

THE SIFTING OF SIMON PETER
AND YOU....

WILL YOU BE THE WHEAT OR THE
CHAFF?

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BY YHWH'S SERVANT SATAN

Satan asked for Peter because he had to ask. Yahshua tells Peter that Satan "has asked for you"(Luke 22:31), a word meaning "to demand or desire"(Strong). In short, Satan asked because he could not simply take Peter! Long ago when Satan and YHWH discussed Job, YHWH allowed Satan to afflict Job: "And YHWH said to Satan, 'Behold, all that he has is in your power; only do not lay a hand on his person'"(Job 1:12).

Notice YHWH's statement permitting Satan to do this work. YHWH has all authority, and any practice Satan does must be allowed by YHWH. So HIS promises us "No temptation has overtaken you, except such as is common to man; but YHWH is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able"(1 Cor 10:13). Remember, YHWH does not tempt us (James 1:13), but allows the devil to tempt us.

Here He promises not to allow the devil to tempt us in a way that is beyond our ability. Further, when Yahshua cast out demons, He explained the source of this power: "No one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house"(Mark 3:27).

Because Yahshua had power over Satan, He could order Satan's servants around and cast them out of people. The fact that Yahshua has "all authority...in heaven and on earth"(Matt 28:18, John 17:2) means that all requests and all business of all kinds ends up on His desk-including Satan's request for Peter. In short, Satan asked for Peter because YHWH is in control, and he had to ask permission!

I don't think any of us would ever be able to fathom the great conflict that rages in the spirit realm. Nor could we realize how determined HaSatan is to destroy disciples like Peter. He has painted a target on the back of every believer whose heart is fixed firmly on following Yahshua.

Maybe at one time you were a half-hearted follower of Yahshua. You loved him but you weren't fully devoted to him. Perhaps you wanted to follow your own ambitions? You had your own plans charted out instead of seeking to follow his calling and direction for your life?

Things went quite smoothly in your life then. The devil didn't bother or harass you much because you simply didn't pose much of a threat to him. But things changed. You became hungry for a relationship with YHWH. The Word came alive to you, and you began to read it ravenously. You went to prayer eagerly and wept easily for those who are lost.

When you decided to give all to YHWH, you began to make waves in the unseen world. That's precisely the time you became a prime target of the enemy. Ever since then the devil has desired to sift you, just as he did Peter.

Then something happened as the catalyst that caused you to determine in your heart to go all the way with the Messiah. We realize there is nothing in this world that holds us, and we determine to obey YHWH's Word in all ways and at all costs.

The moment we cross that line — the moment we enter into a life of obedience and dependence on Yahshua, determined never to go back — we set off every alarm in hell. Why? We have become a threat to the kingdom of darkness. Therefore we become a target of every power and principality. Afflictions, persecutions and trials will come as fiery tests of faith.

This is why Satan set his sights on Peter. For three years, he had been casting out demons and healing the sick. Satan heard and knew what YHWH had planned for Peter. In fact, those past three years were going to be nothing compared to the greater works he and the other disciples would eventually perform. Satan had heard Yahshua promise them another baptism, this time with the power of the Ruach HaKodosh. And that caused the devil to tremble.

The fact is, Satan always goes after the tree with the most potential to bear fruit. Somehow, the devil knew this man Peter was set apart to bear much fruit. He knew that YHWH was going to give him power and authority that would be used greatly against his own kingdom of darkness.

Having already pulled down Judas, Satan now thought he saw a measure of corruption in Peter, also something he could build on to make Peter's faith fail.

A LITTLE ABOUT SIMON PETER

Peter was born in Betsaida (in Galilee, Israel.) By profession, he was a fisherman. His father (also a fisherman) was named Jona; his brother, the apostle Andrew. He and his brother (Andrew), along with their partners (the apostles James and John) were fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. Zebedee (the father of James and John) was also a partner.

So firm was Peter's faith that Yahshua gave him the name of Cephas, meaning, in the Syriac language, a rock (Peter is the Greek translation of Cephas.) His hebrew name is Kefa.

The house in which Peter lived, in Capernaum, is still standing; in the 5th century AD, however, a Christian church was constructed over it.

It was Peter who preached to the masses in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (following Yahshuas' ascension to heaven.) His message is recorded in the New Testament of the Bible, the book of Acts, chapter 2.

It was, also, Peter who healed a man, who was over 40 years of age, who had been crippled from birth, with the words, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give to you. In the name of Yahshua HaMashiach of Nazareth, walk."

Peter was called by the apostle Paul a "pillar" of the Church. It was also believed by the crowds, that the mere casting of his shadow upon the sick was capable of bringing about miraculous healing.

Peter is the one who defended the inclusion of the Gentiles (non-Jews) into the Christian Church at the Apostolic Council in Jerusalem. His ministry was primarily to the Jews, as the apostle Paul's was to the Gentiles.

After being imprisoned several times in Jerusalem (because of his faith), Peter left with his wife and possibly others. It is believed that he ministered (in Babylon) to the Jewish colonists there. It is, also, believed to be his location when he wrote his first epistle (1 Peter.)

Peter eventually went to Rome. While there, it is believed that John Mark (the writer of the Gospel of Mark) served as his translator (as he preached.) There is a Church tradition which says that "Mark the disciple and interpreter of the apostle Peter wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome, embodying what he had heard Peter tell." Thus Peter was the source of the Gospel of Mark.

**LETS LOOK AT SOME OF THE
INTERACTION'S BETWEEN
YAHSHUA AND SIMON PETER
AND DISCOVER WHAT IT
WAS THAT MADE YAHSHUA
LOVE HIM**

Yahshua Calls the First Disciples

Matthew 4:18 - 19 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. 19 And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.



MIRACLE OF THE COIN IS THE FISH'S MOUTH

When Yahshua and the disciples came to Capernaum they were asked to pay a tribute. The tax man asked Peter why his master didn't pay tribute. Peter was going to pay the tribute until Yahshua stopped him and asked whom the kings of the earth takes custom or tribute of their own children or of strangers. Peter answered strangers. Yahshua instructed Peter to go catch a fish in the lake. When he opened his mouth Peter found money the exact amount needed. (Matthew 17:24-27).





Phoenicia, Tyre, Tetradrachm or "Shekel of Tyre", 101 B.C.

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Rx: Eagle standing left on thunderbolt; club in left field.

