

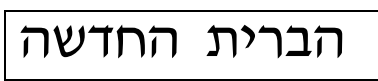


Lech Lecha

(leck le-kah)

(go for yourself)

B'reshit [Genesis] 12:1-17:27



HaB'rit HaChadashah

(the new covenant)

Luqa (Luke) 13:22-30

We have chosen this portion of Scripture from the Brit because it speaks of many coming from the four corners of the earth to be a part of His Kingdom, and this reminds us of how YHWH called Avraham out of Babylon.

The Door of Salvation

Luqa (Luke) 13:22-24

22 And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching, and journeying on to Jerusalem.

23 And one said to Him, "Master, are there just a few that are saved?" And He said to them,

24 "Strive to enter in by the narrow door; for many, I say to you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

Wherever Yeshua went, there were those who were traveling with Him. On this occasion, as they were headed towards Jerusalem, one of those traveling with Him asked Him a question. At this point in His teaching, this man at least was beginning to see that only a remnant was going to be saved. He was concerned enough about it to ask the Master a question.

Yeshua responds by teaching His talmidim that the way to salvation is small and not many are able to enter into it. He likens salvation to entering a door or a gate. He used this same word picture on another occasion.

Yochanan (John) 10:9

“I am the door; by me if any man enters in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture.”

The reason that this door, or rather gate, is so narrow and many are not able to enter into it, is because it is a person. That person is Yeshua our Mashiach. We must go through Him to enter into salvation. It is the passing through this gate that we are covered with His Blood. The difficulty arises because He is also known as the stone of stumbling, the rock of offense.

It is only through Yeshua that one can know and attain salvation. We must enter into Mashiach to be saved. Furthermore, once we are saved, then we will go in and out and have all that we need in this life as represented by finding pasture. This also teaches us that we will be safe in this pasture, because He is our Shepherd and He has lain down His life for the sheep. We have nothing to fear when we have entered into His fold and are saved.

Luqa (Luke) 13:25

“When once the master of the house is risen up, and has shut to the door, and you begin to stand outside, and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Master, open to us;’ and I will say to them, ‘I do not know you;’”

There is coming a time when the door of salvation will be closed. The offer of salvation is a limited time offer only. If one refuses to enter in when it is offered to him, then he may miss out altogether.

Qorintyah Bet (2nd Corinthians) 6:2

for He says, “At an acceptable time I listened to you, And in a day of salvation did I nurse you;” behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation;

Behold, now is the acceptable time for you to hear and obey His Voice. Behold, now is the day of salvation. Why do you wait for something to come to you in the future? Many wrongly take the attitude that “if only” this or that were true in my life. If only I had this item. If only I had a new house. If only I had a new car. If only I had a new job. If only my spouse would listen to me and understand me. If only ... you fill in the blank. The problem here is that this thinking is putting the day of salvation at some point in the future.

Behold, now is the day of salvation. Brethren, we do not need to wait upon some future time. He is waiting for us to come to Him with our whole heart, mind, and strength and serve Him, rather than serving ourselves. Salvation cannot be found in serving oneself. It can only be found in Him. He is the door to salvation. One cannot find that door within himself. It simply does not exist. Yet, this is exactly what Babylon teaches to its adherents: that salvation is within oneself. This is a lie and it is not true.

Luqa (Luke) 13:26

“then shall they say, ‘Did we not eat and drink in your presence, and did you not teach in our streets;’”

When it comes to salvation, eating and drinking in the presence of Yeshua is not enough. It is not even enough to simply hear His teaching. Salvation is based upon right action. Right action is based upon correct hearing of the word of YHWH.

Romans 10:13-15

13 for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of YHWH shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 and how shall they preach, except they be sent? Even as it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things!”

Salvation consists of hearing and doing. Salvation can be summed up in one word – obedience. Salvation is our obedience to His Voice.

Luqa (Luke) 13:27

“and I shall say, ‘I know nothing about you; depart from me, all you workers of iniquity.’”

Sin and iniquity consists of not hearing and obeying His Voice. When a person simply does his own thing, then Yeshua does not know him. And if Yeshua does not know him, then he has no salvation.

Luqa (Luke) 13:28

“There shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth, when you shall see Avraham, and Yitzchak, and Ya’aqov, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of the Elohim, and yourselves cast outside.”

Who will be cast outside of His kingdom? It will be all those who do not hear and obey His Voice. Even if a person has the privilege of being born into a family which is native Hebrew speaking and even live in the land promised to Avraham, to Yitzchak and to Ya’aqov, if that person does not hear and obey His Voice, then that one will be cast outside of the kingdom.

Luqa (Luke) 13:29

“And they shall come from the east and west, and from the north and south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of the Elohim.”

But anyone who will hear and obey His Voice, no matter what is his native language and no matter where in this world he is born and lives, he will be brought into the kingdom of Elohim and become Israel.

This is one of the distinguishing factors of a citizen of Babylon and a citizen of Israel. Those who hear and obey His Voice, the Voice of YHWH, then he is a citizen of Israel. However, if a person refuses to hear and obey His Voice, then he is not a citizen of Israel, rather he is a citizen of Babylon.

Luqa (Luke) 13:30

“And behold, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.”

The world in which we currently live is upside down. Babylon is presently ruling this present world. But we are called to bring the rule of heaven into this physical plane. We are to make the kingdom of heaven a reality on earth. The only way in which we can do this is to hear and obey His Voice. Rather than following the voice of some man, we are to follow the Voice of our King.

In our world today there are many voices calling out to you. There are many who would want you to swear allegiance to them. There are many voices clamoring for your attention, your money and your soul. These are the voices of confusion, the voices of Babylon.

Tehillim (Psalm) 46:10

***“Be still, and know that I am Elohim;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”***

YHWH our Elohim is calling to us in that Still Small Voice. The only way we will be able to hear it is to get away from all the clamoring voices of this present Babylonian system and quiet our hearts and minds and wait before Him. He is speaking to you today. Can you hear His Voice?

ABBA YHWH, please open our eyes that we may see, and please open our ears that we may hear Your Voice, for we desire to obey You and only You; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat Shalom

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