Become trustingly faithful also to me. **2** In my Fāther’s house are many dwellings. If it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. **4** And where I am going, you know the way.”

**5** Thomas said to him, “Adōnai, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” **6** Yēshua said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Fāther, except through me.

**Oneness with the Father**

**7** If you have come to know me, even my Fāther you should have come to know. From now on you are knowing him, and have seen him.”

**8** Philip said to him, “Adōnai, show us the Fāther, and it is enough for us.” **9** Yēshua said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and you have not come to know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Fāther; how do you say, ‘Show us the Fāther’? **10** Are you not trustingly faithful because I am in the Fāther, and the Fāther is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Fāther abiding in me does his works. **11** Become trustingly faithful to me, because I am in the Fāther, and the Fāther *is* in me; if not, become trustingly faithful because of the works themselves. **12** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, he who becomes trustingly faithful to me, the works that I do will he do also; and greater than these will he do; because I go to the Fāther. **13** And whatever you should ask in my name, that will I do, so that the Fāther may be glorified in the Sōn. **14** If you should ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

**15** “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

**Role of the Spirit**

**16** And I will ask the Fäther, and he will give you another Advocate, that he may be with you beyond time immemorial; <sup>a</sup> **17** *who is* the Spīrit of truth, who the world cannot receive, because it does not behold him or know him; you know him because he remains beside you, and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. **19** In a little while the world will see me no longer; but you *will* see me; because I live, you will live also. **20** In that day you will know that I am in my Fäther, and you in me, and I in you. **21** He who has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me; and he who loves me will be loved by my Fäther, and I will love him, and will disclose myself to him.” <sup>b</sup>

**22** Judah (not Iscariot) said to him, “Adōnai, so what has happened that you are about to disclose yourself to us, and not to the world?”

**23** Yēshua answered and said to him, “If anyone may love me, he will keep my word; and my Fäther will love him, and we will come to him, and we will make our dwelling beside him. **24** He who does not love me does not keep my words; and the word which you hear is not mine, if not *also* the Fäther’s who sent me.” <sup>c</sup>

**25** “These things I have spoken to you, *while* dwelling beside you. **26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spīrit, whom the Fäther will send in my name—that one will teach you all things, and he will cause you to remember all that I say to you.

**27** “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives, do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor let it fear. **28**

<sup>a</sup> Advocate: or **Adviser; Counselor;**  
פְּרֹקֵט.

<sup>b</sup> disclose: **manifest, show.**

<sup>c</sup> if not also: see General Notes, “unless”.

You heard that I said to you, ‘I go away, and I come to you.’ If you were loving me, you would be joyful, because I am going to the Fäther. For the Fäther is greater than I. <sup>d</sup>

**29** “And now I have told you before it happens, that when it should happen, you may become trustingly faithful.

**30** “I will not speak much longer with you, because the one ruling the world system is coming, and he holds nothing over me, <sup>e</sup> **31** except that the world may know that I love the Fäther, and as the Fäther gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, we should go from here.

**Yeshua Is the Vine—Followers Are Branches**

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Fäther is the cultivator. <sup>f</sup> **2** Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he takes away; and every one bearing fruit, he cleans it *off*, so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>g</sup> **3** You are already clean through the word which I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it may remain in the vine, so neither *can* you, unless you remain in me.

**5** “I am the vine, you are the branches; the one remaining in me, and I in him, bears much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone should not remain in me, he is thrown away as the branch, and is dried up; (also they gather them, and cast them into the fire), and it is burned.

**7** “If you should remain in me, and my words should remain in you, whatever you may wish, ask, and it will happen for you. **8** By this my Fä-

<sup>d</sup> Hos. 5:14-6:3. • For: or **because.**

<sup>e</sup> over: or **in, on.**

<sup>f</sup> cultivator: or **tender; dresser.**

<sup>g</sup> cleans: or **purifies, prunes.**

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ther is glorified, that you may bear much fruit, and may be my disciples.

9 “Just as the Fäther loves me, so also I love you. Remain in my love. 10 If you may keep my commandments, you will remain in my love; just as I make myself to be keeping my Fäther’s commandments, and remain in his love. 11 These things I do speak to you, so that my joy may be in you, and *so that* your joy may be full.

### **Disciples’ Relation to Each Other**

12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends, if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from my Fäther I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you may go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Fäther in my name, he may give to you. 17 This I command you, that you love one another.

### **Disciples’ Relation to the World**

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it has hated me before *it hated* you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, ‘A slave is not greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for my name’s sake, because they do not know the One who sent me.

22 “If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not have sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates me hates my Fäther also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would not have sin; but now they have both seen and hated me and my Fäther as well. 25 But *they have done this* in order that the word may be fulfilled that is written in the instruction, ‘THEY HATED ME WITHOUT A CAUSE.’<sup>a</sup>

26 “When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Fäther, *that is* the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Fäther, he will bear witness of me, 27 and you *will* bear witness also, because you have been with me from the beginning.

### **Yeshua’s Warning**

16 “These things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from stumbling. 2 They will make you outcasts from the congregation, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to the Almighty. 3 And these things they will do, because they have not known the Fäther, or me. 4 But these things I have spoken to you, that when their hour comes, you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

### **The Holy Spirit Promised**

5 But now I am going to him who sent me; and none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ 6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>a</sup> the instruction: other manuscripts: your instruction • Psa. 35:19; 69:5(4).

8 “And he, when he comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and justice, and judgment; 9 concerning sin, because they are not faithfully trusting in me; 10 and concerning justice, because I go to the Fäther, and you no longer behold me; 11 and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

12 “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. 13 But when he, the Spīrit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own initiative, but whatever he hears, he will speak; and he will disclose to you what is to come. 14 He will glorify me; for he will take of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you. 15 All things that the Fäther has are Mine; therefore I said, that he takes of Mine, and will disclose *it* to you.

#### **Yeshua’s Death and Resurrection Foretold**

16 “A little while, and you will no longer behold me; and again a little while, and you will see me.” 17 *Some* of his disciples therefore said to one another, “What is this thing he is telling us, ‘A little while, and you will not behold me; and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I go to the Fäther’?” 18 And so they were saying, “What is this that he says, ‘A little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

19 Yēshua knew that they wished to question him, and he said to them, “Are you deliberating together about this, that I said, ‘A little while, and you will not behold me, and again a little while, and you will see me’? 20 Amæn, amæn, I say to you, that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned to joy. 21 Whenever a woman is in travail she has sorrow, because her hour has come; but when she gives birth to the child, she remembers the anguish no

more, for joy that a child has been born into the world. 22 Therefore you too now have sorrow; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one takes your joy away from you.

#### **Prayer Promises**

23 “And in that day you will ask me no question. Amæn, amæn, I say to you, if you shall ask the Fäther for anything in my name, he will give it to you. 24 Until now you have asked for nothing in my name; ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be made full.

25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; an hour is coming when I will speak no more to you in figurative language, but will tell you plainly of the Fäther. 26 In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will request the Fäther on your behalf. 27 For the Fäther himself is loving you, because you have come to be loving me, and have come to be faithfully trusting because I came forth from the Fäther.

28 “I came forth from the Fäther, and have come into the world; I am leaving the world again, and going to the Fäther.”

29 His disciples said, “Lo, now you are speaking plainly, and are not using a figure of speech. 30 “Now we know that you know all things, and have no need for anyone to question you; by this we are trustingly faithful, because you came from the Almighty.”

31 Yēshua answered them, “Are you now trustingly faithful? 32 behold, an hour is coming, and has *already* come, for you to be scattered, each to his own *home*, and to leave me alone; and *yet* I am not alone, because the Fäther is with me.

