

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED AT CALVARY?

According to the Old Testament there are approximately 324 prophecies that talk about Yeshua the Messiah in one way or another. At the time of Yeshua's death at least 33 prophecies were completed:

1. Ps. 41:9, Mark 14:10---betrayed by a friend.
2. Zech. 13:7, Mark 14:50---shepherd killed, sheep flee
3. Zech. 11:12, Matt. 26:15---price of 30 pieces of silver
4. Zech. 11:13, Matt. 27:3-7---money was used to buy field
5. Is. 50:6, Matt. 27:26-30---spat on and mocked
6. Ps. 69:19, Matt. 27:28-31---shame and dishonor
7. Ps. 35:11, Mark 14:56---false witnesses
8. Zech. 13:7, Matt 26:31---warning that sheep will scatter
9. Ps. 22:18, John 19:24---gambling for his garments
10. Isa. 53:7, Matt. 27:13-14---opened not his mouth
11. Isa. 53:7, John 19:16---lead to crucifixion
12. Ps. 109:24, Matt. 27:32---too weak to carry His stake
13. Ps. 69:3, John 19:28---Yeshua thirsty
14. Ps. 69:21, John 19:29---vinegar to drink
15. Ps. 22:17, Matt. 27:36---they stare at Yeshua on the stake
16. Ps. 22:16, Matt. 27:35---they crucify him
17. Zech. 12:10, Luke 23:35---people of Jerusalem watch
18. Ps. 22:14, John 19:34---water flows out of wound
19. Ps. 38:11, Luke 23:49---friends stand afar off
20. Ps. 109:25, Matt. 27:39-40---people wagged mocking heads
21. Ps. 22:8, Matt. 27:43---challenge for Yah to save him
22. Isa. 53:7, John 1:29---Yeshua the Lamb of Yah
23. Isa. 53:12, Luke 23:34---Yeshua prays for his killers
24. Ps. 22:1, Matt. 27:46---he cries out to Yah
25. Isa. 52:14, John 19:5, 14---a broken man yet a king
26. Ps. 22:31, Luke 23:4---Yeshua declared faultless
27. Ps. 31:5, Luke 23:46---he gives up his spirit
28. Exod. 12:46, John 19:36---his bones not broken
29. Luke 23:33---numbered with transgressors
30. Dan. 9:26, John 11:50-52---Yeshua died not for himself
31. Gen. 3:15, John 19:18---Satan bruises Yeshua's heel on the stake
32. Isa. 53:9, Matt. 27:57-60---laid in rich man's tomb
33. Amos 8:9, Matt. 27:45---darkness at crucifixion

PRIOR TO CALVARY

Prior to Yeshua's death on the stake, people were saved by their faith, which they showed outwardly by making various sacrifices. The sacrifices were not necessary for their salvation, but faith was.

GETHSEMANE

In **Luke 22:44** when Yeshua was praying in the garden of Gethsemane the scriptures say, *“And being in agony He was praying very fervently and **His sweat became like drops of blood, falling down upon the ground**”* He was in agony for what He had to do for mankind.

Yeshua was crucified at the place where they carried out the ashes used in the temple. It was considered a clean place. Yeshua was sacrificed outside the camp, just like the sacrifice of the red heifer.

There were over 600 men that came to remove Yeshua from the garden of Gethsemane. When Yeshua said *“I am he”*, ***they fell to the ground, (slain by the spirit), because they were His enemies.***

THE TRIALS

Yeshua appeared at 6 trials. Three of these trials were as per Jewish tradition. One was before Anaas (John 18), one before Caiaphas (John 18), and one before the Sanhedrin chief priests and elders (Matt. 27:12). Three trials were Roman. One was before Pilate (Matt. 27:13), then Pilate sent Him to Herod the governor of Galilee, and he sent Him back to Pilate.

The following is a list of things that happened to Yeshua at His time of crucifixion, that were not “legal”.

It was “the day of the feast” when Yeshua was in the garden of Gethsemane. It was unlawful to carry weapons on “the day of the feast” and yet there were “swords” present (Luke 22:52). Simon Peter used one to cut off (Malchus) a slave’s ear. What was a slave doing there? (John 18:10)

It was also (under Jewish law) unlawful to bind a prisoner before trial, but here they did. (John 18:12)

It was unlawful for judges to participate in the arrest and they did.

It was unlawful to conduct a trial at night.

Any verdict other than an acquittal had to be pronounced the following day.

No person could be convicted on his own evidence.

The use of violence during the trial was prohibited.

No witness was ever called for His defence.

One trial took place at the home of Caiaphas where it was unlawful to have a trial.

It was illegal to conduct court on a feast day.

A guilty verdict was entered without any evidence.

The balloting was illegal. It should have been a role ballot.

The entire process of the trials and everything surrounding them was pre-arranged by a group of Jewish priests so that Yeshua never had a chance. They wanted Him sentenced and put to death before most of the people even heard He was on trial. He had to be pronounced to death under Roman law because the Jews were not allowed capital punishment. The leaders and priests in fact, disobeyed their own laws and rules to make sure Yeshua was killed. Yeshua was never formally sentenced. He was just given over to a small minority sect of the Orthodox Jews.

The pharisees of those days (who are now the clergy in SUNday churches), didn't want the Messiah interfering with their big business of religion. These priests, like the CEO'S (pastors) in the pagan palaces today, liked being in control.

THE CRUCIFIXION OF YESHUA

Crucifixion was invented by the Queen of Heaven, Semiramis, but was not a popular means of execution until used by the Persians between 300-400 B.C. It is estimated that the Roman Empire crucified over 200,000 people during its reign. Roman citizens were never crucified as punishment, only foreigners and the worst of the non-citizen criminals were crucified under Roman rule. Crucifixion was perfected by the Romans in the first century B.C. It is arguably the most painful death ever invented by man and is where we get our term "**excruciating**" from. It was reserved for the most vicious criminals. The word "Calvary" comes from the Latin word "calveria."

Under Jewish law, a person could not be sentenced to death except by stoning, so the conspirators had to make sure Yeshua was judged under Roman law so He could be crucified. There was no rule under Roman law as to how many times a man could be whipped. When Yeshua was tied (with feet not touching the ground), to the pillar at Pilates disposal. He was scourged (lashed) no less than 39 times with the "flagrum," or "whip of cords", or "cat of nine tails", and a rod. In Micah 5:1, it is prophesied that they will smite the judge of Israel on the cheek with a rod. Since all prophesies are fulfilled 100%, we can only assume Yeshua was beaten with a rod, and no one knows how many lashes He actually received. It was a normal practice to have two men lash the victim, one on each side of the body. The "flagrum," or "whip of cords," was a round handled stick about 18-24 inches long with one to five leather tongs tied to the end. Each of these tongs had a piece of either; lead, iron, or bone tied to them for weight. These were called "dumbbells". That is where the term that weight-lifters use, "dumbbells," gets its origin. These dumbbells were designed to grab and tear meat from the flesh when they were lashed downwards against the body. The dumbbells left holes in the flesh wherever they made contact. The lashes that Yeshua received would have torn a great deal of flesh from his body. He would have had anywhere from 39 to 200 holes and tear marks all over the front and back of His body. When Yeshua was beaten His ribs were badly bruised, causing further damage to His stomach, lungs, kidneys, and heart. This caused pleurisy which would have resulted in severe dehydration and high fever. His body would have lost a lot of fluid and he would have been incredibly thirsty. Yeshua was struck on His face with a rod and many believe His nose was dislocated.

