

Study of John 10
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John 10:1-42

John 9 ends with Yeshua saying, *For judgment I am come into this world, that they who do **NOT SEE, MIGHT SEE;***

(See, is Strong's number G991 βλέπω, blépō, a primary verb; to look at behold, beware, lie, look on, look to, perceive, regard, see, sight, take heed).

And that they who Blepo, See, might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these words, and said unto Him, Are we blind also?

Blind, is Strong's number G5185 τυφλός, typhlós, pronounced, toof-los, it is from, G5187; and means, opaque, as if smoky, by analogy, it means, blind, physically or mentally)

*Yeshua said unto them, **IF** you were Typhlos, blind, then you would have no Din: **BUT NOW** you say, We Blepo, we see; therefore your Sin, your transgressions of My Father's Torah of Life, remains.*

For people to profess and claim to Blepo, See, which means, people who profess to believe the Words of the Father, when they have added so many of their own words and man made doctrines to His Word, and or taken so many things away from His Word, means that they **SEE THINGS THEIR OWN WAY**, and therefore, that means that what they actually want, according to their own words, **IS**, that their own **WILL** to be fulfilled, rather than have the **WILL** of our heavenly Father be fulfilled in their lives, and, unfortunately for them, they **WILL** get exactly what they asked for, their own **WILL, SHALL** be done in their lives. What all of them fail to understand however, **IS THAT, IF** they do **NOT** turn from embracing their own **WILLS** and learn to embrace the **WILL** of our heavenly Father, which states in *Deuteronomy 10:12-13 And now, Yisrael, what does Yahweh your Elohim require of you, **BUT** to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to Walk in **ALL** His Ways (His Torah), and to Love Him, and to Serve Yahweh your Elohim with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, To keep the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes (His Torah), which I command you this day for **YOUR** good? If they do **NOT** turn from embracing their own **WILLS**, their own fleshly desires, they **SHALL** perish and be lost forever! Amein*

With that in mind, I believe that Messiah Yeshua is telling these people, these Pharisees and anyone else for that matter, that want their **OWN** will to be done in their lives, rather than the Will of Elohim, **ARE** the people that Messiah is talking about here in *John 10*, they are the ones that will **TRY** to enter into the Father's sheepfold (*His Kingdom*), by any means, that they see fit, other than, by the proper entrance, Yahweh's designated **DOORWAY**, which is the **ONLY** way that one can legitimately enter into Yahweh's Sheepfold, His Kingdom. That means that whether they understand it or not, they are fulfilling their own wills, and **NOT** the Will of our heavenly Father.

Therefore Messiah says in *verse 1* *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **DOES NOT** enter by the **DOOR** into the sheepfold, **BUT** climbs up some other way, **THEN**, that same person **IS** a thief and a robber.*

This is telling us that the entry into the Father's Sheepfold, which I believe, **IS** a picture of a foyer, the initial room that **ALL** the sheep, the people, **MUST** enter into, by the Father's designated door, before being permitted to go through into the Father's everlasting kingdom, kingdom, led by the Words of the Living Torah made flesh. That the entry into Yahweh's sheepfold, **WILL** be denied to any and all people who do **NOT** enter **BY** the Father's designated **DOORWAY**, which of course **IS**, Messiah, the Father's one and only Living Torah made flesh.

Please understand the implication of what Messiah is saying here, He is saying that **IF** a person does **NOT** follow the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life made flesh, **THEN**, that person, will be **DENIED** entry into the kingdom of Elohim. This is so important for all people to understand, **IF** they want to spend eternity in the kingdom that our heavenly Father has prepared for all of His obedient sheep.

Messiah goes on to say in *verse 2* **BUT** *he that **DOES INDEED ENTER** in by the **DOOR IS** the Shepherd of the sheep. 3 To Him the porter (the watchman) opens the **DOOR**;*

NOT only is the **DOOR** opened onto the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, opened into His heart, but we are told in the balance of *verse 3* *that His sheep, actually hear (shema) His Voice:*

The word Shema used here, is very significant, for this Hebrew word Shema, means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** what our heaven Father **requires YOU to DO**; and our heavenly Father has made it very clear what He **requires** of us in *Deuteronomy 10:12-13* *And now, Yisrael, **WHAT DOES** Yahweh your Elohim **require** of you, **BUT**, to fear Yahweh your Elohim (the fear of Yahweh **IS** the beginning of wisdom), to Walk in **ALL** His Ways, and to Love Him, and to serve Yahweh your Elohim, with **ALL** your heart and with **ALL** your soul, 13 To keep the Commandments of Yahweh, and His Statutes, His Torah, which I command you this day for your good?*

