

Study of Matthew 11

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Matthew 11:1-30

1 And it came to pass, when Yeshua had made an end of commanding His twelve disciples, He departed there to teach and to preach in their cities.

Here we are told that after commanding His twelve disciples what they were to do, Messiah departed from there, to go and preach His message to other places. Since Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, what message do you suppose He went out to preach? This may sound like a simplistic question, **BUT** it is very important to **NOTE** that Messiah went out to preach the message of His Father, for Messiah Himself said, I say nothing except what My Father tells me to say, and Scripture makes it abundantly clear that the Father has told the Son to speak the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Messiah, he sent two of his disciples, 3 And said unto Yeshua, Are You He that should come, or do we look for another?

Just a few months ago, John the Baptist actually baptized Messiah, and when Messiah came out of the water, we are told that the Spirit of Elohim descended upon Messiah, like a dove, and that a voice was heard saying, this is My Son in whom I am well pleased, which means that John actually heard the voice of Elohim proclaiming that Messiah Yeshua, was His Son, in whom He was well pleased, **BUT** and now that John has been sitting in jail for a while, he sends his disciples to Messiah to ask Him, **ARE YOU** He that was prophesied to come?

It appears that things did **NOT** go the way that John the Baptist had envisioned them, and therefore that raised all kinds of confusing doubts in his mind, so much so, that he was now questioning in His mind, **IF** Yeshua was really the sent One, the Messiah, that was prophesied to come. There is a great lesson here for us to learn. We have to learn that we cannot rely on the accounts of men who have innumerable scenarios as to what, where and when things are supposed to happen, and for the most part they are usually **WRONG**. YHVH has made it abundantly clear that He does not do any major things, without first, telling His saints what is He is going to do. Therefore we are not to rely on any man made prophecies, **BUT** instead, we are to only rely on what the Pure Word of our heavenly Father tells us in His Torah of Life.

Verse 4 Yeshua answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which you hear and see:

*Verse 5 The blind receive their sight
The lame walk,*

*The lepers are cleansed,
The deaf hear,
The dead are raised up,
And the poor have the Gospel, the Truth, the Torah preached to them.*

As you can see Messiah did **NOT** send words back to John to convince John that He, Messiah was truly the prophesied one to come, He told John's disciples to tell John what they had witnessed with their own eyes, that:

The blind received sight,
Which is a metaphor that tells us that they are no longer walking in darkness, because they have finally seen the Light, the Light of the world, Messiah the Living Torah for what and how He is.

The lame walk,
Which means that the crooked faulty Path that they used to walk on, which is a metaphor for their man made religious or secular doctrines, which caused them to limp through life, have now been discarded, and their life Path has been straightened, which means that they are now walking uprightly in obedience to YHVH's Torah of Life.

The lepers are cleansed
Leprosy is what YHVH used to punish sinners, and therefore when messiah says that the lepers are cleansed, it means that their Sins are forgiven.

The deaf hear,
Deafness is a metaphor for **NOT** hearing the Word, the Torah of YHVH, therefore when Messiah says that the deaf **HEAR**, He is telling us that the people have now chosen to shema the Word of YHVH, the people have chosen to hear, listen, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life.

The dead are raised up,
Which is a metaphor, that tells us that those who were once dead in the spirit, have now been resurrected, by the Living Torah, onto a new life, a life that has them walking in obedience to the Father's Torah, which gives Life to all who willingly and lovingly choose to believe, follow, obey and **DO** it.

And the poor have the Gospel, (the Truth), the Torah preached to them. This tells us that YHVH's Torah of Life **IS** for everyone, regardless of physical appearances, ethnicity, or their position in Life, for we are all equal in the eyes of YHVH.

Verse 6 And blessed is the person, who shall NOT be offended in Me, Messiah.
This is also a very very important *verse*, especially since Messiah **IS** the Living Torah made flesh, as is made quite clear in *John 1:1* and *John 1:14*, because **anyone** who chooses to believe

that the Torah of our heavenly Father **IS** an ancient document that is no longer relevant or valid for the people to follow and obey today, **anyone** who believes that the Torah of YHVH has somehow been abolished in whole or in part, **anyone** who believe that the Torah of YHVH has changed and or been replaced or superseded in whole or in part by some man made oral torah, or man made doctrine, **IS** actually saying that they are **OFFENDED** by Messiah, **SINCE** Messiah **IS MOST DEFINITELY** the Living Torah of our heavenly made flesh, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at Mount Sinai and said was forever, everlasting.