The most common device used for crucifixion was a wooden cross/stake, which consisted of an upright pole in most cases **permanently** fixed to the ground. Crucifixion was used to punish slaves that ran away from their master. It was the ultimate punishment. Paul said that Yeshua took "the form of a slave!". Isaiah called Him a "servant". **Isa. 42:1** "*Behold, My **Servant**, whom I uphold; My chosen one {in whom} My soul delights. I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.*" **Phil. 2:7** "*but emptied Himself, **taking the form of a bond-servant**, {and} being made in the likeness of men.*"

Victims of crucifixion were stripped naked, and the Roman soldiers typically divided

up the clothing of the victim.

Psalm 22 says more about the crucifixion than any other chapter, and it was written eight centuries before the crucifixion. **Ps. 22:18** *“They divide my garments among them and for my clothing they cast lots”* As a gesture of Roman kindness the prisoners were usually offered a mixture of vinegar (gall), an opiate, and wine as an anesthetic. This anesthetic was refused by Yeshua. Consequently, He bore it all. Peter stated in **1Pet. 2:24** ***“And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the stake, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed”***

The victim, Yeshua, was placed on His back, arms stretched up and nailed to the stake above Him. The 7-9 inch nails were placed in the palm of His hands. His arms were tied to the stake to support His weight. The placement of the nails at this point had a terrible affect. First it ensured that the victim would slowly bleed to death.

Ps. 22:17 *“I can count all my bones. They look, they stare at me; they divide my garments among them”*. All people crucified had their legs broken on the stake, and yet for some unknown reason the Roman centurion soldier disobeyed his leader in Yeshua’s case. **Ps. 34:20** *“He keeps all my bones; **not one of them is broken”***. In **Exod. 12:46** it says the Passover lamb shall not have any broken bones, this also was a prophecy. *“It is to be eaten in a single house; you are not to bring forth any of the flesh outside the house, nor are you to break any bone of it”* In **John 19:34** it says the soldier pierced Yeshua’s side with a spear and there came out water and blood. *“But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.”* To this day at Passover, some Jewish people still mix water in their wine because of this happening at the crucifixion.

The positioning of the feet is probably the most crucial part of the mechanics of crucifixion. First the knees were flexed about 45 degrees and the feet were bent downward an additional 45 degrees until they were parallel to the vertical pole. Iron nails were driven through between the 2nd. and 3rd. metatarsal bones. In this position the nail would sever the dorsal pedal artery of the foot, but the resultant bleeding would be insufficient to cause death. The resulting position on the stake sets up a horrific sequence of events which results in a slow, painful death. Having been pinned to the stake, the victim now has an impossible position to maintain.

With the knees flexed at about 45 degrees, the victim must bear his weight with the muscles of the thigh. However, this is an almost impossible task. Try this: stand with your knees flexed at 45 degrees for five minutes. As the strength of the knees gives out, the weight of the body must now be borne by the arms and shoulders. The result is that within a few minutes of being placed on the stake, the shoulders will become dislocated. Minutes later the elbows and wrists become dislocated. The result of these dislocations is that the arms are as much as 6-9 inches longer than normal.

With the arms dislocated, considerable body weight is transferred to the chest, causing the rib cage to be elevated in a state of perpetual inhalation. As time goes on, the victim is less and less able to bear weight on the legs, causing further dislocation of the arms, a tightening of the chest making breathing more and more difficult. After several hours the heart begins to fail, the lungs collapse and fill up with fluid, which further decreases oxygen delivery to the tissues. The blood loss and hyperventilation combines

to cause severe dehydration. That's why Yeshua said "**I Thirst**". The victim, in effect, cannot breathe properly, and slowly suffocates to death. In cases of severe cardiac stress, the victim's heart may even burst. Therefore it could be said that Yeshua died of a broken heart.

The crown of thorns placed on His head was made from green thorns that were about two inches long. They would have pierced the skin of His skull all over the circumference. The sap from the green thorns was like an acid as it penetrated the skin and mixed with the blood of His scalp. At crucifixion Yeshua's face would have had severe disfigurement from His brutal beating. It is likely that His eyelids were swollen shut because of the beating; this was done in fulfillment of **Isa. 52:13-14** "***His appearance was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men.***" It is believed that Yeshua had not drunk since the night before, so the combination of the beatings, the crown of thorns, and the scourging would have set into motion an irreversible process of severe dehydration and cardiorespiratory failure. All of this was done so the prophecy of Isaiah would be fulfilled.

To slow the process of death, the executioners put a small wooden seat on the stake, which would allow the victim the privilege of bearing his weight on his buttocks. The effect of this was that it would slow down the death process and therefore take up to nine days to die on the stake.

At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon Yeshua said "**Tetelastai**" meaning "**it is finished**" (John 19:30). Then He gave His last breath. When the soldiers came to break His legs, He was already dead. Not a bone was broken.

Have you ever wondered why Yeshua died so fast? He died quickly because of the curse on the bitter water/wine He drank from in regard to the adultery test. In the Book of Numbers 5:23-28, we see this test explained. Yeshua had to drink of the cup of the adultery test because He represented the bride (those believers who had committed adultery with other gods) because He stood in covenant for Abraham's seed forever. When one was found guilty of adultery, according to the test, that person would immediately be cursed with death. The people Israel were guilty and He represented them. That is the other prophetic meaning of: "It is finished" (John 19:30). After He died the true bride of Adonai was made clean again and she could once more become His fiancé. Those who do not follow His instructions (law) have never been, and will never be His bride. His bride are those who love Him and in faith, keep His commandments (John 14:15).

Yeshua was actually beaten so badly that He no longer looked human. His beard was even **ripped off** His face. **Isa. 50:6** "***I gave my back to those who strike me, and my cheeks to those who pluck out my beard***" That is why when He was resurrected and came to people they did not recognize Him.

Pilate himself wrote on a wooden plaque to be placed above Yeshua on the stake, "**Yeshua of Nazareth, the King of the Jews**". This was written in Hebrew first, and then in Greek, and Latin. (John 19:21-22) The priests wanted Pilate to change what he had written, but he refused. Pilate may have known more than we are lead to believe; when you take the first letter of each of these four words and put them together, they spell "**YHVH**"

When they stood Yeshua up on the stake He would have been in a medical state which we to this day call “**total body pain**”, when every cell in the body is in total agony and the person can think and feel nothing but pain.

Luke 24:38-39 *“And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? “See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, **for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.**” He didn’t say blood, He said bones because all His blood had been removed.*

There were four soldiers and four women present at the stake. The four women were all named Mary/Miriam which means “bitterness” in Hebrew. Those present were Messiah’s mother, Mary, and His aunt Mary, Mary, the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Yah could not look down on Him because the sin that Yeshua took on made Him unclean in Yah’s eyes.

