

RABBIS CAUSE JEWS TO ERR!

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The lion roars! Who shall not fear?! The Spirit of the LORD burns within my soul! How can I not write?! The Holy One of Israel spoke through the prophet Isaiah about the Rabbis who say, “Jesus is not for the Jews!,” and said,

“For the *leaders* of this people *cause them to err* and *those who are led by them are destroyed*” (Isaiah 9:16) and, “Yes, they are greedy dogs which never have enough because they are shepherds *who cannot understand*. They all look to their own way, every one for his own gain” (Isaiah 56:11).

If that wasn't a bad enough indictment against the Rabbis, God spoke again about them through the prophet Jeremiah:

“For the *shepherds* have become dull-hearted and *have not sought the LORD*” (Jeremiah 10:21) and in Jer. 50:6 God says, “My people have been lost sheep. Their *shepherds have led them astray*.” Also, to the prophet Ezekiel, the LORD said,

“Son of man! *Prophesy against the shepherds of Israel!* Prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds! ‘Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?!’” (Ezekiel 34:2)

The shepherds, the Rabbis, should feed God's Flock the Truth about the Messiah of Israel. Our God is the Living God and He wants you to know the Messiah because in the Name of the Messiah comes forgiveness of our sins and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, which causes us to experientially *know* our God and the promise of eternal life in the New Jerusalem. If you're not interested in this, if you're caught up in the world of darkness; money, position, sex outside of marriage, homosexuality, adultery and magic, and you want to blindly follow the Rabbis, then this Word that God spoke to Isaiah is for you:

“Make *the heart of this people dull* and their ears heavy and shut their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their heart and return to Me and be healed” (Isaiah 6:10; see also Is. 65:2).

I hope that you don't want to remain blind! I hope that your heart yearns to know Yeshua (Jesus) the Messiah of Israel because in Him is *life!* Once you meet Yeshua, you'll realize that all the arrogant arguments of the Rabbis against Yeshua are less than worthless—they're rebellion against God Himself! The Rabbis stand indicted! They have led you away from the sweet flowing waters of Shiloh to the mud and slime of their own human presumption about Yeshua. Shiloh is another name for our Messiah:

“The *scepter* shall not depart from Judah nor a lawgiver from between his feet until *Shiloh* comes and to Him shall be the obedience of the people” (Genesis 49:10).

Scepter is a staff symbolizing Messiah's sovereignty as King of Israel. Shiloh is also spelled *Shiloah*:

“Inasmuch as these people (Israel) refused *the waters of Shiloah* that flow softly and rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son” (Isaiah 8:6).

When Messiah Yeshua was in Israel He gave sight to a man who had been born blind. No one had ever done this. Jewish understanding of the Messiah said that the spittle of a righteous man could make a blind man see, *but only the Messiah* could give sight to *one born blind*. Yeshua saw a blind Jewish beggar man, spit on the ground and made a little mud salve with His saliva and put it into the blind eyes of him who

had been born blind. Then Yeshua told him to go wash it off in the pool of Siloam (*Shiloah*).

Shiloah means, 'sent one.' Yeshua was *sent* from Heaven to bring us to Heaven. Here, in the New Testament (John 9:1-41) the symbolism is clear: *the Sent One* from heaven, the Messiah (Is. 48:16) told the blind Jewish beggar to go wash *in the Pool of the Sent One (the Waters of the Messiah!)*. The man did and he came back seeing *for the first time in his life*. This was one of many, many miracles done by Yeshua to get our attention so that we could ponder for ourselves: *was He our Messiah or not?* Yet, Yeshua said that His resurrection from the dead (Matthew 12:39-40) would be *the sign* to us that He was our Messiah. More than 500 Jews, at one time, saw Yeshua alive from the dead (1st Cor. 15:1-8)!