Please take a moment and contemplate the magnitude of the problem that society has today, for everlasting Life is indeed something that YHVH has promised, **BUT** it is only promised to those people **WHO** willingly and lovingly choose to **PERSEVERE** to the **END**, which means that YHVH's promised everlasting Life, **IS ONLY** for the people who choose to willingly and lovingly believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life, and do every day of their lives, until it is their time to go and meet their maker, YHVH, and which time they will receive their prize, for the race they have run, the Torah obedient lives that they have lived.

Verse 7 And as they (John's disciples) departed, Yeshua began to say unto the multitudes concerning John,

Messiah poses three rhetorical questions to a crowd of people that surrounded Him, about John the baptist and His first question is, when you went out to see John and listen to what he had to say,

What did you go out to the wilderness to see? Was it a reed (קנה) shaken with the wind?

(קנה, Qaneh, means stalk, reed, cane, shaft, and it also means to create, to acquire, get, to buy, to possess, own, to earn)

A reed is not something that is very solid, it is **NOT** something that you can lean on for support, therefore I believe that Messiah is telling this multitude of people, that **NO** they did **NOT** go out to find some kind of useless crutch that they could lean on?

Then Messiah poses them a second question.

What did you go out to see? Was it a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

Messiah asks the multitude did you go out to the wilderness to see a nobleman, a rich man, or someone from the king's house, someone who you think can save you from whatever ails you? No you did **NOT**.

Now comes the third question!

*Again I ask **WHAT** did you go out to see?*

And here YHVH says, you went out to see a prophet. **WHY** would the multitude go out to see a prophet? It is because they were hungry for the **TRUTH**, they had experienced the harsh forced

rule of Law that their conquerors the Romans were imposing upon them, and they also experienced the endless rules and regulations that the Rabbis and their man made oral torah, were imposing upon their day to day life, and many had had enough of the Rabbis controlling their lives and they were looking for relief, relief from all these unfair and unjust man made **LAWS**, and they turned to a **PROPHET**, who they believed was from Elohim, for they wanted Elohim's **TRUTH** in their lives, and **NOT** the man made garbage that they were forced to follow and obey, or be punished if they did **NOT**.

*A prophet? I say **YES** unto you, and he was much more than a prophet.*

Messiah says **YES**, you went out to see a prophet, **BUT JOHN was NOT** just any prophet!

Verse 10 For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who shall prepare Your way before You.

Here Messiah is quoting what Malachi said in *Malachi 3:1* which states: *Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me: and Adonai, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the Messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in: behold, He shall come, says YHVH of hosts*

YHVH is saying that He will send His Messenger (Elijah/John), and that His messenger (Elijah/John) shall prepare the way before Me, YHVH, and Adonai Messiah, My Living Torah made flesh, who **YOU** (the multitude of people that Messiah is speaking To, **SEEK**), shall suddenly come to His Temple, My House, the house of your heavenly Father, for He **IS** the Messenger of **MY COVENANT** says YHVH, He is the one that you **DELIGHT IN**, He is the Living Torah made flesh, behold He **IS** the **ONE** that shall come.

How do suppose YHVH **KNEW** that the people would actually delight in Messiah the Living Torah made flesh? Well as the Creator of **ALL** things, YHVH knows what is on people's hearts, He knows that they have been anxiously waiting for Messiah, their Saviour, for a thousand plus years, awaiting His arrival in their midst, and since YHVH has perfect timing, Messiah, the Living Torah, came at the perfect predetermined time to bring YHVH's message of redemption onto salvation to an Israel and a world that was mired in darkness, bondage and the sinful lives that all man made religious and secular doctrines have captured and entrapped people in, and YHVH sent the Living Torah made flesh to earth, so that people could be **SET FREE** of their man made bondage, as long as the people were willing to believe, follow, obey and **DO** His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions.

Please understand that John the baptist had the unprecedented privilege of ushering in the advent of Messiah, the Living Torah, the Light of the world into the lives of the people of Israel and the world, and Messiah had many good things to say about John and his role.