2Cor. 12:7 *And because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, **there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me — to keep me from exalting myself!***

Many people have been led to believe that the thorn in the side referred to in this verse was a demon sent by Satan. This is incorrect. This is referring to the Canaanites that Manasseh did not destroy as directed by Yah. The Canaanites included many pagan people (including what was to become the Edomites), that they were told to destroy but did not. For this reason these people would become **a thorn in their flesh forever.**

Jgs. 2:1-3 *Now the angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, “I brought you up out of Egypt and led you into the land which I have sworn to your fathers; and I said, I will never break My covenant with you, 2 and as for you, you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars. But you have not obeyed Me; what is this you have done? 3 “Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall become **as thorns in your sides**, and their gods shall be a snare to you.’”*

Numb. 33:55 *‘But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall come about that those whom you let remain of them will become as pricks in your eyes and **as thorns in your sides**, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live.* It’s no coincidence that Yeshua received a crown of thorns on His head. They were mocking Him and they knew what the thorns represented. The Amalikites were descendants of Esau. Haman, as you may recall, was an Amalikite.

GOLGOTHA,,GOLGOLET

The inspection gate was directly across from where Yeshua died at Calvary. It is commonly called "golgotha". Golgotha may look like a hill in the shape of a skull but I think that is mostly because photographers have managed to make it look that way with their photographs. It is called golgotha because it was the gate where the census was done. Many misinformed individuals have made people think that Yeshua died in a place that looked like a skull. This is simply an error. The skull part is in regard to the inspection gate and has nothing to do with a hill that supposedly looks like a skull. On the night in which Yeshua was betrayed He had to go through the Mipgad gate. He fell to the ground right in front of the inspection gate where Simon Peter carried the stake for Him all the way to the

spot where He was crucified on the Mt. of Olives. Many people witnessed His death because it was along the main road. Yeshua was crucified on the main road to the Mt. of Olives east of the temple. He died looking westward at the place where census took place, through the temple doors and directly into the holy of Holies, after He was thoroughly inspected.

THE RESURRECTION

WHAT YESHUA DID FOR US AT CALVARY?

1. HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL OUR SINS TO BE FORGIVEN (bore the punishment for our guilt)

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for all our sins to be forgiven, but have all people automatically accepted this? He allowed all the sin that had taken place up to that time, and all the sin that would ever take place to be forgiven. **Isa. 53:4** *“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of Yah, and afflicted. But **He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being {fell} upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.**”*

Yeshua bore the sin of all men, and so died the death due to all men. In return, to all who accept His substitutionary sacrifice, Yeshua now offers the gift of eternal life. Paul explains it in **Rom. 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of Yah is eternal life in Messiah Yeshua our Lord.”* This first aspect can be summed up as follows: Yeshua died our **death** that we might receive His life.

In **Luke 23:34** Yeshua said *“**Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing**”*. He said this because Yeshua had already forgiven all the people, he just wanted Yah to likewise forgive them. Yeshua gave us reconciliation on the stake and made peace within us possible. He gave us righteousness.

Some of Messiah’s last words were *“Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?”* My Yah, my Yah, why hast thou forsaken me? (Matt. 27:45-51). Yeshua was using a very familiar practice when he spoke these words. He was referring to Psalm 22. Those who knew the Tenakh would have understood what He was referring to. **Ps. 22:1** *“**My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my [c]groaning.**”* Yeshua was simply bringing attention to what Psalm 22 revealed, that He was the Messiah spoken of. They never picked up on it.

In the spiritual realm, Yeshua received that which was due to us because of our transgressions and iniquities that we, in turn, might be forgiven and so be at peace with Yah. (Rom 5:1) In the physical plane, Yeshua bore our sicknesses and pains that we, through His wounds might be healed. In two passages of the Renewed Testament it confirms this. **Matt. 8:16** *“And when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, **“HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES, AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”**”*

1Pet. 2:24 *“and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the stake, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”* This twofold

exchange can be summed up as follows: Yeshua was **punished** that we might be **forgiven**. Yeshua was **wounded** that we might be **healed**.

In ancient times of the old law, when a man sinned he brought an animal (sheep, goat, etc.) to the priest to be sacrificed. The priest would take the sins of the man and transfer them to the animal. Then the animal was made a sin offering, and sacrificed on the alter. Likewise, when Yeshua gave His soul on the stake He was made the sin offering (rather than an animal). Our sins were transferred to Yeshua and He was sacrificed on the alter as the ultimate *“sin offering”*. He actually became sin. This represented the words *“He was made a sin offering for mankind”*. This sin was the “cup” that He had to drink of. By Yeshua taking with Him to death all the sin that mankind could possibly conceive of, He made it possible for all of us to be “justified, made righteous”. He made it possible for all mankind who have sinned and been found guilty of it, to be found “not guilty”. He made justification and righteousness possible for all who follow Yeshua. “Just-as-if-I’d-never-sinned,” was the verdict that Elohim (Yah the judge) made available to all those who follow the commandments and walk with Adonai. For those that do so the stake represents everything that Yeshua stood for, all made available to us who truly believe and walk towards the narrow gate. The blood atonement of Yeshua made it possible for us to personally testify to what the word says the blood does for us, and Satan has no answer against us. We are saved by the blood.

Hebr. 2:9 *“But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, {namely,} Yeshua, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of Yah He might taste death for everyone.”* Yeshua tasted death for us that we might share His life.

Adonai made Yeshua **“a guilt offering”**, an offering for sin. **Isa. 53:10** *“But Adonai was pleased To crush Him, putting {Him} to grief; If He would render Himself {as} a **guilt offering**, He will see {His} offspring, He will prolong {His} days, And the good pleasure of Adonai will prosper in His hand.”* **Isa. 53:12** *“Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.”* **2Cor. 5:21** *“He made Him who knew no sin {to be} sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of Yah in Him.”* The third aspect can be wrapped up as follows: Yeshua was made **sin with our sinfulness, that we might be made righteous with His righteousness**.

2. HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL SICKNESSES TO BE HEALED

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for the healing of all our diseases, but are all people automatically healed?

Ps. 103:3 *“He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases”* It clearly says here, **“ALL MY DISEASES”** not some of my diseases. In other words all diseases can be removed from His believers. All diseases are the result of Satan in one way or another. We are to lay hands on the sick and they will be healed.

Isa. 53:4 *“Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of Yah, and afflicted. But **He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being {fell} upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.”*** In **Matt.**

8:16-17 “And when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, **“HE HIMSELF TOOK OUR INFIRMITIES, AND CARRIED AWAY OUR DISEASES.”** This refers to the same thing as in Isaiah 53, and likewise in **1Pet. 2:24** “and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the stake, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for **by His wounds you were healed.**”

I believe that when Yeshua was on the stake He stood out from all the rest because He had taken on all the physical sicknesses of the world. **Isa. 52:14** “So His appearance was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men” His body took on every disease, internally and externally, that is known to man, and that will ever be known to man, so that we could have these diseases removed in His name. He made provisions so that all our diseases could be healed, but it is not automatic, we must do as His word says.

I believe all diseases are the result of physical abuse, physical damage, curses or demonic spirits. Many diseases are covered under the heading of the “spirit of infirmity”. Remove the curse, cast out the demon and the disease has to go in Yeshua’s name. If you believe and trust in the words in the Bible and if you believe and trust in Yeshua, then you, as a Believer, have available the authority to heal the sick and cast out demons. If you honestly believe Yeshua wants you “SICK,” then you cannot truly believe in Yah the Father. Would any Father want his child to be sick? Of course not. Some sicknesses are healed instantly and some take time, but “ALL” must go. There are exceptions to every rule, of course, and Yahveh may have a purpose for some of His people being ill, but generally speaking I don’t think He wants us sick.

3. HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO BE SET FREE

The minute we became Believers (repent and obey His Word), we were born again, meaning, our old selves, the old man, was given up so that we could become part of the supernatural realm of the Almighty. We died from this world so that we could be “of” the Kingdom of Yah.

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for setting all captives free, but are all people automatically set free?

Gal. 2:20 “I have been crucified with Messiah and it is no longer I who live, but Messiah lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the son of Yah who loved me and delivered Himself up for me”

On the stake a divinely ordained exchange took place. All the evil that was due by justice to the human race for each of us individually, was visited upon Yeshua, that all the good that was due to the sinless obedience of Yeshua might be made available to us who believe because of Yah’s grace.

In **Col. 2:14-15** it describes what Yah accomplished through the death of Yeshua on the stake on our behalf. “He made you alive together with Him, **having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the stake. When he had disarmed the rulers and authorities He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him**” These rulers and

authorities are the same spiritual forces of Satan that are referred to in Eph. 6:12. Through the stake, Yah disarmed those rulers and authorities. Satan was left without armor, he has been stripped of his weapons, and was made a public display. Yeshua won the victory for us, His victory is to be worked out through us. Believers now have power and authority over Satan's actions.

Luke 10:19 *"Behold , I have given you the authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall injure you"*

Mark 16:15-18 *"He said to them, go throughout the whole world and preach the gospel to all mankind. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. **Believers will be given the power to perform miracles: they will drive out demons in my name; they will speak in strange tongues; if they pick up snakes or drink any poison, they will not be harmed; they will place their hands on sick people and these will get well**".* This passage makes it clear to us that signs and wonders follow the Believers. It is common today to have people travel all over the world to follow great signs and wonders of so-called evangelists and healers, looking for help. **The Bible states clearly the signs should follow the Believers, not lead them. This passage is "active", it doesn't just state who and what can be done, it says "do it," "go", don't just talk or sing about it.** The reference here to serpents and poison simple means true Believers can defeat the devil and overcome him.

Yeshua defeated Satan on the stake and gave all believers spiritual authority over Satan's powers, principalities, rulers, demons and fallen angels. In **Matt. 28:18-19** *It says "And Yeshua came up and spoke to them, saying, **All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit**"* When Yeshua said all authority He meant it. If Yeshua has all authority that leaves none for anybody else, except as Yeshua yields it. This means **"You go therefore and exercise on my behalf the authority that I have already won"** We are to administer the victory that He gave us.

Authority is only effective when it is administered or exercised! If we don't administer the authority He has given us, we disappoint Him. It is our duty to show the world Yeshua's victory, and to demonstrate it on the offensive. We must take our victory over Satan and His kingdom, and stomp him under our feet. We must actually "cast out" demons in the name of Yeshua, and not just talk, and read about it! We must set Satan's captives free. We are to be **"doers of the word"** not just talkers and singers of the word. **James 1:23-24** *"For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for {once} he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was."*

4. HE TOOK US FROM POVERTY TO ABUNDANCE

Yeshua took us from poverty to spiritual riches. He became poor so we in return might become rich. **2Cor. 8:9** *"For you know the grace of our Messiah Yeshua, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, that you **through His poverty might become rich.**"* Yeshua became poor on the stake as Moses describes in **Deut. 28:48** *"therefore you shall serve your enemies whom Adonai shall send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in the lack of all things; and He will put an iron yoke on your neck until He has destroyed you."* This verse is clearly describing poverty.

2Cor. 9:8 *“And Yah is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an **abundance** for every good deed.”*

When Yeshua was on the stake He was hungry....He hadn't eaten in 24 hours.

Yeshua was thirsty....One of His last utterances was **“I thirst”** (John 19:28).

Yeshua was naked.....The soldiers had taken all His clothes (John 19:23).

Yeshua was in need of all things.....He no longer owned anything. He was even buried in a borrowed robe and tomb. (Luke 23:50-53). Yeshua endured absolute brokenness for our sakes.

This aspect of the exchange can be summed up as follows: Yeshua endured our worldly poverty that we might share His **spiritual abundance**. Yeshua gave us **authority over evil** so that we would have the ability to be set free.

5. HE TOOK AWAY ALL OUR EMOTIONAL INIQUITIES

The death of Yeshua on the stake consisted of His suffering all emotional iniquities for us. This included shame, rejection, and all other forms and types of physical manifestations of the flesh and soul. In place of shame, He gave us glory, and in place of rejection, He gave us acceptance and grace with the Father. **Heb. 2:9-11** *“But we do see Him who has been made for a little while lower than the angels, {namely,} Yeshua, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that by the grace of Yah He might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one {Father} ; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren,”*

When Yeshua represented us on the stake, it meant that our “old man” was crucified with Him. **Rom. 6:6** *“knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him**, that our body of sin might be done away with”.*

Eph. 1:5 *“He predestined us to adoption as sons through Yeshua to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, **which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.**”*

Yeshua didn't die from the physical effects of crucifixion, He died from a broken heart caused by the world rejecting Him. Summed up, it means Yeshua bore our **shame** that we might share His **glory**. Yeshua endured our **rejection** that we might have His **acceptance** and **grace** with the Father.

6. HE REMOVED THE NEED FOR THE SACRIFICIAL LAWS AND THE ENTIRE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

Yeshua made it possible for us to communicate directly with Yah the Father. When Yeshua gave up His life on the stake He made it possible for us to symbolically enter the Holiest of Holies directly, without blood sacrifices and tradition. Until the stake, man gave blood sacrifices to “COVER” his sins. When He died He became the “high priest,” from the order of Melchizedek and offered His own blood on the Mercy Seat for all mankind who are willing to accept Him in their lives. Yeshua was the ultimate “lamb of God” sacrifice, because of His blood being spilled at Calvary, no more blood or sacrifices would have to be substituted for the people. Our sins were no longer just covered, we were given the ability to have them continuously removed by Yahveh if we “follow Him”.

When Yeshua died on the stake, **the laws He made null, were the Sacrificial**

laws, and the Sacrificial system laws, not the Law of the Ten Commandments.

These laws in regards to the Levitical priests were finished, and there was no more need for the Temple. Animal sacrifices were necessary in the great Temple until Yeshua gave Himself at Calvary. Yeshua nullified the ceremonial laws relating to animal sacrifices when He gave Himself up on the stake at Calvary. Yeshua was the Highest of High Priests, and He was the ultimate sacrifice. Yeshua was the ultimate perfect blood sacrifice, the “Lamb of Yahveh” and by giving Himself on the stake He became the blood atonement, the blood of the lamb, and made it unnecessary for people to offer up blood sacrifices any longer. He also made it unnecessary to have the Temple and the High Priests.

When Yeshua said “**it is finished**”, at Calvary, the “**it**” He was referring to was **the sacrificial and temple laws and the drinking of the cup of the adultery test** (Numb. 5:23-28). The connection to the adultery test will be explained somewhere else.

Matt. 27:51 *“And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and the rocks were split,”* When this took place the Holiest of Holies which was only accessible by one person once a year, became open to all Believers. When we call upon Yah the Father, we are immediately brought into His presence.