33 “These things I have spoken to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have trib-

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ulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

**Yeshua's Prayer For The Faithful**

**17** These things Yēshua spoke; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, “Fāther, the hour has come; glorify your Sōn, wherein the Sōn may glorify you, **2** (even as you gave him authority over all mankind), that *to* all that you give to him, he may give everlasting life.” **3** And this is everlasting life, that they may know you, that alone *are* true Al-mīghty, and he that you have sent Yēshua the Mēssiah.

**4** “I glorified you on the earth, having accomplished the work which you have given me to do. **5** And now, glorify you me together with yourself, Fāther, with the glory which I had with you before the world was.

**6** “I manifested your name to the men whom you gave me out of the world; yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. **7** Now they have come to know that everything you have given me is from you; **8** for the words which you gave me I have given to them; and they received them, and truly understood that I came forth from you, and they faithfully trusted, because you did send me.

**9** “I ask on their behalf; I do not ask on behalf of the world, but of those whom you have given me; for they are yours; **10** and all things that are Mine are yours, and yours are Mine; and I have been glorified in them. **11** And I am no more in the world; and *yet* they themselves are in the world, and I come to you. Holy Fāther, keep them in your name, *the name* which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we.” **12**

<sup>a</sup> *one*: united. There are several senses of “oneness”. One sense of “one” belongs to the Almighty alone, between the Father, Son and Spirit. Another sense

While I was with them, I was keeping them in your name which you have given me; and I guarded them, and not one of them perished except the son of perdition, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

**The Disciples in the World**

**13** But now I come to you; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy made full in themselves.

**14** “I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I do not ask you to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil *one*. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17** Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. **18** As you did send me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth.

**20** “I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also faithfully trusting through their word; **21** that they may all be united; even as you, Fāther, *are* with me, and I with you, that they also may be with us; that the world may become trustingly faithful, because you sent me.

**Their Future Glory**

**22** And the glory which you have given me I have given to them; that they may be united, just as we are united; **23** I with them, and you with me, that they may be coming to be perfected unto unity, that the world may know that you did send me, and did love them, even as you did love me.

**24** “Fāther, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, be with me where I am, in order that they may behold my glory, which

can be shared with the faithful.



you have given me; for you did love me before the fall of the world. **25** Righteous Fäther, although the world has not known you, yet I have known you; and these have known that you did send me; **26** and I have made your name known to them, and will make it known; that the love wherewith you did love me may be in them, and I in them.”

#### *Judah Betrays Yeshua*

**18** When Yēshua had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the ravine of the Kidron, where there was a garden, into which he himself entered, and his disciples. **2** Now Judah also, who was betraying him, knew the place; for Yēshua had often met there with his disciples. **3** Judah then, having received the cohort, and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, came there with lanterns and torches and weapons. **4** Yēshua therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and said to them, “Whom do you seek?” **5** They answered him, “Yēshua the Nazarene.” He said to them, “I AM.” And Judah also who was betraying him, was standing with them. **6** When therefore he said to them, “I AM,” they drew back, and fell to the ground. **7** Again therefore he asked them, “Whom do you seek?” And they said, “Yēshua the Nazarene.” **8** Yēshua answered, “I told you that I AM; if therefore you seek me, let these go their way,” **9** that the word might be fulfilled which he spoke, “Of those whom you have given me I lost not one.”

**10** Simon Peter therefore having a sword, drew it, and struck the high priest’s slave, and cut off his right ear; and the slave’s name was Malchus. **11** Yēshua therefore said to Peter, “Put the sword into the sheath; the cup which the Fäther has given me, shall I not drink it?”

#### *Yeshua before the Priests*

**12** So the cohort and the commander, and the officers of the Jews, arrested Yēshua and bound him, **13** and led him to Annas first; for he was father-in-law of Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. **14** Now Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was expedient for one man to die on behalf of the people. **15** And Simon Peter was following Yēshua, and *so* was another disciple. Now that disciple was known to the high priest, and entered with Yēshua into the court of the high priest, **16** but Peter was standing at the door outside. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out and spoke to the doorkeeper, and brought in Peter. **17** The slave-girl therefore who kept the door said to Peter, “You are not also *one* of this man’s disciples, are you?” He said, “I am not.” **18** Now the slaves and the officers were standing *there*, having made a charcoal fire, for it was cold and they were warming themselves; and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

**19** The high priest therefore questioned Yēshua about his disciples, and about his teaching. **20** Yēshua answered him, “I have spoken openly to the world; I always taught in congregations, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and I spoke nothing in secret. **21** Why do you question me? Question those who have heard what I spoke to them; behold, these know what I said.” **22** And when he had said this, one of the officers standing by gave Yēshua a blow, saying, “Is that the way you answer the high priest?” **23** Yēshua answered him, “If I have spoken wrongly, bear witness of the wrong; but if rightly, why do you strike me?” **24** Annas therefore sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

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**Peter's Denial of Yeshua**

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore to him, "You are not also *one* of his disciples, are you?" He denied *it*, and said, "I am not." 26 One of the slaves of the high priest, being a relative of the one whose ear Peter cut off, said, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" 27 Peter therefore denied *it* again; and immediately a cock crowed.

**Yeshua before Pilate**

28 They led Yēshua therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium, and it was early; and they themselves did not enter into the Praetorium in order that they might not be defiled, but might eat the Passover. <sup>a</sup> 29 Pilate therefore went out to them, and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" 30 They answered and said to him, "If this Man were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered him up to you." 31 Pilate therefore said to them, "Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your Law." The Jews said to him, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death," 32 that the word of Yēshua might be fulfilled, which he spoke, signifying by what kind of death he was about to die.

33 Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Yēshua, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Yēshua answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you up to me; what have you done?" 36 Yēshua answered, "My kingdom

is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, then my servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, my kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Pilate therefore said to him, "So you are a king?" Yēshua answered, "You say *correctly* that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice." 38 Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no guilt in him. 39 But you have a custom, that I should release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" 40 Therefore they cried out again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas." Now Barabbas was a robber.

**The Crown of Thorns**

19 Then Pilate therefore took Yēshua, and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; 3 and they were coming up to him, and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give him blows *in the face*.

4 And Pilate came out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing him out to you, that you may know that I find no guilt in him." 5 Yēshua therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!" 6 When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify, crucify!" Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves, and crucify him, for I find no guilt in him." 7 The Jews answered him, "We have a Law, and by that Law he ought to die because he made himself out *to be* the Al-mighty Sōn." 8 When Pilate therefore

<sup>a</sup> This refers to the Passover lamb to be killed on the 14th between noon and sunset. See Mat. 26:17; Mark 14:12; Luke 22:7. It was eaten in the night after the 14th day.

heard this statement, he was the more afraid;

**9** and he entered into the Praetorium again, and said to Yēshua, “Where are you from?” But Yēshua gave him no answer. **10** Pilate therefore said to him, “You do not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to release you, and I have authority to crucify you?”

**11** Yēshua answered, “You would have no authority over me, unless it was given you from above; for this reason he who delivered me up to you has *the* greater sin.” **12** As a result of this Pilate made efforts to release him, but the Jews cried out, saying, “If you release this Man, you are no friend of Caesar; everyone who makes himself out *to be* a king opposes Caesar.” **13** When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Yēshua out, and sat down on the judgment seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. **14** Now it was the day of preparation for the Passover; it was about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, “Behold, your King!” **15** They therefore cried out, “Away with *him*, away with *him*, crucify him!” Pilate said to them, “Shall I crucify your King?” The chief priests answered, “We have no king but Caesar.”

