

ONE TORAH FOR ALL

Zerubbabel ben Emunah

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His Name is Wonderful

Shophim (Judges) 13:18

And the malak of YHWH said to him, "Why do you ask what my name is, seeing it is wonderful?"

There are some things that are, as the saying goes, "as plain as the nose on your face." Such must have been the case in this situation. The malak of YHWH did not understand why Mano'ah was asking Him what His name was since He could see what it was. This incident brings several other passages of Scripture to mind concerning His name.

Before we go to those other passages, let us examine the Hebrew word translated as "wonderful." It is פֶּלִיאַ – "peli," which means "wonderful" or "incomprehensible." The root word is פָּלָא – "pala," which means to *diverge from the norm*. This is certainly true of our Creator's name; it diverges from the norm so it is difficult for us to understand and fully comprehend His name and the meaning of His name; i.e., it is "incomprehensible."

There is a direct connection between the Nazirite vow and the name of YHWH being "wonderful," or in Hebrew, פָּלָא. When an individual takes the פָּלָא (special) Nazirite vow, he is taking upon himself the name of YHWH. We will see the significance of this at the conclusion of this study.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 9:6

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty El, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Notice that in this passage Scripture says once again that His name is "Wonderful." In the above verse the Hebrew word is פֶּלִיאַ – "pele" (pronounced – peh-leh), which has the same essential meaning of "wonderful." It is interesting to note, that of all the names given to Him in this passage, פָּלָא is the first one in the list.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 28:29

This also comes forth from YHWH Tzava'ot, who is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

Once again, this is the word פלא. However, it is in the following form: הִפְלִיא – hiphli (pronounced as hif-LEE). This is the hiphil form which would render the meaning of this word as – “to do wondrously.” Thus, in the above verse, it would be “who does wondrous counsel.” This brings to mind the following passage.

Yochanan (John) 14:26

“But the Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

Truly, the Spirit of YHWH is wonderful when one is able to hear His Voice clearly and know the direction YHWH desires for him to go.

Gilyana (Revelation) 19:12-16

12 And His eyes are a flame of fire, and upon His head are many diadems; and He has a name written which no one knows but He Himself.

13 And He is arrayed in a garment sprinkled with blood; and His name is called The Word of Elohim.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure.

15 And out of His mouth proceeds a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations; and He shall rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Elohim, the Almighty.

16 And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, KINGS OF KINGS, AND ADON OF ADONIM.

Please notice that verse twelve above, states that no one knows this name except Mashiach Himself. This seems to point directly at the question from Mano'ah and the answer given to him so many thousands of years before.

Then notice verse thirteen, which comes directly from Yeshayah.

Yeshayah (Isaiah) 63:1-6

1 “Who is this that comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Botzrah? This that is glorious in His apparel, marching in the greatness of His strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like him that treads in the wine vat?”

3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with Me; yea, I trod them in My anger, and trampled them in My wrath; and their lifeblood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My raiment.

4 For the day of vengeance was in My heart, and the year of My redeemed is come.

5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation to Me; and My wrath, it upheld Me.

6 And I trod down the peoples in My anger, and made them drunk in My wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.”

This has not yet happened, but this day of the wrath of YHWH seems to be approaching with great rapidity! I pray that all who read these studies will be ready for that quickly approaching day, for it cannot be far off; and though it may tarry, it is coming as surely as the sun rose today in the east.

Please note that the people whose blood stains His garments, are those descendants of Edom. Today they are known as the Arabs and Muslim believing nations all around Israel. It is no wonder that He comes and smites the nations with a sword for the terror that they have heaped upon His people without cause.

There is coming a day, may it be soon, when Mashiach will return and set this world right.

Gilyana (Revelation) 22:4

and they shall see His face; and His name shall be on their foreheads.

We are not told exactly what this name is, but it seems to be connected somehow to אֱלֹהִים.

ABBA YHWH, we pray for the quick and speedy return of Yeshua our Mashiach. In His name we pray. Amen.

Shabbat Shalom

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