Next we are told that, the One who is the Doorway into the Father's everlasting kingdom, *calls His sheep by **Name***, (which tells us, that Messiah, is personally invested in each and every one of us. For according to what Messiah says in *John 17:6-10* *I have manifested Your name unto the men which You heavenly Father, gave Me out of the world: Yours they were, and You gave them to Me; and they have kept Your Word (Your Torah). 7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever You have given Me **are of YOU**. 8 For I have given unto them **THE WORDS WHICH YOU GAVE ME**; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from You, and they have believed that You, heavenly Father, did send Me. 9 I pray for them, the ones that You gave me: I do **NOT** pray for the world, **BUT** I only pray for them which You have given Me; for they **ARE YOURS**. 10 And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine; and I am glorified in them.*

Here Messiah makes it very clear that His sheep were given to Him by our heavenly Father, and that He, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, **IS** the One that leads them out of

the sheepfold so that they can experience the total peace and freedom that is available to all who make it into the kingdom of Elohim.

Verse 4 And when He puts forth His own sheep, He goes before them, and the sheep follow Him:

This tells us, that Messiah will **NOT** ask us to go anywhere, where He is not willing to go first, which means that He will continuously lead, protect and provide everything that we, His sheep need, and since we speak the same language as Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah, **WE**, His sheep, **WILL** know and understand His Voice, for we will know the language and the Words that He speaks, for they will be the Words of the Father, that can **ONLY** be found in the Father's Torah of Life, therefore, **ALL** the people who have willingly changed, discarded and or tossed out any or all of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **WILL NOT** be able to hear, Shema the words of Messiah, they will **NOT** hear, Shema His voice.

Next we are told that His sheep will **NOT** follow a stranger, someone that is speaking other words than the words that are found in the Torah of Mosheh, for they, Messiah's Sheep, will **NOT** understand this stranger, because their focus will be on the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, Messiah and **NOT** on any stranger or imposter.

Verse 5 And a stranger will they NOT follow, BUT, they will flee from him: for they do NOT KNOW the voice of strangers.

This exactly what James tells us in *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim; resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

Verse 6 This parable did Yeshua speak unto them: BUT they did NOT understand any of the things which He spoke unto them.

It is **NOT** difficult to believe that the Pharisees and their followers, did **NOT** understand Messiah, for He was speaking a different language, He was speaking Words and concepts that they had never heard before, He was speaking the Words of His Father that are contained in the Father's Torah of Life, the very same Torah that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinay, and since they were **NOT** following, **NOR** obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, they, therefore did **NOT** understand **NOR** did they want to understand what He was talking about.

*Verse 7 Then Yeshua said unto them again,
Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the Door of or for the sheep.*

When Messiah said that He **IS** the Door into the sheepfold, these Pharisees, like Nicodemus, did **NOT** understand, what He, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, made flesh, was saying, they did **NOT** understand the concept that He, the Living Torah made flesh, **IS** the only doorway, the sole and only entrance into the Father's kingdom, and since He **IS** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, then **IT IS NOT, AND SHOULD NOT be** difficult to understand, that to enter the kingdom of our heavenly Father, **ANY** and **ALL** people, **MUST earnestly commit to believe, follow and obey the Father's Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah,** or else they, like the people in *Matthew 7:21* will be rejected by

Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, the doorkeeper of the Father's kingdom, they **WILL** be denied entry into the kingdom.

*Matthew 7:21-23 Not every one that says unto me, Master, Master, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; **BUT, he that does the will of my Father who is in heaven.** 22 Many will say to Me in that day, Master Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name? And in Your Name, we have rebuked devils? And in Your Name done many wonderful works? 23 And then I, Messiah, will profess unto them, **I never knew you: DEPART from Me, you that work iniquity.***

Next Messiah comments on all the prophets and preachers, that came before him with their man made doctrines, the oral torah of the Rabbis, and every one of them have unilaterally chosen to insert and or change what the written Torah of Yahweh says, **AND**, not only have they changed much of the Torah with their man made oral torah and their man made doctrines, **BUT**, they have chosen to elevate those changes, their man made doctrine, above the written Torah of Mosheh, the Father's inerrant and everlasting **TRUTH**, His Directives for everlasting Life.

