



Noach

(Noah)

B'reshit [Genesis] 6:9-11:32

הברית החדשה

HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

The Battle is for Your Mind

Qorintyah Bet (2nd Corinthians) 10:3-5

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

5 We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of Elohim, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Mashiach.

Do you know that there are fortresses that have been erected in your mind? These fortresses are raised up against the knowledge of Elohim. It is the existence of these fortresses that hinders one's obedience to His will in his own life. For true obedience to occur we must tear down these fortresses in our minds. But the first thing that must occur is for us to properly identify these fortresses for what they truly are.

Once a fortress has been duly identified, then we have the authority and the power to bring that thought into complete obedience to Yeshua our Mashiach. Let us take an example of a fortress in the thoughts of man: the use of the name of YHWH. Some of those who are coming out of Babylon have taken up the name of YHWH and use it. There are others who refuse to do so for any number of a variety of reasons. But it is these reasons that are a fortress in the mind. Any time a thought takes hold in the mind that brings forth action that is not according to Scripture, then this is a fortress raised up against the knowledge of Elohim.

The only way to properly combat these thoughts, is to know and understand what Torah teaches. It is in this way that one has the proper weapons of spiritual warfare to take these fortresses apart in one's mind and remove them so that obedience to the word of YHWH can come about.

But there is one aspect of this taking of thoughts captive to the obedience of Yeshua our Mashiach that we do not want to miss. Not only do we have the authority and power to take our own thoughts captive to the obedience of Mashiach, but we also have the authority and power to take each other's thoughts captive to the obedience of Yeshua our Mashiach. What this means, is that when we are talking to someone who says something that reveals a possible fortress in their mind, then we should whisper a prayer taking their thoughts captive to the obedience of Mashiach Yeshua. As we do this, we will see a difference in how we interact with others.

Please let me assure you of this, I would very much be pleased and blessed if each and every one of you were to pray every single day taking my thoughts captive to the obedience of Yeshua our Mashiach!

Tipping the Balance of Power

Yochanan Aleph (1st John) 2:18-27

18 Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that anti-Mashiach is coming, even now many anti-Mashiachs have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour.

19 They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us.

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

21 I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the liar but the one who denies that Yeshua is the Mashiach? This is the anti-Mashiach, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

23 Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.

24 As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abide in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.

25 And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you.

27 And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.

This is one of those passages of Scripture that clearly shows to us the need to be filled with the Spirit, or as it states in this passage, an anointing. It is this anointing or infilling of His Spirit that makes the difference between victory and defeat. If we have this anointing then we will be able to tell the

difference between the spirit of anti-Mashiach and Mashiach. However, if we do not have this anointing or infilling of His Spirit, then we will not be able to identify the spirit of anti-Mashiach.

We must understand that the spirit of anti-Mashiach is the spirit of Babylon. It is this spirit that is so all-pervasive in our world today. It is everywhere and in everything. It has nearly saturated everything in our world. And growing up in this atmosphere makes it all that much harder to identify. It is for this very reason that we cannot properly identify Babylon without His anointing Spirit.

Be an Overcomer

Yochanan Aleph (1st John) 4:1-4

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from Elohim; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of Elohim: every spirit that confesses that Yeshua Mashiach has come in the flesh is from Elohim;

3 and every spirit that does not confess Yeshua is not from Elohim; and this is the spirit of the anti-Mashiach, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

4 You are from Elohim, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

YHWH desires for us to be overcomers. He wants us to overcome the world, the Babylonian system. There are only two systems in this world. These two systems are at war with one another. We need to have the ability to properly identify where each spirit is from and who that spirit is working for so that we are not deceived.

We can be thankful that YHWH is greater. He is the Victorious One. When we walk with our eyes upon Him and our faith in Him, then we too will be victorious. But we must realize the true nature of this war.

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 Finally, be strong in YHWH, and in the strength of His might.

11 Put on the full armor of Elohim, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of Elohim, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

It is the existence of the Babylonian system that enables these spiritual forces of darkness to wreak so much havoc in our world today. When we stop participating in this system it effectively combats the

power and influence that these forces of darkness have in this present world. But when we participate in Babylon, then it widens the influence of these dark forces.

One thing that we need to understand is that we are not at war with flesh and blood. A person who is being used by these forces of darkness in most cases does not comprehend what is happening in and through them. This is very much like when Yeshua told Kepha (Peter) to “get behind Me, Satan.” Now, Kepha was a man who would have readily laid down his life for Yeshua, even when this incident happened. In fact, this is exactly what Kepha was trying to do, protect the life of His Master. While this seems like a good and noble thing to do, it was misplaced and out of sync with the will of YHWH. As YHWH says, “His ways are not our ways.”

Just because something seems right to the flesh, does not mean that it is right and good according to the Spirit of YHWH. In order to have proper discernment we need to have the proper measuring rod, in this case, a plumb line; and this is called “Torah.” We need to know Torah frontwards and backwards and inside and out. Then when we come into contact with something that does not seem right, we can have a proper reference point from which to examine it.

Babylonian Culture

Ephesians 2:3

Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

The culture of Babylon is to give the flesh everything that it desires, withholding nothing. This culture makes its adherents children of wrath. This is where each one of us has come from. But here is the thing that we need to understand. We are not yet finished coming out of this system of lust. We are still in the process and we will be until YHWH has restored us back to our land as a nation.

Our Helper

Yochanan (John) 14:26

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

YHWH has given us something that we very much are in need of since we have not been able in the past, to hear and obey His Voice and keep His Torah. He has made His Spirit available to each one of us. He is our Teacher. It is His Spirit that fills us and anoints us and empowers us for service to Him. Without the infilling presence of His Spirit, we have no hope or life. However, it is the infilling presence of His Spirit that He has given to us as a down payment of life eternal.

It is His Spirit that will give to us wisdom and understanding to know the difference between the spirit of error and the Spirit of Truth. It is when we have received a love of His truth that all good things then flow to us through His Spirit.

Let us realize that being filled with His Spirit is only the beginning. We still need to walk out our salvation with fear and trembling. We need to understand that spiritual maturity only comes through walking in the Spirit over time. Let us give grace to one another as we grow and mature in His Spirit, always increasing in the knowledge and understanding of Yeshua our Mashiach.

ABBA YHWH, we ask that You would take complete control of our minds and thoughts, that they would be for You only; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

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