Like Isaac when he was 37 years old, Yeshua was offered up as the sacrifice for us **Col. 1:19-22** *“For it was the {Father’s} good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace **through the blood of His stake; through Him, {I say}** , whether things on earth or things in heaven. And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, {engaged} in evil deeds, yet **He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death**, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach”*

Yeshua was the final ultimate sacrifice, He was the High Priest and He was the blood of the lamb. He went into the Holy of Holies for the last time. **Hebr. 9:11-26** *“But when **Messiah appeared {as} a high priest** of the good things to come, {He entered} through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, **but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all**, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to Yah, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Yah? And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were {committed} under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. For a covenant is valid {only} when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives. Therefore even the first {covenant} was not inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, **“THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH YAH COMMANDED YOU.”** And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood. And according to the Law,*

*{one may} almost {say}, **all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.** Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Messiah did not enter a holy place made with hands, a {mere} copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of Yah for us; nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages **He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**"*

7. HE MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR ALL CURSES TO BE REMOVED

Yeshua made it possible for us to be redeemed of all the curses. **Gal. 3:13** *"Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, **"CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"**—in order that in Messiah Yeshua the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."* In Hebrew the word "tree" was used to describe both a living tree or a piece of wood like the stake. Here Paul is clearly referring to the curses associated with the "Law given to Moses," not the collective curses of the law referred to in Deuteronomy and in most other Biblical verses. There was no cross at Calvary, Yeshua was crucified on a tree/stake. The beginning of the period of the Law was made clear in **John 1:17** *"For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Yeshua"* In Deuteronomy 28 Moses describes in detail about the curses and blessings resulting from obeying the law, or breaking the law. Yeshua became a **curse** that we might enter into the **blessings**.

When Yeshua gave Himself on the stake He presented Himself as the **"last Adam"**, taking on the curses of Adam and **"the seed of Abraham"**, taking on the curses from being born under the law. The curses given to Adam and Eve were not included in the curses of the Law because they were long before any Law, but were included on the stake because Yeshua stood for the last Adam. **1Pet. 1:3** *"Blessed be Yah the Father of our Messiah Yeshua, who according to His great mercy **has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Yeshua from the dead, to {obtain} an inheritance {which is} imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,**"* The redemption from the curse provided by the death of Yeshua was complete in regards to all curses. Every curse that ever existed, or was to ever exist, was put upon Yeshua at Calvary. This meant that Yeshua made it possible for all curses to be removed, but it didn't make it automatic. The only time all curses will cease to exist for Believers is when Yeshua returns when we will receive our spiritual bodies. As mentioned in **Phil. 3:20-21** *"**For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, Messiah Yeshua; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.**"* After that all curses will be removed, as mentioned also in **2Pet. 3:13** *"**But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells.**"* and is summed up in **Rev. 22:3** *"**And there shall no longer be any curse; and the throne of Yah and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His bond-servants shall serve Him;**"*

I believe that when Yeshua was on the stake He took on all the curses of Yah, the Law of Moses, and Satan. He physically and mentally received them all. This does not automatically mean that we can't or won't receive any curses! It means that Yeshua already paid the price for them! All we have to now do is repent and pray to have them removed. He gave us the authority and the right to remove all the curses mentioned in the Bible, through prayer.

The total "life" of Yah was poured out through His Son Yeshua on the stake because Yah is the only one who has "life" (creation), in His blood, and He gave it all to us.

SALVATION

In the Torah (Old Testament), the people of faith looked forward to the coming of Yeshua because it was revealed to them in the Torah through Abraham, in Gen. 22. They looked forward to the final sacrifice and the atonement of those who accept Yahveh as their Abba.

In the Renewed Testament, after Calvary, we, in faith, look back at what Yeshua made possible for us with His atonement. We have to look back in faith, whereas the other Believers looked forward.

The previous listed exchanges all together can be summed up in one word, "**SALVATION**". Yeshua made salvation possible for us on the stake. Yeshua made provisions on the stake for salvation, but are all people automatically saved?

When we became "BORN AGAIN" Believers, we were given salvation and a guarantee of eternity, provided we continually walk close to Adonai. **Rom. 10:9-10** *"That if you confess with your mouth, Yeshua as Messiah and believe in your heart that Yah raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation"* When Yeshua died on the stake He made it possible for us to be saved from this world, and made it possible for us to have eternal life. Eternal means "time doesn't apply". Millions of proclaimed Christians today are not born again, even though they honestly think they are. Some have been going to church for many years, thinking that saves them. The writer of Romans here makes it clear that you must "**CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH**" (out-loud), to be saved. Too many people today have never confessed out loud with their mouth, and are **NOT SAVED**.

We are made up as a "TRIUNE" man. We consist of a "body", a "soul" and a "spirit". When a Believer dies, his body goes back to dust, his "spirit" and "soul" go to the good side of Hades, guided by the Death angel of Yah.

John 5:39-40 *"You search the scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life: and it is these that bear witness of me: and you are un-willing to come to me, that you may have life"* Here Paul is saying; "if you believe by reading the scriptures you are saved, you are mistaken". That is bibliography. You must not worship the Bible, you must worship it's contents, "**CONFESS WITH YOUR MOUTH**" to come to Yah.

John 3:3 *"Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is "BORN AGAIN", he cannot see the kingdom of Yah"*

John 3:16 *"For Yah so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"*

Acts 16:31 “Believe in Messiah Yeshua, and you shall be saved, you and your household”

To simplify the exchanges that Yeshua made on the stake for us would be as follows:

Yeshua was **punished** that we might be **forgiven**.

Yeshua was **wounded** that we might be **healed**.

Yeshua was made **sin** with our sinfulness, that we might be made right with His **righteousness**.

Yeshua **died** our death that we might receive His **life**.

Yeshua endured our **spiritual poverty** that we might share His **spiritual abundance**.

Yeshua bore our **shame** that we might share His **glory**.

Yeshua endured our **rejection** that we might have His **acceptance** with the Father.

Yeshua **poured** Himself out that we may have **direct access** to the Father.

Yeshua was made a **curse** that we might enter into the **blessings**.

At Calvary Yeshua became our substitutionary death (olah) offering. He was our offering of thanksgiving to Yah (minhah). He was our peace offering (shlamim). He was our sin offering (hatat), and our guilt offering (asham).

Yeshua arose on the SEVENTH day of the week, Saturday. It is symbolic of Yahveh's divinity. (Detailed information on the true death and resurrection dates are available in my book called: “Christianity’s pagan roots, symbols and holidays”)

All wisdom comes from Yah. Paul told the Corinthians what wisdom was; “to us who are being saved it is the power of Yah” to the so-called wise men “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise” **1Cor 1:18-19** Sin entered through the avenue of the intellect, but salvation comes by the stake that destroys the fallen wisdom. It comes through a genuine acceptance of the message of the stake, for the preaching of “Messiah crucified” is “foolishness” (verse 23) to the wisdom of men.

The Holy Spirit has the only key to Yah’s storehouse, and it comes in the shape of the stake.

It is difficult to read about the real suffering of Yeshua on the stake without feeling sick inside. When you realize that Yeshua looked forward to the stake on our behalf, we are overwhelmed with His practical demonstration of love and, hopefully, a personal relation of our unworthiness. How should we then live? I believe that Paul said it best: **Phil. 2:5-11** “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Messiah Yeshua, who, although He existed in the form of Yah, did not regard equality with Yah a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bondservant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in the appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also Yah highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee shall bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Yeshua is Messiah, to the glory of Yah the Father**”

WHO REALLY KILLED YESHUA ?