Cf. SGI 5918.

Among those interested in tracing "Biblical" connections, coins of this type are widely believed to have been the most likely coin with which Judas was paid his "30 pieces of silver". Due to its purity of silver, this was the only coin acceptable for payment of the temple tax in Jerusalem.

The Greek word translated as piece of money is statér, a silver coin which was equivalent to one shekel, and therefore was the exact amount needed for two people (the temple tax was a half-shekel per person). Thus it was a silver coin. In fact, scholars agree, it was very likely this coin, the so-called silver shekel of Tyre:

WHAT IS THE MEANING BEHIND THE TEMPLE TAX

1. Study Matthew 17:24-27. What is the temple tax?

The two drachma tax was an annual religious tax that was required of every Israelite over the age of twenty. In Exodus 30:11-16, the original intent of the tax was an offering to YHWH to atone (ransom) for one's sin. The money was then used for the Tabernacle structure.

2. What is the reasoning behind Yahshua's question to Simon Peter,

"From whom do the kings of the earth collect customs or poll taxes, from their own sons or from strangers?"

By anticipating Peter's question, Yahshua demonstrated His knowledge of Peter's conversation and answer to the tax collectors. Peter had answered prematurely by saying to the tax collectors, "Yes." Rather than confront Peter with the error of his answer, Yahshua alters the perspective of the situation: a king does not tax himself or his family but only outsiders.

Since the tax was an offering to YHWH and used for the Tabernacle, YHWH, the owner of the Tabernacle was free from the tax. And, of course, the exemption extended to His Son.

3. So Why did Yahshua pay the temple tax?

Despite the fact that He had the right not to pay, He paid for the sake of His ministry among the Jews. However, He wanted Peter to understand that He was exempt from the tax.

4. What did Peter learn from all of this?

Peter had more proof that Yahshua was the son of YHWH: a) exemption from the temple tax, and b) the four drachma coin in the fish's mouth. And since Yahshua paid the tax, Peter saw that ministry might require the relinquishing of certain personal rights.

5. What is the paradox here?

The temple tax was demanded from Yahshua to atone for His sin; He came sinless to atone for everyone else's sin.

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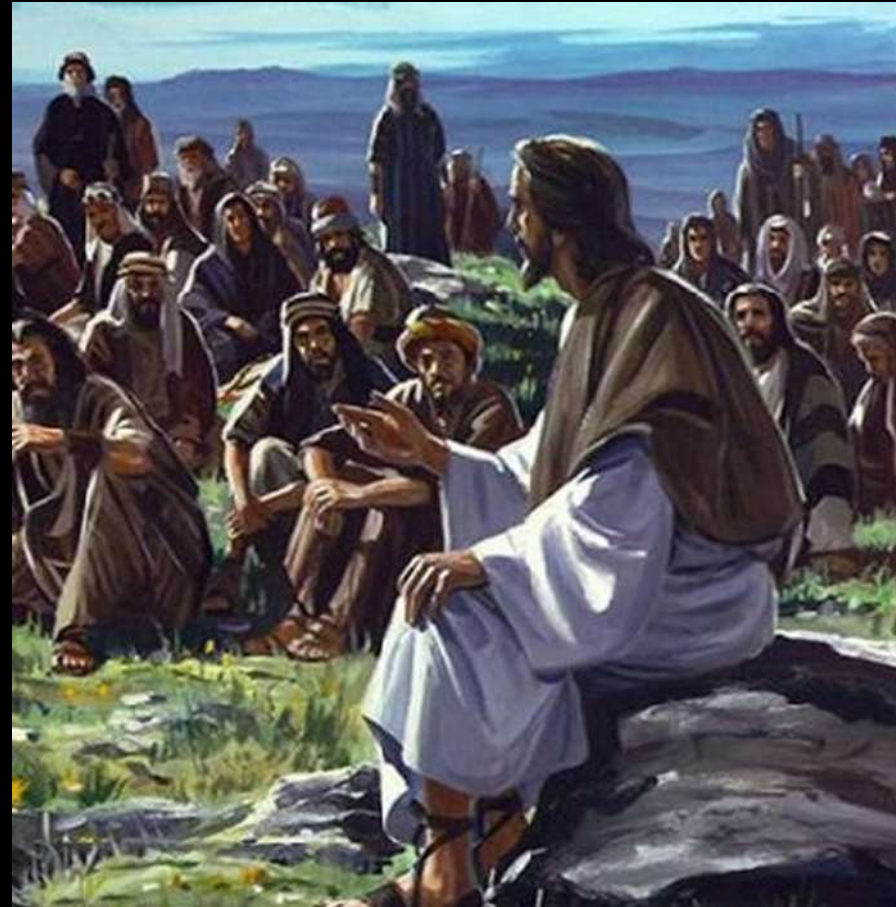
Peter Declares That Yahshua Is the Messiah

13 When Yahshua came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

14 They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

15 “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

16 Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living YHWH.”



17 Yahshua replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my ekklesia, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” 20 Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the MessiYah.

NOTE: The Hebrew equivalent of ekklesia is the word qahal (קהל). It is translated in most occurrences as an assembly. The first mention of qahal - ekklesia - church is in Devariym (Deuteronomy).

25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Yahshua went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.



27 But immediately Yahshua spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Master, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."

29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Yahshua. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Master, save me!"



31 And immediately Yahshua stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of YHWH.”



YAHSHUA REBUKED PETER

21 From that time on Yahshua began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Master!” he said.

“This shall never happen to you!”

23 Yahshua turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of YHWH, but merely human concerns.”



WHY DID HE ADDRESS SATAN WHILE SPEAKING TO PETER?

“Why would He look at Peter and then address Satan? There are two principles which YHWH is showing us. The first principle is Peter was not thinking about the reason that Yahshua came to earth. Yahshua came to earth to die for His Elect and if that death did not take place, then no one could become saved.

(Mat 1:21 KJV) And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name YAHSHUA: for he shall save his people from their sins.

This means that Peter would also remain unsaved throughout all eternity. Peter had his eyes focused upon the human aspect of what Messiyah was saying, rather than the spiritual aspect. Peter did not want to see Yahshua suffer and die.

If Yahshua did not die, Satan would prevail because there would be no gospel, nor believers in the world.

Yahshua may have also just called Peter Satan because the name Satan means “adversary” and at that moment, Peter was the adversary of the Messiyah, trying to prevent Him from fulfilling His mission.

