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Remember Lots wife!

*Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it,
and whoever loses his life will preserve it.*

Luke 11:32-33

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*"Out of Tsiyon, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth"* Psalm 50:2

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News - Latest on the Fire

We've got good news and bad news. The good news is that two of the Tsiyon HQ family's homes survived the fire. We are so thankful for this, because it really didn't seem possible that anything could survive that monster fire. YHWH is good! The bad news is that the ben David home, the studio and also Sister Sheila's cabin, were burned to ashes. We believe that the enemy meant this for evil, to hinder this ministry. Truth be told, he wanted our lives but only got our stuff, so we have prevailed in this already. Further, YHWH will turn this to good in the outworking of His eternal purpose. The outpouring of prayer, fellowship and support from all of you through this phase of the war encourages us more than we can ever say. Don't be too worried about our losses. We are soldiers of the Kingdom. Losses are an occupational hazard for soldiers, we've experienced losses before, we expect them and we can absorb them when called upon to do so, because those things that are most dear to us are treasures in heaven, where hasatan cannot touch them. Further, we expect to gain a strategic advantage through this loss, that will bring in much fruit for the Kingdom. These are the end days. The stakes are high. The battle is intense and is heating up. Brethren, be alert and fight the good fight!

Listener Q + A

Listener Comment - Yochanan asks - Is Y'shua the One?

Hi there, I've been reading in Matthew and am confused about how Yochanan baptises Yeshua and then later, he sends his followers to ask if He is the one they should look for or were they to look for another. I'm confused about how heaven opened and the voice of Elohim spoke of his Son but were they unsure about Him being the Messiah? Thanks for any guidance.

Tsiyon Answer - Yochanan - Y'shua IS the One!

Thanks for your questions. As you probably know, we have some messages on Yochanan the Immerser a/k/a John the Baptist in which much of this is discussed.

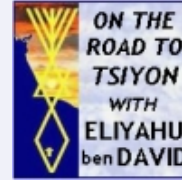
Here are some links to consider:

http://tsiyon.org/john_the_baptist/

http://tsiyon.org/forerunners_call/

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Now lets' look to Matthew about the question that Yochanan sent some of his own disciples to ask of Y'shua.



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"Now when Yochanan heard in the prison the works of Messiah, he sent two of his disciples and said to him, "Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?""
Matt 11:2-3

During this time-frame Yochanan was in the prison of Machaerus, being thrown into prison by Herod. His "crime" had been reproving Herod for taking Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, an act against the commandments of YHWH. By this time some of Yochanan's disciples had already responded to the witness of Yochanan, and had gone over to Y'shua as Messiah.

However, some of Yochanan's disciples had not yet done that, perhaps because of loyalty to Yochanan and/or perhaps because of doubts that Y'shua could really be the Messiah for whom the nation had been waiting so very long. Being a prophet, Yochanan knew that his end was imminent at Herod's hand. Being a righteous man and a true shepherd, he was concerned for the future of the disciples whom he would soon be leaving behind. That's why he sent two of his disciples to Y'shua to ask "Are you he who comes, or should we look for another?" Notice who they were representing - "should WE" they said. The phrasing of the question indicates it is offered, not from the standpoint of Yochanan, who already knew the answer, but from the standpoint of his disciples. This is why Yochanan had sent them - to get the assurance they needed regarding Y'shua, so they would not be left in unbelief when their leader, Yochanan, soon would die.

No doubt the answer Y'shua gave them was proof enough of the truth. He said:

Go and tell Yochanan the things which you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. Blessed is he who finds no occasion for stumbling in me. Matt 11:4-6

When they returned to Yochanan with this message he would certainly have taught them from Scripture how all these things that Y'shua was doing identify Him from prophecy as the Messiah. With this being settled for his disciples, Yochanan would have unloaded his last burden, before going home.

Listener Comment - heavenly mother?

Eliyahu, I recently listened to your teaching on the Mystery of God in Genesis #184. I was sitting outside yesterday evening taking notes when two young people from a local church came up to my home to invite me to their congregation. They began telling me that they believed in the heavenly mother and that in Genesis where it says "Let us" they believe God was talking to His wife and they went on to say that in Revelations where it speaks of the "Spirit and the Bride says come" that the bride is God's wife. It was so ironic because I was taking notes on #184 when they came up to my home. I began explaining to them what I learned from you and they started arguing with me. Any how, where does this heavenly mother stuff come from and is their any truth to it?