### **The Crucifixion**

**16** So he then delivered him to them to be crucified. **17** They took Yēshua therefore, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called the Place of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha. **18** There they crucified him, and with him two other men, one on either side, and Yēshua in between. **19** And Pilate wrote an inscription also, and put it on the cross. And it was written, “YĒSHUA THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS.” **20** Therefore this inscription many of the Jews read, for the place

where Yēshua was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin, *and* in Greek. **21** And so the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews’; but that he said, ‘I am King of the Jews.’” **22** Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

**23** The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Yēshua, took his outer garments and made four parts, a part to every soldier and *also* the tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece. **24** They said therefore to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, *to decide* whose it will be”; that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “They divided my outer garments among them, AND FOR MY CLOTHING THEY CAST LOTS.”<sup>a</sup>

**25** Therefore the soldiers did these things. But there were standing by the cross of Yēshua his mother, and his mother’s sister, Miriam the *wife* of Clopas, and Miriam Magdalene. **26** When Yēshua therefore saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” **27** Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her into his own *household*.

**28** After this, Yēshua, knowing that all things had already been accomplished, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I am thirsty.” **29** A jar full of sour wine was standing there; so they put a sponge full of the sour wine upon *a branch* of hyssop, and brought it up to his mouth. **30** When Yēshua therefore had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished!” And he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

<sup>a</sup> Psa. 22:19(18).

John 19:31

**Care of the Body of Yeshua**

**31** The Jews therefore, because it was the day of preparation, so that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was great), asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. **32** The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with him; **33** but coming to Yēshua, when they saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs; **34** but one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water. **35** And he who has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may become trustingly faithful. **36** For these things came to pass, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “NOT A BONE OF HIM WILL BE BROKEN.”<sup>a</sup> **37** And again another Scripture says, “THEY WILL LOOK ON HIM WHOM THEY PIERCED.”<sup>b</sup>

**38** And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Yēshua, but a secret *one*, for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Yēshua; and Pilate granted permission. He came therefore, and took away his body.

**39** And Nicodemus came also, who had first come to him by night; bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds *weight*. **40** And so they took the body of Yēshua, and bound it in linen wrappings with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.)

**41** Now in the place where he had been crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been put. **42**—in that place, because of the preparation of the Jews, because the

<sup>a</sup> Psa. 34:21(20); Ex. 12:46; Num. 9:12.

<sup>b</sup> Zech. 12:10.

tomb was near, they had put Yēshua.<sup>c</sup>

**The Empty Tomb**

**20** Now on the first of the Sabbaths Miriam Magdalene came early, while it was still dark at the tomb, and saw the stone *already* taken away from the tomb.<sup>d</sup> **2** And so she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Yēshua loved, and said to them, “They have taken away my Adōnai out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”

**3** Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they were going to the tomb. **4** And the two were running together; and the other disciple ran ahead faster than Peter, and came to the tomb first; **5** and stooping and looking in, he saw the linen wrappings lying *there*; but he did not go in. **6** Simon Peter therefore also came, following him, and entered the tomb; and he beheld the linen wrappings lying *there*, **7** and the face-cloth, which was on his head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but rolled up in a place by itself. **8** So the other disciple who had first come to the tomb entered then also, and he saw and faithfully trusted. **9** But as yet they did not

<sup>c</sup> This detail gives the reason the location and tomb were chosen, but evidently it is a detail added as an afterthought and not in chronological order. For that choice had been made before the annual Sabbath, but Nicodemus embalmed the body after the annual Sabbath on the preparation for the weekly Sabbath.

<sup>d</sup> *the first of the Sabbaths*: The first Sabbath after Passover. See Lev. 23:15 where instructions are given for counting seven Sabbaths after the annual Passover rest day • *still dark*: the resurrection was before the literal day began.

understand the Scripture, that he must rise again from the dead.)

**10** So the disciples went away again to their own *friends*. **11** But Miriam was standing outside the tomb weeping; and so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; **12** and she beheld two *angelic* messengers in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Yēshua was lying. **13** And they said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “because they have taken away my Adōnai, and I do not know where they have laid him.”

**14** When she had said this, she turned around, and beheld Yēshua standing *there*, and did not know that it was Yēshua. **15** Yēshua said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” **16** Yēshua said to her, “Miriam!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabboni!” (which means, Teacher). **17** Yēshua said to her, “Stop clinging to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Fāther; but go to my brothers, and say to them, ‘I ascend to my Fāther and your Fāther, and my Almīghty and your Almīghty.’” **18** Miriam Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, “I have seen Adōnai,” and *that* he had said these things to her.

#### **Yeshua among His Disciples**

**19** When therefore it was later, on that day, the first of the Sabbaths, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Yēshua came and stood in their midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.”<sup>a</sup> **20** And when he had said

<sup>a</sup> *the first of the Sabbaths*: The same first Sabbath after the Passover upon which Yeshua rose from the dead. See vs. 1.

this, he showed them both his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced when they saw Adōnai. **21** Yēshua therefore said to them again, “Peace *be* with you; as the Fāther has sent me, I also send you.” **22** And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spīrit. **23** If you may tolerate the sins of some, *their sins* are tolerated for them; if of some you may hold, they are held.”

**24** But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Yēshua came. **25** The other disciples therefore were saying to him, “We have seen Adōnai!” But he said to them, “Unless I will see in his hands the imprint of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I by no means may give any support to it.”

**26** And after eight days again his disciples were inside, and Thomas with them. Yēshua came, the doors having been shut, and stood in their midst, and said, “Peace *be* with you.” **27** Then he said to Thomas, “Reach here your finger, and see my hands; and reach here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not distrusting, but be trustingly faithful.” **28** Thomas answered and said to him, “My Adōnai and my Almīghty!” **29** Yēshua said to him, “because you have seen me, you have come to become trustingly faithful. Blessed *are* they who do not see, and who are trustingly faithful.”

#### **The Reason John Wrote**

**30** Many other signs therefore Yēshua also performed in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this scroll; **31** but these have been written that you may become trustingly faithful, because Yēshua is the Mēssiah, the Almīghty Sōn; and when being trustingly faithful, you may have life in his

**John 21:1**

name.

**Yeshua Appears at the Sea of Galilee**

**21** After these things Yēshua manifested himself again to the disciples at the Sea of Tiberias, and he manifested *himself* in this way. **2** There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. **3** Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will also come with you.” They went out, and got into the boat; and that night they caught nothing. **4** But when the day was now breaking, Yēshua stood on the beach; yet the disciples did not know that it was Yēshua. **5** Yēshua therefore said to them, “Children, you do not have any fish, do you?” They answered him, “No.” **6** And he said to them, “Cast the net on the right-hand side of the boat, and you will find *a catch*.” They cast therefore, and then they were not able to haul it in because of the great number of fish. **7** That disciple therefore whom Yēshua loved said to Peter, “It is Adōnai.” And so when Simon Peter heard that it was Adōnai, he put his outer garment on (for he was stripped *for work*), and threw himself into the sea. **8** But the other disciples came in the little boat, for they were not far from the land, but about one hundred yards away, dragging the net *full* of fish. **9** And so when they got out upon the land, they saw a charcoal fire *already* laid, and fish placed on it, and bread. **10** Yēshua said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.” **11** Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three; and although there were so many, the net was not torn.

**Yeshua Makes Breakfast**

**12** Yēshua said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples ventured to question him, “Who are you?” knowing that it was Adōnai. **13** Yēshua came and took the bread, and gave them, and the fish likewise. **14** This is now the third time that Yēshua was manifested to the disciples, after he was raised from the dead.

**Tend My Sheep**

**15** So when they had finished breakfast, Yēshua said to Simon Peter, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Adōnai; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my lambs.” **16** He said to him again a second time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Adōnai; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Shepherd my sheep.” **17** He said to him the third time, “Simon, *son* of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Adōnai, you know all things; you know that I love you.” Yēshua said to him, “Tend my sheep.

**Peter's Final Test Prophesied**

**18** Amæn, amæn, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to gird yourself, and walk wherever you wished; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will gird you, and bring you where you do not wish to *go*.” **19** Now this He said, signifying by what kind of death he would glorify the Almighty. And when He had spoken this, he said to him, “Follow me!”

