

ASK YOUR RABBI!

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I call the traditional Rabbis to accountability before the Living God! They have a form of godliness but they deny the Substance thereof! They know not the hidden things of the LORD! For they deny the very God who has created them by saying that God has not done this thing!

Ask your rabbi and watch and listen to the excuses as he denies what God has done! Are the excuses valid? With disdain in their voice they dismiss for folly, the Messiah of Israel. And not mind you, with any biblical explanation, as if that is supposed to be enough evidence for you.

For instance...WHY?, did Abraham sacrifice a ram instead of his son (Gen. 22:13) after the Angel of the LORD stopped him from sacrificing his son Isaac? Was it not to teach us that the principle of one innocent life (the ram's) was being offered up for another, Isaac's? And does not Isaac represent all Israel? We were all there in Isaac, being spared from death. Sin's punishment is death (remember Adam and Eve being told that the day they ate of the fruit that they would die?), but here God provided the ram as a substitute. Isn't that the reason why the place was named, 'the LORD provides'? If Isaac died, none of us would be alive today for all Jews come through him.

We see the same principle, of one life being offered for another, in the Passover, where Israel is set free from slavery to Pharaoh. A lamb is slain, blood is sacrificed to protect the first born of Israel from the Judgment of the LORD (Exodus 12:1-14).

'And the blood on the houses in which you dwell shall be a sign for you: when I see the blood I will pass over you, so that no plague will destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt' (Ex. 12:13).

The word for sign in the Hebrew is **אֵימָה** ('oat') and means 'a sign, a wonder, a miracle.' How is it that God wanted us to slay a lamb and put its blood on the doorposts and the lintel? Could it be that God was setting us up for a miraculous event yet to come? An event where blood from another lamb would figure in? Open your hearts my people to what the Spirit of the Holy One is saying.

The Sacrifice

The LORD requires our complete observance of His Torah, the chief commandment of which is to be one with Him or in union with Him, for He is One; and to love Him with all our heart, soul and strength.

'Hear!, Oh Israel, the LORD is our God, the LORD is One, and you must love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength' (Deuteronomy 6:4-5).

For not keeping this commandment, our life (our blood) is required of us. In the ancient days, the High Priest would offer a sacrifice (a substitute) on behalf of all Israel (Lev. 16: the Day of Atonement).

Almost 2,000 years ago God provided another 'ram' for a sacrifice for another 'Isaac'; us. His Name is Yeshua, which is Hebrew for 'The Salvation of the LORD.' And when Yeshua was about to be torn out from the land of the living, there was another Jew about to be killed. His name was bar Abba and he was a

zealot, caught by the Romans and about to die for his rebellion against Rome. He was set free and Yeshua took his place!, or was his substitute. It's Isaac and the ram all over again. For you and I were all pictured in bar Abba. His name means, 'son of the Father' as in God the Father's children: us.

'As soon as it was morning, the head cohanim (High Priests) held a council meeting with the Elders, the Torah teachers and the whole Sanhedrin. Then they put Yeshua in chains, led him away and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate put this question to him: "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "The words are yours."

'The head cohanim too made accusations against him, and Pilate again inquired of him, "Aren't you going to answer? Look how many charges they are making against you!" But to Pilate's amazement, Yeshua made no further response. Now during a festival, Pilate used to set free one prisoner, whomever the crowd requested. There was in prison among the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection a man called bar Abba. When the crowd came up and began asking Pilate to do for them what he usually did, he asked them, "Do you want me to set free for you the 'King of the Jews'?"

'For it was evident to him that it was out of jealousy that the head cohanim had handed him over. But the head cohanim stirred up the crowd to have him release bar Abba for them instead. Pilate again said to them, "Then what should I do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" They shouted back, "Put him to death on the stake!" He asked, "Why? What crime has he committed?" But they only shouted louder, "Put him to death on the stake!"

'So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the mob, set bar Abba free for them; but he had Yeshua whipped and then handed him over to be executed on the stake.' (Mark 15:1-15)

The Messiah

Yeshua is God's Anointed (Messiah). He came and took our place, for we are all 'bar Abba' (sons of Papa-God), self-righteous Jewish rebels who have trampled over God and His Torah. Yeshua is the Ram that set Isaac free and the Lamb that set the Sons of Israel free from Egyptian slavery. By the Blood (Death) of Yeshua, we are set free from slavery to sin, self-righteousness and eternal condemnation.