*Verse 8 All that ever came before Me are **thieves and robbers: BUT the sheep did not hear them.***

This is telling us that the Sheep that our heavenly Father has given to Messiah, can only hear the Father's **TRUTH**, His Torah, while other sheep, somehow, are relegated to only hear the false teachings of the oral torah of the Rabbis. The only explanation that makes sense to me, is that Yahweh's sheep have chosen to willingly surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, who then, through His Grace, Mercy and forgiving nature, fills them with His Holy Spirit, who is tasked **BY** our heavenly Father, to **CAUSE** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, that will allow Him, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** what the Words of the Father, that are contained in His Torah of Life, tell them to do, while other sheep are **NOT YET** willing to fully surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to Yahweh, and therefore, Yahweh does **NOT** fill them with His Holy Spirit, which means, that the Holy Spirit **CANNOT** and will **NOT** force, nor cause them to believe, nor follow, nor obey the Father's Torah of Life, for Yahweh has given **ALL** of us the **GIFT** of free choice, **BUT**, unfortunately for many people, this gift of free choice, makes them believe that they **MUST** rely on their own understanding, or the understanding of some priest, pastor or rabbi, rather than turning to Yahweh with surrendered, contrite, obedient hearts, and with a willingness to obey all the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Verse 9 I am the door: By Me, if any man enter in, he **SHALL** be saved, **AND** shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

Again and again, throughout all of Scriptures, Yahweh/Messiah makes it abundantly clear that He is the Word of our heavenly Father in the Flesh, He is the Living Torah, and that He does **NOT** do anything nor **SAY** anything, **UNLESS** it has first been approved by our heavenly Father. Therefore, when Messiah says, **I am the Door, into the Father's kingdom**, it should be very clear to all people, that read these words, that **SINCE** He, Messiah, **IS** the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father made flesh, as Scripture quite clearly points out that He is, that, that then means. that the **DOOR** into the Fathers Kingdom, **IS** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, since it is the Torah of the Father made flesh that **IS SAYING** that He is the **DOORWAY**

through which **ALL** people must enter, **IF** they want to spend eternity in the Father's Kingdom. That is absolutely wonderful and glorious news, **BUT**, unfortunately, the reverse is also **TRUE**, for **ANYONE** that does **NOT** believe that Messiah **IS** the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, for they will come to Him with their own man made doctrines, which means, that they do not and will **NOT** believe, follow, nor obey the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father, and unless they willingly choose to change their minds about that position, and truly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father, and earnestly start to believe follow, and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, they **WILL** hear Messiah, the Words of the living Living Torah made flesh, say to them, **I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from Me, you that work iniquity, you that continuously transgress My Father's Torah of Life.**

*Verse 10 The thief **ONLY** comes, to steal, kill, and destroy:*

It is pretty obvious that a thief is a person that does **NOT** and will **NOT** obey the Law, therefore we have to understand that the Father is using the metaphor of a thief, to tell us that **ALL** people who do **NOT** obey His Torah, **ARE thieves**, for they are actually stealing defeat (eternal damnation) out of the mouth of victory, (salvation), by willingly discarding and rejecting the Father's Words of Life contained in His Torah.

Messiah says in the last half of *verse 10*, *I am come that they might **HAVE LIFE**, and that they might have it more. **ABUNDANTLY***, Perissos, Strong's G4053 περισσός, Perissós, beyond measure, everlasting

Now stop and think about this statement for a moment; **IF** Messiah, is indeed the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father in the flesh, which Scripture emphatically states that He is, then, when Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh says, I have come that **YOU** might have Life and have more Perissós, abundantly, beyond measure, everlasting, logic does or should tell us, that it is the Words of our heavenly Father, contained in His Torah that gives us **LIFE**.

*Verse 11 I **AM** the good (Tov) shepherd: the good (Tov) shepherd gives his life for the sheep.*

This is a very important and profound statement by Messiah here in John, **BUT** we can only see its real significance, **IF** we understand what the word **GOOD** really means. In the Hebrew Scriptures, which is the dictionary for all of the words in the Apostolic Scriptures, the Brit Chadashah, what the Christians call the New Testament, the word Tov, does indeed mean, good, but, it has a much more profound meaning than just **GOOD**, it means, to function in the manner that Yahweh created it to function, and **ALL** living creatures, function, **BY** the Laws that our heavenly Father set in place at the beginning of creation, the beginning of time. An apple seed will produce an apple tree, and nothing else, the egg of a bird will produce another bird, and **NOT** some reptile or fish; all seeds produce the same fruit that the seed came out of, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear, that like kind produces like kind, therefore, **ALL** seeds function in the manner that Yahweh designed them to function, **EXCEPT** for man, because Yahweh has given man, free choice, therefore, man **CAN** choose to obey the Words of His Torah (Law) that our heavenly Father has put in place by His infinite wisdom, they **CAN** willingly and lovingly choose to **function** in the manner that Yahweh created them to function, in total loving surrendered obedience to His Words of Life, His Torah, or **NOT**.