**20** Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Yēshua loved following *them*; the one who also had leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, “Adōnai, who is the one who betrays you?” **21** Peter there-



fore seeing him said to Yēshua, “Adōnai, and what about this man?”

**22** Yēshua said to him, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow me!” **23** This saying therefore went out among the brothers that that disciple would not die; yet Yēshua did not say to him that he would not die, but *only*, “If I want him to remain until I come, what *is that* to you?”

**24** This is the disciple who bears witness of these things, and wrote these things.

And we know that his witness is true.

**25** And there are also many other things which Yēshua did, which if they were written in detail, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the scrolls which were written.



## ACTS

### Introduction

**1** The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Yēshua began to do and teach, **2** until the day when he was taken up, after he had by the Holy Spīrit given orders to the emissaries whom he had chosen.

**3** To these he also presented himself alive, after his suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days, and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of the Almighty.

**4** And gathering them together, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Fāther had promised, “which,” *he said*, “you heard of from me; **5** for John immersed with water, but you will be immersed with the Holy Spīrit not many days from now.”

**6** And so when they had come together, they were asking him, saying, “Adōnai, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

**7** He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Fāther has fixed by his own authority; **8** but you will receive power when the Holy Spīrit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

### Yeshua Returns To Heaven

**9** And after he had said these things, he was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received him out of their sight. **10** And as they were gazing intently into the sky while he was departing, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them; **11** and they also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Yēshua, who has been taken up from

you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched him go into heaven.”

### The Upper Room

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. **13** And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying; that is, Peter and John and Jacob and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, Jacob *the son of* Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judah *the son of* Jacob.

**14** These all with one mind were continually devoting themselves to prayer, along with *the women*, and Miriam the mother of Yēshua, and with his brothers.

**15** And at this time Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers (a gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons was there together), and said, **16** “brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spīrit foretold by the mouth of David concerning Judah, who became a guide to those who arrested Yēshua.

**17** For he was counted among us, and received his portion in this ministry.”

**18**(Now this man acquired a field with the price of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

**19** And it became known to all who were living in Jerusalem; so that in their own language that field was called Hakeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) **20** “For it is written in the scroll of Psalms, ‘LET HIS HOMESTEAD BE MADE DESOLATE, AND LET NO MAN DWELL IN IT’; and, ‘HIS OFFICE LET ANOTHER MAN TAKE.’” **21** It is therefore necessary

<sup>a</sup> Psa. 69:26(25) • Psa. 109:8.

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that of the men who have accompanied us all the time that Adōnai Yēshua went in and out among us—**22** beginning with the immersion of John, until the day that he was taken up from us—one of these should become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

**23** And they put forward two men, Joseph called Barsabbas (who was also called Justus), and Matthias. **24** And they prayed, and said, “You, Yāhweh, who know the hearts of all men, show which one of these two you have chosen **25** to occupy this ministry and emissaryship from which Judah turned aside to go to his own place.” **26** And they drew lots for them, and the lot fell to Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven emissaries.

*The 50<sup>th</sup> Day, Shavuot*

**2** And when the fiftieth day had come, they were all together in one place. **2** And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3** And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. **4** And they were all filled with the Holy Spīrit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spīrit was giving them utterance.

**5** Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. **6** And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language. **7** And they were amazed and marveled, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that we each hear *them* in our own language to which we were born? **9** Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, **10**

Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, **11** Cretans and Arabs — we hear them in our *own* tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of the Almīghty.” **12** And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.”

*Peter Proclaims The Good News*

**14** But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: “Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words.

**15** “For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is *only* the third hour of the day; **16** but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: **17** And it will be in the latter days—the Almīghty says, ‘THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPĪRIT UPON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS WILL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN WILL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN WILL DREAM DREAMS; **18** EVEN UPON MY SERVANTS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPĪRIT THEY WILL PROPHECY. **19** AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE HEAVEN ABOVE, AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BENEATH, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE. **20** THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS, AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF YĀHWEH WILL COME. **21** AND IT WILL BE, THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF YĀHWEH WILL BE SAVED.’”<sup>a</sup>

**22** “Men of Israel, listen to these words: Yēshua the Nazarene, a man

<sup>a</sup> Joel 3:1-5(2:28-32).

attested to you by the Almighty with miracles and wonders and signs which the Almighty performed through him in your midst, just as you yourselves know—**23** this *Man*, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of the Almighty, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put *him* to death.

**24** “And the Almighty raised him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for him to be held in its power. **25** For David says of him, ‘I WAS ALWAYS BEHOLDING YĀHWEH IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, THAT I MAY NOT BE SHAKEN. **26** THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL ABIDE IN HOPE; **27** BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO THE GRAVE, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY. **28** YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.’ <sup>a</sup>

**29** “brothers, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. **30** And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that the Almighty had sworn to him with an oath to seat one from the fruit of his loins upon his throne, **31** he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Mēssiah, that he was neither abandoned to the grave, nor did his flesh suffer decay. **32** This Yēshua the Almighty raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

**33** “Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of the Almighty, and having received from the Fāther the promise of the Holy Spīrit, he has poured forth this which you

both see and hear. **34** For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: ‘YĀHWEH SAID TO MY ADŌNAI, “STAY ON AS MY RIGHT HAND WHILE I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET.”’ <sup>b</sup> **36** Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that the Almighty designates him both Adōnai and Mēssiah—this Yēshua whom you crucified.”

### *Three Thousand Commit To Messiah*

**37** Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the emissaries, “brothers, what shall we do?” **38** And Peter *said* to them, “Repent, and let each of you be immersed in the name of Yēshua the Mēssiah for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spīrit. **39** For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as Yāhweh our Almighty will call to himself.”

**40** And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!”

**41** So then, those who had received his word were immersed; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**42** And they were continually devoting themselves to the emissaries’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** And fear came on every soul; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the emissaries. **44** And all those trustingly faithful were together, and had all things in common; **45** and they were selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. **46** And day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to

<sup>a</sup> Psa. 16:8-11.

<sup>b</sup> Psa. 110:1.

**Acts 2:47**

house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, **47** praising the Almighty, and having favor with all the people. And Yāhweh was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**Healing the Lame Beggar**

**3** Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. **2** And a certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried along, whom they used to set down every day at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, in order to beg alms of those who were entering the temple. **3** And when he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he was asking to receive alms. **4** And Peter, along with John, fixed his gaze upon him and said, "Look at us!" **5** And he was giving them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. **6** But Peter said, "I do not possess silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you: in the name of Yēshua the Mēssiah the Nazarene—walk!" **7** And seizing him by the right hand, he raised him up; and immediately his feet and his ankles were strengthened. **8** And with a leap, he stood upright and was walking; and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising the Almighty. **9** And all the people saw him walking and praising the Almighty; **10** and they were taking note of him as being the one who used to sit at the Beautiful Gate of the temple to beg alms, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

**Peter's Second Sermon**

**11** And while he was clinging to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them at the so-called portico of Solomon, full of amazement.

**12** But when Peter saw *this*, he replied to the people, "Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this, or why do you gaze at us, as if by our own power or piety we had made him walk? **13** The Almighty of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the Almighty of our fathers, has glorified his servant Yēshua, *the one* whom you delivered up, and disowned in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. **14** But you disowned the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, **15** but put to death the Prince of life, *the one* whom the Almighty raised from the dead, *a fact* to which we are witnesses. **16** And on the basis of the trust in his name, it is the name of Yēshua which has strengthened this man whom you see and know; and the trust which is through him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>a</sup>

**17** "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. **18** But the things which the Almighty announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Mēssiah should suffer, he has thus fulfilled.

