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## Vayyiqra

(and He summoned)

### Vayyiqra [Leviticus] 1:1-5:26

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### Haftarah Vayyiqra

### Yeshayah [Isaiah] 43:21-44:23

#### The Redeemer of Israel

*Yeshayah (Isaiah) 44:6*

*“Thus says YHWH, the King of Israel,  
and His Redeemer, YHWH Tzava’ot,  
‘I am the first and I am the last,  
And there is no Elohim besides Me.’”*

This is one of those verses that is easy to read over and not catch what it is truly saying on a first reading. However, when one reads this verse very carefully and allows the words to sink in, there is a truth here that is very important.

Please notice that what is being spoken is being spoken by YHWH, the King of Israel and it is also being spoken by the King of Israel’s Redeemer, YHWH Tzava’ot. This immediately tells us that YHWH, the King of Israel and YHWH Tzava’ot are not the same. This realization immediately raises for us a question that we need to investigate. The question is if these two are not the same, then who are they? The short answer is that the first one listed is the Father and the second one listed is the Son.

**Mishle (Proverbs) 30:4**

***Who has ascended up into heaven, and descended?***

***Who has gathered the wind in his fists?***

***Who has bound the waters in his garment?***

***Who has established all the ends of the earth?***

***What is his name, and what is his son's name, surely you know?***

This verse ends with the question concerning the name of Him who is the Creator and as well as the name of His Son. This is a very important question posed in this verse, the answer of course, leading us to the proper understanding between the heavenly Father and His Son, who is also now known to be our Redeemer. Let us please note what Yeshua, the Son, has to say concerning His relationship to His Father.

**Yochanan (John) 14:8-11**

***8 Philip says to Him, "Adonenu, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."***

***9 Yeshua says to him, "Have I been so long time with you, and do you not know Me, Philip? He that has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father?'"***

***10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I say to you I speak not from Myself; but the Father abiding in Me does His works.***

***11 Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; or else believe Me for the very works' sake."***

Yeshua teaches us that those that have seen Him, who is the Son, have also seen the Father. This is true because the Son only does the work of the Father. So, if a person sees the work that Yeshua has done and is doing then that person should believe that Yeshua is in the Father and the Father is in the Son because of those works. Please note what Yeshua says in this next passage.

**Yochanan (John) 17:22**

***"And the glory which you have given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, even as We are one;"***

Yeshua clearly states that the Father and Son are one. This is the Hebrew word "echad" – אחד, which means "a unit, one out of many." We see a very good example of this in the construction and erection of the mishkan.

**Shemot (Exodus) 36:16-18**

***16 He joined five curtains by themselves and the other six curtains by themselves.***

***17 Moreover, he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the first set, and he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outermost in the second set.***

***18 He made fifty clasps of bronze to join the tent together so that it would be one.***

The last word in verse 18 is the word “echad.” As we see there were five curtains and six curtains joined together with the fifty clasps of bronze. In the joining together of these curtains they were no longer just curtains, but they became the tent of meeting. In order to be the tent of meeting they needed to be echad.

The Father and the Son are eternally joined together as echad. As we saw in the verse from Yeshayah (Isaiah) 44:6 that what the Father says, the Son also says. They are both saying the same thing. Why? It is because the Father and the Son are echad (one). We see this reflected in what YHWH says through the prophet Zechariah.

***Zechariah (Zechariah) 14:9***

***And YHWH shall be King over all the earth; in that day shall YHWH be one, and His name one.***

Please note that in both cases in the above verse the Hebrew word which is translated as *one* is the word “echad.”

***Yochanan Bet (2<sup>nd</sup> John) 1:9***

***Anyone who goes too far and abides not in the torah of Mashiach, does not have Elohim; he that abides in His Torah, the same has both the Father and the Son.***

The Peshitta renders this verse much stronger than any English version or even in the Greek texts. Instead of just “teaching,” we find the word “Torah” used twice. Mashiach Yeshua taught us Torah. In fact, it was Yeshua in His pre-incarnate form who gave the Torah to Moshe on Mount Sinai. He is the Creator. He is the Law-giver, the giver of the Torah. He is our Master and Savior and Redeemer. He could teach us nothing else except His Torah. If a person refuses to abide in His Torah, then he has no part in Him. Furthermore, if a person does not abide in the Torah of Mashiach; then, since the Father and the Son are echad (one) how would it be possible for a person to have the Father if he does not have the Son, or vice versa? It is not possible. Hence, Yochanan teaches us that the person who does not have the Son cannot have the Father either!

As hard as it is for us to accept this truth, the reality of Scripture is that most people are only playing around in religion and are not involved in the true worship of the Father and the Son. This vast majority of people include those who are Christians as well as Jews. Now before you get ready to tar and feather me, please consider that the entire nation of Israel, those who came out of Egypt, were not pleasing to YHWH; so much so, that He was only going to allow two people out of that vast multitude to enter into His land. Were those who died in the wilderness any less His people? No. However, we must recognize that just because a person is a part of Israel does not mean that what that person is doing is pleasing to YHWH.

It is when we begin to realize this truth, that YHWH has something very special in store for those who are willing and actually do hear and obey His Voice. Those who will put forth the effort and make the time to seek, to hear, and then to obey His Voice, YHWH will have a personal relationship with. Are you

such a person? Or, are you satisfied with playing religion? It is your choice and no one else can make it for you.

***Yehoshua (Joshua) 24:15***

***“And if it seems evil to you to serve YHWH, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell; but as for me and my house, we will serve YHWH.”***

May each one of us make this same declaration to all around us that regardless of who they choose to serve and worship, we are going to choose to serve and worship YHWH our Elohim and His Son, Yeshua our Mashiach. How?

***Devarim (Deuteronomy) 30:6***

***“And YHWH your Elohim will circumcise your heart, and the heart of your seed, to love YHWH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, that you may live.”***

YHWH the King of Israel and His Son, YHWH Tzava’ot, who we also know as Yeshua our Mashiach and Adonenu (our Master), desire to have a personal relationship with you. What are you doing to have a relationship with Him? Hearing and obeying His Voice is what it is going to take.

Going through a bunch of set rituals will not do it. Following a plethora of manmade rules and regulations will not do it. Only when a person walks in His Spirit, hearing, and obeying His Voice, will this personal relationship be cultivated.

ABBA YHWH, teach us to hear and obey Your Voice and the Voice of Your Son Yeshua our Mashiach, for it is in His Name we pray. Amein.

Shabbat Shalom

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