Now, I wasn't there. I didn't see Yeshua alive from the dead like those Jewish men, but 34 years ago I came to know that Yeshua was our Messiah. I asked Him to forgive me of my sins and to come into my heart and He did! The Holy Spirit came upon me and *came into me* and I had *shalom for the first time in my life*. Since then, the Holy Spirit has never left me and I have come to know our God by His Spirit and by His Word *in the Name of Yeshua from Nazareth*. It is a heavenly Joy and it just gets sweeter and sweeter. I, like Father Abraham (Is. 41:8), know I am God's friend and He is mine. I know that my God and Redeemer lives and that He loves me. There is nothing more precious than this knowledge.

God wants to give you the Holy Spirit, too! He promised the Holy Spirit to us more than 2,600 years ago though Ezekiel:

“For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you*. I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. *I will put My Spirit within you* and cause you to walk in My statutes and you will keep My judgments and do them” (Ezekiel 36:24-27).

That promise was fulfilled almost 2,000 years ago on *Shavuot* (Lev. 23:15-21; Acts 2:1-47) when the Holy Spirit of God Almighty fell upon the Jewish followers of Yeshua and more than 3,000 Jewish men were immersed in the Holy Spirit and the Spirit remained within them for the rest of their lives, giving them true experiential knowledge of God and His ways. These Jewish men (and their wives and children) believed in Yeshua, whom they hadn't seen alive from the dead, not because a Jew by the name of Simon Peter told them that He was alive, but because they had *witnessed* the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Peter and his Jewish friends and they were hungry for their Messiah!

Let me tell you my people, of the *love* of Messiah Yeshua for you. In Genesis 22 God told Father Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. The so-called Angel of the LORD¹ stopped it when the knife was poised over Isaac's throat to rip it open and a ram-lamb was sacrificed instead, but for three days and three nights prior to that (Gen. 22:4-5) Abraham was tested to the max. In his heart his son Isaac was dead.

When Isaac found out that he was to be the sacrifice, he didn't try and run away or reason with his father that it 'wasn't of God.' He *willingly* laid his life in his father's hands. Isaac did that because he loved his father more than he loved his own life and he wanted to obey his father even if it meant his death.

God tested Abraham in order to set up a picture of what He would do with His Son Yeshua. The Father *sacrificed* Yeshua for us so that our sins could be forgiven and our nature changed into Yeshua's nature which is deity. Yeshua was God the Son from eternity past. Only by being like God, who is living Fire, can we live in His Presence. Yeshua laid down His life for you because He loved His Father and you

¹ See *The Angel of the Lord* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Angel-of-the-Lord.pdf> for who the so-called Angel of the LORD is.

more than He loved His own life and this test *proves it to you!* God knew what both Abraham and Yeshua would do before it happened. He let Abraham walk it out so that he would become the Father of your faith as a Jew. God let His Son be horribly crucified, and Yeshua willingly laid down His life for you, to show you how much They love you! What father would allow his son to be crucified for you? What son would do that for you?! The crucifixion *shows you* how much the Father and the Son love you.

‘Ah!’ The Rabbis cry! “Foul!!!” God doesn’t have a son and the Torah forbids us to sacrifice our sons! Yet, here in Genesis 22, *in the Torah itself, God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son!* Yes, God didn’t allow Abraham to finish it, but the *prototype* is set in Torah! God commanded Abraham to sacrifice his son! *It’s written in Torah!* This is the way that God is able to sacrifice His Son, while telling us not to sacrifice our sons to Molech (Satan in the form of a pagan god: Lev. 20:1-5). Does God have a Son?! Who is our Messiah?! There are a number of our ancient biblical texts that declare the *deity* of the Messiah.² One of them is Isaiah’s prophecy about a son being born for us Jews:

“The people who walked in darkness *have seen a great Light*. Those who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a *Light* has shined. You have multiplied the nation and increased its joy. They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. *For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian*” (Isaiah 9:2-4).