**19** "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of Yāhweh; **20** and that he may send Yēshua, the Mēssiah appointed for you, **21** whom heaven must receive until *the* period of restoration of all things about which the Almighty spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from time immemorial. **22** Moses said, 'YĀHWEH YOUR ALMIGHTY WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BROTHERS; TO HIM YOU WILL GIVE HEED IN EVERYTHING HE SAYS TO YOU. **23** 'AND IT WILL BE THAT

<sup>a</sup> *trust*: divine endowment, the trust of his power and reputation guarded by the Almighty.



EVERY SOUL THAT DOES NOT HEED THAT PROPHET WILL BE UTTERLY DESTROYED FROM AMONG THE PEOPLE.’<sup>a</sup> **24** And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, since Samuel and *his* successors, also announced these days.

**25** “It is you who are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which the Almighty made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH WILL BE BLESSED.’<sup>b</sup> **26** For you first, the Almighty raised up his Servant, and sent him to bless you by turning every one *of you* from your wicked ways.”

#### **Peter and John Arrested**

**4** And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard*, and the Sadducees, came upon them, **2** being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Yēshua the resurrection from the dead. **3** And they laid hands on them, and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening. **4** But many of those who had heard the message pledged trusting faithfulness; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

**5** And it came about on the next day, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; **6** and Annas the high priest *was there*, and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of high-priestly descent. **7** And when they had placed them in the center, they were inquiring, “By what power, or in what name, have you done this?”

**8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people, **9** if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick

man, as to how this man has been made well, **10** let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Yēshua the Mēs-siah the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom the Almighty raised from the dead—by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

**11** “He is the stone which was rejected by you, the builders, *but* which became the very corner *stone*. **12** And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved.”

#### **A Public Order Not To Proclaim Messiah**

**13** Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John, and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were marveling, and were recognizing them as having been with Yēshua. **14** And seeing the man who was healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply. **15** But when they had ordered them to go aside out of the Council, they were conferring with one another, **16** saying, “What shall we do with these men? For the fact that a noteworthy miracle has taken place through them is apparent to all who live in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. **17** But in order that it may not spread any further among the people, let us warn them to speak no more to any man in this name.”

**18** And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Yēshua. **19** But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of the Almighty to give heed to you rather than to the Almighty, you be the judge; **20** for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard.” **21** And when they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which they

<sup>a</sup> Deut. 18:15-16.

<sup>b</sup> Gen. 22:18; 26:4.

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might punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying the Almighty for what had happened; **22** for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing was performed.

**23** And when they were released, they went to their own *companions*, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. **24** And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to the Almighty with one accord and said, “Yāhweh, it is you who did make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them, **25** who by the Holy Spīrit, *through* the mouth of our father David your servant, did say, ‘WHY DO THE NATIONS RAGE, AND THE MASSES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS? **26** ‘THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST YĀHWEH, AND AGAINST HIS MĒSSI-AH.’ <sup>a</sup> **27** For truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Yēshua, whom you did anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the nations and the peoples of Israel, **28** to do whatever your hand and your purpose marked out beforehand to occur.

**29** “And now, Yāhweh, take note of their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all confidence, **30** while you extend your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of your holy servant Yēshua.”

**31** And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spīrit, and were speaking the word of the Almighty with boldness.

**Sharing Among The Faithful**

**32** And the congregation of those who were trustingly faithful were of

<sup>a</sup> Psa. 2:1-2.

one heart and soul; and not one of *them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them. **33** And with great power the emissaries were giving witness to the resurrection of Adōnai Yēshua, and abundant loving-kindness was upon them all. **34** For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales, **35** and lay them at the emissaries’ feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need. **36** And Joseph, a Levite of Cyprian birth, who was also called Barnabas by the emissaries (which translated means, “son of encouragement”), **37** and who owned a tract of land, sold it and brought the money and laid it at the emissaries’ feet.

**Ananias And Sapphira Lie To The Almighty**

**5** But a certain man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, **2** and kept back *some* of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the emissaries’ feet. **3** But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spīrit, and to keep back *some* of the price of the land? **4** While it remained *unsold*, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men, but to the Almighty.”

**5** And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came upon all who heard of it. **6** And the young men arose and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him.

**7** Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had

happened. **8** And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." **9** Then Peter *said* to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of Yāhweh to the test? behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out *as well*." **10** And she fell immediately at his feet, and breathed her last; and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. **11** And great fear came upon the whole assembly, and upon all who heard of these things.

**12** And at the hands of the emissaries many signs and wonders were taking place among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's portico. **13** But none of the rest dared to associate with them; however, the people held them in high esteem. **14** And all the more were being added, becoming trustingly faithful in Yāhweh, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*; **15** to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets, and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on any one of them. **16** And also the people from the cities in the vicinity of Jerusalem were coming together, bringing people who were sick or afflicted with unclean spirits; and they were all being healed.

#### **Obeying The Almighty Rather Than Men**

**17** But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy; **18** and they laid hands on the emissaries, and put them in a public jail. **19** But the Messenger of Yāhweh during the night opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said, **20** "Go

your way, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life." **21** And upon hearing *this*, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and were teaching.

Now when the high priest and his associates had come, they called the Council together, even all the Senate of the sons of Israel, and sent *orders* to the prison house for them to be brought. **22** But the officers who came did not find them in the prison; and they returned, and reported back, **23** saying, "We found the prison house locked quite securely and the guards standing at the doors; but when we had opened up, we found no one inside." **24** Now when the captain of the temple *guard* and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them as to what would come of this.

**25** But someone came and reported to them, "Behold, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!" **26** Then the captain went along with the officers and *proceeded* to bring them *back* without violence (for they were afraid of the people, lest they should be stoned). **27** And when they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. And the high priest questioned them, **28** saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and behold, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

**29** But Peter and the emissaries answered and said, "We must obey the Almighty rather than men. **30** The Almighty of our fathers raised up Yēshua, whom you had put to death by crucifying him on a cross. **31** He is the one whom the Almighty exalted to his right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are witnesses of these things; and so

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is the Holy Spirit, whom the Almighty has given to those who obey him.”

**Gamaliel's Advise**

**33** But when they heard this, they were cut to the quick and were intending to slay them. **34** But a certain Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the Law, respected by all the people, stood up in the Council and gave orders to put the men outside for a short time. **35** And he said to them, “Men of Israel, take care what you propose to do with these men. **36** For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody; and a group of about four hundred men joined up with him. And he was slain; and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. **37** After this man Judah of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away *some* people after him, he too perished, and all those who followed him were scattered. **38** And so in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action should be of men, it will be overthrown; **39** but if it is of the Almighty, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against the Almighty.”

**40** And they took his advice; and after calling the emissaries in, they flogged them and ordered them to speak no more in the name of Yēshua, and *then* released them. **41** So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they were considered worthy to suffer shame for *his* name. **42** And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and proclaiming Yēshua as the Mēssiah.

**Choosing the Seven**

**6** Now at this time while the disciples were increasing, a com-

plaint arose on the part of the Greek speaking Jews against the Hebrew speaking Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving. **2** And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of the Almighty in order to serve tables. **3** But select from among you, brothers, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. **4** But we will devote ourselves to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.”

**5** And the statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faithfulness and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. **6** And these they brought before the emissaries; and after praying, they laid their hands on them.

**7** And the word of the Almighty kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were submissively listening to the faith.

**8** And Stephen, full of loving-kindness and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. **9** But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. **10** And yet they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

**11** Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and the Almighty.” **12** And they stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes, and they came upon him and dragged him away, and brought him before the Council. **13**

And they put forward false witnesses who said, "This man incessantly speaks against this holy place, and the Law; **14** for we have heard him say that this Nazarene, Yēshua, will destroy this place and alter the customs which Moses handed down to us."

