

**Study of Luke 4**  
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**Luke 4:1-44**

*1 And Yeshua being full of the Holy Spirit returned from Jordan, and was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness, 2 And He was tempted forty days by of the devil.*

Now these two *verses* are just a statement at the beginning of *Luke 4*, but they are of paramount importance. Why do I say that? Well, here we are told that Messiah is **FULL** of the Holy Spirit. However, **IF** like most people, we do not understand what being **FULL** of the Holy Spirit of YHVH means, then we will **NOT** understand the important significance of this statement, which sets the stage, for us to understand everything that Messiah does and says.

Let's read *Ezekiel 36:16-27* *Moreover the Word of YHVH came unto me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their WAY was before Me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. Wherefore I poured My fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it: And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. And when they entered unto the heathen, where they went, they profaned My Holy Name, when they said to them, These are the people of YHVH, and are gone forth out of His land. But I had pity for My Holy Name, which the house of Israel profaned among the heathen, where they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus says YHVH Elohim; I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, BUT for My Holy Name's sake, which YOU have profaned among the heathen, where you went. And I will sanctify My great Name, which was profaned among the heathen, which YOU have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am YHVH, says YHVH Elohim, when I SHALL be sanctified in YOU, before their eyes. For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and I will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and YOU shall be clean: I will cleanse YOU from all your filthiness, and from all your idols. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and CAUSE you to walk in My Statutes, and YOU SHALL keep My judgments, and do them.*

In these *verses* in *Ezekiel*, YHVH tells the people of Israel/Judah that they have polluted His Holy Name among the gentiles, **BUT**, for His name's sake He will cleanse them once more and fill them with His Holy Spirit who is then tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Well if their statement that Messiah is filled with the Holy Spirit is true, then that means that messiah has allowed the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father to **CAUSE** Him to believe, follow and obey

**ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, or else, the Holy Spirit would not make His abode with Yeshua.

Furthermore it says in *verse 2* that Messiah *was tempted forty days by of the devil*. You might ask why is that important? *James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of Elohim: for Elohim CANNOT BE TEMPTED with evil, NEITHER does He tempt any man:14 But every man is tempted, WHEN he is drawn away (from obeying the Words of the Father's Torah of Life) by his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust has conceived, it brings forth Sin: the transgressions of the Words of the Torah of YHVH, and Sin, Transgressions, when it is finished, bring forth death.*

Well, **IF** Elohim cannot be tempted, and here we are told that Messiah was tempted, what does that mean? It means that Messiah in the flesh, was just like you and I, he could be tempted, **BUT** the difference with Messiah, is that unlike us, He did **NOT** succumb to any of the temptations that He faced every day of His life here on earth as we do.

In Scripture, the number forty represents a time of testing, therefore, since Messiah was in the wilderness for forty days, where he was tempted of the devil, we are to understand that it is our heavenly Father that allowed Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, to be tempted, to show **US** mankind, Messiah's determination and resolve **NOT** to transgress any of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life. Our heavenly Father tempted His own Son who came to earth in the flesh, to show **ALL** of us, that it **IS** possible to be Holy as our heavenly Father is Holy.

Test number one:

*And in those days Messiah did NOT eat anything: And when the forty days were were ended, he was very hungry. 3 And the devil said unto him, IF you are the Son of Elohim, THEN, command this stone, that it be made bread.*

Now put yourself in Messiah's shoes, **IF** you have just fasted for forty days, and you possessed the ability to turn stones into any type of food you wanted, what favourite food of yours would you conjure up to eat?

Well, Messiah, through the Holy Spirit, could have asked, that that stone, be turned into bread or a nice juicy steak, or a five course meal, and I believe that it would have been done for Him, **BUT** how did Messiah answer the devil?

Messiah answered to the first temptation of satan by saying in *verse 4*

*And Yeshua answered him, saying, IT IS WRITTEN, That man shall NOT live by bread alone, but by every Word of Elohim (the Words of His Torah of life).*

Where in Scripture are these words written?

*Deuteronomy 8:1-3 ALL the Commandments which I command you this day SHALL you*

*observe to DO,*

**WHY?**

*So that you may **live**, **AND** multiply, **AND** go in and possess the land which YHVH swore unto your fathers. And you **SHALL** remember all the way which YHVH your Elohim led you these **forty years** in the wilderness, to humble you, and to prove (test) you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would **KEEP** His Commandments, or not. And He humbled you, **AND** suffered you to hunger, and fed you with manna, which you did **NOT** know, **NEITHER** did your fathers know;*

**WHY?**

*So that he might make you **KNOW** that man does **NOT** live by bread alone, **BUT** by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of YHVH, does man Live.*

This verse is also quoted in *Matthew 4:4*.

Based on these *verses* and many, many more like them, it is obvious that the Words that YHVH spoke are the Words of His Torah of Life, which He Commands **ALL** of His Children to believe, follow, obey and **DO**. Therefore if anyone chooses to reject or toss out any of the Words that came out of the mouth of YHVH Elohim, which we have just learned **ARE** the Words of His Torah of Life, **THEN**, are they **NOT** rejecting and or tossing out what YHVH says gives them Life? And **IF** they reject and or toss out what YHVH says, gives them **LIFE**, then all that remains **IS DEATH**.

