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**D'varim [Deuteronomy] 7:12-11:25**

הפטרה עקב

**Haftarah Eqev**

**Yeshayah [Isaiah] 49:14-51:3**

**Trust in YHWH**

*Yeshayah (Isaiah) 50:10*

*Who is among you that fears YHWH, that obeys the Voice of His servant? He that walks in darkness, and has no light, let him trust in the name of YHWH, and rely upon his Elohim.*

There are actually thousands of verses that one could and should consider in this study. Obviously we cannot do that in this present study. What we will do is to take a cross sampling of some verses to show the importance of knowing and calling upon His name rather than a substitute. We will begin by showing that the early talmidim of Mashiach Yeshua knew, understood and used His name.

*Ma'aseh (Acts) 2:21*

*And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be saved.*

This verse found in the book of Acts is actually a quote from the prophet Yoel.

*Yoel (Joel) 2:32*

*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of YHWH shall be delivered; for in mount Tzion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as YHWH has said, and among the remnant those whom YHWH does call.*

Notice that Kepha does not make reference to the whole verse, but rather only to that part of the verse that he desires to call attention to, which is dealing with calling upon the name of YHWH. In both cases the name "YHWH" is referenced and used. Please note that it is those who call upon this name, the name of YHWH that shall be saved. So, what you need to seriously and prayerfully consider this day, my dear friend is this: have you called upon this name, the name of YHWH to be saved? If not, why not? Do not allow pride to stand in your way. Do not allow the traditions of man to stand in your way. Do not allow your church to stand in your way. Do not allow anything whatsoever to stand in your way. Call upon His name, the name of YHWH, and you shall be saved.

However, if you do not call upon His name, but upon a substitute name, will you be saved? Do you want to take that chance? You cannot afford to be wrong in this with your eternal well-being hanging in the balance!

***Romans 10:12-14***

***12 For there is no distinction between the Yehudim and the Aramean; for the same is YHWH of all, and is rich to all that call upon Him;***

***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?***

Shaul also makes reference to this same passage from the prophet Yoel. He also teaches us through His Spirit that YHWH is Master over all and any who call upon His name, whether they be from the southern kingdom of Yehudah or from the northern kingdom of Ephrayim (the Arameans), shall be saved.

But then Shaul under the inspiration of His Spirit asks us some very pointed questions. Questions that are right in tune with where we find ourselves today in this world. How is it possible for anyone to be saved if they do not believe and how can they believe if they have not heard? Heard what? Brothers and sisters the context is how can they believe if they have not heard His name? If all a person ever hears is a substitute and only calls upon a substitute, is that calling upon His name? Of course it isn't!

Please consider that in the U.S. we have had many presidents to lead our country. Each one of them is referred to as "President", for there are many presidents. However, if I was to speak of a specific president but did not tell you his name, then how could you understand who I was speaking of? You could not. But as soon as I tell you his name then there is understanding.

So it is with our heavenly Father. Does Scripture not tell us that the Creator of the universe is the Elohim of elohim? In English it is often rendered as "God of gods." So if one only ever calls upon "god" without using His name, then which god is he calling upon? Does not YHWH specifically command us to call upon His name to be saved? To be sure! So, in order for salvation to be secured the first step must include calling upon His name, the name of YHWH.

Now there are many people who want to argue about how His name is pronounced. I am not one of those people. As long as you are doing your dead-level best to pronounce His name, then it is between you and Him and the leading of His Spirit in your life as to how you pronounce His name. But be open, and allow for growth in this area and He will reveal to you as you grow. For me personally in my present understanding I pronounce it as Y'WHO-ah. I will tell you two things concerning this matter. One, I am still studying it. And two, I have not always pronounced it this way. I have gone through several transitions. I am still open to His Spirit. After all it is His name, I need to pronounce it according to the way that He leads me, not what man dictates! You need to do the same.

**Romans 10:16**

***But they did not all hearken to the glad tidings. For Yeshayahu says, "Adonai, who has believed our report?"***

Again, Shaul makes reference to one of the prophets, this time to Yeshayah (Isaiah) and points out that not everyone who hears the name of YHWH will believe. Now that you have heard this truth, will you believe?