The second principle is that the Scriptures cannot be broken. The word for “broken” in the Greek carries with it the meaning of “abolished, set free, or destroy.” The Scriptures must be fulfilled and as it is recorded that Yahshua was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

TRUE FRIENDS TELL THE TRUTH

Peter was rebuked because he was looking at things from man's point of view rather than from YHWH's point of view. This would be a very subtle satanic method and very innocuous. It showed Peter had a caring spirit but one that was misguided. Yahshua rebuked Peter because his thoughts were in line with Satan's thoughts which would be anti-YHWH. Much sin is committed under the guise of care when it is misguided. This is why we need to check things out in the Scriptures. No matter how caring a person is, if they are misleading us, then they must be rebuked and this is what Yahshua did with Peter. He was not chiding him but trying to refocus his thinking back on the things of YHWH. Yahshua was always teaching and training His disciples, as He was here with Peter, so when Pentecost came and they were filled with the Spirit, the disciples would be ready to start evangelizing.

The Transfiguration

17 After six days Yahshua took with him Peter, James and John, the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light.

3 Just then there appeared before them Moshe and Elijah, talking with Yahshua.

YAHSHUA, MOSHE AND ELIJAH



4 Peter said to Yahshua, “Master, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyah.”

5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”



6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified.

7 But Yahshua came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.”

8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Yahshua.

9 As they were coming down the mountain, Yahshua instructed them, "Don't tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

10 The disciples asked him, "Why then do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

11 Yahshua replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12 But I tell you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." 13 Then the disciples understood that he was talking to them about Yochannan/John the Baptist. (WHO WAS BEHEADED.)

Yahshua Predicts His Death a Third Time

17 Now Yahshua was going up to Jerusalem. On the way, he took the Twelve aside and said to them,

18 “We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will **hand him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified.**

On the third day he will be raised to life!”

SIFTED TO BE PURIFIED

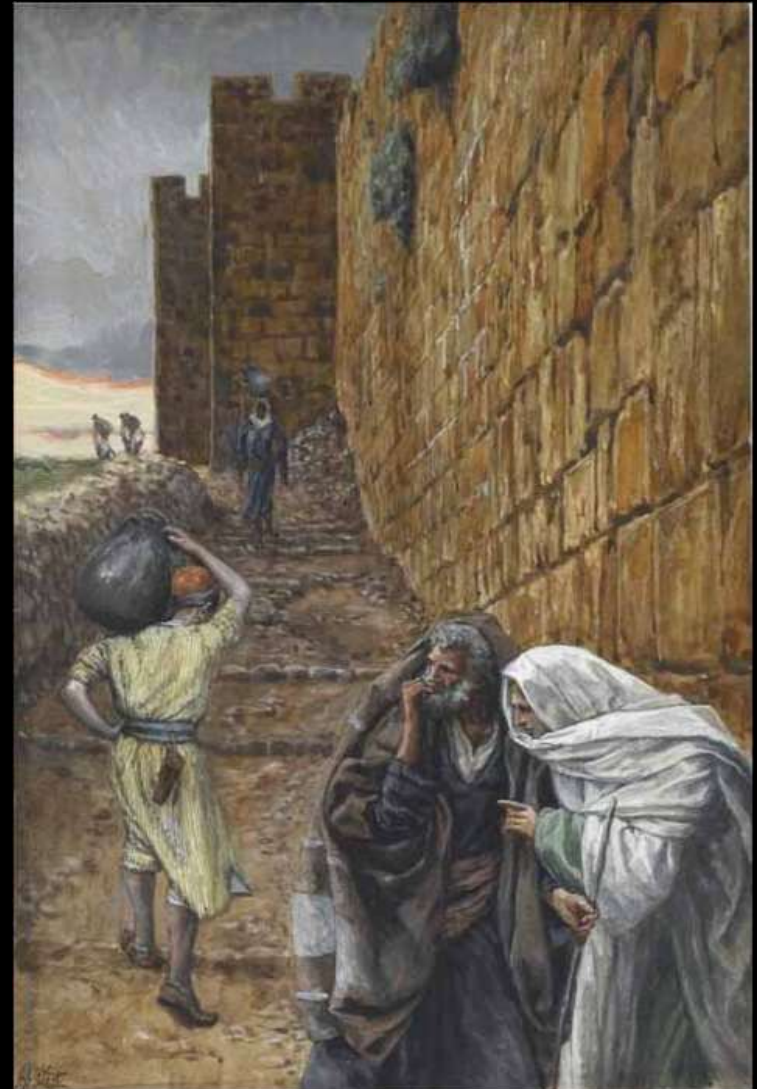


THE LAST PASSOVER WITH YAHSHUA UNTIL HE RETURNS

7 Then came the day of Unleavened Bread on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 Yahshua sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and make preparations for us to eat the Passover.”

9 “Where do you want us to prepare for it?” they asked.