Test number two:

*Verse 5 And the devil, took Messiah up into a high mountain, and showed unto Him, **ALL** the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto Him, **ALL** this power **will I, satan, give You, along with all their glory: for that, HAS** been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever **I will I give it.** 7 **IF** You therefore will **WORSHIP ME, THEN**, all these kingdoms shall be yours.*

Messiah **answered** the second temptation of satan by saying in verse 8:

*And Yeshua answered and said unto him, Get behind me, satan: for **IT IS WRITTEN**, You shall worship YHVH your Elohim, and Him **ONLY** shall you serve.*

This is a quote from: *Deuteronomy 6:13-15* You shall fear YHVH your Elohim, and **serve** Him, and you **SHALL** swear by His Name, Yahweh. You shall **NOT** go after the gods of others, the gods of the people which are round about you; (For YHVH your Elohim **IS** a jealous Elohim among you) lest the anger of YHVH your Elohim be kindled **against you**, and He chooses to destroy you from off the face of the earth.

Test number three:

*Verse 9 And satan brought Messiah to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto Him,*

***IF** You are the Son of Elohim, **THEN** cast Yourself down from here: 10 For **IT IS WRITTEN**, He shall give His angels charge over You, to keep You: 11 And in their hands they shall bear You up, lest at any time You dash Your foot against a stone.*

Messiah answered the third temptation of satan by saying *verse 12:*

*And Yeshua answering said unto satan, **It is said**, you shall **NOT** tempt YHVH your Elohim.*

*Deuteronomy 6:16 You shall **NOT tempt** YHVH your Elohim, **AS** you tempted Him in Massah. 17 You **SHALL** diligently Keep the Commandments of YHVH your Elohim, and His Testimonies, and His Statutes (His Torah), which He has Commanded you. And you shall **DO** do that which is **RIGHT***

*(You shall do righteousness, Deuteronomy 6:25)*

*And **GOOD***

*(Tov, which means that we are to function in the manner that YHVH created us to function, which **IS** in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life)*

*In the sight of YHVH:*

**WHY?**

*So that it may be well with you, and that you may go in and possess the good land which YHVH swore unto your fathers, To cast out all your enemies from before you, as YHVH has spoken.*

In the first two incidents it is Messiah who says **IT IS WRITTEN, BUT** in the third incident, it is satan that says **it is written**, and Messiah answers satan and says, **it is said**, and then He quotes what is written in *Deuteronomy 6:16-19*.

What is YHVH teaching us by telling us about all these temptations that were put before Messiah?

The first temptation has to do with the lust of the flesh, for it deals with hunger and what the body needs and wants, therefore it teaches us that we need to control those urges.

The second temptation deals with covetousness, wanting something that belongs to someone else, for the devil is tempting Messiah by promising Him, that he will give Messiah all the kingdoms of the earth.

The third temptation deals with pride, elitism, asserting one's birthright position, and it deals with man testing the boundaries that Elohim has set in the Words of His Torah of Life, the

boundaries that mankind, are **NOT** to cross, for throughout history, mankind has shown that they are seldom satisfied with any limits, therefore they want to expand the boundaries or stretch the limits that YHVH has set for the good of mankind, to the point, that there are no boundaries, no limits whatsoever that are left, which means that mankind can do whatever they want, and have no accountability whatsoever for their evil actions.

To that end, we have to understand that satan knows the Scriptures extremely well, since he once was the angel of Light in the kingdom of Elohim, and because of his knowledge of Scripture, it is easy for him to deceive people that have little to no knowledge of the Scriptures, just like he tried to do to Messiah, for what satan quoted is *Psalm 91:11-16* where what he said about the angels protecting Yeshua, is very true. However Messiah saw through satan's deception, because He too knows what the Scripture says and what it promises.

*Psalm 91:11-16 Because you have made YHVH, who is my refuge, even the most High, your habitation; There **SHALL** be **no evil** that befall you, neither **SHALL** any plague come near your dwelling. For YHVH **SHALL** give His messengers, charge over you, to **keep** you in all your ways. His messengers shall bear you up in their hands, lest **you dash your foot against a stone**. You **SHALL** tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon **SHALL** you trample under feet. Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he has known My Name. He **SHALL** call upon Me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. With long life will I satisfy him, and show him My Salvation*

This tells us that satan was not able to deceive Messiah **BECAUSE** Messiah **KNEW**, believed, followed and obeyed the Words of the Father's Torah of life.

*Verse 13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Messiah **for a season**.*

This tells us that the devil is always there, waiting for an opportunity to spring into action to somehow cause us or deceive us into transgressing the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, for his goal, is to steal, kill and destroy the children of Elohim.

*Verse 14 And Yeshua returned in the **power of the Holy Spirit** into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.*

Since we are told that Messiah, who is the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, **IS FILLED** with the Holy Spirit of YHVH, the very same Holy Spirit that YHVH has tasked with **CAUSING** every surrendered contrite obedient heart, to believe, follow and obey **ALL** the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, what do you suppose Messiah was teaching these people, in their synagogues?