Therefore the **GOOD** Shepherd **IS** the Shepherd that follows and obeys the Words, the Commands, the Laws, the Torah of our heavenly Father, and **IF** that is indeed the role of the **GOOD** Shepherd, which **ALL** of Scripture clearly points out that it is, **THEN**, what do you think the **GOOD** Shepherd will be teaching His sheep? The answer is very very clear, to those who **KNOW** and **Believe** the inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions of our heavenly Father, His Words, His Torah of Life, **BUT**, unfortunately, there are many people that will **NOT** get the correct answer, for, although their words, their man made doctrines might appear to be close to our heavenly Father's Doctrine, and although they profess, with these very same words, to love Him with all of their strength, their **HEARTS** are far, far, from, Him, For the Father and the Son, the Words of the Father's Living Torah made flesh **ARE ONE**, and both of them have said IF you love Me keep My Commandments, they are Echad, they are inseparable, **BUT** they, the people that reject His Torah, His Words of Life have indeed separated them in their minds. Amen

*Verse 12 But he that is a hireling, and **NOT** the shepherd, and who does **NOT** own the sheep, sees the wolf (satan) coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf (satan) catches them, and scatters the sheep.*

The question we have to ask ourselves is **WHO** does the hireling represent in this parable? A simple review of Scripture will show that Yahweh has designated, whom, among His people, are to be His priests, they are the sons of Aharon, and as you know, throughout the ages the leaders of all man made religions have appointed their own priest, the ones that they want to minister to the sheep, and those priests are clearly **NOT** the sons of Aharon, and since they are **NOT** the sons of Aharon, it means that they are already transgressing the Torah of Yahweh, by claiming to be priests, and furthermore, these priest that have been appointed by the leaders of these man religions follow the man made doctrines of whatever denomination they happen to belong to, in their man made religious groups. **Therefore, these priest are the Hirelings that Messiah is talking about**, because, at the slightest controversy, they flee, they do **NOT** listen to, nor heed what James said in *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you;* they simply run away and hide because they are afraid. *Verse 13 The hireling flees, **BECAUSE** he is a hireling, and does **NOT** care for the sheep.*

*Verse 14 I am the **GOOD** shepherd, (the Shepherd that functions in the manner that My heavenly Father commanded Me to function) and I know My sheep, and I am known by My sheep. 15 As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father: I lay down My life for the sheep*

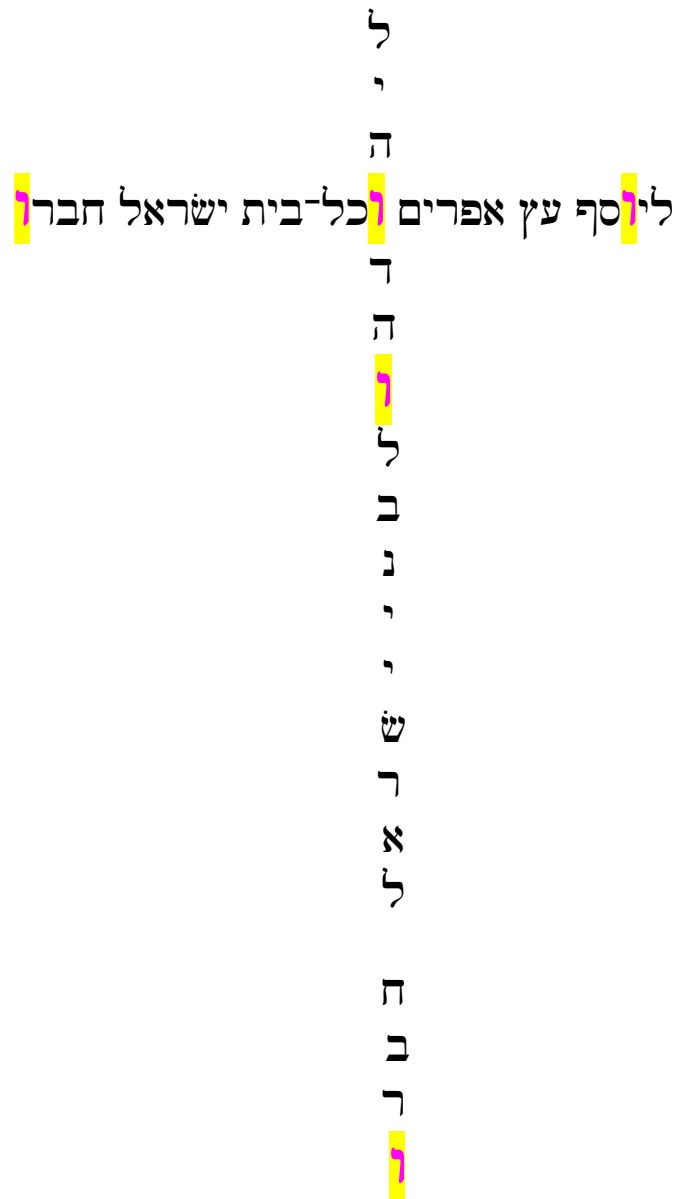
Here Messiah makes it abundantly clear, that He will only function in the manner that our heavenly Father has commanded Him to function, He will only **DO** and **SAY** what our heavenly Father has commanded Him to say and do, and He is prepared to do everything that the Father has told Him to do, even unto death.