This is the Righteousness of the God of Israel. We receive His Righteousness as we believe the absurd, like Father Abraham. For Abraham to believe that he would have children through Sarah was ridiculous. For us to believe that a crucified man would be our Messiah, the Son of God, is just as ludicrous.

Isn't it interesting, that a man condemned by our people, in front of a pagan ruler who has the power of life and death over him, says nothing in His defense? It's also interesting that the Prophet Isaiah declares this of the Messiah of Israel:

'All of us, like sheep, have gone astray, each turning to his own way and the LORD laid on him the iniquity of all of us. Like a lamb led to the slaughter and as sheep silent before the ones shearing her, he opened not his mouth.' (Isaiah 53:6-7)

'Ah!' the traditional Rabbis will say. 'We Jews don't believe a man can be God!' That's a good biblical argument. And they walk away, little realizing that the LORD of the Heavens and the Earth can do any-

thing He pleases, even to becoming a Man. ‘Wait a minute!’ you say. ‘This sounds too far fetched even for God!’ Read what our God says through the Prophet Micah (5:1):

‘But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, small among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth to rule Israel for Me, one whose origin is from old, from ancient times.’

Micah is telling us that this this Ruler of Israel for God (Messiah), has His origin ‘from old, from ancient times.’ This ruler was alive from ancient times (literally, ‘from the days of the Beginning of Eternity’). How can a man be alive before he is born? And not only that but alive from the Eternal Past? Tough riddle. Could it be that it is ‘God with us’?! Our Messiah was with God from the Beginning, from Eternity Past. Many of the ancient Rabbis believed this for He was also known to them as The Word of God. God’s Word, Alive; One with God.

Don’t believe it? Then perhaps Micah was mistaken! Unfortunately, Rabbis today can’t see what God has done in sending us our Messiah. You say, ‘How can the Messiah of Israel be God in the flesh?!’ And I say, ‘How can it be that the LORD declares that two people are really one?!’ God says in Genesis 2:24; ‘Hence, a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, so that they become one flesh.’ Isn’t it possible that the Messiah is One with God?! That the Messiah came from God, as Hava came from Adam? Maintaining that oneness and yet distinctiveness?

When we truly believe that God sent Yeshua, He reckons our faith or belief in this Messiah as righteousness or justifying us in His sight, just as He did Abraham. For he believed something just as insane as the Crucified One being our Messiah, God in the flesh. He believed that he and Sarah would bear a child, well past the age of child bearing. He believed the impossible. But he knew what Jeremiah heard when God told him to buy a field in Jerusalem, when the city was on the verge of annihilation. Jer. 32:27 reads, ‘I am the Lord GOD of all mankind, is anything impossible for Me?!’

‘Come! Let us argue together’ the LORD demands of His people Israel in 730 B.C.E. through the Prophet Isaiah. For Israel’s ways were abhorrent to God. They were all the Chosen People but God allowed the enemies of Israel, Assyria and Babylon, to destroy them. Please do not follow the way of idolatrous Israel and despise what God has done for you by rejecting Messiah Yeshua. Please don’t take the position of the Sons of Israel in the Wilderness who rejected Moses after he had led them out of Egypt. Seek the LORD now about whether or not Yeshua is the One who has come to give you Life; o be your substitute.

Pesach

Passover is nothing less than a promise kept. Our God is faithful to His Word the way He understands it, not necessarily the way the Rabbis understand it. In Gen. 15:13-14 God says that Abraham’s Seed would be slaves but that He would deliver us:

‘Know well that your offspring shall be strangers in a land not theirs, and they shall be enslaved and oppressed four hundred years; but I will execute judgment on the nation they shall serve, and in the end they shall go free with great wealth.’

Moses comes and in Egypt, salvation came through the blood of a lamb. You ever stop and wonder *why*? Could it point to the Blood of our Messiah? (Is. 53:1-12). And how did Israel receive Moses? They cursed him for making their life more bitter under Pharaoh! (Ex. 5:15-21) And when they were in the wilderness, how many times did they want to stone Moses and go back to Egypt? For their unbelief they all perished

in the Wilderness; except for two (Num. 14:11-35).

God promised us a Messiah. One who would come and deliver us out of sin and eternal separation from God. We know that Yeshua is the Messiah because God resurrected Yeshua from the dead! God gave Yeshua a glorified body; immortal. Yeshua is the Lamb of God whose Blood frees us from a slavery much worse than Egyptian. A bondage to sin, self-righteousness and eternal death. And one day, we who believe will have a similar glorified body. Do you see the picture that God gave us in Egypt? Blood is equal to freedom from slavery.