*Verse 16 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and as **WAS** His **CUSTOM**, He went into the synagogue **ON THE SABBATH DAY**, and stood up to read.*

This tells us that it was Messiah's **CUSTOM** to celebrate the Sabbath, and that he gladly took part in the readings of the Sabbath Day celebration service, as was His and His family's **CUSTOM**.

*Verse 17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He opened the book, He found the place where it was written, 18 The Spirit of YHVH is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel (the **TRUTH**, Ephesians 1:13) to the poor; He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted**, to **preach deliverance to the captives**, and **recovering of sight to the blind**, to **set at liberty them that are bruised**, 19 To **preach the acceptable year of YHVH**.*

Once Messiah reached this in the verses of Isaiah 61, we are told in verse 20

*And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him.*

Why were the eyes of all of the people who were in the synagogue fastened on Him? It is because Messiah **did NOT** read the full passage of Isaiah 61, as it was normally read, Messiah only read Verses 1 and half of verse 2 of Isaiah 61, which state:

*1 The Spirit of YHVH Elohim is upon me;*

(רוּחַ אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה עָלַי), Ruach Adonay YHVH Alay, where the **word** Ruach, means, wind, breeze, air, breath, soul, spirit, side, quarter, courage, to be wide, spacious, to enlarge, the **word** Adonai, means, my master, my lord, the name YHVH, means Yahweh, the **word** Alay, is from the **word** Al which means, on, upon, above, at, beside, towards, against, concerning, about, because of, on account of, together with, and with the Yod suffix it means upon me)

The first thing we have to ask ourselves **IS**, who is the Spirit of Elohim. I know, that to most of you listening to this, or reading it, it might be an easy question to answer, but nevertheless the question has to be asked. The answer is, the Spirit of Elohim **IS** the Holy Spirit, and the reason that it is important for us to know, before we go through the rest of the verse is because of what Scripture tells us the task of the Holy Spirit **IS**, in Ezekiel 36:26-27 *A **new heart** also will I give you, and a **new spirit** will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and **CAUSE** you to walk in My Statutes, and you **SHALL** keep My Judgments, the Words of My Torah **AND DO THEM**.*

Now that we have established who the Spirit of Elohim **IS**, and what He **IS** Commanded to do, the next question we have to answer is, **WHY IS** the Holy Spirit fallen upon Isaiah?

Because YHVH has anointed me (Isaiah) to preach **GOOD TIDINGS** unto the meek;

(יַעַן מָשַׁח יְהוָה אֹתִי לְבָשֶׁר עֲנָוִים, Ya'an Mashach YHVH Otiy LeBaser Anaviym, where the **word** Ya'an, as a preposition, means, because of, it is also a noun meaning purpose, intention, the **word** Mashach means, to smear, anoint, to spread oil over, it also means to measure, the Name YHVH refers to Yahweh, the **word**, Otiy, is from the word Ot, which means, sign, signal, symbol, token, miracle, it also means to consent, agree, the **word** LeBaser, is from the **word** Basar, which means, to bear tidings, joyful message, he gladdened with good tidings, it also means flesh, meat, body, creature, pulp of the fruit, the **word** Anaviym, is from the **word**, Aniv, עָנִי or, Anav, עָנָו, which means, humble, afflicted, meek, modest, poor, behaved modestly)

What is the **GOOD TIDINGS** that YHVH wants Isaiah to preach unto the meek? As you can see by the definition of the words good tidings, what Isaiah was commanded to preach **IS** the Gospel, the Good News, of the advent of Messiah the Living Torah made flesh, and the Torah is defined as YHVH's eternal **TRUTH** and that is why Paul tells us in *Ephesians 1:12-13 That we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Messiah. 13 In whom you also trusted, AFTER that you heard*

(the english word, *heard*, is translated from the Hebrew word shemah, which means to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** what you have heard YHVH say)

*The Word of TRUTH, the GOSPEL of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.*

(The word **TRUTH** in Scripture is defined in *Psalm 119:142 Your righteousness IS an everlasting righteousness, and YOUR TORAH IS THE TRUTH.*

Now that we know that the **GOOD TIDINGS IS** YHVH's **TRUTH**, and that YHVH's **TRUTH IS** the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh, our Messiah, we have to ask ourselves, **WHO** are the meek that YHVH wants Isaiah to preach to? The answer is simple, for the meek are the people who are humbled, afflicted, meek, modest, poor, those who have chosen to behave modestly. There is no room for pride nor haughtiness, in the kingdom of Elohim and therefore, **ALL** the people who are filled with pride and haughty, will **NOT** hear, they will **NOT** shemah the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, which means that they will miss the day of their visitation.