Verse 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold:

Here Messiah is speaking to the Jewish people and He says I have **another sheepfold** which are not Jewish, they are your brothers who are part of the northern kingdom that was dispersed throughout the world, and Messiah says: *them also, I must bring, and they shall hear (Shema) My Voice;* They shall shema, they shall hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand,

believe, follow, and obey My Voice, they will obey the Words that My Father gave Me to give to them, and when they do: *There shall be one fold, and one shepherd.*

Here Messiah is referring to *Ezekiel 37*, the Valley of the dry bones, the dry bones that will be brought back to life and where the two sticks, the stick of Judah and the stick of Ephraim will become **ONE** tree in His Hand.



Now **IF** we take the tree of Judah which is planted in the land as the vertical part of the cross, and we attach or graft in, the tree of Ephraim as a cross or horizontal member, then we see that it takes on the form of a cross, which is what Messiah was crucified on, and when we do that, we see something unusual happen. When we look at the two phrases, we see that there are six letter Vavs, three in each *verse*, but when we look at the diagram above, we see that there are only five occurrences of the Hebrew letter Vav found in these two phrases, and that is because they intersect in the middle on the words לְיַהוָה, and וְכָל. The Hebrew letter Vav means *nail, spike or pierce* and as you know, nails and or spikes are used to **CONNECT** things

together. In Scripture, the letter Vav is translated as the English word **AND**, therefore, these two Vav letters superimposed upon each other, represent the Northern and the southern kingdoms of Yisrael becoming **ONE, BY** the selfless Sacrifice of the only begotten Son of our heavenly Father, His Torah of Life made flesh, when He willingly and lovingly chose to obey our heavenly Father and go to the cross as the Lamb of Elohim that was slain from the beginning of time. It is Messiah, through His selfless sacrifice that brings in the restoration of **ALL** things including the reunification of the Family of Ya'aqov, and it is Yahweh/Messiah that rules over the house of Jacob forever. *Luke 1:35*

The fact that there are six Letter Vavs tells us that Messiah was fully man, for the number six in Scripture speaks of man, for man was created on the sixth day. The Fact that only Five Vavs are **visible** in the diagram, tells us, that Messiah **IS** the Living Torah and that **IT IS** He that brings both Judah and Ephraim together by His selfless sacrifice of dying on the cross. The fact that there are **three** letter Vavs in each *verse* tells us that Yahweh will bring Judah and Ephraim from **DEATH TO LIFE, ETERNAL LIFE** in His timing.

The five occurrences of the Hebrew letter Vav in the diagram are strategically placed by YHVH Himself, to represent the Five Books of Mosheh, from Bereshiyt (Genesis) to Devariym (Deuteronomy), Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His inerrant and everlasting Torah, and the number **five**, also represents Yahweh's grace, for they are synonymous terms. As you can see the Vav letters at either end of the cross member show us where **Yeshua's hands were pierced**, and the Vav letters at the bottom of the upright tree represent where **Messiah's feet were pierced**.

The Vav letter in the middle of the upright represents where **Yeshua was pierced in His side** and the Vav letter that is in the middle, of where the two trees meet **IS** the picture of **Messiah grafting in** and connecting, or restoring **both houses** of the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov into **ONE HOUSE**. The Hebrew word for grafting **IS Tzion** and it also represents the City of David in the Land where Yahweh has chosen to place His name forever *2 Samuel 5:7* **Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Tzion, צִיּוֹן: the same is the city of David.**

As you look at this diagram please think of the great significance of what this represents and the extent to which our heavenly Father has gone to show us **THROUGHOUT** Scripture that He loves us, and that His Redemption onto Salvation Plan was from the beginning of time, and **IF** we diligently search out the Scriptures **WE WILL FIND** the evidence of it everywhere in His Word, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Torah of Life.

Now back to *John 10:17* **Therefore does My Father love Me, WHY? It is BECAUSE I willingly and lovingly lay down My life, so that I might take it up again.**

As you can see, Messiah is speaking of Himself dying on the cross, and then, being resurrected onto everlasting life, He is talking about His own crucifixion and resurrection.