10 He replied, “As you enter the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.



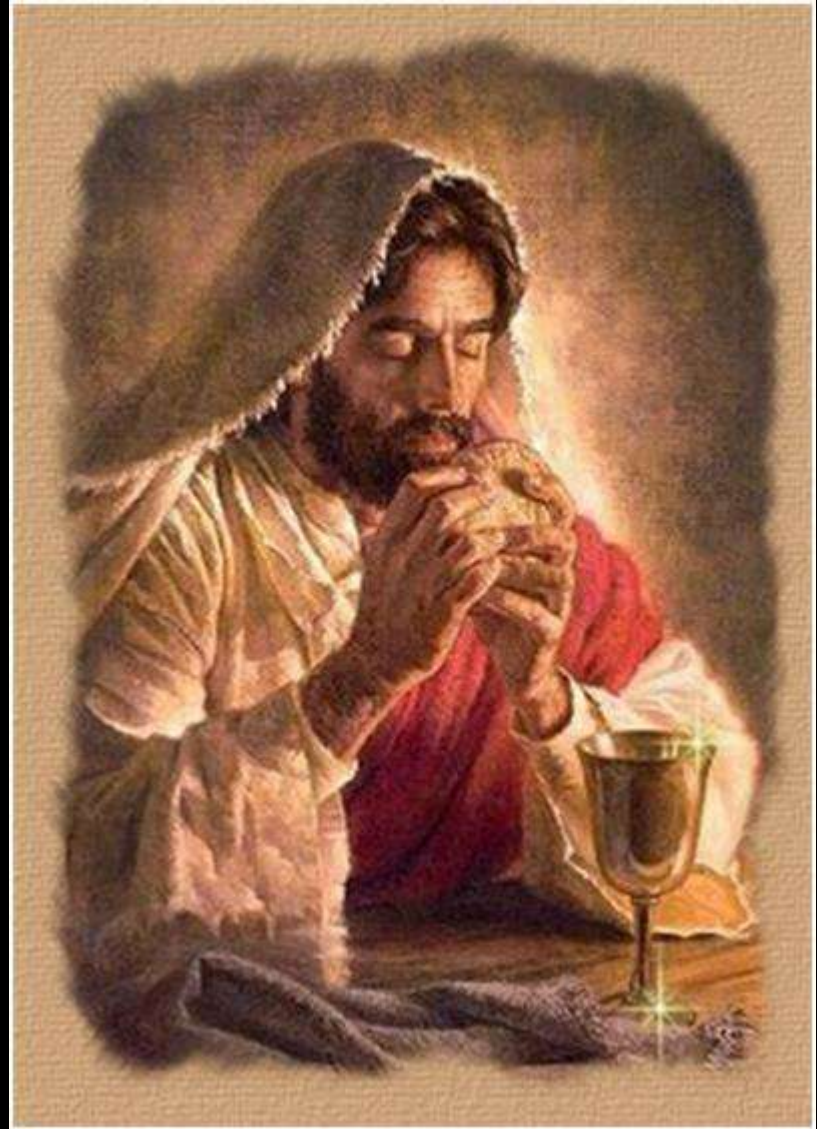
Follow him to the house that he enters, 11 and say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks: Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 12 He will show you a large room upstairs, all furnished. Make preparations there."

13 They left and found things just as Yahshua had told them. So they prepared the Passover.

14 When the hour came, Yahshua and his apostles reclined at the table. 15 And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer.

16 For I tell you, I will not eat it again until it finds fulfilment in the kingdom of YHWH.”

17 After taking the cup, he gave thanks and said, “Take this and divide it among you. 18 For I tell you I will not drink again from the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of YHWH comes.”



19 And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

20 In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you. 21 But the hand of him who is going to betray me is with mine on the table. 22 The Son of Man will go as it has been decreed. But woe to that man who betrays him!" 23 They began to question among themselves which of them it might be who would do this.

THE FALL OF SIMON PETER

At the Last Supper, the Apostles were wrangling over who would be the greatest in the kingdom of YHWH. Yahshua corrected them saying that each is equal and a servant of YHWH. Yet, each would occupy a place of authority in Heaven, "judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:30).

This place of honour is repeated in Revelation 21:22, where we are told that there is no temple in Heaven because "EL SHADDAI and the Lamb are the temple of it". The Apostles are named as founders of the great city of YHWH (verse 14) in recognition of their part in the building of the early ekklesia, as the specially-chosen few of the MessiYah.

The moment the argument broke out among the disciples , Satan seized the opportunity. Pride cometh before the fall.



24 A dispute also arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. 25 Yahshua said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. 26 But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. 27 For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. 28 You are those who have stood by me in my trials. 29 And I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me, 30 so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Yahshua warns Peter of his coming fall

Luke 22:31 And Yahshua said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

But he said to Him, "Master, I am ready to go with You, both to prison and to death."

Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster shall not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

Probably the main reason for Yahshua allowing Peter to enter into this kind of test is because Peter had too much confidence in himself.

SATAN GETS PERMISSION FROM YHWH TO SIFT SIMON PETER AS WHEAT

Reverting to Peter's original name, the Lord had said, "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31-32) Remember too, anytime Yahshua uses this type of repetition in addressing a person, "Simon, Simon", He wants their undivided attention.

What an amazing thing to say! First of all, note that Satan had to ask permission before he could touch the disciples (the Greek word for “you” in the first sentence is plural) and then that Yahshua was already interceding for Peter. Not that he would be spared his ordeal, but that his faith would be strong enough to sustain him through it. Finally Yahshua told Peter to strengthen his brothers after his ordeal was over, showing that Yahshua’s prayers on Peter’s behalf had been answered.

YAHSHUA MAY PERMIT US TO BE SIFTED

Satan can't touch us without divine permission. "Desired" means to obtain by asking permission. It means to beg earnestly.

Job again illustrates the point. Job 1:10-12 YHWH allowed and regulated Satan.

Satan doesn't have unlimited access and freedom. He must always submit to the overruling and permissive authority of YHWH. "...Satan hath obtained..." by asking--but he had to ask.

"Desired" The aorist tense indicates success in the demand. By Yahshua's words it is clear that permission was granted to Satan.

WHY?

- A. Because we need it. It is for our own good.
- B. <http://www.rondunn.com>

Yahshua was aware of a spiritual battle behind the scenes. Peter was no doubt ignorant of the fact that Satan has asked for him and wanted to completely crush and defeat him.

"Satan desires that in the sifting process 'no wheat shall remain', but that all (like Judas) will be blown away like chaff."
(Geldenhuis)

None of what Peter was going to do would catch Yahshua by surprise, none of it would happen outside the limits of His permissive will, and from His perspective, none of it would cause the slightest change in their relationship. But Peter's failure would humble him, give him more compassion and make him a better leader. And the other disciples would be comforted in that the failure of their courageous leader would somehow make their own easier to bear.

HOW SATAN GET'S A FOOTHOLD

Ephesians 4:27 “Neither give place to the devil...”. A foothold, a base of operation. The believer is the object of his attention.

WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF HIS STRATEGIES.

A. He strikes during stressful periods. He kicks us when we are down. To cripple us and make us inadequate for the crisis. Yahshua was facing the cross. Soon the disciples would be called into the greatest test of their lives.

B. He strikes at our strong points. Our strong points are really our weak points. They are unguarded because we think they are secure.

C. Peter's pride and presumption: "I'll follow thee to the death." He thought he was more spiritual and courageous than the rest.

D. The preceding argument about who would be greatest in the kingdom gave him a foothold: there was a tear in the fabric of fellowship.