*He has sent me (Isaiah) to bind up the brokenhearted,*

(שָׁלַחַנִּי לְחַבֵּשׁ לְנִשְׁבְּרֵי-לֵב, Shalchaniy Lachavosh Lenishbrey Lev, where the **word** Shalchaniy, is from the **word** Shalach, שָׁלַח, which means, to send, stretch out, extend, he let loose, he sent a message, was dispatched, was transmitted, he was ordered to go, let go, set free, was sent away, sent off, it also means missile, weapon, it means hide, skin, irrigation canal, the **word**, LaChavosh is from the **word**, Chabash, חָבַשׁ, which means, to bind, bind up, he shut in, imprisoned, confined, saddled, he dressed a wound, bandaged, bandage, plaster, the **word** Lenishbrey, is from the **word**, Shabar, שָׁבַר, which

means, to break, break into pieces, he tore, rent, he destroyed, demolished, shattered, break, breach, fracture, **calamity**, **misfortune**, was **humiliated**, and the **word** Lev, means heart, mind, will, the inner part, the middle)

Who are the **broken hearted**, that Isaiah is to bind up, and what does it mean to bind up the **broken hearted**? The **broken hearted** are all the people that have suffered **calamities**, **misfortune**, or that have been **humiliated** for some reason or other, they are lost souls that are looking for redemption, and Isaiah's task was to bandage their damaged and wounded souls, and put them on the righteous path to everlasting life, by sharing the **Good News**, the Gospel of Truth, the Gospel of your salvation (*Ephesians 1:13*), the **TRUTH**, the Words of the Father's Torah of Life with them, so that they could learn to turn to, and rely on, YHVH's Words of Life, thereby causing them to walk on YHVH's Path of righteousness by willingly obeying the Words of His Torah of Life.

*To proclaim liberty to the captives,*

(לְקַרְא לְשִׁבְיִים דִּרְוֹר, Liqro Lishvuyim Deror, where the **word** Liqro, is from the **word** Qara, קָרָא, which means, to cry, call, invoke, invite, he cried, called, he proclaimed, he summoned, he convoked, assembled, invited, to encounter, happen, he met unexpectedly, met by chance, collect, harvest, biblical scholar, reader of Scripture, the **word** Lishvuyim, is from the **word**, Shabah, שָׁבָה, which means, to take captive, take prisoner, captured, was taken captive, the **word** Deror, דִּרְוֹר, means, freedom, liberty, release from servitude, sparrow)

Who are the captives that Isaiah is tasked with proclaiming that they can be set free? They are all the people who have become slaves to sin, in bondage to and serving the words of the false religious or secular doctrines of men.

*And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;*

(וְלִאֲסוּרִים פֶּקַח־קוֹחַ, Vela'asuriym Peqach Qoach, where the **word** Vela'asuriym, is from the word Asar, אָסַר, which means, to bind, tie, imprison, he tied, bound, fettered, harnessed, he arrested, imprisoned, he forbade, prohibited, binding obligation, the **word** Peqach, means, to open, especially the eyes and ears, to be observant, to free, he opened, uncovered, he guarded, watched, supervised, he became clever, became wise, was opened, uncovered, it also means, seeing, one who can see, one in possession of all his faculties, clever, intelligent, supervisor, inspector, superintendent, the **word** Qoach, is used in conjunction with the **word** Peqach, and it means that the meaning of the word Peqach is redoubled, like the dungeon door is opened doubly wide, or a person finally having his eyes fully opened, which means that he can finally see the **TRUTH** of YHVH)

What is the prison that YHVH wants Isaiah to set the people free from? Although there is a physical aspect to this, what YHVH is really speaking of, **IS** the prison of their own minds, their own thought processes, because they have not yet learned to turn to YHVH, they have not yet

learned to **TRUST IN, NOR RELY ON** His Words of Life, contained in the Torah of YHVH, and YHVH wants Isaiah to show them the incredible freedom that comes with believing His Words of everlasting **TRUTH**, and willingly choosing to **TRUST** and **OBEY ALL** the Words of His Torah of Life. For YHVH has said, that **WHEN YOU KNOW THE TRUTH**, when you have chosen to internalize, believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **IT WILL SET YOU FREE**.

*To proclaim the acceptable year of YHVH,*

(לְקַרְאֵ שְׁנַת־רְצוֹן לַיהוָה), Liqro Shenat Ratzon LaYHVH, where the **word** Liqro, is from the **word** Qara, קָרָא, which means, to cry, call, invoke, invite, he cried, called, he proclaimed, he summoned, he convoked, assembled, invited, to encounter, happen, he met unexpectedly, met by chance, collect, harvest, biblical scholar, reader of Scripture, the **word**, Shenat, is from the **word** Shenah, שָׁנָה, which means, year, **period of changing season**, it also means to repeat, do again, to teach, was learned, was studied, it means to change, was altered for the worse, was displaced, was dislocated, was changed in mind, it also means, to sleep, slumber, the **word** Ratzon, means, goodwill, favour, acceptance, will, desire, wish, the **word** LaYHVH means to, or of Yahweh)

What or when is the **acceptable year of YHVH**? The acceptable year of YHVH is the **period of changing season**, when the Living Torah became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten Son of Elohim, filled with grace and **TRUTH**. The acceptable year of YHVH is when He offers His Son as the propitiation or the ransom for all of mankind to choose to turn to or return to Him, with surrendered contrite obedient hearts, and begin to obey the Words of His Torah. And the reason that it is called the **acceptable year of YHVH**, is because it is His wish that **NOT** even one person perishes, but that they all turn from the wicked ways, turn from transgressing the Words of His Torah of Life, and Live. Since our heavenly Father has so graciously given us free will, it is up to us to choose to obey His Words, thereby choosing to work out our own salvation.