Yahveh killed His son Yeshua, no one else did it. Yeshua's death had been planned centuries ahead. All of the Old Testament points to the crucifixion of Yeshua. He had to die to fulfill the necessary blood atonement sacrifice required for all of us to be set free. A sect of the Hebrew population was responsible for the physical death that took place, but it was only because Yah the Father allowed and wanted it to take place, in that fashion. It was Adonai's plan from the beginning and from the time He made the blood covenant with Abraham. Yeshua Himself said in **John 10:18** ***"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative"*** and look at what Luke says **Luke 18:32-33** ***"For He will be delivered to the Gentiles, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, they will kill Him; and the third day He will rise again."*** Also read **Isa. 53:4-6** ***"smitten by Yah"***

Yahveh Himself planned the death of His Son by the people just as He made the heart of the Pharaoh hard back in Exodus when Moses was trying to get the people out of Egypt. Yah planned for this to happen **so that the Gentiles could be saved. Rom. 11:24-25** ***"For if you were cut off from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural {branches} be grafted into their own olive tree? For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in;"*** **Rom. 11:30** ***"For just as you once were disobedient to Yah, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,"***

Most Theologians and Clergy blame the death of Yeshua on the Jewish people and because of that, there has been bitter hatred towards them. The hatred turned into anti-Semitism, which in turn fed the anti-Messiah demon spirit throughout the centuries. This anti-Semitism has not ceased throughout the ages, and exists today in every nation of the world.

As to the people that gathered for Yeshua's trial, they were gathered by the temple crowd who were prosecuting Him. Remember, the trial began sometime after dark. Who would be aware that this trial was even going on? Most people would be at home asleep. Only those notified by the priesthood and temple scribes and Pharisees were present. Do you really think these guys were sympathetic to Yeshua's call and ministry? Of course not! When Pilot offered Barabbas in place of Yeshua, he knew what he was doing. Barabbas was no ordinary criminal. He was a political prisoner who had been fighting against Roman occupation of Israel. Of course they wanted to see him set free, Barabbas was well known.

At Passover two who were despised and rejected were to be sentenced to death. Yeshua the Messiah was despised by the Pharisees (the so-called church leaders), and Barabbas was despised by Rome. "Barabbas" is a contraction of the Hebrew words "bar" meaning "son", and "Abba" meaning "Father", thereby "Barabbas – Son of the Father". Yeshua, selected as the perfect substitute became the atonement offering. Barabbas, deserving death as the Azazel, was released. This is a very clear reminder of the so-called christian church today who has chosen to follow another "son of the father", Barabbas whom they call Jesus Christ. They have chosen another Messiah rather than

the Jewish Messiah Yeshua now, as they did back then. It is called rebellion, spiritual rebellion. The Pharisees back then (the CEO'S of the christian churches today), were afraid of loosing their titles and privileges as priests, by allowing the real Messiah to be recognized. This is just like it is to this very day. They want their people to follow their Jesus rather than the real Messiah. If the People ever figure out the Way, they will loose their flock and their income. This is their fear.

Did you ever wonder why thousands of Jews followed Him all over Israel hoping to be touched or healed by Him, but on this night, everyone was saying, apparently with one voice, execute Him? Lumping all Jews into a bad light is anti-Semitism. Not all Jews belong in this category. Read Revelations 6 for confirmation. **We cannot say that Jews are not of the true religion, because they are the oracles of true religion of the bible.**

This means that the Jews who were there that day and cried out for Barabbas to be released, accepted the blood of an innocent man on their hands. They were politically motivated and were ignorant of what they were doing. Yah will judge them. If Jews are unable to follow Yeshua as Messiah, then I guess that the Apostles, all of whom were Jewish, changed their faith? Show me in the Bible where they did that! They were Jews who believed in a Jewish Messiah, and therefore became completed in their acceptance of Jewish prophecy. Jews are Israel after they accept Yeshua as Messiah. This does not change. Believers are Gentiles who accept Yeshua as Messiah. Believers are the wild olive branches that are grafted into the Tree of Israel, not the other way around. The Bible does not speak of conversion to any other faith except Judaism. When someone accepted the God of the Hebrews in those days, they became a "Ger", or, "proselyte". There is no Biblical word for a convert to Christianity. Christian was the designation used to tell Gentiles and Jewish believers apart, and "Christian" was, and still is, actually used as a "derogatory term" by the Romans, because it is a slang abusive epithet term deceived people use to stand for Messiah and Believers.

Yeshua was NOT speaking just to the Jewish people in **John 8:44** ***"You are of {your} father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own {nature;} for he is a liar, and the father of lies."*** He had been speaking to the Pharisees since verse 13, and He was still speaking to them. "His blood is on us and on our children"? This verse has been used to justify persecution of the Jews through the centuries, by Believers who presumed that the Jewish people had invoked a curse on themselves and on their posterity, and willingly accepted responsibility for "deicide". Yeshua prayed for them because He knew what they were doing to themselves, even if it was out of ignorance. *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."*

Besides, if the Jews were the only ones who killed Yeshua, then He didn't die for anyone else. But He died for all, not just for Jews. The righteous Messiah died for everyone who is unrighteous, that is, for everyone! Everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, is a sinner! By sinning, everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, killed Him! Therefore, everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, is guilty of Yeshua's death!

What Rabbi Yeshua uttered in His agony was not a cry of despair, as is often said, but His last lesson on Earth. He was quoting **Ps. 22:1** ***"MY Yahveh, my Yahveh, why hast***

Thou forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning." By saying that one verse, His Torah-versed audience would immediately remember that Scriptural passage and understand that He was drawing their attention to **18**: *"They shared his garments among them."* We have not understood this because we have severed ourselves from the cultural container, from Judaism, where Scripture draws from all its content.

Even today if I say to you, *"for God so loved"* you would know I was quoting from John 3:16 I'm sure. Messiah was teaching from the stake. Yeshua speaking the first lines of Psalm 22 was hinting or pointing to it. This kind of teaching is classified as **"Remez"**. Yeshua Messiah used Remez from the stake. We read when Yeshua cried out in **Matt. 27:46** *He was teaching them who He was. "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthami? that is to say My Yah, My Yah why hast thou forsaken me?"* Right from the stake Yeshua was saying to ALL those who watched, "I AM the One spoken of in Psalms 22, remember my words. It is I hanging here - **I AM the One!**"

Yeshua was a Great Rabbi to the very end. This was indeed His last attempt to tell them "He was Messiah." However, pride blurred their vision and kept them from seeing the completed Picture.

As per the possibility of grave robbers stealing Yeshua's body, this is highly unlikely. A Roman guard was one of the greatest, strictly disciplined fighting units. A Roman security guard would never fall asleep, as the penalty was death. They rotated shifts every four hours to ensure top performance of duty. It is reasonable to conclude that the Roman guards came to the chief priests out of desperation following Yeshua's resurrection. They feared for their lives, and they knew that the chief priests would have influence on Roman authorities.

THEORY

The following is a theory which I believe to be worth considering, about who was really responsible for Yeshua's death.