E. He strikes at strategic people.

F. Simon was the leader and would influence the rest.

TO BE SIFTED AND SHAKEN

There are several Old Testament passages that use this kind of expression:

"His breath is like a rushing torrent, rising up to the neck. He shakes the nations in the sieve of destruction." (Isaiah 30:28)

"For I will give the command, and I will shake the house of Israel among all the nations as grain is shaken in a sieve, and not a pebble will reach the ground." (Amos 9:9)

PRIDE COMES BEFORE THE FALL

Mankind needs YHWH's provision to sustain him physically, and he needs HIS Ruach HaKodosh and HIS word to sustain him spiritually. Success, the praise of men, and even the blessing of YHWH can so inflate the ego that we think we can get along without HIM at all. We must always give God the glory.

Pride is such a strong weapon used against us that only a power much stronger than us can give us victory. That power is from the Ruach HaKodosh. In Philippians 2:12-13 we are told to work out our own salvation. It does not mean that we ought to work for our salvation, that is an impossible task. Salvation is a free gift and is wholly credited to the blood of our Yahshua HaMashiach. To work out means to accomplish and complete what YHWH has planned and purposed for us.

The word "sift" is Greek siniazo, "to sift by shaking in a sieve." Here, grains of wheat are being sifted, holding back large pieces of foreign matter while letting the wheat through. The ideas of shaking and separating the grain from rubbish are at the forefront of Yahshuas' description.



Yahshua Prayed that Peter's Faith May Not Fail

"But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail." (22:32a)

The verb "prayed," Greek *deomai* ("ask, request"), is in the Aorist tense, meaning that Yahshua has already interceded for Peter at some point in the past, and that the intercession is no longer continuing. The matter is apparently settled.

This is similar to John 17:15, where Yahshua prays not that they will be removed from the world and its temptations, but that his disciples may be protected from the evil one.

John 17:14-16 I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. 15 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

Peter's sifting came just after he received a revelation of great blessings to come.

Yahshua had just promised Peter he would have a fruitful ministry. "I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father has appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:29–30).

The Greek word for "appoint" here is taken from a root word meaning "to channel." Yahshua was making an incredible promise to his disciples. He told them, in essence, "I am going to build my kingdom through you. Just as the Father made me a vessel of His glory, so I will do with you."

THE PROCESS OF SEPARATING THE WHEAT FROM THE CHAFF

In Yahshua's day, grain workers used a sieve just before they sacked the harvested grain. First, they shovelled wheat into a square box covered with netting. Then they turned the box upside down and shook it violently. The grit and dirt would fall through the netting until only the wheat kernels remained.

Yahshua was saying to Peter: "Satan doesn't think your faith is real. He thinks when he puts you in the sieve and shakes you, your faith is going to fall to the ground as worthless refuse."



Illustrations of YHWH working all things together for our good.

Satan was intent on ruining them, but the very temptation worked together for their good.

Gen. 50:20 “You meant it for evil, but YHWH meant it for good.”

James 5:11 (Job) “...Ye have heard of the patience of Job...” but we would never have heard of it had it not been for the trial.

DON'T TRY TO RUN WHEN YOU ARE BEING SIFTED, BUT PRAY
THAT YOUR FAITH DOES NOT FAIL

2 Corinthians 4:17-18 "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal; but the things not seen are eternal."

One thing we may try to do when we are being sifted is try to escape it. When we try to do that we are not realizing that we are hindering the purpose that YHWH had in mind when He allowed the sifting to take place. For instance, the Israelites went around that same mountain for forty years! The sifting is to purify and rid one of all those things that are not pleasing to YHWH.

We are being 'conformed to the image of Yahshua,' becoming more and more like Him, going from glory to glory. YHWH's will is for us to be like his son; that is what we are each called to be!

Has YHWH sifted out of you the chaff of pride, presumption, self-assurance?

The season we are in is a perilous time. It is a season of shaking, sifting, and sorting. Nothing will escape scrutiny. YHWH has initiated this period of time to help examine His house that is under construction before permitting its completion. The shaking is external, of structures and foundations. (Haggai 2:7, Luke 21:25) This hits our economic and political bases, plus our religious worldview. Everything that can be shaken will be shaken. (Heb. 12:26) Everything with a false foundation will be shaken. YHWH is shoving the house back onto the foundation He built. We have mistakenly built the church on a false foundation of pagan roots, beliefs and teachings, with little to no Hebraic teaching or understanding. They start by worshipping on a 'Sunday' worshipping the sun, not the true Sabbath worshipping the son.

We have learned the kingdom doesn't end with establishing denominations and pastors trying to do the work alone. YHWH wants us to build on YAHSHUA as the chief cornerstone, and on the foundation of apostles and prophets. (Eph. 2:20) The sifting is internal. The light hits our motives and methods. YHWH wants to adjust our ways. (Haggai 1:5) Get away from religious ways and into apostolic ways. Don't just change churches or methods- change your ways.

This is reflective transformation. We behold Him, and become like Him. Deep change does not occur without pain. This can be an excruciating ordeal. It can seem to last for an eternity. YHWH at times seems silent, like He has abandoned us.

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In the sifting, we come to see the truth about ourselves. Do we really love YHWH, his word, his laws, his commandments, his correction and chastisement; or do we just love his grace?

Do we love one another? Is our faith the real thing? Yahshua told Peter "Satan has desired to sift you, but- I have prayed for you-" I am glad that "but" is there! Yes, sifting is permitted. Why? To do us good in the end (Deut. 8:16), to humble our hearts, to purify our motives so we can handle holy things. (Malachi 3:3)

Testing lets us see our self and adjust our ways. Afterwards, we can truly repent. Yahshua is interceding for us during our trial. (Heb. 4:14-16) Peter was boastful until his ordeals refined him, but he had to keep his faith intact even while failing the test.

Do we follow Yahshua or men's traditions? YHWH's grace always demands a response on our part. In one sense, we sort ourselves into categories of usefulness or idleness, becoming vessels of honor or dishonor, until we become set in our ways and the sorting is finished. "He that is holy, let him be holy still. He that is filthy, let him be filthy still." (Rev. 22:11)

The shaking will affect many things we have relied upon. Many hearts will fail for fear as they endure sifting. Transition times are always turbulent as individuals and people groups are sorted into camps. This global upheaval will also shake loose incredible wealth for building YHWH's house and extending the borders of the gospel. (For more on this prophetic season of fresh foundations, read Haggai and Zechariah.) www.chosenoneministries.com

PART 2

PETER'S DENIAL OF YAHSHUA

Yahshua Predicts Peter's Denial

31 Then Yahshua told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:

"I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee."