**15** And fixing their gaze on him, all who were sitting in the Council saw his face like the face of an messenger.

### Stephen's Defense

**7** And the high priest said, "Are these things so?"

**2** And he said, "Hear me, brothers and fathers! The Almighty of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran, **3** and said to him, 'DEPART FROM YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR RELATIVES, AND COME INTO THE LAND THAT I WILL SHOW YOU.'<sup>a</sup> **4** Then he departed from the land of the Chaldeans, and settled in Haran. And from there, after his father died, *the Almighty* removed him into this country in which you are now living. **5** And he gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot of ground; and *yet*, even when he had no child, he promised that he would give it to him as a possession, and to his offspring after him. **6** But the Almighty spoke to this effect, that his offspring would be aliens in a foreign land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated for four hundred years. **7** 'AND WHATEVER NATION TO WHICH THEY WILL BE IN BONDAGE I MYSELF WILL JUDGE,' said the Almighty, 'AND AFTER THAT THEY WILL COME OUT AND SERVE ME IN THIS PLACE.'<sup>b</sup> **8** And he gave him the covenant of circumcision; and so Abraham became the father of Isaac,

(and circumcised him on the eighth day); and Isaac of Jacob, and Jacob of the twelve patriarchs.

**9** "And the patriarchs became jealous of Joseph and sold him into Egypt. And *yet* the Almighty was with him, **10** and rescued him from all his afflictions, and granted him favor and wisdom in the sight of Pharaoh, king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his household. **11** Now a famine came over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction; and our fathers could find no food. **12** But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers there the first time. **13** And on the second visit Joseph made himself known to his brothers, and Joseph's family was disclosed to Pharaoh. **14** And Joseph sent *word* and invited Jacob his father and all his relatives to come to him, seventy-five persons *in all*. **15** And Jacob went down to Egypt and *there* passed away, he and our fathers. **16** And *from there* they were removed to Shechem, and laid in the tomb which Abraham had purchased for a sum of money from the sons of Hamor in Shechem.

**17** "But as the time of the promise was approaching which the Almighty had assured to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Egypt, **18** until there arose another king over Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph. **19** It was he who took shrewd advantage of our race, and mistreated our fathers so that they would expose their infants and they would not survive.

**20** "And it was at this time that Moses was born; and he was lovely in the sight of the Almighty; and he was nurtured three months in his father's home. **21** And after he was exposed, Pharaoh's daughter took him away, and nurtured him as her own son. **22** And Moses was educated in all the learning of the

<sup>a</sup> Gen 12:1.

<sup>b</sup> Gen 15:13-14.

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Egyptians, and he was a man of power in words and deeds.

**23** “But when he was approaching the age of forty, it entered his mind to visit his brothers, the sons of Israel. **24** And when he saw one being treated unjustly, he defended him and took vengeance for the oppressed person by striking down the Egyptian. **25** And he supposed that his brothers understood that the Almighty was granting them deliverance through him; but they did not understand. **26** And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers, why do you injure one another?’ **27** But the one who was injuring his neighbor pushed him away, saying, ‘WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND JUDGE OVER US? **28** ‘YOU DO NOT MEAN TO KILL ME AS YOU KILLED THE EGYPTIAN YESTERDAY, DO YOU?’ <sup>a</sup> **29** And at this remark Moses fled, and became an alien in the land of Midian, where he became the father of two sons.

**30** “And after forty years had passed, the Messenger appeared to him in the wilderness of Mount Sinai, in the flame of a burning thorn bush. **31** And when Moses saw it, he was marveling at the sight; and as he approached to look *more* closely, there came the voice of Yāhweh: **32** I AM THE ALMIGHTY OF YOUR FATHERS, THE ALMIGHTY OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC AND JACOB. And Moses shook with fear and would not venture to look. <sup>b</sup> **33** But Yāhweh said to him, TAKE OFF THE SANDALS FROM YOUR FEET, FOR THE PLACE ON WHICH YOU ARE STANDING IS HOLY GROUND. **34** I HAVE CERTAINLY SEEN THE OPPRESSION OF MY PEOPLE IN EGYPT, AND HAVE HEARD THEIR

GROANS, AND I HAVE COME DOWN TO DELIVER THEM; COME NOW, AND I WILL SEND YOU TO EGYPT. <sup>c</sup>

**35** “This Moses whom they disowned, saying, WHO MADE YOU A RULER AND A JUDGE? is the one whom the Almighty sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the help of the Messenger who appeared to him in the thorn bush. **36** This man led them out, performing wonders and signs in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness for forty years. **37** This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, THE ALMIGHTY WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BROTHERS. <sup>d</sup> **38** This is the one who was in the congregation in the wilderness together with the Messenger who was speaking to him on Mount Sinai, and *who was* with our fathers; and he received living oracles to pass on to you.

**39** “And our fathers were unwilling to be obedient to him, but repudiated him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt, **40** saying to Aaron, MAKE FOR US GODS WHO WILL GO BEFORE US; FOR THIS MOSES WHO LED US OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT—WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM. <sup>e</sup> **41** And at that time they made a calf and brought a sacrifice to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their hands. **42** BUT THE ALMIGHTY TURNED AWAY AND DELIVERED THEM UP TO SERVE THE HOST OF HEAVEN; AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE SCROLL OF THE PROPHETS, IT WAS NOT TO ME THAT YOU OFFERED VICTIMS AND SACRIFICES FORTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS, WAS IT, HOUSE OF ISRAEL? **43** YOU ALSO TOOK ALONG THE TABERNACLE OF MOLOCH AND THE STAR OF THE GOD ROMPHA, THE

<sup>a</sup> Ex. 2:14.

<sup>b</sup> Ex. 3:6.

<sup>c</sup> Ex. 3:1-10.

<sup>d</sup> Deut. 18:15.

<sup>e</sup> Ex. 32:1, 23.



IMAGES WHICH YOU MADE TO WORSHIP THEM. I ALSO WILL REMOVE YOU BEYOND BABYLON. <sup>a</sup>

**44** “Our fathers had the tabernacle of testimony in the wilderness, just as he who spoke to Moses directed *him* to make it according to the pattern which he had seen. **45** And having received it in their turn, our fathers brought it in with Joshua upon dispossessing the nations whom the Almighty drove out before our fathers, until the time of David.

**46** “And *David* found favor in the Almighty’s sight, and asked that he might find a dwelling place for the Almighty of Jacob. **47** But it was Solomon who built a house for him. **48** However, the Most High does not dwell in *houses* made by *human* hands; as the prophet says: **49** HEAVEN IS MY THRONE, AND EARTH IS THE FOOTSTOOL OF MY FEET; WHAT KIND OF HOUSE WILL YOU BUILD FOR ME? SAYS YĀHWEH; OR WHAT PLACE IS THERE FOR MY REPOSE? **50** WAS IT NOT MY HAND WHICH MADE ALL THESE THINGS? <sup>b</sup>

**51** “You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spīrit; you are doing just as your fathers did. **52** Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become; **53** you who received the Law attended by ranks of messengers, and *yet* did not keep it.” <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Amos 5:25-27.

<sup>b</sup> Isa. 66:1-2.

<sup>c</sup> *ranks*: εἰς διαταγὰς ἀγγέλων = with orders of messengers. The ordering means “rank” or “arrangement”, or “array”, and not that they actually “ordered” the commandments. Cf. Dan. 7:10. Yahweh himself spoke the Law.

### Stephen Put to Death

**54** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they were gnashing their teeth at him. **55** But being full of the Holy Spīrit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of the Almighty, and Yēshua standing at the right hand of the Almighty; **56** and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Sōn of Man standing at the right hand of the Almighty.”

**57** But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears, and they rushed upon him with one impulse. **58** And when they had driven him out of the city, they were stoning him, and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul.

**59** And they went on stoning Stephen as he called upon *Yāhweh* and said, “Adōnai Yēshua, receive my spirit!” **60** And falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, “Yāhweh, do not hold this sin against them!” And having said this, he fell asleep.