“*For unto us a Child is born. Unto us a Son is given and the government will be upon his shoulders and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. *Upon the Throne of David and over His kingdom, to order and establish it with judgment and justice, from that time forward, even forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will perform this!*” (Isaiah 9:6-7)

The *Light* that is spoken of, is a reference to God the Son being seen by men. This *Light* was first seen in Genesis 1:3 when God the Father spoke and said, ‘*Light, be!* and *Light was!*’ That *Light* was the *Light* of Messiah Yeshua coming forth from the eternal past as God’s living Word.³

One day Yeshua brought three of His Jewish followers up a mountain in Israel and was transformed before their very eyes. They saw Him radiant with splendor and majesty and were awestruck (Mt. 17:1-8). Up until that time they thought that He was just a man. It says that His face shone like the sun and that His clothes became ‘white as light.’ Yeshua is the *Light* that will lighten your path in this dark world.

The *yoke of* our burden, the thing that *oppresses* us more than the ancient Midianites (Judg. 6:1–7:25), is our sins before God. The sacrifice of Yeshua, like the goat on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16), not only covers our sins, but cleanses us of them while giving us the Holy Spirit for new life today and God’s promise of eternal life in the New Jerusalem tomorrow. What will you do on Judgment Day when you stand before God and have to give an account of your life? Your money, your intellect and all your good deeds will be worthless (Is. 64.6; Ps. 49:1-20) before Him who is holy Fire (Ps. 50:1-3). The only thing that God the Father wants to know is have you believed in *what He has done for you* in sending His Son to die for you? *This is His way* that your sins are forgiven and how He will transform you into the Image

² “Who has ascended into heaven or descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has bound the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth? What is His name *and what is His Son’s name*, if you know?” (Prov. 30:4) “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against His Messiah” and, “Yet I have set My King (the Messiah) on My holy hill of Zion.” “I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, ‘*You are My Son*. Today I have *begotten* You. Ask of Me and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance and the ends of the Earth for Your possession” (Ps. 2:2, 6–8).

³ See *Yeshua—God the Son* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Yeshua-God-the-Son.pdf> for how God can have a Son.

of His Son Yeshua. The Rabbis lie to you! It's not by your good deeds that you will have eternal life. Think I'm wrong? *Ask the Rabbis to show you just one Scripture* in the *Tanach* where *God* says that by your good deeds you will inherit eternal life. If they can't do that, you're basing your future on their lies!

The *Child* that was to be born is our Messiah who will sit upon the *Throne* of David because He is from the family of King David (2nd Sam. 7:1-17). Isaiah speaks of this just two chapters later:

“There shall come forth a *rod* from the stem of Jesse and a *branch* shall grow out of his roots.⁴ The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. His delight is in the fear of the LORD and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes nor decide by the hearing of His ears, but with *righteousness* He shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the humble of the Earth” (Isaiah 11:1-4).

The *Child* is no ordinary child that Isaiah speaks of. He will be called *Wonderful*, a reference to the mighty works of God in setting us free from Egypt, and *Counselor*, a reference to the eternal wisdom of God. The Child will also be called the *Mighty God* and the *Everlasting Father* because the Child is also the embodiment of the Living God! The Child is called the *Prince of Peace* because only by knowing Him can one have shalom within themselves, and more importantly, peace with God. Isaiah speaks of this, too:

“Surely He (the Messiah) has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. Yet, we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted, but *He was wounded for our transgressions*, He was bruised for *our* iniquities. *The chastisement for our peace* (with God the Father) *was upon Him* and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned, every one, to his own way, but the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all” (Isaiah 53:4-6).

The chastisement for our peace refers to the fact that we have all sinned against God and His holiness requires a sin sacrifice in order for Him to be ‘at peace’ with us. Yeshua was brutally whipped by the Roman lashes before He was crucified: *by His stripes*, Isaiah prophesied, *we are healed!* Healed of what? The sins that separate you from our holy God. Now God can come and dwell within you by His Spirit!

The Tabernacle of Moses was the literal dwelling place of the God of Israel on Earth. When you believe in Yeshua you become a ‘little Tabernacle’ with the God of Israel dwelling in you. That’s how I know that Yeshua is our Messiah. I don’t just believe that He is. I *know* that He is, because our God dwells in me by His Holy Spirit ‘in the Name of Messiah Yeshua!’ The Spirit of God comes no other way!