33 Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

34 "Truly I tell you," Yahshua answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

35 But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.” And all the other disciples said the same.



THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE

Luke 22: 36 Then Yahshua went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled.

38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”



YAHSHUA WANTED HIS DISCIPLES TO BE WITH HIM IN HIS HOUR OF AGONY

Yahshua takes us with him to pray. Some souls he invites more deeply into the garden, to witness his suffering. To those souls he tells how terribly he is suffering, and it is plainly visible to them. "Do not leave me, though it is hard for you to see me suffer. Stay here and keep awake."

"Remain in prayer. Persevere in prayer. See, I am here praying with you. Do not be frightened by the depth of my suffering, for it is for you and all your brothers and sisters that I suffer. Will you view them differently after this night, since you see the price I am willing to pay for them?"

"Remain and persevere in prayer. Be like the five wise bridesmaids I told you about. (Matthew 25.1-14) I told you then also to stay awake for you know neither the day nor the hour. Though all ten bridesmaids fell asleep, (for when the Son of Man comes will he find any faith on the earth?) five of them had flasks of oil with them. Now is the time for prayer. Now is the time to accumulate your oil.



Or is it too much to watch my suffering? Will you leave me in this hour, using your natural human needs as your excuse, or will you watch me and come to know how evil sin is? Do not be afraid. I am here with you. This is the Way of the Cross and we will walk it together."



Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow.



Yahshua is in absolute agony, sweating blood, as he prays honestly with the Father. What is the cup he is so grieved about? It is the cup of the wrath of YHWH. Every sin is like a drop into a cup. We pour the sin in.

YHWH, at the end of this life, pours out commensurate wrath.

Yet Yahshua submits his will to the Father's; he exchanges places with us on the cross and drinks every single drop of the wrath of YHWH.

The cross is where the love of YHWH is most clearly seen: wrath was poured out on Yahshua, and love was poured out for us.

CAN A PERSON PHYSICALLY SWEAT BLOOD

This was written by the physician Luke, a well-educated man and a careful observer by profession.

Of the four gospel writers, only Dr. Luke referred to Yahshuas' ordeal as "agony" (agonia). It is because of this agony over things to come that we learn during His prayer "his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). Only Luke referred to Yahshuas' sweat (idros)—a much-used term in medical language.

Although this medical condition is relatively rare, according to Dr. Frederick Zugibe (Chief Medical Examiner of Rockland County, New York) it is well-known, and there have been many cases of it. The clinical term is "hematohidrosis."

“Around the sweat glands, there are multiple blood vessels in a net-like form.” And only Luke referred to Yahshuas’ sweat as consisting of great drops of blood (thromboi haimatos)—a medical condition alluded to by both Aristotle and Theophrastus (Hobart, 1882, pp. 80-84). The Greek term thromboi (from which we get thrombus, thrombin, et al.) refers to clots of blood (Nicoll, n.d., 1:631; Vincent, 1887, 1:425).

Bible scholar Richard Lenski commented on the use of this term: “ ‘As clots,’ thromboi, means that the blood mingled with the sweat and thickened the globules so that they fell to the ground in little clots and did not merely stain the skin”

Under the pressure of great stress the vessels constrict. Then as the anxiety passes “the blood vessels dilate to the point of rupture. The blood goes into the sweat glands.” As the sweat glands are producing a lot of sweat, it pushes the blood to the surface - coming out as droplets of blood mixed with sweat.

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”



For suffering to be authentic and worthy to be united to Yahshua's sufferings, which is overcome through prayer. The flesh does not want to suffer. Nor do we choose our own trials and sufferings, they are sent by the Father.

Three times Yahshua removed himself from Peter, James and John and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Yahshua, you show us perseverance in prayer. You taught us through the parable of the widow before the unjust judge to be persistent in our requests before the Father. Here you are, being persistent. Yet your prayer is not answered. Or is it?

The prayer of your heart is that the Father's will be done, just as you taught us to pray. This is not a contest of wills between you and the Father, "for the Father and I are one." Rather you showed us how truly human you are, because the body resists pain.

You showed us this before when you hungered during your fast in the desert and were tempted to turn stone into bread but did not. "Man does not live on bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of YHWH." (Matthew 4.4)

You showed us how the spirit can overcome the flesh when you were working with the disciples and they urged you to eat, for apparently you had not in some time, and you told them "I have food to eat which you do not know: doing the will of him who sent me." It is this food, the Father's will, which sustains you now.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

Yahshua Arrested

47 While he was still speaking, Yudas, one of the Twelve, arrived. With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people.



10 Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 11 Then said Yahshua unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

But Yahshua answered, "No more of this!" And he touched the man's ear and healed him. 12 Then the band and the captain and officers of the Jews took Yahshua, and bound him,"

THE COCK CROWED 3X WHY THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE?

A common problem that exists in our English Bibles is mistranslation of the original text. Sometimes this seems to be the direct result of translators who were attempting to remove all hint of 'Jewishness' from the New Covenant (Testament) in order to support their particular theology. At other times, it appears to be caused by ignorance of the Hebrew idioms or expressions. A classic example of the latter can be found in the story concerning Peter's denial of Yahshua on the night of the Covenant Meal (Last Supper):

Isaac Newton said "that in the last days a body of men will rise up and insist on the literal interpretation of Scripture" and not as the spiritualizing of Scripture by the general church. Man's thoughts on Scripture brought division in the Body so much so that there are now more than 38,000 different denominations in Christianity—caused by man's opinions what we now call "dogma". Christians have the ability to split with themselves...

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A MISTRANSLATION OF THE WORD ROOSTER

This is one of the more famous stories in the Gospel accounts -- repeated in both Matthew and Mark as well. However, there is one problem with the translation: chickens were not allowed in Jerusalem during Temple times. The reason for this prohibition was because chickens are very dirty birds and they have the obnoxious habit of finding their way into places where they do not belong. Therefore, to assure that chickens could not gain access to the Temple and desecrate the Holy Place or, worse yet, the Holy of Holies, the Priests simply forbade everyone in Jerusalem from having chickens.

So, what about this famous passage of Scripture? It clearly says in the New King James Version, just quoted, that a 'rooster' crowed and it was heard in the courtyard of the palace of the High Priest.

