

# **GATES TO ZION MINISTRIES** **(SHA'ARIM L' TZION)**

**Presents**

## **The Foundation Series**

### **Pt. 3: Understanding The Mystery of Godliness**

#### **YHWH'S Weapon Of Mass Destruction**

Beloved, here is why the cross<sup>1</sup> or execution stake is so detested by hasatan. If he had any inkling as to the far reaching effects of his having Yeshua put to death on that execution stake, he would have never gone through with it. The cross was Abba YHWH's secret weapon of mass destruction! Now, that we see the necessity of understanding the Hebraic principle of identification, and we tie this into the principle of the cross, we see the power and centrality with which we must always keep the cross in regards to the plan of redemption. By the principle of identification YHWH brought an end to the first Adamic creation. When Yeshua as the Last Adam died, sin met its match. The blood of Yeshua's cross not only covered (atoned) sin, it destroyed it. Like an atomic bomb that levels the landscape when it is detonated; even so the cross leveled the first Adamic creation. On one side the cross dealt with the negative effects of sin. On the other side, it dealt positively by opening the way back to the possibility of eternal life for a new creation. Rav Sha'ul gives us a much needed glimpse into this in his letter to the Galatians,

***"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the {life} which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20 NASB)***

You see, he says we *have been* crucified with our Mashiach. That's past tense. When did that happen? The answer is found in Rav Sha'ul's letter to the Romans,

***"Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with {Him,}..." (Romans 6:6a NASB)***

When Yeshua was crucified, WE WERE CRUCIFIED! What happened to our blessed Master at His crucifixion was counted as having actually happened to all of us! In the eyes of our Abba YHWH, and in direct correlation to the very laws He Himself established by which the entire universe itself is run, when Yeshua was crucified, SO WERE WE! When He died, SO DID WE! When He was buried, SO WERE WE! When He was raised, SO WERE WE!<sup>2</sup> The plan of redemption is not only a spiritual reality. It is a LEGAL reality too! By the Hebraic concept of *identification*, which is itself a spiritual law in conjunction with the plan of redemption, YHWH legally destroyed any and every hold that hasatan might ever hope to have on any who would put their trusting faithfulness in Yeshua's redemptive work. He made Mashiach Yeshua as the Second

Man, the Head of an entirely new creation.<sup>3</sup> A new creation made up of redeemed/born again humanity. A new humanity who has NO legal ties to the First Adam or to any dominion his sin afforded hasatan or his kingdom. HalleluYAH! Now maybe you can understand Rav Sha'ul's proclamation in his letter to the Corinthians,

***“the wisdom} which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory;” (1 Corinthians 2:8 NASB)***

I don't believe Rav Sha'ul was mainly directing this statement to the physical, political princes involved in our blessed Master Yeshua's crucifixion. I believe he was speaking of those principalities and powers that were at work behind the scenes being played out on the stage of humankind that day. Hasatan had no idea what Abba YHWH had in mind when it came to the death of His Son. He simply thought putting Him to death that day would be the end of everything for YHWH's plans and purposes. If he had, he would have done everything within his power to keep Yeshua off that cross. Instead, he put Him there! He did to himself what he so desperately tried to avoid. The crushing reality of this incredulous failure to anticipate the wisdom of Abba YHWH became painfully clear when our blessed Master Yeshua walked out of that grave that resurrection day. Not only had he lost Yeshua, but he lost all that was inside Him...**US!** A few weeks later the immensity of this miscalculation began to appear even more devastating. On the feast of Shavuot/Pentecost when the Ruach HaKodesh was poured out on those faithful talmidim in Yerushalayim, there were 120 more just like their Master! Then, in just a few more minutes there were over 3000 more! The possibilities were endless. The seed of the kingdom of heaven had been planted in the earth.

### **A Final Word**

Those who wish to question the Truth concerning the deity and identity of our blessed Master Yeshua simply prove that they too are as ignorant of Abba YHWH's wisdom regarding the plan of redemption as hasatan himself! We are plainly told in the book of Tehillim/Psalms that it is impossible for a man to redeem his brother,

***“No man can by any means redeem {his} brother Or give to God a ransom for him—  
“(Tehillim/Psalms 49:7 NASB)***

The reason why this is true, is that all of mankind bear within themselves the blemish of sinfulness. All that descend from the first Adam bear the likeness of fallen humanity and are therefore according to YHWH's system of justice guilty. The Torah calls for the death of all who are guilty of this type of transgression. It was a willful and determined act on Adam's behalf to commit treason against YHWH and His kingdom. Only YHWH could answer the great need posed by this horrible set of circumstances. No man was capable. No man was now without blemish. However, YHWH Himself took it upon Himself to rectify the situation. That's what this teaching is all about. It reveals HOW (as much as we are able to understand it) YHWH went about completing His

glorious plan of redemption. Rav Sha'ul proclaims this glorious reality when he wrote to the Corinthians,

***“Namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself...” (11 Corinthians 5:19a NASB)***

This is in complete agreement with the prophetic utterances of Yeshayahu/Isaiah in the TaNaKh. Let's look at a few of these verses to give witness to this fact.