### Saul Persecutes the Assembly

**8** And Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution arose against the assembly in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the emissaries. **2** And *some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. **3** But Saul was ravaging the , entering house after house; and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

### Philip in Samaria

**4** Therefore, those who were scattered went about proclaiming the word.

**5** And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and was proclaiming Mēssiah to them. **6** And the mul-

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titudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. **7** For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. **8** And there was much rejoicing in that city.

**9** Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; **10** and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of the Almighty." **11** And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts.

**12** But when they pledged trusting faithfulness, by Philip proclaiming the good news about the kingdom of the Almighty and the name of Yēshua the Mēssiah, they were being immersed, men and women alike. **13** And even Simon himself pledged trusting faithfulness; and after being immersed, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

**14** Now when the emissaries in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of the Almighty, they sent them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For he had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had simply been immersed in the name of Adōnai Yēshua. **17** Then they were laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

**18** Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was bestowed through the laying on of the emissaries' hands, he offered them money, **19** saying,

"Give this authority to me as well, so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

**20** But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of the Almighty with money! **21** You have no part or portion in this matter, for your heart is not right before the Almighty. **22** Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray to Yāhweh that if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you. **23** For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and in the bondage of iniquity." **24** But Simon answered and said, "Pray to Yāhweh for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."

### *An Ethiopian Receives Messiah*

**25** And so, when they had solemnly testified and spoken the word of Yāhweh, they started back to Jerusalem, and were proclaiming the good news to many villages of the Samaritans.

**26** But the Messenger of Yāhweh spoke to Philip saying, "Arise and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) **27** And he arose and went; and behold, there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship. **28** And he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. **29** And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." **30** And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" **31** And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

**32** Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "HE

WAS LED AS A SHEEP TO SLAUGHTER; AND AS A LAMB BEFORE ITS SHEARER IS SILENT, SO HE DOES NOT OPEN HIS MOUTH. **33** IN HUMILIATION HIS JUDGMENT WAS TAKEN AWAY; WHO WILL RELATE HIS GENERATION? FOR HIS LIFE IS REMOVED FROM THE EARTH.”<sup>a</sup> **34** And the eunuch answered Philip and said, “Please *tell me*, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself, or of someone else?” **35** And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he proclaimed Yēshua to him.

**36** And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look! Water! What prevents me from being immersed?”<sup>b</sup> **38** And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he immersed him. **39** And when they came up out of the water, the Spīrit of Yāhweh snatched Philip away; and the eunuch saw him no more, but went on his way rejoicing. **40** But Philip found himself at Azotus; and as he passed through he kept proclaiming the good news to all the cities, until he came to Caesarea.

### *The Conversion of Saul*

**9** Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of Yāhweh, went to the high priest, **2** and asked for letters from him to the congregations at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

**3** And it came about that as he journeyed, he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him; **4** and he fell to the ground, and heard a voice

<sup>a</sup> Isa. 53:7-8.

<sup>b</sup> The oldest manuscript with vs. 37 is from the 8th century.

saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” **5** And he said, “Who are you, Adōnai?” And he *said*, “I am Yēshua whom you are persecuting, **6** but rise, and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do.”

**7** And the men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but seeing no one. **8** And Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. **9** And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

**10** Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and Yāhweh said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Behold, *here am I*, Yāhweh.” **11** And Yāhweh *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and ask at the house of Judah for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, **12** and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight.” **13** But Ananias answered, “Yāhweh, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to your holy ones at Jerusalem; **14** and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon your name.” **15** But Yāhweh said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear my name before the nations besides also kings, sons as well, of Israel; **16** for I will show him how much he must suffer for my name’s sake.”

**17** And Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “brother Saul, Adōnai Yēshua, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight, and be filled with the Holy Spīrit.” **18** And immediately

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there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was immersed; **19** and he took food and was strengthened.

**Saul Begins to Preach Messiah**

Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, **20** and immediately he was proclaiming Yēshua in the congregations, saying, “He is the Almighty Sōn.” **21** And all those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, “Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?” **22** But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this Yēshua is the Mēssiah.

**23** And when many days had elapsed, the Jews plotted together to do away with him, **24** but their plot became known to Saul. And they were also watching the gates day and night so that they might put him to death; **25** but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through *an opening in the wall*, lowering him in a large basket.

**26** And when he had come to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; and they were all afraid of him, not trusting that he was a disciple. **27** But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the emissaries and described to them how he had seen Yāhweh on the road, and that he had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Yēshua. **28** And he was with them moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of Yāhweh. **29** And he was talking and arguing with the Greek *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death. **30** But when the brothers learned *of it*,

they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus.

**31** So the assembly throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and, going on in the fear of Yāhweh and in the comfort of the Holy Spīrit, it continued to increase.

**Peter's Ministry**

**32** Now it came about that as Peter was traveling through all *those parts*, he came down also to the holy ones who lived at Lydda. **33** And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who was bedridden eight years, for he was paralyzed. **34** And Peter said to him, “Aeneas, Yēshua the Mēssiah heals you; arise, and make your bed.” And immediately he arose.

**35** And all who lived at Lydda and Sharon saw him, and they turned to Yāhweh. **36** Now in Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated *in Greek* is called Dorcas); this woman was abounding with deeds of kindness and charity, which she continually did. **37** And it came about at that time that she fell sick and died; and when they had washed her body, they laid it in an upper room. **38** And since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, having heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him, entreating him, “Do not delay to come to us.” **39** And Peter arose and went with them.

And when he had come, they brought him into the upper room; and all the widows stood beside him weeping, and showing all the tunics and garments that Dorcas used to make while she was with them. **40** But Peter sent them all out and knelt down and prayed, and turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, arise.” And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter, she sat up. **41** And he gave her his hand and raised her up; and calling the holy ones and widows, he

presented her alive. **42** And it became known all over Joppa, and many became trustingly faithful in Yāhweh. **43** And it came about that he stayed many days in Joppa with a certain tanner, Simon.

### Cornelius's Vision

**10** Now *there was* a certain man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort, **2** a devout man, and one who feared the Almighty with all his household, and gave many alms to the people, and prayed to the Almighty continually. **3** About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision the messenger of the Almighty who had *just* come in to him, and said to him, "Cornelius!" **4** And fixing his gaze upon him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Sir?" <sup>a</sup> And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before the Almighty. **5** And now dispatch *some* men to Joppa, and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter; **6** he is staying with a certain tanner *named* Simon, whose house is by the sea." **7** And when the messenger who was speaking to him had departed, he summoned two of his servants and a devout soldier of those who were in constant attendance upon him, **8** and after he had explained everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

**9** And on the next day, as they were on their way, and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. **10** And he became hungry, and was

<sup>a</sup> *Sir*: **adon**, or **Adonai**. Whether the messenger is the Son of Yahweh or a mere angel is not known from the text, nor is it clear if Cornelius would have recognized Him. The Son did not always mean to disclose himself without being directly asked (cf. Judges 13:18).

desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance; **11** and he beheld the sky opened up, and a certain object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, **12** and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air. <sup>b</sup> **13** And a voice came to him, "Arise, Peter, kill and eat!" <sup>c</sup> **14** But Peter said, "By no means, Yāhweh, for I have never eaten anything common and unclean." <sup>d</sup> **15** And again a voice *came* to him a second time, "What the Almighty has cleansed, no *longer* consider common." <sup>e</sup> **16** And this happened three times; and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

**17** Now while Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen might be, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having asked directions for Simon's house, appeared at the gate; **18** and calling out, they were asking whether Simon, who was also called Peter, was staying there. **19** And while Peter was reflecting on the

<sup>b</sup> The sheet contained both clean and unclean animals.

<sup>c</sup> Compare with Eze. 4:12-15.