Verse 18 **No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself.**

This is so important for us to understand, because, for years Christianity has blamed the Jews for the death of Messiah, **BUT** here Messiah makes it abundantly clear that **NO MAN** took His

Life, which means that Messiah could have stopped this at any time, **BUT**, since He was an obedient Son, just like Yitzchaq, He willingly allowed Himself to be crucified, because He loves our heavenly Father, which means that He is an obedient Son, and furthermore, like the Father He also loves us all, with a perfect love. To blame anyone for Messiah's death, is to demean His great love for us and for the Father, and it brings forth the very evil message that Messiah did **NOT** do this of His own free will, it gives the message that He was somehow forced to go to the cross, when, **ALL** of Scripture points to the fact that He willingly and lovingly went to the cross, because of His great love for all of us and his love for the Father. And Messiah confirms that fact in His own words when He said, *I, Messiah Yeshua, have power to lay My own Life down, AND I have power to take it up again. THIS COMMANDMENT HAVE I RECEIVED OF MY FATHER.*

*Verse 19 Therefore there was a **division** again among the Jews for these sayings (some believed, while other did **NOT**, and it is no different today, some believe that Messiah **IS** the Words of Living Torah made flesh, while others do **NOT**).*

Verse 20 And many of them said, He has a devil, and is mad; why do you hear Him?

Why do you Shema His Words, why do hear, listen, pay close attention to, believe, follow and obey Him, since He has a devil?

*Verse 21 Others said, These are **NOT** the words of a person that has a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind?*

As you can see, some believed that Messiah **IS** the Son of Elohim, while others thought the opposite, and that is exactly the same situation that we have had for millennia, and that we still have today, some people like us, believe that Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, while others call obeying the Living Torah **bondage**, and yet others do not even believe that He is the Son of Elohim or that He even ever existed. The more things change the more they stay the same, for in actuality, there is **NOTHING** new under the sun.

As you know, I believe that Yahweh is omniscient and that the numbers that He sovereignly chose to use throughout Scripture play a great part in His teachings. The number **twenty two** in Scripture speaks of Light, for there are **twenty two** letters in the Hebrew Alphabet, and these **twenty two** letters make up the Words of our heavenly Father, the very same words that were made flesh and dwelt among us, the very same words that are called the Light of the world, and the number **Ten** in Scripture represents His Commandments, all of them, therefore, I find it very interesting that in John **Ten: Twenty Two**, 10:22, we are told: *And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication*, (this word dedication, is translated from the Hebrew word Hanukkah, the festival of Lights, and it happens to be the time when Messiah, the Light of the world, was conceived, and since it appears that Messiah celebrated this feast, then maybe we ought to celebrate it also) *and it was winter.*

Verse 23 And Yeshua walked in the temple in Solomon's porch.

What is Solomon's porch? We are told that Solomon's Porch was attached to the original temple of Solomon, and that it was called the porch of judgement, where king Solomon had

constructed a large hall 50 cubits long and 30 cubits wide because of the enormous porch in front. Originally there was cedar from floor to ceiling. This was the hall of judgement where the king would make judgements and exercise justice.

The porch or portico was located on the east side of the outer court of the temple of Herod, and it rested on a massive Herodian retaining wall (which incidentally can still be seen in part at the present Temple wall area). The wall that supported it was 400 cubits high resting in the valley below and made of marvellous stones. According to Josephus, this was the area of the original temple that survived and was still standing in Yeshua's day, probably because of its immense size and beauty the Chaldeans left it standing. Its immenseness presented a marvellous appearance. Josephus says, Its fineness, to such as had not seen it, was incredible; and to such as had seen it was greatly amazing.



It was in these cloisters that the Levites resided and it was here that the doctors of the law met to hear and answer questions. The porch of Solomon was no doubt a special place for Yeshua. It was here that Yeshua was seen often, speaking and teaching the people or just walking, as in *John 10* during the festival of Lights or Lamps, or Chanukkah in Hebrew, which commemorates the re-dedication of the temple and of Elohim to His people. Later, after His death, His disciples gathered here often.

Verse 24 Then came the Jews round about Him, and said unto Him, How long are You going to make us doubt? If You are the Messiah, tell us plainly.

Here the religious leaders are looking for some kind of concrete proof, something that they can see with their own eyes and believe, maybe some kind of prophecy that their ancient Rabbis have told them about, like the sky opening up and our heavenly Father descending down and telling them that this is My Son in whom I am well pleased, **BUT**, Messiah said that **NO** signs or wonders would be given to them, except for the sign of Jonah, therefore, no matter what Messiah says or does, it seems that these people are pre-programmed through their man made doctrines, their false teachings, **NOT** to believe Messiah or any of His Words, the Words that He received directly from our heavenly Father. It is no different than the teachings of the church

fathers that say that the Torah, which **IS** our heavenly Father's Word made flesh, has been abolished in whole or in part.