Belief in His Sacrificial Death frees us to worship God in Spirit and Truth. For it's not in our own righteousness that we enter into His Presence but in the Righteousness of the Son of God who died so we might be free from the chains of malice, ignorance and stubborn hearts; our human nature.

The Rabbis will say, 'We Jews don't believe in Jesus.' And I ask, 'Why not?' Anyone can make a statement, but why don't we Jews believe? What is the biblical reason? And then listen. Do their arguments make sense? I say that their reasons, why Jews should not believe that Yeshua is the Messiah of Israel, 'don't hold water.' It's a very rejection of God Himself, and what He has done for us in making us righteous, His way.

Contact me and I'll share with you out of the Tanach how Yeshua is our Messiah. For if what I am presenting to you is from our God, then you need to know. For the LORD is extending to you nothing less than Life—union with Himself.

Laying it on the Line

I am Avram Yehoshua. Contact me and let us argue together. You might say to me, 'Avram!, you're irrational in your belief!' And I'd say, 'Please tell it to God who split the Red Sea in two and allowed our Fathers to walk across on dry ground. Tell Him how irrational He was for doing such a thing. This is the way we became a nation. In Egypt we were slaves to Pharaoh, not a nation. Tell Him He can do only what you think He can do.' He has done it again in Yeshua. Isaiah 53:1, 3-6, 10-11 declares the irrationality of believing in a Crucified Messiah when God speaks through Isaiah saying, 'Who can believe what we have heard?!'

'He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, *and we esteemed Him not*. Surely our infirmities He took up and our sorrows He carried, yet we considered Him stricken, smitten and afflicted by God.'

'But *He was pierced through for our rebellions*, He was crushed for our perversions, and the punishment that brings us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we were healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each to his own way, and *the LORD has laid on Him, the iniquity of us all*.'

'Yet the LORD willed to crush Him, to cause Him to suffer, if He would make His Life a guilt offering, He will see His offspring and prolong his days. After the suffering of His soul, He will see and be satisfied, for by knowing Him, He will justify many, My Righteous Servant, for He will bear their wickedness.'

Will you be like unbelieving Israel, who after being freed by God from Pharaoh, refused to believe that He could bring them into the Land He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob's Seed? We know how that went. The very ones who walked through the Red Sea on dry ground died in the wilderness for they, the

Chosen People, despised God (Num. 14:11-25).

Or will you be like Joshua who believed that God would give him possession of the Land? Will you believe what God has done in sending Yeshua to be your Messiah? Or will you just shrug off my questions and understanding as the ravings of a Jewish madman? Ask the LORD to reveal the Truth to you. Seek Him!

And I say this to you, Rabbis, shepherds of God's Flock:

You will be judged by God for denying that Yeshua is the Messiah. You will be judged for keeping many of your flock from accepting what our God has done for us! And yet, the Way is not closed to you either. For if you turn to the LORD, He will turn to you and forgive your ignorance about Him.

My heart's deepest desire and prayer to God is for all Israel to know our Messiah Yeshua, especially our Rabbis.

SHEMA ISRAEL!

'He was wounded for our sins!' (Isaiah 53:5)

Believing that Yeshua is Our Messiah opens the way for Ruah HaKodesh (the Spirit of the Holy One) to dwell within you. Ezekiel said,

'And I will give you a New Heart and put a New Spirit into you: I will remove the heart of stone from your body and give you a heart of flesh; and I will put My Spirit into you. Thus I will cause you to follow My Torah and faithfully observe My Torah.' (Ezk. 36:26-27)

I'm speaking the truth and not lying when I say that I have given my life to the God of Israel and His Messiah Yeshua. I've been filled with the Holy Spirit and worship God with all my heart and all my soul and all my strength.

My heart of stone has given way to a heart of passionate devotion to God. I have come to know Him intimately. He desires that you too would come to know Him. Yeshua said,

'Come unto Me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls,' (Matthew 11:28-30).

'If any one is thirsty, let them come to Me! Let the person come and drink who believes in Me!' 'I am the Light of the world; anyone who follows Me will not be walking in darkness; he will have the Light of Life.' 'I tell you the truth; before Abraham ever was, I AM.' 'I am the resurrection. If anyone believes in Me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.' (John 7:37; 8:12, 58; 11:25-26)

Yeshua holds the Key to Life in His Hands. Contact me and we'll talk about Messiah Yeshua.