Tsiyon Answer - Yochanan - Israel is our mother!

Truly, your Father in heaven orders the timing of all things, arming you with truth at the right time to resist the pagan lie He knew would be coming your way. I say that because, the "heavenly mother" concept comes directly from paganism. Virtually all of the pagan gods had a female goddess counterpart. The goddess counterpart of the chief false god in Bible times was called "Queen of Heaven." Notice how YHWH condemns "Queen of Heaven" worship through the prophet Jeremiah.

The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me. "Do they spite Me?" declares YHWH. "Is it not themselves they spite, to their own shame? Jer 7:18-19

Notice that YHWH considers worship of the so-called "queen of heaven" a "shame" to those worshipping her.

Notice this commentary explaining more:

The deity so zealously worshipped by the people is called the Queen of heaven, and is mentioned only by Jeremiah. Besides here, there is reference to her in Jer_44:17, where we see that her worship was very diligently cultivated, and that she was adored as the bestower of earthly possessions. This worship was combined with that of the stars, the host of heaven, which especially prevailed under Manasseh (2Ki_21:5). Thence it may be presumed that the Queen of heaven was one of the deities who came to Western Asia with the Assyrians, and that she corresponds to the Assyrian-Persian Tanais and

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Artemis, who in the course of time took the place once occupied by the closely related Phoenician Astarte. She is originally a deification of the moon, the Assyrian Selene and Virgo caelestis, who, as supreme female deity, was companion to Baal-Moloch as sun-god. [K&D Commentary - Jer 7:18]

YHWH stands out in sharp contrast to the pagan gods. The "wife" of YHWH is no female deity. His wife is His people, Israel, whom he took by marriage covenant as His own, at Mount Sinai! Surely, He would not have done this if there was already a Mrs. YHWH in Heaven!

The Bride in Revelation is the same Bride YHWH wed at Mount Sinai, namely Israel. A redeemed Israel will once again enjoy the favor of YHWH as her Husband and Redeemer. Notice how this language of an eternal covenant points forward to the blessedness of the New Jerusalem and the Bride of Revelation. This is the Israel to come:

"For your[Israel] husband is your Maker, Whose name is YHWH of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.
"For YHWH has called you, Like a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, Even like a wife of one's youth when she is rejected," Says your God.
"For a brief moment I forsook you, But with great compassion I will gather you.
"In an outburst of anger I hid My face from you for a moment, But with everlasting lovingkindness I will have compassion on you," Says YHWH your Redeemer.
"For this is like the days of Noah to Me, When I swore that the waters of Noah Would not flood the earth again; So I have sworn that I will not be angry with you Nor will I rebuke you.
"For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But My lovingkindness will not be removed from you, And My covenant of peace will not be shaken," Says YHWH who has compassion on you.
"O afflicted one, storm-tossed, and not comforted, Behold, I will set your stones in antimony, And your foundations I will lay in sapphires.
"Moreover, I will make your battlements of rubies, And your gates of crystal, And your entire wall of precious stones.
"All your sons will be taught of YHWH; And the well-being of your sons will be great.
"In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you. Isa 54:5-14

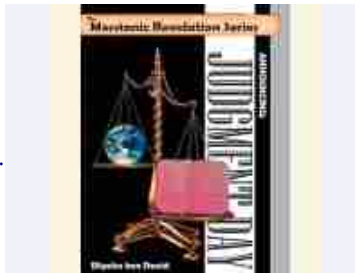
The picture is of a Heavenly Husband and Father with Israel as wife and mother. The "heavenly mother" idea is thus pure paganism and is today seeing a resurgence in new age religion. Many new age ideas are permeating Christianity today and goddess worship is one of the principle pagan concepts getting traction among some Christian groups. This is but one more evidence of the apostasy of this age.

From Eliyahu

I'm very proud of Dave and his wife, Kathy, part of our Tsiyon team, whom I interview in this week's program. I've seen them under fire, and I am impressed with what YHWH has built within them. In this program you will get to know them better, as they share with you about their recent encounter with a monster Texas fire.

Shalom,

Eliyahu ben David
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