It says in *Luke 4:14-21* *And after the devil had tempted Yeshua, Yeshua returned in the power of the Holy Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of Him through all the region round about. 15 And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 16 And He came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, **AS WAS HIS CUSTOM**, He went into the synagogue **ON THE SABBATH DAY**, (**NOT** on Sunday) and stood up to read. 17 And there was delivered unto Him the book of the prophet Yesha Yahu, Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, 18 **The Spirit of YHVH IS upon Me, BECAUSE He has anointed Me** (the Words of the Living Torah made flesh) **to preach the Gospel of TRUTH, to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, 19 To preach the acceptable year of YHVH. 20 And He closed the book, and He gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on Him. 21 And he began to say unto them, This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears.***

As I mentioned above, Messiah stopped reading at this point, and set the book of Isaiah aside and sat down, He did Not continue with the rest of the *verses* in *Isaiah 61*, that were normally read, because our heavenly Father, was giving all of mankind an opportunity to turn to Him with contrite repentant hearts, hearts that willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life, as Messiah did, and taught us to do, before bringing His wrath upon mankind in His timing. We have to understand that ***we are STILL in that time, the time between the acceptable year*** of YHVH, His ***period of changing season***, (the valley of decision) and the day of ***vengeance of our Elohim***, which will come upon us in the future, in His timing. Therefore, it is of Paramount importance for ***ALL*** people to turn to Him ***NOW***, in the ***acceptable period of changing season***, (the valley of decision) ***before the season actually does change***, and the ***vengeance*** of YHVH is upon the earth.

*And the day of vengeance of our Elohim;*

(וַיּוֹם נָקָם לְאֵלֵהֶינּוּ), VeYom Naqam Leloheynu, where the ***word***, VeYom means, day, time, year, the ***word*** Naqam, means, to avenge, take vengeance, he avenged himself, took vengeance, revenge, the ***word*** Leloheynu, is from the ***word***, Elohim, אֱלֹהִים, and of course it is speaking of YHVH Elohim)

The day of vengeance of YHVH will be very horrific for the people that have chosen to ignore His many warnings, and chosen instead to continue to transgress the Words of His Torah of Life. YHVH has made it very clear from the beginning of time, what He wants from His people, in *Deuteronomy 10:12-13* *And now, Israel, WHAT does YHVH your Elohim REQUIRE OF YOU, BUT to fear YHVH your Elohim (the fear of YHVH IS the beginning of wisdom), to WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS, and to love Him (IF you love Me, Keep and obey My Commandments), and to serve YHVH your Elohim with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul, To keep the Commandments of YHVH, and His Statutes, which I command you this day for your good?*

And just in case there are some people that do ***NOT KNOW*** what YHVH's Commandments and His Statutes are, please read *IKings 2:3-4* where it says: *And keep the CHARGE of YHVH your Elohim, to Walk in His WAYS, to keep His STATUTES, and His COMMANDMENTS, and His JUDGMENTS, and His TESTIMONIES, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE TORAH OF MOSES, WHY?*

*So that you may PROSPER in all that you do, and wherever you turn yourself: That YHVH MAY CONTINUE His Word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their WAY, to walk before me in TRUTH (in obedience to the Words of My Torah of Life, Psalm 119:142) with ALL their heart and with ALL their soul, there shall NOT fail you (said He) a man on the throne of Israel.*

*To comfort all that mourn;*

(לְנַחַם כָּל-אַבְלִיִּם), LeNacham Kal Aveliym, where the ***word*** LeNacham is from the ***word*** Nacham, which means, to have compassion, to console, he was sorry, suffered

grief, repented, was relieved by taking vengeance, repentance, the **word**, Kal, means, all, the whole of, the **word** Aveliyim, is from the **word** Abel, אָבֵל, which means, to mourn, lament, desolate, and as an adverb it means, truly, indeed, but, however)

Here we see the infinite love that YHVH has for **ALL** the people of the world, He wants to console and comfort **ALL** people that have suffered grief, loss, disappointment, all people that have fallen short of the glory of YHVH, because, as I said above, He does **NOT** want even one person to perish, **BUT** what has to happen before He can console and comfort them, **IS** that they have to choose to turn to Him, with repentant hearts, and He will do the rest.

*To appoint unto them that mourn in Tzion,*

(לָשׁוּם לְאֲבֵלֵי צִיּוֹן, Lashum, La'Aveley Tzion, where the **word** Lashum means, is from the **word** Sim שִׁים or Sum שׁוּם, which means, set, put, placed, set up, established, appointed, he ordained, he turned into, transformed, imposed, to assess, evaluate, estimate, appraise, the **word** La'Aveley, is from the **word**, Abel, אָבֵל, which means, to mourn, lament, desolate, and as an adverb it means, truly, indeed, but, however, the **word** Tzion, means, monument, landmark, signpost, gravestone, it is a name that is given to Israel and to Jerusalem)

Here we see that YHVH has a special place in His heart for Tzion, and the people that mourn **FOR** Tzion, the place where He has chosen to place His Name there forever.