The proper translation is really quite evident when the practices of that time are understood. The 'rooster' or 'cock' that Peter and Yahshua heard was not a bird at all, but a man. That man was a priest at the Temple. He was the one who had the responsibility of unlocking the Temple doors each and every morning before dawn.



Every night this priest would lock the doors to the Temple and place the key in an opening in the floor of one of the Temple side rooms. Then he would place a flat stone over the opening and place his sleeping mat over the stone. He would literally sleep over the key to the Temple.

In the morning this priest would arise at first light and retrieve the key. He would then proceed to unlock the doors to the Temple and cry out three statements in a loud voice: "All the cohanim (priests) prepare to sacrifice". "All the Leviim (Levites) to their stations". "All the Israelites come to worship". Then he would repeat these statements two more times.

THE COCK CROWING WAS ACTUALLY THE TOWN CRIER

The priest in question was known as the Temple Crier, and he was called 'alektor' in Greek, which can either be a 'cock' or 'man' (cock is Gever in Hebrew). 'Alektor' here was incorrectly assumed to be the 'cock' or 'rooster' instead of the Priestly Temple Crier. It was his obligation to rouse all the Priests, Levites, and worshippers and call them to begin their preparations for the morning sacrifice service.

In the stillness of the early morning, sound carries well and since the palace of the High Priest was within a very short walk from the Temple, it was the Temple Crier's cry that was heard in the courtyard where Yahshua was being questioned and not the cock/rooster. Josephus, the historian, and many others, confirms this by stating that no chickens were allowed inside Jerusalem's walls at all as they flew into and defiled the Temple.

YAHSHUA AND THE TEMPLE PRIESTS



While this example does not change the meaning of the event (that Peter would deny Yahshua despite his bravado earlier in the evening), it does serve to illustrate how English reading Bible students as well as other languages have been short changed in their understanding of some of the events as they actually took place. Also, by knowing the true facts about the Gever, one's attention becomes focused on the fact that Yahshua, the Son of YHWH, was being questioned while standing within earshot of His Father's House (the Temple). <http://www.hrti.co.za>

Later that night, the Temple Guards arrested Yahshua and took Him to the house of the High Priest. There, Simon Peter was allowed admission to the courtyard in view of where they were questioning Yahshua:

“And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, ‘This man was also with Him’. But he denied Him, saying, ‘Woman, I do not know Him’.



And after a little while another saw him and said, 'You also are of them'.

But Peter said, 'Man, I am not!'



Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed saying, 'Surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean'.

But Peter said, 'Man, I do not know what you are saying!' And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed.



And Yahshua turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of Yahshua.

He had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times. Then Peter went out and wept bitterly". (Luke 22:56-62).



EMPATHY IS MUCH MORE POWERFUL THAN SYMPATHY

Paul would later write, “Praise be to YHWH, Father of our Messiyah Yahshua, the Father of compassion and the YHWH of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from YHWH.” (2 Cor. 1:3-4)

Someone has paraphrased these verses saying, “Our life is a ministry. Our sorrows are our credentials.”

Peter’s sorrows would make him a more effective minister to his flock. And the Ruach HaKodosh would use Peter’s new-found compassion to demonstrate just how dramatic a change can be wrought in the life of a willing believer. His sermons in Acts 2 and 3 must have astounded and amazed those listeners who had known him for any length of time. <http://gracethruthfaith.com>

HOW DID PETER GET TRIPPED UP BY SATAN?

Luke 22: 54 Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance. 55 And when some there had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them. Peter's first problem was that he followed at a distance. When we distance ourselves from Yahshua, it is hard to make a proper stand for Him at the critical time.

How blessed are those who reject the advice of the wicked, don't stand on the way of sinners or sit where scoffers sit! Next, Peter sat among them - the ungodly - having forsaken the fellowship of the fleeing disciples. Peter wants to seem just one of this crowd, and not be identified as a follower of Yahshua.

First, Peter denied ever knowing Jesus (Woman, I do not know Him), then he denied being a follower of Jesus (Man, I am not), finally he denies that he is even from Galilee (Man, I do not know what you are saying!).

While he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And Yahshua turned and looked at Peter: At the crowing of the rooster, Yahshua looked through the crowd around Him, and made eye contact with Peter. Peter was immediately convicted of his sin; not only of his denial of Yahshua, but also of the pride that led him to think he could never deny Him.

The ancient Greek word for looked "usually signifies a look of interest, love, or concern." (Liefeld)

Peter finally remembered the word of Yahshua, but he remembered it too late - after he had sinned. For now, all Peter can do is to weep bitterly - but he will be restored.

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YAHSHUA WAS THEN CRUCIFIED



The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken our Messiyah out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.



6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Yahshuas' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. 9 (They still did not understand from Scripture that Yahshua had to rise from the dead.) 10 Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

PETER'S ROLE IN THE EARLY CHURCH

The author of the Acts of the Apostles portrays Peter as an extremely important figure within the early Christian community, with Peter delivering a significant open-air sermon during Pentecost. According to the same book, Peter took the lead in selecting a replacement for Judas Iscariot.[Acts 1:15] He was twice arraigned, with John, before the Sanhedrin and directly defied them.[Acts 4:7–22] [5:18–42] He undertook a missionary journey to Lydda, Joppa and Caesarea,[9:32–10:2] becoming instrumental in the decision to evangelise the Gentiles.[10]

About halfway through, the Acts of the Apostles turns its attention away from Peter and to the activities of Paul, and the Bible is fairly silent on what occurred to Peter afterwards.

Scholars agree that Peter had an authority that superseded that of the other apostles. Peter is their spokesman at several events, he conducts the election of Matthias, his opinion in the debate over converting Gentiles was crucial, etc.

Main article: Council of Jerusalem

At the council of Jerusalem (c 50), the early Church, Paul and the leaders of the Jerusalem church met and decided to embrace Gentile converts. Acts portrays Peter as successfully opposing the Christian Pharisees who insisted on circumcision and the rest of the Mosaic law.

It was Peter who preached to the masses in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (following Jesus' ascension to heaven.) His message is recorded in the New Testament of the Bible, the book of Acts, chapter 2.



PETER ADDRESSES THE CROWD AT PENTECOST

Acts 2:14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “In the last days, YHWH says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of Yahshua.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of Yahshua HaMashiach will be saved.'