*Verse 25 Yeshua answered them,
I told you, (who I was) and you did **NOT** believe:
The **WORKS** that I do in My Father's Name, they bear witness of Me.*

What **WORKS** did Messiah do in our heavenly Father's Name? He taught the Father's inerrant and everlasting teachings and instructions, the Words of the Father's Torah, that are everlasting, and therefore, they do **NOT** change, and they are the words that our heavenly Father has wanted us to believe, follow and obey since the beginning of time. Messiah's task, His job, His mission **WAS, IS AND ALWAYS WILL BE** to teach the Father's Torah of Life, to the Father's children, that would be all of us here on earth.

*Verse 26 But you did **NOT** believe, **BECAUSE** you are **NOT** of My sheep, as I said unto you.*

When Messiah says that these Pharisees and their followers are **NOT** His sheep, He is saying that they **do NOT hear, they do NOT Shema** His Voice, they **do NOT Shema** the Words that He speaks, and Messiah has emphatically stated that He only speaks the Words that our heavenly Father, gave Him to speak, and those Words are the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

Next, Messiah emphasizes that His Sheep Hear His voice, they Shema His voice, which means that His sheep hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey all the words of our heavenly Father's Directives for everlasting Life, His Torah.

*Verse 27 My sheep hear, they Shema My voice, **AND** I know them,*

Here Messiah is saying that He hears and that he Knows, He does **Yada**, יָדָע His sheep. The word Yada, יָדָע means, to have an intimate relationship with, therefore when Messiah says I know My sheep, it means that He, Messiah, has an intimate relationship with each and every one of His Sheep, and because He has that kind of relationship with each and every one of them;

THEY follow Me, the Words of Father's Living Torah made flesh:
Verse 28 And I, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, give them eternal life;

Which means that they shall **NEVER** perish!

*Neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand. 29 My Father, **WHO GAVE THEM TO ME, IS** greater than all; **AND** no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand.*

Here Messiah makes it abundantly clear that it is He, the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father that gives people, everlasting Life, and that **NO ONE** can take any of His sheep out of His hands. Unfortunately for most Christian believers, they have been taught through the false man made doctrines of the Christian church fathers, that since **NO ONE** can take them out of Messiah's hands, then, to them that means that they are saved and that they cannot lose their salvation. The sad part about this false doctrine is that it does not take into consideration the

FACT that our heavenly Father has given each and every one of us, **free will**, and that means that We, any one of us, **CAN willingly choose to walk away from the Hands of Messiah**, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, and or the hands of our heavenly Father, simply by choosing to reject the Father's Torah, by **NOT** believing that the Words of the Father's Torah of Life are still in full effect for all of us today, as they have been from the beginning of time, and as they will be for eternity, for they are our heavenly Father's eternal **TRUTH**.

*Verse 30 I and my Father are **ONE**.*

Messiah emphasizes that He and the Father are One entity, they are Echad, which means that they are inseparable, and since they are inseparable, it means that they **MUST be teaching the very same message** that they have been teaching from the beginning of time, or else, they would **BE SEPARATE**; and our heavenly Father has made it abundantly clear in Scripture that He wants His children to believe, follow, obey and **DO** all the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Proverbs 3:1-8 My son, do **NOT** forget My Torah; **BUT** let your heart keep My Commandments:*

WHY?

*Because length of days, and long life, and peace, **SHALL** they (My Torah, My Commandments) add to you.*

*Do **NOT** let Mercy and **TRUTH**, (Torah, Psalm 119:142) forsake you: **BIND** them about your neck; write them upon the table of your heart:*

WHY?

*Because you **SHALL** find favour and good understanding in the sight of Elohim and man.*

***Trust** in Yahweh with **ALL** your heart; and **DO NOT** lean on your own understanding. In **ALL** your ways acknowledge Him,*

WHY?

*Because He **SHALL** then direct your paths.*

*Do **NOT** be wise in your own eyes: **FEAR** YHVH, and depart from evil.*

WHY?

*Because it **SHALL** be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones.*

*Proverbs 4:1-2 Hear, you children, the instruction of your father, and attend to know understanding. For I give you **GOOD DOCTRINE, DO NOT FORSAKE MY TORAH**.*

Verse 31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone Him. 32 Yeshua answered them, Many good works have I showed you from My Father; For which of those good works do you stone Me?

Messiah is saying that everything that He has taught, including all the miracles that our heavenly Father has done through Him, should be enough to convince these Pharisees and their followers, that He was sent to do the **WORKS** of our heavenly Father, **BUT**, they are not at all swayed by Messiah's Words, even though every one of them is **TRUE**.

*Verse 33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work, we do **NOT** stone You; **BUT** for blasphemy; And because, You, being a man, make yourself Elohim.*

Here we can see the jealousy of the Pharisees rising to the forefront, for they are jealous of what Messiah has accomplished, and because, He is swaying so many people towards His way of thinking, and these Pharisees are very concerned that they are loosing their grip, their control on the people, the control that they have had over the people by the teachings of their false man made oral torah, that has put all who follow it under bondage to these leaders of a man made religions, and its false doctrines.

