

# **The Hebrew Gospels from Sepharad**

The Gospel according  
to Matthew

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A literal translation of an amazing medieval  
Hebrew manuscript in the Vatican Library,  
Vat. Ebr. 100

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# Introduction

The Hebrew Gospels from Sepharad<sup>a</sup> are the most interesting and amazing versions of the Gospels that we know of. They are full of insights into the original meaning of Yeshua's<sup>b</sup> life and teaching. It is today a well proven fact that the Gospel of Matthew was originally written in Hebrew: not only do the Church fathers<sup>c</sup> tell us just that, but the discovery of the dead sea scrolls showed that Hebrew was still the Jewish language of the day in the first century. Linguistic study of the Hebrew versions<sup>d</sup> of Matthew in more recent years has also provided abundant evidence to prove the Hebrew origin of the Gospel of Matthew.

Thus, if we want to know what the **original** meaning of the Gospel of Matthew was, what Yeshua **really** meant when he taught, and what the **solutions** to the seeming contradictions are, we should **not** be looking at the Greek manuscripts, Greek lexicons, and the 'original' meaning of the Greek words etc. No, if we want to truly understand what Yeshua did and taught, we should be studying the Hebrew manuscripts, the Hebrew meaning of words, Hebrew figures of speech, and the Hebraic culture of the first century. The purpose of this translation is to make this kind of study easier for those who do not read Hebrew.

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for 'Spain'

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew name for 'Jesus'

<sup>c</sup> Papias, Irenaeus, Origen, Eusebius, and Jerome all wrote that Matthew originally composed his Gospel in Hebrew. For references see e.g. the AENT (Aramaic English New Testament) 5<sup>th</sup> edition, 2012: Netzari Press, pp. 12, 13; and the 'Hebrew Gospel of Matthew' by George Howard, 1995: Mercer University Press, pp. 155, 156.

<sup>d</sup> Hebrew versions include the 'Shem Tov,' 'Du Tillet,' and 'Munster' versions.

Previously, the most highly attested Hebrew version of Matthew was the Shem Tov version. It contains many Hebraisms, puns, and word plays, as well as Hebrew keywords linking different sections together.<sup>a</sup> It solves several contradictions in the Greek tradition of Matthew, and has been studied much in the past few decades.

The problem is that the Shem Tov version was copied by people who denied Yeshua, rejected him as Messiah, and deleted every instance in which Matthew calls Yeshua ‘the Messiah.’ So, can one trust the Shem Tov version to always be accurate? It also contains unsolvable contradictions, e.g. it is impossible to show from the Shem Tov Matthew that Yeshua was in the grave for three days and three nights.

The Vat. Ebr. 100<sup>b</sup> manuscript used for this translation however, is in a totally different class, as it clearly equates Yeshua with the Messiah, and openly declares him the Son of El,<sup>c</sup> and solves many questions and seeming contradictions! Although it seems to be a translation from Catalan back into Hebrew, the manuscript is full of linguistic proofs showing that there is **no way** it could possibly be a derivative of the Greek, nor of Jerome’s Latin version, as some have claimed.

Thus the Catalan version it probably derived from, had to come from an authentic Hebrew manuscript. There are many instances in which the Greek gospels (which were later translated into Latin) could

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<sup>a</sup> See e.g. the ‘Hebrew Gospel of Matthew’ by George Howard, 1995: Mercer University Press, pp. 184 – 190.

<sup>b</sup> [http://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS\\_Vat.ebr.100/](http://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Vat.ebr.100/)

<sup>c</sup> ‘El’ is the short Hebrew word for ‘God.’

easily be a translation from a Hebrew manuscript similar to Vat. Ebr. 100, but impossible that this manuscript could originate from the Greek or Latin. We are planning to publish these linguistic evidences, and numerous other interesting discoveries in a separate series of articles, rather than having them all mixed up and scattered throughout the footnotes.

## About the Translation

As mentioned before, the main manuscript used for this translation of Matthew is from the Vatican Library, Vat. Ebr. 100.<sup>a</sup> We have accurately and literally translated it, using digital color photographs of the actual manuscript, which are available online.<sup>b</sup> The translation is focused on accuracy, rather than flowing English. It is very easy to create contradictions with a paraphrase-type translation.