*To give unto them beauty for ashes,*

(לָתֵת לָהֶם פְּאֵר תַּחַת אֲפֵר, Latet Lahem Per Tachat Epher, where the **word** Latat is from the **word** Natan, נָתַן, which means, to give, he gave, granted, he permitted, he gave up, delivered, he put, set, he appointed, established, he made, the **word**, Lahem, means, to them, the **word** Per, means, to adorn, beautify, glorify, he praised, glory, headdress, diadem, turban, the **word** Tachat, means, the under part, buttocks, bottom, posterior, as an adverb it means, underneath, below, beneath, as a preposition, it means, in one's place, where one stands, in place of, instead, because of, on account of, the **word** Epher, means, ashes, dust, ash-coloured, it means make up, pasture saturated with water, marsh, swamp, bandage, mask)

Again YHVH's incredible Grace, Mercy and forgiving nature is brought to the forefront, because it is YHVH desire to **REPLACE ALL** the ugliness, the harm, the destruction, the ruin that Israel has brought upon itself, because of their rebellious disobedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, **WITH** beauty and glory, and the most beautiful thing that YHVH created **IS** His Word, and then He caused that same Word to become flesh and dwell among us.

*The oil of joy for mourning,*

(שֶׁמֶן שֶׂשׂוֹן תַּחַת אֲבֵל, Shemen Sason Tachat Evel, where the **word** Shemen means, to become or be fat, he oiled, he greased, lubricated, fat, stout, robust, thick, oil, fatness,

olive oil, fat substance, it means to assess, appraise, evaluate, estimate, the **word** Sason, means, rejoicing, joy, exultation, the **word** Tachat, means, the under part, buttocks, bottom, posterior, as an adverb it means, underneath, below, beneath, as a preposition, it means, in one's place, where one stands, in place of, instead, because of, on account of, the **word** Evel, means, to mourn, lament, desolate, and as an adverb it means, truly, indeed, but, however)

Our heavenly Father loves us so much, that He wants to replace all sadness, all mourning, all lamenting, all desolation, that His people are suffering, because of their rebellious disobedience to the Words of His Torah of Life, with joy and exultation. Because, as I have said so many times before, it is YHVH's wish that **NOT** even one person perishes.

*The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;*

(מַעֲטָה תְהִלָּה תַּחַת רֵיחַ כִּהָהּ) Ma'ateh Tehilah Tachat Ruach Kehah, where the **word** Ma'ateh means, covering, to cover, vestment, the **word** Tehilah, means, praise, glory, fame, renown, song of praise, psalm, it also has a negative meaning, it means folly, error, profanation, sin, the **word** Tachat, means, the under part, buttocks, bottom, posterior, as an adverb it means, underneath, below, beneath, as a preposition, it means, in one's place, where one stands, in place of, instead, because of, on account of, the **word**, Ruach, means, wind, breeze, air, breath, soul, spirit, side, quarter, courage, to be wide, spacious, to enlarge, the **word** Kehah, means, to grow dim, dull, faint, darkened, made dim, to chide, rebuke, it also means healing)

What is the **garment of praise** that YHVH wants to replace the **spirit of heaviness** with. Well the word translated as **garment** is the word Ma'ateh, מַעֲטָה, which means covering, and what has YHVH provided as a covering for His people? YHVH chose to cover His people with the Words of His Torah of Life, the very same words that became flesh and dwelt among us, and that covering is activated every time that someone chooses to believe, follow and obey the Words of His Torah of Life. The Words of His Torah of Life **IS** our covering, it is our protection against, the fiery furnace, the lion's den, the wiles of the devil, the attacks of our enemies, *Ephesians 6:10-20 Finally, my brethren, be strong in YHVH, and in the power of His might. PUT ON the whole armour of Elohim, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do NOT wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Therefore take unto you the whole armour of Elohim, (your protective covering) that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with TRUTH, (the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) and having on the breastplate of righteousness (The words of the Torah, Deuteronomy 6:24-25); And your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace, (also known as the Gospel of TRUTH, the Words of YHVH's Torah); ABOVE ALL, taking the shield of belief, wherewith you SHALL be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which IS the Word of Elohim: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and*

*supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, **TO MAKE KNOWN** the mystery of the Gospel of **TRUTH**, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.*

**WHY** has YHVH provided us with this covering?

*That they (the people who willingly choose to turn to YHVH in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life) might be called **trees of righteousness**,*

(וְקָרָא לָהֶם אֵילֵי הַצְדִּיק) VeQora Lahem Eyley HaTzedeq, where the **word** VeQora is from the **word** Qara, קָרָא, which means, to cry, call, invoke, invite, he cried, called, he proclaimed, he summoned, he convoked, assembled, invited, to encounter, happen, he met unexpectedly, met by chance, collect, harvest, biblical scholar, reader of Scripture, the **word**, Lahem, means to them, the **word** Eyley, is from the **word** Ayil, אֵיל, which means, ram, head, chief, leader, prince, projecting pillar, pilaster, power, strength, the **word** HaTzedeq, is from the **word** Tzedeq, צִדִּיק, which means, to be just, be righteous, correctness, righteousness, justice, salvation, deliverance, victory, merit, alms, charity)

The word **trees**, in Scripture, is often used as a metaphor for man, and the Word **righteousness** in *Deuteronomy 6:24-25* is defined as obeying the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, therefore we must conclude that YHVH is telling us, His children, that He wants the people of His Israel, to put on the Words of His Torah of Life as their forever garment and covering, for therein is found the Power of YHVH.

