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Whom They Pierced

Yochanan 19:31-37

31 *The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the Shabbat (for the day of that Shabbat was a high day), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.*

32 *The soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with him;*

33 *but when they came to Yeshua, and saw that he was dead already, they broke not His legs;*

34 *although one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and straightway there came out Blood and water.*

35 *And he that has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows what he says is true, that you also may believe.*

36 *For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled,*

A bone of Him shall not be broken.

37 *And again another scripture says,*

They shall look on Him whom they pierced.

In the above passage we see several references to the Tanak in which Mashiach fulfilled these prophecies, indicating to us that Yeshua is, in fact, the Mashiach. One of those passages He fulfilled is found in the following passage.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 21:22-23

22 *“And if a man commits a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and you hang him on a tree;*

23 *his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but you shall surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged is cursed of Elohim; that you defile not your land which YHWH your Elohim gives you for an inheritance.”*

We see that Yeshua fulfilled this passage in at least two ways. One was, His body was taken down before nightfall and buried the same day. Another was, He became a curse for us when He did nothing wrong; He did not sin or break Torah in any way.

Qorintyah Bet (2nd Corinthians) 5:21

He who knew no sin was made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of Elohim in Him.

And again;

Galatians 3:13

Mashiach redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, having become a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangs on a tree.

Mashiach Yeshua died that we might live in Him. If we will humble ourselves, come to Him, and ask for His forgiveness, then He will create in us a new heart, and we will be a new creation, in which He will write His Torah upon the flesh of our hearts that we might keep and do His commandments from a heart filled with His love and Spirit.

The main portion that has caught our attention from the opening passage of this study today, is verse 37 from Yochanan which says, "They shall look on Him whom they pierced." This passage seems to come from Psalm 22 (and Zechariah 12:10).

Tehillim (Psalm) 22:16

***For dogs have compassed me;
A company of evil-doers have enclosed me;
They pierced My hands and My feet.***

Let us take careful note of what Yeshua speaks to those who were responsible for placing Him on the cross in the first place. In a general sense, since only the southern kingdom was a kingdom in the Land at the time of the first advent, it is this house, the southern house of Yehudah, to which Mashiach is speaking.

Matithyah (Matthew) 23:39

"For I say to you, You shall not see Me henceforth, until you shall say, 'Blessed is He that comes in the name of YHWH.'"

Mashiach Yeshua clearly states that they, the house of Yehudah, will not see Him again until they acknowledge that He came in the name of YHWH. The essence of acknowledging this is that they will have to acknowledge that Yeshua is the Mashiach, and He came in the name of YHWH. Only when they do this are they able to see Mashiach again.

This can and does happen on an individual basis as a person of the house of Yehudah comes to acknowledge Yeshua as Mashiach, and as he confesses that He is blessed for coming in the name of YHWH. The individual then is able to see Yeshua for who He truly is: the Mashiach of Israel.

Please note the events that are happening as well as the descriptive language concerning the One who is returning in this next passage.

Gilyana (Revelation) 1:7

Behold, He comes with the clouds; and every eye shall see Him, and they that pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over Him. Even so, amen.

Notice it will be at His return that they will look upon Him whom they have pierced. However, we have already examined passages that teach us He will not return until those who were responsible for piercing Him say that He is blessed, thus acknowledging Yeshua as Mashiach. So, in order for Mashiach Yeshua to return and fulfill these passages, the house of Yehudah must say, ***“Blessed is He that comes in the name of YHWH.”*** Until they say those words as a nation or kingdom, Mashiach Yeshua will not, and cannot, return.

So the question is this: what is it going to take for Yehudah to declare, ***“Blessed is He that comes in the name of YHWH”?*** Let us prayerfully consider this question.

Romans 11:11

I say then, did they stumble that they might fall? Elohim forbid; but by their fall salvation is come to the gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.

First, we must realize YHWH is going to provoke Yehudah to jealousy. Has this ever been done? No. About what does Yehudah have to be jealous of anyone in this world? Nothing! But the beginning of that jealousy began with the first advent of Mashiach Yeshua. Let us take note of what YHWH says in the following passage.

Devarim (Deuteronomy) 32:21

“They have moved Me to jealousy with that which is not god; they have provoked Me to anger with their vanities; and I will move them to jealousy with those that are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.”

YHWH states that His people had always been making Him jealous because of their worshipping of the gods of the nations around them. However, there would come a time when YHWH would turn the tables upon His people and make them jealous. How? He would do so by using a people who were not a people. That is, the people He would use would be a mixed-multitude of people who were from every nation and tongue.

Romans 10:19

But I say, Did Israel not know? First Moshe says,

***“I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation,
With a nation void of understanding will I anger you.”***

It is at this very point that it gets rather intriguing, for YHWH divided the nation of Israel into two houses. One house, the house of Yehudah, would stay around and be His people. However, YHWH would disperse, or sow, into all the nations of this world, the other house, the house of Ephrayim, and they would lose their identity and become a people without a name.

Hoshea 2:23

“And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them that were not My people, ‘You are My people’; and they shall say, ‘You are my Elohim.’”

However, YHWH would keep track of them and not lose sight of them; and in the latter days He would send out a call and bring them from the four corners of the world back to their Land and make them into a nation once again.

Yechezqel (Ezekiel) 37:21

“And say to them, ‘Thus says Adonai YHWH; “Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, where they are gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land.””

This would only happen after a very long period of time has passed.

Hoshea 3:4-5

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without pillar, and without ephod or healers;

5 afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek YHWH their Elohim, and David their king, and shall come with fear to YHWH and to His goodness in the latter days.

In these latter days we are seeing these things come to pass. YHWH has sent out a call for those who belong to Him to answer His call and return to His house, the house of Torah. As we progress into this phase of prophetic history, and as Yehudah looks on, he becomes more and more uneasy because of what YHWH is doing. We do not deserve His grace and mercy. But He has extended it to us that He might make Yehudah jealous.

Zecharyah (Zechariah) 12:10

“And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look to Me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for Him,

as one mourns for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.”

It will be only at the point that Ephrayim is in the Land as a nation, keeping Torah beside his brother Yehudah, that the jealousy of Yehudah will reach its climax. Why? The jealousy of Yehudah will reach its climax because Ephrayim will be in the Land keeping Torah; and they will be keeping Torah better than Yehudah. How will their Torah keeping be better? It will be because they will be keeping Torah in Mashiach Yeshua and their Torah keeping will be full of the joy and gladness of YHWH. As Yehudah looks on, he will grow so jealous that he will accept Yeshua as Mashiach and declare with one voice, ***“Blessed is He that comes in the name of YHWH.”*** It will only be at this point Yeshua will be able to return. Until this happens, He cannot and will not return.

What this shows us is that we have much to do to move our brothers to jealousy. Running off and joining the southern Kingdom does nothing to provoke them to jealousy. Ephrayim must become a nation once again, be in the Land, and keep and obey Torah with Mashiach as our King; then, and only then, will Yeshua our Mashiach be able to return.

ABBA YHWH, please open our eyes that we may see Your truth in this matter, then give us the strength and wisdom to carry out that which You have called us to do; in the name of Yeshua our Mashiach. Amein.

Blessed is He that comes in the name of YHWH!

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