*Verse 11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women, there has **NOT** risen a greater than John the Baptist:*

Here Messiah tells us that John was the greatest prophet of all time, and the reason why, I believe Messiah is saying that about John is because, John was chosen to be entrusted with the monumental task of preparing the Way, of the Living Torah, the Son of Elohim, coming to earth, which means that our heavenly Father had complete and absolute trust in the fact that John, through the prompting of the Holy Spirit would complete the task that YHVH had assigned to him.

Then YHVH makes a statement that is mind boggling, He says in *verse 12 Notwithstanding the fact that John the Baptist is greater than all prophets born of women, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven, IS greater than John the Baptist.*

WHY does Messiah say that, the least person who makes it into the kingdom of heaven is **GREATER THAN, John**, who Messiah says is greater than all of the other prophets?

That is a simple question to answer, **BUT** before I answer the question, I would like you, to tell me **WHY** you think Messiah said that?

*Verse 12 And from the days of John the Baptist **until now***

(עַד־כֶּעַן, Ed Kan, where the word Ed means, to unto, up to, even to, until, while, but it also means, witness, testimony, and if we add the letter Yod as a suffix, we form the word, Edy, which means ornament, jewel, the word Ken, means, now, and it is from the word Ken, which means, so thus, yes, right, truthful, honest, to be set, established, be firm, base, stand, pedestal, foundation)

The english translation seems to be telling us that from the days of John until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, but the words *until now*, which means, witness, testimony, jewels, ornaments, and that is speaking of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and His Feasts,

Now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Here in this *verse* the translators have mistranslated the quote from *Micah 2:12-13* which states *12 Surely, I will gather Jacob, all of you* (that is **ALL** of Israel/Judah);

Surely I will gather the remnant of Israel;

*Together I will set them like the sheep of **Bozrah**, a sheepfold,* (בִּצְרָה, mean sheepfold),

*Like a flock in the midst of its **pasture***

(הַדְּבָרִי, HaDavro, is from the word Dabar, דָּבַר, which means pasture, wilderness, word, speech, matter, affair, business, occupation, to follow behind someone's back, he led, he guided, leader, guide)

They (Israel) will be in commotion, because of men

(תְּהִימְנָה מֵאָדָם, TeHiymenah, which is from the word Hum, הוּם, means murmur, roar, discomfit, he rushed about madly, was beside himself, was frantic, was in a stir, caused

agitation, and the word MeAdam which means from or of man)

*13 The one **breaking** through has come up before them:*

(הַפְּרִיץ, is from the word Poretz, פָּרַץ, which means, to break, break through, break out, break to pieces, he tore down, destroyed, he used violence, was unrestrained, was insolent, also means to push, press, urge, breach, crack, cleft, fissure)

They have breached

(פָּרְצוּ, same word as above, Poretz, פָּרַץ)

*And have passed through the **gate** and have gone out by it:*

(שַׁעַר, means gate, entrance, title page of a book, crack, rift, opening of the mouth, it also means value, measure, price, to calculate, reckon, estimate, it also means to know),

And their king shall pass through before them, YHVH at their head.

YHVH is telling us that He will put the people of His Israel, His sheep, into **HIS** sheepfold, in the midst of His Pasture, His Davro דְּבָרוֹ, and since the Hebrew word for pasture, Davro, דְּבָרוֹ also means, word, or speech, I believe that YHVH is telling us, that Israel is in the midst of His Word, the Words of His Torah of Life, and because of Messiah's Torah obedient leadership, His sheep will be eager to get out into the world and preach His message, His Gospel, His Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life, to all that will listen, to all who will shemah, for they **KNOW** that that is what the Creator of the universe, YHVH, wants and expects from them, and that YHVH will be leading them, wherever they go, and that He will never leave nor forsake them.

*Matthew 13 For **ALL** the prophets and the Torah prophesied (This Truth) until John.*

This tells us that until John the Baptist, this was just a Prophecy written in the Torah, **BUT** now, John's message of the coming Saviour **HAS** been fulfilled before their very eyes, for the Messiah, the Saviour has come, and accomplished what the Father sent His to do, as was prophesied in Scripture..

Verse 14 And if you will receive it, this is Elias (Eliyahu, אֵלִיָּהוּ or Elijah, אֵלִיָּה), which was prophesied to come.