<sup>d</sup> *Common* and *unclean* are here two categories. The unclean creatures are so by nature. The rest, even if they be clean beasts were *common*, that is unclean by shared association with the unclean. In the Rabbinic view "uncleanness" was communicated by associations far exceeding the Scriptural limits.

<sup>e</sup> *common*: or *shared*. Peter was not to consider the uncleanness of the unclean beasts to be shared with the clean beasts associated with them. The faithful non-Jew was thus to be considered clean even though he had to dwell in the midst of the unclean. See 11:9.

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vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. **20** But arise, go downstairs, and accompany them without misgivings; for I have sent them Myself."

**21** And Peter went down to the men and said, "Behold, I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for which you have come?"

**22** And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and the God-fearing man well spoken of by the entire nation of the Jews, was *divinely* directed by the set-apart Messenger to send for you *to come* to his house and hear a message from you."

**23** And so he invited them in and gave them lodging.

**Peter at Caesarea**

And on the next day he arose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. **24** And on the following day he entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them, and had called together his relatives and close friends. **25** And when it came about that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell at his feet and honored him. <sup>a</sup> **26** But Peter raised him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am *just* a man."

**27** And as he talked with him, he entered, and found many people assembled. **28** And he said to them, "You yourselves know how taboo it is for a man who is a Jew to associate with a foreigner or to visit him; and *yet* the Almighty has shown me that I should call no man common or

<sup>a</sup> *honored*: this word is used "of the Oriental fashion of *making the salâm* or *prostrating oneself before* kings and superiors ... *to make obeisance*" (Liddell). Peter was mildly irked at the custom which Jews did not practice due to its ambiguity with worship.

unclean. <sup>b</sup> **29** That is why I came without even raising any objection when I was sent for. And so I ask for what reason you have sent for me."

**30** And Cornelius said, "Four days ago to this hour, I was praying in my house during the ninth hour; and behold, a man stood before me in shining garments, **31** and he said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before the Almighty. **32** Send therefore to Joppa and invite Simon, who is also called Peter, to come to you; he is staying at the house of Simon *the tanner* by the sea.' **33** And so I sent to you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. Now then, we are all here present before the Almighty to hear all that you have been commanded by Yâhweh." <sup>c</sup>

**Gentiles Hear Good News**

**34** And opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand *now* that the Almighty is not one to show partiality, **35** but in every nation the one fearing him and working righteousness, is acceptable to him. <sup>d</sup>

**36** The word which he sent to the sons of Israel, proclaiming peace

<sup>b</sup> *taboo*: ἀθέμιτον; or **forbidden, illicit**.

But it was not unlawful according to the Law. Peter is referring to Jewish tradition • *unclean*: that is, he should not assume it, because all non-Jews were unclean in the traditional Jewish definition. Peter now had to assume that a given non-Jew could be clean, and thus he could not *call* anyone unclean or common in the traditional sense. Peter does not mean that all men are "clean" in the Scriptural sense. They can be unclean in the proper sense of the word. See 1Cor. 7:14; Phil. 3:2; Rev. 21:27, 22:15.

<sup>c</sup> *Yahweh*: or **Adonai**.

<sup>d</sup> *righteousness*: or **justice**.



through Yēshua the Mēssiah (he is Adōnai of all)—**37** you yourselves know the thing which took place throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee, after the immersion which John proclaimed. **38** *You know of Yēshua* of Nazareth, how the Almīghty anointed him with the Holy Spīrit and with power, and *how* he went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the Accuser; for the Almīghty was with him.

**39** And we are witnesses of all the things he did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And they also put him to death by crucifying him on a cross. **40** The Almīghty raised him up on the third day, and granted that he should become visible, **41** not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by the Almīghty, *that is*, to us, who ate and drank with him after he arose from the dead.

**42** And he ordered us to proclaim to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by the Almīghty as Judge of the living and the dead. **43** Of him all the prophets bear witness that through his name everyone who pledges trusting faithfulness to him receives forgiveness of sins.”<sup>a</sup>

**44** While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spīrit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. **45** And all the circumcised faithful who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spīrit was poured out upon the nations also. **46** For they were hearing them speaking with languages and exalting the Almīghty. Then Peter answered,<sup>b</sup> **47** Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be immersed who have received the

Holy Spīrit just as we *did*, can he?”<sup>c</sup> **48** And he ordered them to be immersed in the name of Yēshua the Mēssiah. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

#### Peter Reports at Jerusalem

**11** Now the emissaries and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the nations also had received the word of the Almīghty. **2** And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those who were circumcised took issue with him, **3** saying, “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.”

**4** But Peter began *speaking* and *proceeded* to explain to them in orderly sequence, saying, **5** “I was in the city of Joppa praying; and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain object coming down like a great sheet lowered by four corners from the sky; and it came right down to me, **6** and when I had fixed my gaze upon it and was observing it I saw the four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts and the crawling creatures and the birds of the air. **7** And I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Arise, Peter; kill and eat.’ **8** But I said, ‘By no means, Adōnai, for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’<sup>d</sup> **9** But a voice from heaven answered a second time, ‘What the Almīghty has cleansed, no longer consider common.’<sup>e</sup> **10** And

<sup>c</sup> *immersed*: the immersion confirmed their inclusion into the covenant of Israel.

<sup>d</sup> *Common* meant that which was traditionally unclean by association. See 10:14, 28. Here Peter used the word “or” which shows that two categories are meant. The *unclean* was defiled by nature. The *common* was not defiled by nature, but only by association.

<sup>e</sup> *common*: the word also means “shared”. Peter was not to consider the

<sup>a</sup> *name*: or *reputation, fame*.

<sup>b</sup> *languages*: surely Latin. The other tongues may have been Greek or Aramaic.

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this happened three times, and everything was drawn back up into heaven.

**11** And behold, at that moment three men appeared before the house in which we were *staying*, having been sent to me from Caesarea. **12** And the Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. And these six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. **13** And he reported to us how he had seen the messenger standing in his house, and saying, 'Send to Joppa, and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here; <sup>a</sup> **14** and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'

**15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them, just as *he did* upon us at the beginning. **16** And I remembered the word of Adōnai, how he used to say, 'John immersed with water, but you will be immersed with the Holy Spirit.' **17** If the Almighty therefore gives to them the same gift as also to us who are trustingly faithful upon Adōnai Yēshua the Mēssiah, who was I that I could stand in the Almighty's way?"

**18** And when they heard this, they quieted down, and glorified the Almighty, saying, "Well then, the Almighty has granted to the nations also the repentance *that leads to life*."

### **The Assembly at Antioch**

**19** So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone. **20** But there were some of them, men

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faithful non-Jews unclean because of their shared association with unclean Gentiles. See 10:15.

<sup>a</sup> *the messenger*: or **a messenger**: Many manuscripts omit 'a'. See 10:3-4.

of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and were speaking to the Greeks also, proclaiming Adōnai Yēshua. **21** And the hand of Yāhweh was with them, and a large number, that became trustingly faithful turned to Yāhweh.

**22** And the news about them reached the ears of the assembly at Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas off to Antioch. **23** Then when he had come and witnessed the loving-kindness of the Almighty, he rejoiced and was encouraging them all with resolute heart to remain *true* to Yāhweh; **24** for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faithfulness. And considerable numbers were brought to Yāhweh.

**25** And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; **26** and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the assembly, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Messianics in Antioch. <sup>b</sup>

**27** Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** And one of them named Agabus stood up and was indicating by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the inhabited *land*. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius. **29** And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send *a contribution* for the relief of the brothers living in Judea. **30** And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

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<sup>b</sup> *Messianics*: literally, Christians; at that time the term meant what *Messianics* means today. Since then, the meaning of the term 'Christian' has been culturally and religiously transformed by subversion and false teachers.