There were many challenges to overcome in order to do an accurate translation. The grammatical structure and vocabulary of these Gospels are not the same as either classical or modern Hebrew. So, where the average New Testament (N.T.) translator has dozens of previous translations to check against, and large, multi-volume theological lexicons explaining the meaning of every single word found in the N.T. – plus exhaustive grammars explaining all of the grammatical phenomena found in N.T. Greek, there is no such thing for these Hebrew gospels. No English translation, no lexicon

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<sup>a</sup> [http://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS\\_Vat.ebr.100/](http://digi.vatlib.it/view/MSS_Vat.ebr.100/)

<sup>b</sup> URL links to each online page of translated manuscript is provided throughout the translation.

specifically designed for it, and no grammar has been written for them. Now after many months of hard work and intense study, the specific grammar and vocabulary of the manuscript is well understood. The initial translation has been checked, rechecked, and revised as we learned more about the specific style of the Hebrew that is presented in the manuscript.

- Words or phrases that are still in question were placed in [square brackets].
- The spelling of all Hebrew/Aramaic names were standardized to their Hebrew pronunciation.
- All other deviations from Vat. Ebr. 100 are marked with [square brackets] **plus** a footnote stating where the reading comes from.
- Only Names and Titles were capitalized. Pronouns like ‘you’ or ‘he’ etc. are not capitalized (even when referring to YHWH or Yeshua) as this is sometimes based merely on the translator’s interpretation. The reader should rather use the context to determine whom the pronoun is referring to.
- *Italic words* were added to help the English reader understand what the Hebrew text implies by context.
- Certain words were marked in **bold** according to emphasis in the Hebrew manuscript – based on special word order etc. – and are not our own emphasis or interpretation. (This is to be expanded and finalized in the next version.)
- Chapter and verse numbers were **added only** to make it easy to compare with a standard English translation. Verse numbers are absent in the manuscript and sentences often flow across the next verse number. The section breaks in the manuscript do not agree with the standard division into chapters.

Thus the current translation (version 1.1) is accurate, but due to be reviewed again before publication. We are planning to later publish a transcript of all four Gospels in Hebrew, together with the English translation in book form. This is a non-profit project, and the printed edition will be sold at cost price.

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# List of Abbreviations used in Footnotes

<b>Acc.</b>	According
<b>Alt.</b>	Alternative, alternatively
<b>Ch.</b>	Chapter
<b>E.g.</b>	For example
<b>Heb.</b>	Hebrew
<b>I.e.</b>	That is
<b>Lit.</b>	Literally
<b>Ms(s).</b>	Manuscript(s)
<b>N.T.</b>	New Testament
<b>O.T.</b>	Old Testament
<b>Pl.</b>	Plural
<b>P(p).</b>	Page(s)
<b>Prob.</b>	Probably
<b>V(s).</b>	Verse(s)



# Matithyahu

1:1 [\(2r\)](#)<sup>a</sup> This is the book of the genealogy of Mashiach,<sup>b</sup> the son of Dawid, the son of Avraham: 2 Avraham begot Yitschaq, Yitschaq begot Ya'aqov, Ya'aqov begot Yehudah and his brothers. 3 Yehudah begot Perets and Zerach from Tamar, Perets begot Chetsron, and Chetsron begot Ram. 4 Aram begot Aminadav, Aminadav begot Nachshon, Nachshon begot Salmon. 5 Salmon begot Boaz, Boaz begot Oved, Oved begot Yishai. 6 Yishai begot Dawid - the king of Yisrael; Dawid the king of Yisrael begot Shelomo from the wife of Uriyah. 7 Shelomo begot Rechavam, Rechavam begot Aviyah, Aviyah begot Asa. 8 Asa begot Yehoshaphat, Yehoshaphat begot Yoram, Yoram begot Uzziyah. 9 Uzziyah begot Yotham, Yotham begot Achaz, Achaz begot Chizkiah. 10 Chizkiah begot Menasheh, Menasheh begot Amon, Amon begot Yoshiyah, 11 Yoshiyah had begotten Yechonyah [\(2v\)](#) and his brothers by *the time of* the exile of Bavel. 12 Yechonyah begot Shealtiel, Shealtiel begot Zerubavel. 13 And Zerubavel begot Avihud, Avihud begot Elyaqim, Elyaqim begot Azur. 14 Azur begot Tsadoq, Tsadoq begot Aqim, Aqim begot Elihud.