The crucifixion plot of Yeshua was organized by the Pharisees, scribes, chief priests, and Caiaphas, the high priest. King Herod (an Idumean, or half breed Jew) was appointed by Rome and set up Caiaphas as a high priest. At the time of Yeshua's crucifixion the temple priesthood had already been corrupted. The High Priests were buying their position as head of the Temple. Caiaphas the High priest bought his position, he was not a holy man (Matt. 26:57).

He had at his finger tips; Caiaphas was Herod's stooge. The Roman leaders were afraid of Yeshua, He was a threat to Rome in many ways. But He was particularly a threat to the army itself, because He could feed multiples of people with only a few loaves of bread. He could heal the sick, and on command, raise the dead. If Yeshua could have been used for military purposes the Roman army didn't have a chance. This man, Yeshua, in fact was a serious threat to the Roman Empire.

In Mark 11:18 it talks about all the people being astonished at Yeshua's teaching. The scribes heard of this teacher and were frightened of him. They instigated a conspiracy to get rid of Him. In Mark 12:12, it says they wanted to grab Him but they feared the multitude of people. Why would they fear the people (the Jews) if the Jews were anxious to kill Yeshua? (Luke 20:19) Yeshua was in fact so popular with the people

that they were afraid to arrest Him because of a riot. So, in fact, the Jews loved Yeshua, and would not dare hurt Him. It was a few of the Pharisees that instigated a conspiracy against Yeshua, even though the majority of Jews liked what He was doing.

It seems nobody wants it pointed out, but the fact is, it was the **MINISTERS/PREACHERS/SPIRITUAL LEADERS** of that time that killed Yeshua. Think about this. It was the high priest and other priests who spit on Yeshua, and hit Him with their fists prior to the crucifixion. (Matt. 26:63-68). The so-called spiritual leaders back then are like many of our leaders today that know who Yeshua truly is, but don't teach people how to follow Him. They teach people how to follow a particular brand of religion so they can be esteemed. They don't want their flock disturbed with the truth. They want full power and control over their lost sheep, and they want to keep them under their control. If the people learn the truth about Yeshua, they won't need the priests as much, and won't support them financially to the extent they do now.

When Nicodemus (a Pharisee) went to see Yeshua after sundown, it was because he was a judge, and he was extremely busy all that day. He came as soon as he could to talk to Yeshua. Nicodemus didn't hate Yeshua, Nicodemus knew Yeshua was sent from Yah. (John 19: 38-39)

There were three groups of Pharisees, one group loved Yeshua, (Luke 13:31) one group hated Him, and one group were quiet. The Pharisees that followed Hallel, hated Yeshua because He put them in their place. (Luke 5:16) The Pharisees of John 9:15 are referred to as Jews. The mob at the mansion of Caiaphas was gathered and controlled by Caiaphas himself. (Matt. 27:20) This mob was made up of Pharisees who hated Yeshua, this group made up only a small percentage of the population. Scholars estimate there were about 1 million Jews at the time of Yeshua. Of this 1 million only about 6,000 were Pharisees. These were the people responsible for Yeshua's death, not the Jews as a whole.

There is another idea that is represented at Calvary. Yeshua/Yah was not only the chief Rabbi of the world, but He was also the bridegroom of the marriage of Israel. One of the reasons Yeshua died was to end the marriage vow of the previous covenant, which ended in Yah divorcing Israel for harlotry (idolatry... Jer. 3:8, Isa. 50). In Jeremiah 3:8 it talks about Yah giving Israel a certificate of divorce. That's what the 70 year Babylonian captivity was all about. Yah pleaded with His people: *"return to me and I will return to you"*. Before a wife can re-marry, her husband must die!

Another misconception; Judas was not an ethnic Jew. Ten of Yeshua's disciples were ethnic and religious Jews. Judas Iscariot and Simon the Canaanite were not ethnic Jews, they were Proselytes. Iscariot was not the last name of Judas, it was "Ish-kirot", "Ish" means man and "kirot" means he was a citizen of the city of Kir, or Kiriath, in southern Moab, from across the Dead Sea, (a foreigner). Many scholars believe that Judas was Herod's spy from the very beginning. Mary Magdalene was also a Proselyte, she was actually Mary from Migdol.

Anti-Semitism is a demon spirit designed to torment the Jewish people for bringing the word of Yah to the people's of the world. The Jewish people did not kill Yeshua, Roman soldiers did. A small group of Jewish Pharisees were responsible for Yeshua's death. Almost all the Jews loved Him.

In Luke 18:32 Yeshua is handed over to the Gentiles to be killed, not the Jews. **Luke 18:32-33** *“For He will be **delivered to the Gentiles**, and will be mocked and mistreated and spit upon, and after they have scourged Him, **they will kill Him**; and the third day He will rise again.”*

Mark 15:10-11 *“For he was aware that **the chief priests had delivered Him up because of envy**. But the chief priests stirred up the multitude {to ask} him to release Barabbas for them instead.”* Many of the chief priests of those days are the same as the envious clergy we have today. They are CEO’s taking care of business.

THE RESURRECTION

Picture this if you will, after Yeshua rose from the dead He received the keys to Death and Hades from Elohim, and He used them to open up Hades (Rev. 1:18). He then descended into the Abode of the dead under the waters of the earth somewhere (Abyss), He grabbed Satan by the hair and He dragged him through the Abode showing all Satan’s Fallen angels just who was in control. He humiliated Satan in front of all of the demon spirits there, and He pronounced clearly that He was the Son of Yah and that He had just whipped Satan. He showed them without a doubt that this sickening thing dragging behind Him was nothing anymore, that from that day forward he was only capable of bluffing his way into the minds of the people. He shamed Satan like His father did many years before, and He reminded all evil spirits and Satan himself that He, and only He, Yeshua, the Son of Yah, was in control from then until the end of eternity!

Where is the Abode of the dead? No one knows for sure, but the following scriptures give us a pretty good idea. **Job 26:5** *“The departed spirits tremble **Under the waters and their inhabitants**.”* **Exod. 20:4** *“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or **on the earth beneath** or in the water under the earth.”* **Phil. 2:10** *“that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, **and under the earth**,”*

At Calvary, a divine exchange took place. Included in this exchange was the fact that He bore all our rebellion and all its evil consequences. Yeshua died the last Adam and rose as the second man, the Divine man.

The key to unlocking the treasures of Yah’s provisions is this: “all the evil due by justice to us came upon Yeshua that all the good due to Yeshua might be made available to us.”

After Yeshua rose on the third day (Saturday), unbelievable things happened in Golgotha, in **Matt. 27:51-53** it explains it *“And behold the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom, and the earth shook; and **the rocks were split, and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection they entered the holy city and appeared to many.**”* This explains how powerful the effects of the resurrection were; that dead people actually arose and walked the streets of Golgotha.

Who Raised Yeshua from the Dead?

Which part of Elohim raised Yeshua from the dead?

Was it the Father, Son or Holy Spirit?