Verse 34 Yeshua answered them, Is it not written in your Torah, (the Father's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions), I said, You are gods?

Messiah was quoting *Psalms 82:6*

I have said, You are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

(אֲנִי־אָמַרְתִּי אֱלֹהִים אַתֶּם וּבְנֵי עֲלִיוֹן כְּלָכֶם), Aniy Amartiy Elohim Atah UBeney Elyon Kulkem, where the word Aniy means, I, the word Amartiy, is from the word, Amar, which means, to say, he said, told, uttered, he commanded, ordered, he said in his heart, he thought, to be high, word, speech, saying, the word, Atah means, you, the word, UBeney, is from the word, Ben, which means, son, the word Elyon, means, high, most high, superior, the most high, and the word, Kulkem, is from the word Kol, כּוֹל or כָּל, which means, all, whole, the whole of, and with the Mem suffix, it means all of them)

The meaning of the word gods, Elohim, in Hebrew, is mighty ones, judges, ones that do extraordinary things, and that is exactly what Messiah was doing, He was the vessel through which our heavenly Father chose to do many miracles, and He was the One through which our heavenly Father taught us to return to His ancient Ways, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting life, His Torah.

Verse 35 If He called them gods, unto whom the word of Elohim came, and the Scripture cannot be broken; 36 Are you then saying of Him (Messiah), whom the Father has sanctified, and sent into the world, You blaspheme; Because I said, I am the Son of Elohim?

Messiah is saying, are you calling Me, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, that our heavenly Father has sanctified, **AND** sent into the world to teach His Words, the Words of His Torah of Life, a blasphemer?

Now please take a moment and think about this situation and this question. **IF** Messiah were to come to earth, once again, teaching that the Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that Yahweh gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, is **STILL** in full effect today, do you think that they would once again call Him a blasphemer? The answer to that question, according to the teaching of the man made religion of Judaism, who believe that their man made oral torah somehow supersedes the written Torah of Mosheh, and according to the teachings of the church fathers of the man made religions of Christianity, and Catholicism, who believe and teach that the Torah of Yahweh has somehow been abolished and or done away with in whole or in part, is a resounding **YES**, they **WOULD** most certainly accuse Messiah of Blaspheming, for according to their own man made teachings, their own rules, Mesiah **IS** a blasphemer.

*Verse 37 If I **DO NOT DO THE WORKS** of My Father, then **DO NOT BELIEVE ME. BUT IF I DO, DO THE WORKS OF MY FATHER**, (If I teach the Father's words contained in His Torah of Life) even though you do **NOT** believe Me, **believe the Works**: (believe the miracles that the Father has done through Me) That you may know, and believe, that the Father is in Me, and that I am in Him.*

Messiah pleads with these Pharisees to at least look at all the good that He has done, and how many people have been miraculously healed of their diseases, their infirmities, their blindness, and how many people are **NOW** returning to Elohim and His Ways, because He, Messiah **IS** teaching the Father's eternal **TRUTH**, the Father's Torah of Life.

As we read on, we see that Messiah's pleas to the Pharisees, fell on deaf ears:

*Verse 39 Therefore they sought again to take Him: **BUT** He escaped out of their hand,*

This should indicate to anyone that is reading these *verses* that our heavenly Father is, and always will be, in charge, and that His plans, will come to fruition, no matter how many men try to stop Him. They could **NOT** catch nor arrest Messiah, because it was **NOT** yet His time to be arrested, for that is in the hands, the purview of our heavenly Father.

Verse 40 And He went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John at first baptized; and there He abode.

This is telling us that Messiah returned to the place where He first began His ministry, which is an indication to all us that when we come up against any opposition or attacks from our enemies, then, we are **NOT** to fear nor worry about those incidents, but instead, we are to return to our **ROOTS**, we are to return to the Father's Words of Life contained in His Torah, and the **ROOTS** are what gives every tree (man) the strength that it (he) needs to withstand any and all the winds that the enemy sends its way, to try and destroy it.

*Verse 41 And many came to Him, and said, John did **NOT** do any miracle: **BUT** all things that John spoke of this Man were **TRUE**. 42 And many believed on Him there.*

This is telling us that when we **KNOW** the **TRUTH**, **it will indeed set us free**, free from any and all anxieties, fears, and worries. Therefore, let's end this teaching with what Paul told the Philippians in *Philippians 4:6-8 Be anxious for nothing; **BUT** in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto Elohim. 7 And the peace of Elohim, which passes **ALL** understanding, **SHALL** keep your hearts and minds through Messiah Yeshua, the Word of our heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh. Amein*

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Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Shalom Alechem! Amein