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<sup>a</sup> Click on link to view manuscript online, folio 2r. (Take note that Hebrew and English word orders are different, thus some manuscript folio transitions do not correspond exactly to the position indicated in the English sentence.)

<sup>b</sup> Or 'Messiah.' The Hebrew word which was translated into the Greek 'Kristos' but should be clearly distinguished from the Catholic symbolic 'Christ.' Literal meaning: 'anointed one,' usually referring to one anointed as king of Yisrael, or as priest or prophet. However when used as a name, it refers to the Son of YHWH, whom he anointed as the ultimate King of Yisrael, the Everlasting High Priest, and the Prophet who would speak YHWH's words to his people, and if anyone disobeys him, YHWH himself will cut off that person from among his people. See Deu. 18:18.

15 Elihud begot Elazar, Elazar begot Mattan, Mattan begot Ya'aqov.  
16 Ya'aqov begot Yoseph, the [betrothed]<sup>a</sup> of Miryam, of whom was born Yeshua<sup>b</sup> who is called Mashiach.

17 Thus all the generations from Avraham until Dawid, they were 14, and from king Dawid until the exile of Bavel, they were 14, and from the exile of Bavel until Yeshua – 14.

18 And this is the Toledoth<sup>c</sup> of Yeshua Mashiach. Now as the mother of Yeshua Mashiach was betrothed ( )<sup>d</sup> – and Yoseph; before they were joined together she was pregnant from Ruach Ha-Qodesh.<sup>e</sup> 19 So So Yoseph, being righteous, and not pleased to deliver her to death, was rather pleased to go divorce her in secret.<sup>f</sup> 20 And while he was considering this, the messenger<sup>g</sup> of YHWH<sup>h</sup> appeared unto Yoseph in a dream – he said, “Yoseph, son of Dawid, do not fear to take

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<sup>a</sup> Or acc. to some Shem-Tov mss.: “the father of Miryam”

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Jesus.’ ‘Yeshua’ is short for ‘Yehoshua,’ which means ‘Yah is Salvation,’ see v. 21.

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew for ‘genealogy’ or ‘history’

<sup>d</sup> Manuscript inserts gloss: ‘This is Mariah’

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>f</sup> Lit. “in hiding”

<sup>g</sup> Hebrew: ‘*malach*.’ Used for both human and heavenly messengers. The English word ‘angel’ is not a translation – only a transliteration of the Greek ‘*aggelos*.’ Besides, the average person reading ‘angel’ would probably envisage some female figure with wings. Heavenly ‘*Malachim*’ or messengers are distinct from the cherubim; they do not have wings and appear as men. (‘Angels’ and ‘men’ are used interchangeably – see e.g. Gen. 18. Compare Mat. 28:2-5 and John 20:12 vs. Mark 16:5 and Luke 24:4, see also Heb. 13:2.) Ironically, the ‘angels’ depicted in many Christian books look more like the evil spirits described in Zec. 5:9.

<sup>h</sup> The Hebrew manuscript has “*Ha-Shem*,” which literally means ‘The Name.’ Today still, many Jews will read “*Ha-Shem*” when they see the Hebrew יהוה. We have replaced ‘*Ha-Shem*’ with transliterated consonants of ‘the Name’ itself: “YHWH.” As for pronunciation, the only grammatically possible pronunciation, from which all other abbreviations/contractions can be formed, is ‘Yah-weh.’

Miryam your wife, for that which is conceived of her is conceived of Ruach Ha-Qodesh.<sup>a</sup> <sup>21</sup> And she will give birth to a son, you must call his name Yeshua: for he will save his people from their iniquities.” <sup>22</sup> And all this was done to fulfill the word of El,<sup>b</sup> which was spoken of him by [\(3r\)](#) the hands<sup>c</sup> of the prophet: <sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin will conceive and will give birth to a son, and his name will be Emanuel” *which* meant to say: ‘YHWH will be with us.’ <sup>24</sup> When Yoseph arose from his dream he did according as<sup>d</sup> El commanded him. So he took his wife – <sup>25</sup> but did not know her until she gave birth to the son, and he called his name Yeshua.