*The planting of YHVH, that He might be glorified.*

(מִטַּע יְהוָה לְהִתְפָּאֵר) Mata YHVH LeHitpaer, where the **word** Mata, means, planting, plantation, the name YHVH, speaks of Yahweh, the **word**, LeHitpaer, is from the **word** Tapher, which means to decorate, beauty, finery, splendour, glory, it is from the **word** Pa'ar, פָּאֵר, which means, to adorn, beautify, glorify, he praised, glory, headdress, diadem, turban)

Here YHVH is saying that it is He that plants the Words of His Torah of Life, **BUT** it is we that have to do the growing, the developing, causing the spreading of our roots to go deeper and deeper in the good soil, the Words of His Torah of Life.

Once the people willingly choose to obey YHVH, and the Words of His Torah of life, what does YHVH say will happen to His people?

*They **SHALL** build the old wastes,*

*They **SHALL** raise up the former desolations*

*They **SHALL** repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.*

*Strangers **SHALL** stand and feed your flocks,*

*And the sons of the alien **SHALL** be your plow-men and your vinedressers.*

But **YOU SHALL** be named the **Priests** of YHVH:

*Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, **IF you will OBEY** My Voice indeed, and Keep My Covenant, **THEN** you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above **ALL** people: for all the earth is Mine: 6 And you **SHALL** be unto Me **a kingdom of PRIESTS**, and a holy nation. These are the words which you Moses shall speak unto the children of Israel.*

*Luke 4:22 And all bare Messiah witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, is not this the son of Joseph? 23 And He said unto them, You will surely say unto Me this proverb, Physician, heal thyself:*

Why would Messiah use those words, why do you think that Messiah believed that people would repeat this proverb about Him, Physician, heal thyself? It is because Messiah was teaching words that were foreign to them, and He was contradicting what they had been taught, therefore they were telling Him that He had better heal Himself from all these false teachings and start believing their man made oral torah, their man made doctrine before He tries to heal them. Then they tell Messiah in the balance of *verse 23*:

*Whatsoever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your country. 24 And Messiah said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own country.*

Here Messiah is saying that it does not matter what I say or do, you will **NOT** believe me, and then He says something that truly angers the people that were in the Synagogue, for they have been taught to only believe the words of their man made oral torah, their man made doctrines that the Rabbis have taught them, which is the doctrine of the man made religion of Judaism, which means that the Words of the actual **written Torah** that were given to Moses at Mount Sinai, by YHVH Himself, were foreign to them, because, over the centuries, the leaders of this new man made religion, had replaced or caused the words of their own man made doctrines to supersede the written Words of YHVH's Torah of Life

*Verse 25 But I Yeshua, tell you of a **TRUTH**, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine was throughout all the land; 26 But unto none of them was Elijah sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. (1kings 17:8-24)*

*Verse 27 And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elishah the prophet;*

(אלישע, Eliyshah or אלישוע, Eliyshua, means Elohim is my Saviour, he was the son of Shaphat, and he is the prophet who succeeded Elijah)

*And none of them were cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.*

*Verse 28 And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were **filled with wrath**,*

Why were the people filled with wrath after Messiah mentioned Elijah and Elishah? We have to understand that both of these prophets were revered in Israel and in Judaism, and here Messiah says: *I tell you of a **TRUTH**, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine was throughout all the land;* 26 *But unto none of them was Elijah sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow.* Elijah was **NOT** sent to Jerusalem, **NOR** to the High priest, **NOR** to any Scribe, **NOR** to any high official, **BUT** Elijah was sent to a poor widow in Sarepta a city in Sidon, and **NOT** Jerusalem, therefore we could say that this incident, **IS** a shadow picture of whom Messiah was sent to, for He was sent to the *lost sheep* of the house of Israel, and **NOT** to High priest, **NOR** to any priests, **NOR** to any Scribes, nor to any high officials in Jerusalem.

And then Messiah goes on to say, that during the days of Elishah no lepers in Israel were healed except for Namaan the Syrian, therefore as far as the people that were in the synagogue were concerned, Messiah was saying in a way, that He was greater than these two prophets put together, and since the Priests, the Scribes, the Rabbis and their followers were convinced that Messiah was **ONLY** the son of Joseph, and nothing special, they were very angered at Him, for those words, and they wanted to, and were about to kill Him, for saying that He, the He Messiah was the fulfillment of the words that Isaiah spoke in *Isaiah 61*, but YHVH saved Him from the mob and messiah disappeared in the crowd, and continued His preaching in other areas.

*Verse 29 And the people rose up, and thrust Him out of the city, and led Him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, so that they might cast Him down headlong. 30 But Messiah, passing through the midst of them, went His way, 31 And came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught them on the Sabbath days (as was His custom). 32 And they were astonished at His doctrine: for His word was with power.*

Why were the people of Capernaum **astonished** at Messiah's Doctrine? It was because Messiah taught the pure Words of the written Torah of our heavenly Father, the very same Torah that was given to Moses at Mount Sinai, YHVH's eternal **TRUTH**, the very same Torah that the priests and Rabbis were commanded by YHVH to teach and **NOT** the man made false doctrines of the Priests and Rabbis, their man made oral torah.