***“Thus says the LORD your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel...” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 43:14a NASB)***

***“Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: 'I am the first and I am the last, And there is no God besides Me.’”(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 44:6 NASB)***

***“Our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, The Holy One of Israel.” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 47:4 NASB)***

***“And all flesh will know that I, the LORD, am your Savior And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.”(Yeshayahu/Isaiah 49:26b NASB)***

***“For your husband is your Maker, Whose name is the LORD of hosts; And your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth.” (Yeshayahu/Isaiah 54:5 NASB)***

We could go on, but I believe the point is clear. The ReNewed Covenant is in complete agreement with its root, the TaNaKh in its prophetic declaration that YHWH Himself would be both THE Savior and Redeemer of His holy nation of Yisrael. Yeshua HaMashiach IS YHWH manifest in the flesh. Biblical Judaism (again not the same as rabbinical Judaism) is in full agreement with WHO is the Savior and Redeemer of Yisrael. hasatan has done his best to keep this fact hidden. The translators of the Bibles most of us use have unwittingly given sway to hasatan's effort to keep the identity of YHWH as both Savior and Redeemer of Yisrael from being realized. Over 7000 times in most Bibles the name of YHWH has been changed. Most times it is written with all capitals as *LORD*. Sometimes it may be seen by the mistransliteration as *Jehovah* in some translations. Please don't misunderstand me, I don't necessarily believe those translating the Scriptures were completely aware of what they were doing. However, hasatan was very much a part of this attempt to cover up The Name. Even brother Judah's replacement of The Name with either Adonai (a title not a name) or HaShem (Hebrew for The Name) by rabbinical Judaism is also an unwitting attempt to keep the true Name of YHWH from being recognized and used in a reverent holy manner. (We don't have time or space here to give an in depth view of the proper and reverential use of The Name. We will do so in another teaching designed for that purpose.) Our point here is to make it crystal clear that YHWH and Yeshua are indeed two parts (not two distinct Persons) of the same Elohim of Yisrael. (The Ruach HaKodesh makes the third part...not Person)

YHWH devised the plan of redemption in His ultimate and unfathomable wisdom. It is a wisdom that He has allowed those who have His Spirit to see into in a partial manner at this juncture in our journey. While we may not know all there is to know, by the blessing of the spirit of wisdom and revelation, we may know enough! As we close, I will leave you with one last witness to all that we have said so far. It comes from the Aramaic transliteration of the ReNewed Covenant Scriptures. Aramaic is the sister language to Hebrew. The following is a verse often quoted by Bible believing people, but the full intent is missed because of the failure to properly use The Name of YHWH.

***“Because of this, I make known to you that there is no one who speaks by the Spirit of Eloah and says that Yeshua is accursed. And neither is a man able to say that YHWH is Yeshua except by the Ruach HaKodesh.” (1 Corinthians 12:3 Hebraic Roots Version Scriptures- also the Restoration Scriptures Hebraic translation agree)***

Now that changes everything! Yeshua is not just “a” Lord. He is THE LORD! He is YHWH, and NO ONE CAN SAY THAT WITHOUT BEING PROMPTED BY THE RUACH HAKODESH. No wonder hasatan has worked so hard to cloud this issue. I pray that Abba YHWH will use this teaching to help bring clarity to His people and deliver His holy remnant of ReNewed Covenant Yisrael from error. May those who are being approved stand firm on the Sure Foundation of our faith, which is nothingless than our blessed Mashiach Yeshua Himself! Amein.

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### **Endnotes Part Three**

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<sup>1</sup> The cross or execution stake is both an event and an eternal principle by which Abba YHWH always filters His purposes. The reason the cross had to become an outward event is because Adam rejected it as an inward working principle. That’s what the two trees were all about in the Garden. The Tree of Life which represented Abba’s way to realizing all that Adam was created for, and the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, which represented the way of the flesh and hasatan’s way of realizing man’s potential. One required complete surrender to Abba’s will out of a spirit of love and desire to see Him glorified. The latter required renouncing the way of Abba, in order to realize man’s potential by independent effort and self promotion. The Last Adam did what the first Adam failed to do. He lived by the principle of the cross in His every day life. He constantly said, “I came not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent me” (Jn. 6:38); “The words that I speak are not My own, but as I have heard the Father speak, so I have spoken”(Jn. 12:49): “I do nothing of [that which originated within His own soul] Myself.” (Jn. 5:19, 30) You can see Master Yeshua’s embrace of the cross as a principle in His temptation. When hasatan urged Master Yeshua to satisfy His own hunger, if He truly was the Son of God, by turning the stones into bread. Our Master refused. He would not do any thing, even to the point of satisfying a legitimate need, by using His power on His own initiative. Every thing MUST come from the Father. As the talmidim of our blessed Master, we too are called to learn this principle. Yeshua said, “***And He was saying to {them} all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.” (Luke 9:23 NASB)*** In all we do we must always discern by which principle our work is being done. Learning the way of our Master has both present and eternal reward. Failure to embrace the way of the cross will result in both present and eternal sorrow! (1 Cor. 3:10-15; 11 Cor. 5:10-11)

<sup>2</sup> Read Rav Sha’ul’s words to the Roman believers with this in mind (Romans 6:1-14)

<sup>3</sup> **11 Cor. 5:17**