Here Messiah/YHVH says that **IF** you can accept it, John, **IS** a shadow picture of Elijah, who is fulfilling a prophesy that says, Elijah, the prophet, will come to turn the hearts of the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, to the children, and the hearts of those Fathers, were determined to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Torah of YHVH, and then we are told that at that time, when Elijah returns, that he will turn the hearts of the children to their Fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, which means that the children, will then turn to YHVH in total loving surrendered obedience to His Torah of Life as many of them did, when John showed up on the scene,

announcing the advent of our Messiah, and we see that in *Acts 21:20* *And when they heard what Paul had to say, they glorified YHVH, and said unto him, You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are **who believe; and they are all zealous of the Torah:***

Malachi 4:5 *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of YHVH: 6* *And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

We have to understand that like Elijah, John has been sent out before the great and awesome day of YHVH, to turn the hearts of the children to their fathers, to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so that **LIKE** these fathers, they too, the children, meaning all of Israel, which of course includes us, can turn to YHVH in total loving surrendered obedience to His Torah of Life, and the fact that many people today are discovering that the Torah of YHVH, has not changed even one iota, and that it is absolutely still totally relevant for the days that we live in, simply tells us that the time of the end, is getting nearer, and we had better make sure that we are prepared, for it will come when we least expect it.

Verse 15 *He that hath ears to hear, let him hear,*
Let Him shemah, let him hear, understand, believe, follow, obey and **DO**, what I Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, am telling you).

What follows is Messiah's description of the state of mind and the heart condition of the people of Judah, and **ALL** of Israel were in, when Messiah was here on earth with us, and after we have gone through these conditions, I want you to ask yourself, **ARE** the hearts of the people of today, who choose to follow, their man made religious or secular doctrines, as their way of life, rather than the pure inerrant and everlasting word, the Torah of YHVH, any different than the darkened hearts of these people mentioned in *Matthew 12?*

Verse 16 *But what or who shall I liken this generation to? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, 17* *And saying, We have piped unto you, and you have not danced; We have mourned unto you, and you have **NOT** lamented.*

In other words, are the people of today, doing the exact same thing and ignoring the message, and the warning signs that YHVH has sent these people, which puts their final eternal resting place in Jeopardy?

Verse 18 *For John came neither eating nor drinking, And they said of him, he has a devil.*

Verse 19 *The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they said of Him, Behold He is a gluttonous man, and a wine drinker, a friend of publicans and sinners.*

What is happening to Messiah here is quite similar to what is happening to President Trump today in the USA, no matter what he does, good or bad, the other side can only find fault. The enemy will always try to call good, evil, and evil good, and that is how we can know that we

are dealing with people that are giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils, and who speak lies in hypocrisy; because their conscience has been seared with a hot iron of satan.

Messiah says something very profound, in the latter part of *verse 19*, He says, *But wisdom is justified of her children.*

What are the children of **WISDOM**?

The children of **WISDOM** are, Truth, common sense, discernment, understanding, obedience, devotion, earnestness, zealousness, determination, love for neighbour, love for family, respect of parents, and much more.

*Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you Statutes and Judgments (Torah), even as YHVH my Elohim Commanded me, that you should **DO SO** in the land where you go to possess it. Keep therefore and **DO** them; **FOR THIS IS YOUR WISDOM AND YOUR UNDERSTANDING** in the sight of the nations, who shall hear **ALL** these Statutes (Torah), and say, Surely this great nation **IS A WISE AND UNDERSTANDING PEOPLE**. For what nation is there so great, who has Elohim so near unto them, as YHVH our Elohim is in all things that we call upon Him for? And what nation is there so great, that has Statutes and Judgments (Torah) so **righteous** as all this Torah, which I Moses set before you this day?*

There is **NO** denying it, the Torah and Wisdom, are synonymous terms.

*Verse 20 Then began he to rail against the cities wherein most of His mighty works (miracles) were done, because they did **NOT** repent: 21 Woe unto you, Chorazin! Woe unto you, Betsaida! For **IF** the mighty works, which were done in **YOU**, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, They **would have repented long ago** in sackcloth and ashes. Verse 22 But I say unto you, the people of Chorazin and Betsaida, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, **THAN FOR YOU**.*

Messiah goes on and gives us yet another example of the apathy of the people of His day.