Another text that reveals that Messiah Yeshua is God the Son is found in the prophet Malachi. He lived about 400 years before Yeshua was born in Bethlehem:⁵

“Behold, I send My messenger and he will prepare the way *before Me*. *And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His Temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant* in whom you delight. Behold, He is coming!” says the LORD of Hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? Who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire and like launderers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver and He will purify the Sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness” (Malachi 3:1-3).

⁴ See *The Branch* at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Branch.pdf> for why Isaiah speaks of a rod and a branch.

⁵ The prophet Micah prophesied where the Messiah would be born about 740 BC (Mic. 5:1 Heb; 5:2 Eng.). He also spoke of the Ruler (King Messiah) being alive before Creation, ‘from ancient times, from before eternity.’ See *Messiah’s Deity and Micah 5:2* at <http://seedofabraham.net/Messiahs-Deity-and-Micah-5.2.pdf>.

Who is this Messenger of the Covenant that suddenly comes to *His* Temple?! Malachi says it's the Lord as the Messenger of the Covenant! '**And the Lord**, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His Temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant.' That 'Lord' is Yeshua, God the Son. King David saw his Lord Yeshua when the heavens opened one day. He saw both the Father and the Son. David wrote what he saw and heard: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies Your footstool" (Psalms 110:1).

The first LORD is the Father and the second Lord is Yeshua. The Father told His Son to sit at His right hand because the Father will cause the Son's enemies to become His footstool. (Who 'can endure the day of His coming' refers to Judgment Day.) Yeshua sitting at the right hand of His Father happened after Yeshua was raised from the dead by His Father. This established the New Covenant that God spoke of:

"Behold! The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a **New Covenant** with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah!" (Jeremiah 31:31, see vv. 32-34 also)

Ask the God of Israel to reveal to you if my words or the words of the Rabbis are true. Ask Him and don't stop asking until you get His answer: "Seek the LORD while He may be found! Call upon Him while He is near!" (Is. 55:6) He *will* show you. He's the Living God⁶ and He loves you very much.⁷

⁶ Some other favorite Jewish Newsletters of mine are:

Passover and the Promise at <http://seedofabraham.net/Passover-and-The-Promise.pdf>

The Ultimate Question at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Ultimate-Question.pdf>

Ask Your Rabbi! at <http://seedofabraham.net/Ask-Your-Rabbi.pdf>

Why Matza? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Why-Matza.pdf>

Life After Death? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Life-After-Death.pdf>

A Picture of the Messiah of Israel at <http://seedofabraham.net/A-Picture-of-the-Messiah.pdf>

Moses—God's Slave at <http://seedofabraham.net/Moses-Gods-Slave.pdf>

The Ultimate Test—For God! at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Ultimate-Test.pdf>

The Gentile Knew? at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Gentile-Knew.pdf>

Recognize This Man? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Recognize-This-Man.pdf>

Driven To Run at <http://seedofabraham.net/Driven-to-Run.pdf>

Lion Hands at <http://seedofabraham.net/Lion-Hands.pdf>

A Three Day Old Bagel at <http://seedofabraham.net/A-Three-Day-Old-Bagel.pdf>

Fresh Bagels Anyone? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Fresh-Bagels-Anyone.pdf>

Disfigured Beyond Man at <http://seedofabraham.net/Disfigured-Beyond-Man.pdf>

What Would Tevyeh Think? at <http://seedofabraham.net/What-Would-Tevyeh-Think.pdf>

The Day After at <http://seedofabraham.net/The-Day-After.pdf>

Has Messiah Come? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Has-Messiah-Come.pdf>

Who Would Believe? at <http://seedofabraham.net/Who-Would-Believe.pdf>

Four Simple Points at <http://seedofabraham.net/Four-Simple-Points.pdf>

⁷ If you have any questions, let me know!

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