*Verse 33 And in the synagogue there was a man, who had a spirit of an unclean (impure, foul), devil,* Here we go again, with the scribes' false claims that people can be possessed by devils or demons. The actual word used in the Greek is the word:

(Daimonion, Strong's number G1140, δαιμόνιον, daimónion, pronounced, dahee-mon'-ee-on, is defined by the scribes as a demonic being, and it is said to be from G1142, δαίμων, daímōn, from δαίω, daíō, to distribute fortunes, a demon or supernatural spirit, devil, but in Thayer's Greek Lexicon, has a much more in-depth definition, it says that this word and its derivatives, G1139, means, persons afflicted with especially severe diseases, either bodily or mental, such as paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of speech, epilepsy, melancholy, insanity, etc; G1140, to have a demon, be possessed by a demon, is said of people who either suffer from some exceptional severe disease, or **ACT** and

speak as **IF** they were mad or insane. According to a Jewish opinion (**NOT** a fact) which passed over to the Christians, the demons are the gods of the Gentiles, and the authors of idolatry. The apostle Paul taught that the gods of the gentiles are a **FICTION**. That we are not to pay attention to. Josephus also makes mention of demons taking possession of men, but he does **NOT** see them as the writers of the Apostolic Scriptures, (the New Testament) see them, as bad angels, but Josephus sees them as the spirits of wicked men that are deceased. G1141, Daimoniodes, is defined as, resembling or proceeding from an evil spirit, a person that is demon-like in his deeds and words.

*And the man cried out with a loud voice, 34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with You, Yeshua of Nazareth? Are You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are; the Holy One of Elohim.*

Have you ever been in the presence of someone that is demented and listened to the words that spew out of his or her mouth? They are insane, and therefore what comes out of their mouths is often illogical, for they they do **NOT** know what they are saying; but one thing is for sure they **ARE NOT** possessed by demons, they are simply suffering a mental breakdown, and that can be for many reasons, and a sinful life **CAN** be one of those reasons, for a sinful life is a life that is filled with anxiety, and anxiety is often the beginning of mental disorders, and the devil is very good at causing people who are in this type of lifestyle, to hate themselves, their surroundings, the conditions under which they live, and the people in their sphere of influence.

So as the story of the scribes goes, this so called evil spirit, which was supposedly possessing this man in the synagogue, says to Messiah, get away from us, leave us alone, (that seems like a multiple personality disorder to me), and then it says, for I know who You are, (these so called demons that are supposedly possessing this man don't say, **WE** know who you are, but it is the man that says, I know who you are, You are the Holy One of Elohim.

Therefore, according to the definition of the word devil or demon, used here in this *verse*, this man was mad, or insane, his sinful behaviour, his departure from the belief in the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah Torah of Life, caused him, to give heed to seducing spirits, and the doctrines of devils; speaking **LIES** in **HYPOCRISY**; which means that he had his conscience seared with a hot iron; and therefore it caused him to go mad for a while, and suffer the mental illness, or breakdown, that in this case manifested itself as multiple personalities disorder, but then we are told in *verse 35*

*And Yeshua **REBUKED THE MAN** (not the so called devils or demons, that supposedly possessed this man) saying, Hold your peace, and leave this man alone. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he obeyed Messiah, and left the man alone, and **did not hurt him anymore.***

This is just telling us that the man had a mental problem caused by his past sinful behaviour and Messiah cured him of that mental illness.

*Verse 36 And they were all amazed, and spoke among themselves, saying, What Word is this! For with **authority** and **power** He Commands the unclean spirits, (the man's madness, his mental diseases, and we are told, that by Messiah, the Living Torah's Words) they come out (which means that the man was healed).*

*Verse 37 And the fame of Him went out into every place of the country round about. 38 And He arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought Him for her. 39 And He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them.*

The healing of Peter's mother in law, is the very same thing that Messiah did with the people that were supposedly possessed by devils or demons. As I said above, the word demon is defined as a person that **IS** very ill, maybe even insane, and Messiah healed them all, just like He healed Simon Peter's mother in law's great fever.

*Verse 40 Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases (including mental illnesses) brought them unto Him; and Messiah laid His hands on every one of them, and healed them all. 41 And devils also came out of many, crying out, and saying, You are Messiah the Son of Elohim. And Messiah, rebuking them suffered them not to speak: for they knew that He was Messiah.*

Please understand that like Messiah, we, who have chosen to believe, follow and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, also have the power to **rebuke** evil spirits, for we are told in *James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

*Verse 42 And when it was day, He departed and went into a desert place: and the people sought Him, and came unto Him, and stayed Him (tried to stop Him from leaving), that He should **NOT** depart from them. 43 And He said unto them, I must preach the kingdom of Elohim to other cities also: for therefore am I sent. 44 And He preached in the synagogues of Galilee.*

Here we see that Messiah was true to His Elohim given calling to preach the Words of the Father's Torah of life, to all the lost sheep of the tribes of Israel, and if we profess to be followers and believers in Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, then we too must preach the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, to as many people as we can, and let them decide whether they want to believe it or not. Amein

*Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.*

*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may YHVH bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*