The Father Raised the Son

Rom. 6:4 *“Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Messiah was raised from the dead through the glory of the **Father**, so we too might walk in newness of life.”*

Gal. 1:1 *“Paul, an apostle (not {sent} from men, nor through the agency of man, but through Yeshua and **God the Father**, who raised Him from the dead),”*

The Son Raised Himself

John 2:19 *“**Yeshua** answered and said to them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*

John 10:18 *“No one has taken it away from Me, but **I lay it down on My own initiative**. I have authority to lay it down, and **I have authority to take it up again**. This commandment I received from My Father.”*

Jewish writings tell us that the veil that was hung in the Temple was actually two veils, each one a hand-breadth thick. One was hung on the outside of the door to the Holy of Holies, and the other was hung on the inside, creating a space between them. The High Priest entered on the right side of the outer veil, turned to the left and walked between them to the other end where he entered the Most Holy Place. He exited by retracing his footsteps. After the Temple was destroyed, when the Ark of the Covenant was not present, the blood was sprinkled on the stone that it would have set on.

Matt. 27:52-53 illustrates that by the death of Yeshua people could be brought back to physical existence after death. **Matt. 27:52** *“and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised;”*

Paul compares the resurrection of Messiah to the birth of a child. The resurrection is the birth from the dead. Yeshua was the first fruit of the new God-man nature. He is the head of the church as we now call it. As in a normal birth, the head comes out first, and that guaranties the rest of the body will follow. Hence we again get more typology, another meaning of “follow me” and another look at the meaning of the “Feast of First Fruits”.

PART 4

SUMMARY

When Yeshua presented Himself on the stake He did the following:

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for salvation but are all people automatically saved?

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for all our sins to be forgiven. He allowed all the sin that had taken place up to that time, and all the sin that would ever take place to be forgiven, but have all people automatically accepted this?

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for the healing of our diseases but are all people automatically healed?

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for setting all captives free, but are all people automatically set free?

Yeshua made it possible for all His children to live in abundance, but are all people automatically spiritually prosperous and abundant.

Yeshua made provisions on the stake for the breaking of the curses, but are all curses automatically removed from people?

Yeshua made provisions for all our needs on the stake but **none** of it is automatic, we have to use our authority together with His name to be set free of everything if we follow Him, if we “do as Yeshua did”.

Yeshua died so that we could live an eternal life, but it's not automatic. He died so that all our sins could be forgiven, so that all our sicknesses could be healed, so that we could have all our curses removed and so that we could be set free from the devil. We, as Believers represent the Kingdom of Yah, we are to be on the offensive, not the defensive. Yeshua didn't die so that we could be a bunch of timid quiet spoken people. Yeshua always spoke with authority, **He was a “rebel”**. He gave us all the tools needed to win the spiritual war going on all around us, and it is essential that we continue the war against Satan, his principalities, rulers and authorities. You might say that He gave each of us some “talents”, what we do with them is up to us, but remember, you will have to account for the talents you received when He comes back. (Matt. 25:14-30)

Yeshua went through an incredible amount of pain for us and yet He still forgave us for His pain. If Yeshua could do this for us, then we should be able to forgive our enemies and bless them, like the scriptures say.

Lions are known for their roars as they pursue their prey. The reason Lions make this blood-curdling sound, is to terrify their prey into making an error as they are being pursued. The Bible says Satan is a roaring lion, but at Calvary, he got his teeth knocked out.

In **Luke 9:23** *Yeshua said something that most people seem to “daily” forget. “And He was saying to {them} all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his stake daily, and follow Me.**”*

So what was really done away with at Calvary? I don't believe Yah's immutable, unchanging, perfect, standard for living known as “morality”, the law and the Ten Commandments was. Rather it was the laws contained in the ordinances given exclusively to the priests and pertaining to the Temple sacrifices that were done away with at the stake. These ordinances and regulations were complete in Yeshua. These sacrificial laws and the sacrificial system was removed because Yeshua became the perfect lamb of God blood sacrifice, and no more blood sacrifices would be necessary for us to come into Yah's Holy presence. All things in regards to the Levite priests, sacrifices and the sacrificial laws were removed, so all could come before the throne of grace independently. The veil was torn away from the front of the Holiest of Holies, and we are now allowed to communicate directly with Adonai.

Other notable scriptural passages referring to the stake:

1John 3:16 *“We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren”*

1Cor. 15:3-4 *“For I delivered to you as of first importance which I also received, that **Messiah died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the scriptures,**”*

Rom. 5:8-9 *“But Yah demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet Sinner's, **Messiah died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of Yah through Him.**”*

Acts 20:28 *“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy*

*Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of Yah **which He purchased with His own blood.***”

Hebr. 9:22 “*And according to the law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.***”

1Pet. 1:18 “*Knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Messiah***”

Rev. 1:5 “*And from Yeshua, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and **released us from our sins by His blood,***”

John 6:35 Yeshua is the **BREAD** of life. “*Yeshua said to them, **“I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”*** Yeshua says He “is” the bread. He does not say that He will give us the bread of life. “Bread”, in the Bible means “satisfaction”. The scripture uses hunger to represent the dissatisfaction of man. Bread means none other than “Yah Himself”.

Col. 3:4 Yeshua is **LIFE**. “*When Messiah **who is our life,** is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory.*”

John 11:25 Yeshua is the **RESURRECTION**: “*Yeshua said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,”*** When Lazarus died, Messiah did not tell Mary and Martha He had the power to raise up their brother; instead He declared that He “is” the resurrection.

Ps. 27:1 Yeshua is the **LIGHT and SALVATION**. “*Adonai is **my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? Adonai is the defence of my life; Whom shall I dread?***”

John 14:6 Yeshua is the **WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE**. “*Yeshua said to him, **“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”*** Yeshua says that He “is” the way. He does not say He will guide us to walk in the way. He says He “is” the truth and life. He doesn’t say that He will teach us the truth. Yeshua says that He “is” true life. He doesn’t say that He will give us life. What is difficult for us to comprehend is that in the Believer’s experience we need only to look for Yeshua, “He is all”. It is difficult for most people to understand the significance of this but Yeshua “is” “everything,” He is our “all in all”. Whatever Yeshua gives is His very own self, the Word, life in the flesh.

Yahveh’s Messiah is “everything”. Yah has not given us light, He gives Yeshua to us; Yah has not given us food, He gives Yeshua to us; Yah has not given us the way, the truth, and the life, instead He gives us Yeshua. Yeshua is the answer to all things. Yeshua is love. Yeshua is our “all in all”. The “law of life” is non other than Yeshua becoming our “life” as well as things. **Col. 1:16-20** “*For by Him **all things were created, {both} in the heavens and on earth, **visible and invisible,** whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities —all things have been created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; so that He Himself might come to have first place in everything. For it was the {Father’s} good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace **through the blood of His stake; through Him, {I say} , whether things on earth or things in heaven.*****”

*In days of old there were cities of refuge for people who ran away from the law. One could stay in these cities of refuge till the High Priest of that time died; then the individual was set free. When Messiah died on the stake we were likewise set free, because He was the High Priest and when He died we were set free.

Jude 4 *“For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, unfaithful persons who turn the grace of the Almighty into **licentiousness** and deny our only Master, Yeshua Messiah”*. We have lawless Believers today like those Yeshua was talking about in **Mark 7:20-23** *“And He said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, **lasciviousness**, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”* Strong's concordance says “licentiousness” means “a license to do as you please”. This is exactly what many Christians are doing today, in the name of their Jesus. Many are doing as they please, and getting their ears tickled while doing so in churches (2Tim. 4:3-4).
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