*Verse 23 And you, Capernaum, who are exalted unto heaven, Shall be brought down to hell: For **IF** the mighty works, which have been done in **YOU**, had been done in Sodom, It would have remained until this day. Verse 24 But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for you.*

What Messiah says in these three *verses* **IS** an outright condemnation of **ALL** the people of those cities, of *Chorazin, Betsaida and Capernaum*, but before we condemn them also, I first have to ask you a question, **IF** Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh, were here wit us today and did all kinds of miracles in some of the cities in BC, and along with these Miracles He preached that the Torah of our heavenly Father has **NOT** been abolished, and that we are all to learn to submit to Him, and **OBEY** the Father's Torah, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at mount Sinai, **WHAT** do you think would be the response of the people of those cities? And based on their response do you think that YHVH would say to them **WOE** onto you, you

cities of BC? Please understand that Messiah/YHVH is not looking for hearts that want to condemn other people, He already has satan who does that, our heavenly Father is looking for wise hearts that want to **SAVE** other people, by teaching them about the Torah obedient Life that Messiah lived and taught all of us to do the same. Amein

Next we see that YHVH who is totally surrendered to Father, and obeys His every instructions, obeys all of the Father's Torah of Life says in *Verse 25 At that time Yeshua answered and said, I thank You, O Father; Master of heaven and earth, **WHY?** Because You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent, and have revealed them unto babes. 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in Your sight.*

YHVH knows men's hearts and that often a men's intellect can cause them to overthink something and have to find a solution to everything that is happening around them, however we have to understand that our heavenly Father works in mysterious ways and **IF** He wants someone to understand something, then He will give him that understanding, especially **IF** they learn to rely on and acknowledge Him before they start, **BUT** people who choose to keep Elohim out of the equation, have to struggle to get the answer to their problem on their own. The lesson that I believe YHVH is teaching us **IS** yes, use whatever logic and common sense our heavenly Father has given you, **BUT** before you start anything, invoke the Father's Name and ask Him to help you with whatever it is that you are doing, and for the people that learn to do that on a regular basis, our heavenly Father says He will direct their path, which means that things will go much smoother for that person.

*Verse 27 All things are delivered unto Me of My Father: And no man knows the Son, **BUT** the Father; Neither does any man know the Father, save the Son, And he to whomsoever the Son will **REVEAL** Him.*

Who do you think the Son will reveal His Father to? Will He reveal the Father to someone who believes and teaches that the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, has somehow been done away with, in whole or in part, or will he reveal Him, to someone who teaches that their man made oral torah, which was dreamt up by limited finite minds, and which they believe and teach, somehow supersedes and replaces many parts of our infinitely wise Father's written Torah of Life, the very same oral torah that they have elevated above the written Torah of Moses? I don't think so, I believe that Messiah will only reveal the Father to the people that have willingly surrendered their wills to His will, and that have willingly and lovingly committed themselves, to believe, follow, obey and **DO** the Father's Torah of Life, every day of their lives, because of their great love for the Father.

*Verse 28 Come unto Me, all you that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 When you are sick and tired of the filth that the people of world are believing, following, obeying and doing, then come to **ME**, Take my yoke, **My Torah** upon you, and learn of and from Me, your heavenly Father's Living Torah made flesh;*

*For I, the Living Torah made flesh, am meek and lowly in heart: And I promise you that you, you shall find rest unto your souls. **WHY, do I say that?***

*It is 30 Because My yoke (the father's Torah of Life) **IS EASY**, and My burden (Obedience) **IS LIGHT**. Amein*

*On page 29 I posed you a question: Then YHVH makes a statement that is mind boggling, He says in verse 12 *Notwithstanding the fact that John the Baptist is greater than all prophets born of women, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven, **IS greater than John the Baptist.****

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*As I said, the answer is very simple, when Messiah made that statement John was still here on earth with Him, and in his earthly body, there is the opportunity to Sin, to transgress the Father's Torah of Life, whereas, in the kingdom of heaven, **NO ONE** Sins, everybody willingly and lovingly obeys the Father's Torah of Life, therefore every occupant that is blessed, by making it into the kingdom of our heavenly Father, **IS WITHOUT SIN**, which therefore means that he or she is perfect, whereas John is **NOT**. Amein*

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