**Ma'aseh (Acts) 4:12**

***And in no other is there salvation; for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.***

I wonder, I mean I truly wonder if all those who read this passage of Scripture actually believe it. I know that many say that they do. Many Christians read this passage and say that they believe it. But they don't really. Why? Because the context of this passage tells us something different than what is commonly believed in Christendom today. Why? It is because in modern English translations of the Bible the name of our Savior has been removed and another name has been substituted in its place; a name (Jesus) that has no historical or etymological justification for its use.

Kepha and Yochanan (Peter and John) had healed a lame man through this name. In verse ten it is recorded what this name was that they healed this man with. From the Peshitta, we find the following:

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|-------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|---------|
| Hebrew                  | הַנַּצְרִי   | הַמָּשִׁיחַ | יֵשׁוּעַ | בְּשֵׁם |
| English transliteration | hannatzri    | hammashiach | Yeshua   | B'shem  |
| English translation     | The Nazarene | The Messiah | Yeshua   | In name |

We need to realize that in Hebrew there never was and still is not a "j" nor a "j sound", showing to us that the name "Jesus" is highly suspect just from that one aspect. His name was and is "Yeshua" according to all historical references. If you are reading this and you know of some historical reference that has some other rendering of His name different than that above, please email me.

In Kittle's Greek Theological Dictionary under the Greek equivalent of "Yeshua" we find some very intriguing information. He makes reference to a Latin name, "Gesu", which he states is the masculine form of a male deity in Rome. Furthermore, he goes on to state that the female deity's name is "Gesues", which we would pronounce as "Jesus". Yep, you read that right, the name pronounced as "Jesus" was a female deity in ancient Rome. Ever wonder why Roman Catholicism uses Latin? Now you know one of the reasons.

Now, you are probably wondering about the difference between the name of YHWH and the name of Yeshua. If there is only one name under heaven by which men may be saved, then which is it, "YHWH" or "Yeshua"? Good question. The answer may surprise you. Let us turn to Scripture for the answer.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 47:4***

***Our Redeemer, YHWH Tzava'ot is His name, the Holy One of Israel.***

Please note that it is YHWH Tzava'ot that is our Redeemer.

***Tehillim (Psalm) 24:10***

***Who is this King of glory?***

***YHWH Tzava'ot, He is the King of glory. Selah.***

Here we learn that YHWH Tzava'ot is the King of glory.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 37:16***

***YHWH Tzava'ot, the Elohim of Israel, that sits above the cheruvim, You are the Elohim, even You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth.***

In this passage we learn at least two very important truths. One, it is YHWH Tzava'ot who spoke to Moshe from between the cheruvim on the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant. Two, it is YHWH Tzava'ot who is the Creator of heaven and earth.

***Yochanan (John) 1:1-3***

***1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and Elohim was the Word.***

***2 The same was in the beginning with Elohim.***

***3 All things were made through Him; and without Him was not anything made that has been made.***

Are you beginning to see? Mashiach Yeshua is YHWH Tzava'ot incarnate in the flesh. YHWH Tzava'ot is the pre-incarnate Mashiach. YHWH Tzava'ot is not the Father in heaven, YHWH Tzava'ot is the name of the Son.

So which name is it that we must call upon to be saved? Are we to call upon YHWH Tzava'ot or upon Yeshua? Since we now understand that both of these names are two names of the same Person, are we

to prefer one over the other? Let me suggest to you that wisdom dictates that we call upon Mashiach Yeshua in the name of YHWH Tzava'ot thereby fulfilling all of the aforementioned passages of Scripture.

Please do not deceive yourself into believing that calling upon some other name is okay or that He will understand. You need to understand Him and what He has commanded you. Will you submit to His will in this matter? Or, will you follow the traditions of man?

***Tehillim (Psalm) 116:13***

***I will take the cup of salvation,  
And call upon the name of YHWH.***

Let us now briefly examine what YHWH says to those who seek Him, but seek Him according to their own ways and not according to His ways.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:1***

***"I am inquired of by them that asked not for Me; I am found of them that sought Me not; I said, 'Here I am, Here I am!' to a nation that was not called by My name."***

Gee, I wonder who YHWH is talking about in this verse? Could it be that He is talking about Christianity? Below we will see that this is exactly who YHWH is talking about, because He describes Christianity to a tee! Notice that YHWH allowed them to find Him. But to what end? YHWH answers this question in the following verses.