22 "Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Yahshua of Nazareth was a man accredited by YHWH to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which YHWH did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

23 This man was handed over to you by YHWH's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. 24 But YHWH raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

36 “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: YHWH has made this Yahshua, whom you crucified, both Master and Messiah.”

37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Yahshua HaMashiach for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Ruach HaMashiach. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom YHWH our ELOHIM will call.”

40 With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” 41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

PENTECOST



Peter Heals a Lame Beggar

Acts 3 One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. 2 Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. 3 When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. 4 Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” 5 So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them. 6 Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Yahshua of Nazareth, walk.” 7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong.

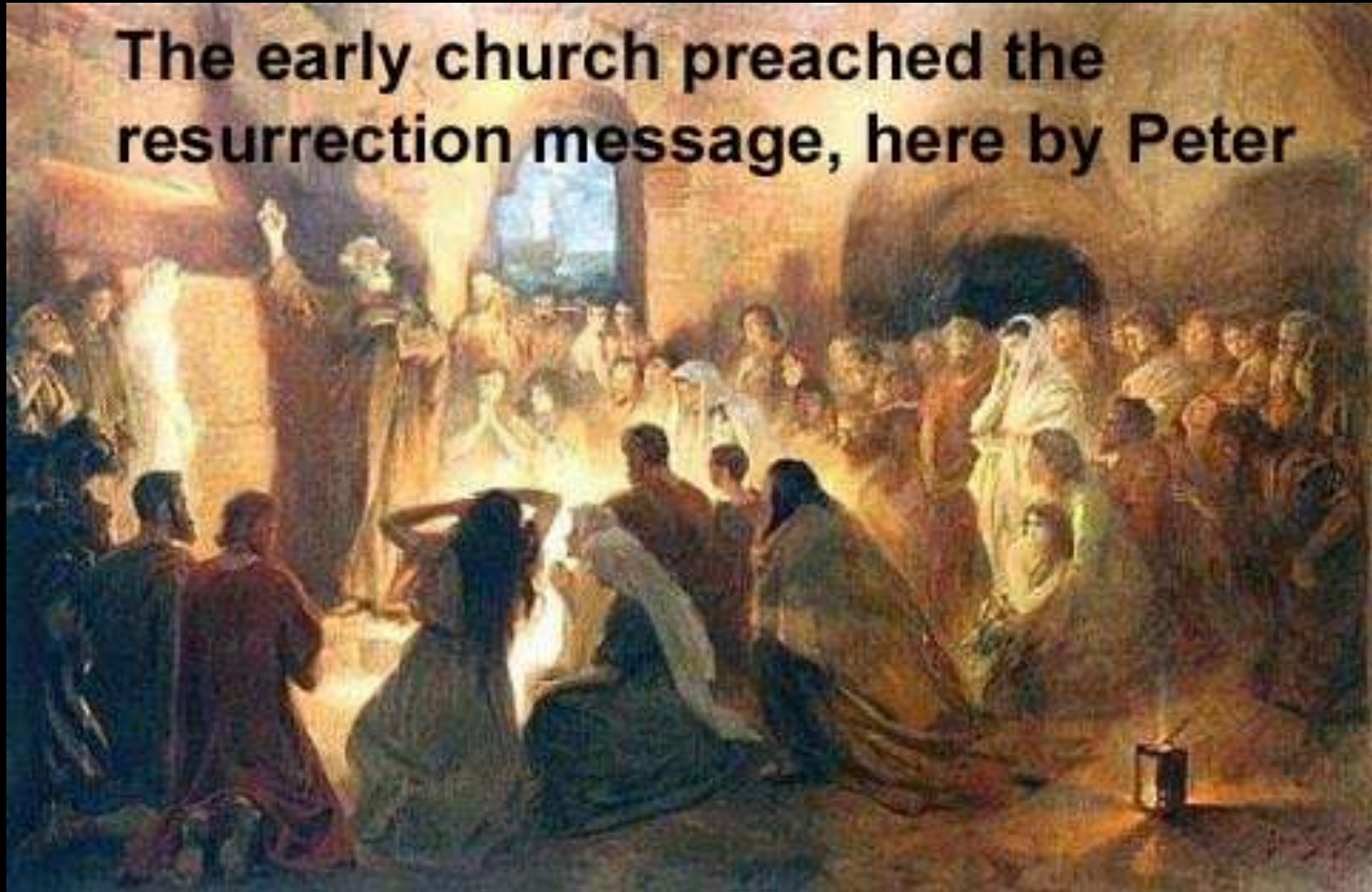
8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising YHWH. 9 When all the people saw him walking and praising YHWH, 10 they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



Peter Speaks to the Onlookers

Acts 3: 11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. 12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? 13 The YHWH of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the ELOHIM of our fathers, has glorified his servant Yahshua. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. 14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. 15 You killed the author of life, but YHW raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. 16 By faith in the name of Yahshua, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Yahshuas' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

Peter was called by the apostle Paul a "pillar" of the Church. It was, also, believed by the crowds that the mere casting of his shadow upon the sick was capable of bringing about miraculous healing.



The Apostles Heal Many

Acts 5:12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade. 13 No one else dared join them, even though they were highly regarded by the people. 14 Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in Yahshua HaMachiach and were added to their number.



15 As a result, people brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by.

16 Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by impure spirits, and all of them were healed.

Peter is the one who defended the inclusion of the Gentiles (non-Jews) into the Christian Church at the Apostolic Council in Jerusalem. His ministry was primarily to the Jews, as the apostle Paul's was to the Gentiles.

After being imprisoned several times in Jerusalem (because of his faith), Peter left with his wife and possibly others. It is believed that he ministered (in Babylon) to the Jewish colonists there. It is, also, believed to be his location when he wrote his first epistle (1 Peter.)

AN ANGEL OF YHWH BUST'S PETER OUT OF PRISON



5 So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to YHWH for him.

6 The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. 7 Suddenly an angel of YHWH appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists.

8 Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him.

9 Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision.



10 They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him.



11 Then Peter came to himself and said, “Now I know without a doubt that YHWH has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod’s clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.”

18 In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. 19 After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

In John 21:18-19 Yahshua signified to Peter that he would die a martyr's death by crucifixion.

According to Church tradition, the Roman Emperor Nero, publicly announcing himself the chief enemy of YHWH, was led in his fury to slaughter the Apostles.

Because of this persecution, Peter was from all accounts crucified; however his ministry lives on to this day.