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:2***

***"I have spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, that walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;"***

Is Christianity rebellious to YHWH? You'd better believe it! Why? It is because Christianity teaches that the commandments (Torah) of YHWH have been done away with and then they put their own laws in its place – that is rebellion!

***Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:3-4***

***3 "a people that provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks;***

***4 that sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; that eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;"***

Christianity teaches that it is okay to eat anything, including swine. However, YHWH commanded us not to eat it! Furthermore, in this passage YHWH specifically states that eating swine flesh provokes Him to His face. Now I ask you, is that a very wise thing to do? YHWH states in this chapter what He is going to do to those who provoke Him and it is not going to be pleasant!

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:5**

***“who say, ‘Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than you.’ These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burns all the day.”***

I have run into this attitude so often it is frightening and sickening. Furthermore, YHWH finds it detestable. If one takes the attitude that he is better than another and if he does not repent of that then one day he will find out just how detestable he is to YHWH.

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:6**

***“Behold, it is written before Me; I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yea, I will recompense into their bosom,”***

YHWH will repay those who eat swine and are rebellious against His commandments!

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:7**

***“your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together,” says YHWH, “that have burned incense upon the mountains, and taunted Me upon the hills; therefore will I first measure their work into their bosom.”***

Not only will YHWH pay them back for their own sin, but also for the sin of their fathers. He will do this simply because they found Him, but they would not repent of their evil ways, but walked in the counsel of men rather than in the counsel of YHWH.

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:8**

***Thus says YHWH, “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one says, ‘Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it’; so will I do for My servants' sake, that I may not destroy them all.”***

For those who actually call upon the name of YHWH, He will have mercy upon them and not destroy them. For those who do not call upon His name, He will destroy them.

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:9**

***“And I will bring forth a seed out of Ya’aqov, and out of Yehudah an inheritor of My mountains; and My chosen shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there.”***

Are you among His chosen? If you claim to be among His chosen, then by whose standards, man’s or YHWH’s?

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:10**

***“And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for My people that have sought Me.”***

It pleases YHWH when we seek Him by name and not the name of another.

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:11**

***“But you that forsake YHWH, that forget My holy mountain, that prepare a table for God, and that fill up mixed wine to Meni;”***

If there has been any doubt up to this point as to who YHWH is referring to in this chapter, this verse removes all that doubt. Why? YHWH uses a play on words to bring this out to us, at least to those who have ears to hear. It is with the word **גָּד** – “gad” which is pronounced as “god”. The “a” sound is that which is the “a” sound as found in the word “father”. This is who Christianity sets a table for; they set a table for “God”. YHWH clearly states that all those who set a table for “God” are forsaking Him. This is what YHWH says, not me. Do you believe what YHWH says? You should because your life depends upon it!

The word **מְנִי** – “meni” also is a play on words as it is pronounced like the English word “many”. Wine is often used in Scripture in conjunction with worship. Here the reference is to mixed worship. This type of worship is detestable to YHWH. Mixed worship is mixing truth and error, as when one worships the Creator of the universe but does so with pagan practices mixed in. For example, the names of “god” “lord” and “jesus” are all mixing worship. His name as demonstrated above is “YHWH” and “Yeshua”. “Meni” (many) practice this mixed worship in our world today and YHWH is NOT pleased with it.

**Yeshayah (Isaiah) 65:12**

***“I will destine you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; but you did that which was evil in My eyes, and chose that which I did not delight in.”***

Every person reading this had better take serious note of what YHWH states in this verse. He states quite clearly that those who are rebellious against Him, those that set a table for “God”, “I will destine for the sword and they shall all be killed.” Do you think that YHWH’s arm is so short that He cannot perform His word? Be sure of this one thing this day, YHWH will bring this to pass!

Now the question before you is this. Are you going to humble yourself in His eyes and obey Him? Or, are you going to continue to follow man and be destroyed? It is your choice! I have done my duty as a watchman and your blood is on your own head!

ABBA YHWH, may You send strong conviction through Your Spirit upon each person who reads this message from You; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Shabbat shalom

Zerubbabel ben Emunah

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