**2:1** When Yeshua was born in Beith-Lechem<sup>e</sup> in the land of Yehudeah,<sup>f</sup> in the days of king Herod, behold – kings of the east came to Yerushalayim,<sup>g</sup> <sup>2</sup> saying, “Where is the King of the Yehudim<sup>h</sup> who was born? For we saw his star in the East, so we came with gifts to bow down before his face.”<sup>i</sup> <sup>3</sup> And it happened, when Herod heard their words, he stood terrified<sup>j</sup> and all the men of Yerushalayim with him. <sup>4</sup> So he gathered all the chiefs of the priests

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>b</sup> Usually translated as ‘God.’ In Hebrew however, the word ‘luck’ or ‘fortune’ is pronounced as “gad” and sometimes as “god” (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11; Josh. 11:17; Isa. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use ‘God.’

<sup>c</sup> This is a Hebrew expression and simply means ‘by’ or ‘through.’

<sup>d</sup> Margin adds: “the messenger of”

<sup>e</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Bethlehem’

<sup>f</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Judeah’

<sup>g</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Jerusalem’

<sup>h</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Jews’

<sup>i</sup> The Hebrew word for ‘face’ is not always to be taken literally. “bow down...before the face of...” in the Hebrew Tanach nearly always has the connotation of worship.

<sup>j</sup> Or “dismayed”

and the wise men of the people, <sup>a</sup>[and he inquired of them whether they knew in what place Mashiach would be born. <sup>5</sup> So they answered him, “In Beith-Lechem Yehudah, for it is written according to the prophet, <sup>6</sup> ‘And you Beith-Lechem Ephrathah – behold, you are small among the thousands of Yisrael, *yet* from you *one* will go out for me to be ruler in Yisrael.’” <sup>7</sup> Then Herod the king called the kings in secret,] and he asked them in great diligence the time when the star appeared to them. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent them to Beith-Lechem and said unto them, “Go, inquire about the son with understanding and knowledge, who the son is, and when you find him, return unto me on my account,<sup>b</sup> that I may go to bow down myself before his face.”

<sup>9</sup> And when they heard the words of the king they went in their way, and it was, *that* the star which they saw in the East went before them until it stood over the place where the son was. <sup>10</sup> And when they saw the star they rejoiced *with* great joy. <sup>11</sup> So they entered into the house and found the son with Miryam<sup>c</sup> his mother, and they bowed themselves down before his face, [\(3v\)](#) then they opened their treasures and gave him gold and frankincense and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> But the messenger warned them that they should not return to Herod, so they returned to their kingdom by another way.

<sup>13</sup> And after their return the messenger of YHWH appeared unto Yoseph in a dream, and he said unto him, “Arise and take the son and his mother and flee to Mitsrayim<sup>d</sup> and dwell there until I come unto

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<sup>a</sup> Verses 4b to 7a are missing in ms. and translation is based on Ms. Vat. Ebr. 101 and other Shem Tov mss., adapting to context and style of main ms.

<sup>b</sup> Or “for my sake”

<sup>c</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Mary’

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Egypt’

you, for it is imminent that Herod will want the son to afflict him.”<sup>14</sup> Then he arose and took the son and his mother *in the* night and went to Mitsrayim,<sup>15</sup> And he stayed there until the death of Herod, to fulfill the words of El which he spoke by the hands of the prophet: “I, I called my son from Mitsrayim.”

<sup>16</sup> And it happened when Herod saw that the three kings made a mockery of him, he was exceeding angry, so he commanded to put to death all the sons *who* were found in Beith-Lechem and all its surroundings, from the time that the son was born - according to the time that he asked of the kings.<sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled which was spoken by Yirmeyahu<sup>a</sup> the prophet,<sup>18</sup> “Loud voices of weeping and yelling was heard in Rama, Rachel weeping over her sons, and she did not at all take comfort, for they do not exist *any more*.”

<sup>19</sup>. And when Herod died, the messenger of YHWH appeared to him in a dream, unto Yoseph in Mitsrayim,<sup>20</sup> and he said to him, “Arise and take the son and his mother, and go to the land of Yisrael,<sup>b</sup> for he is dead [\(4r\)](#) who wanted to put the son to death.”<sup>21</sup> So he rose up and took the son and his mother and returned to the land of Yisrael.<sup>c</sup><sup>22</sup> And it happened, when he heard that Archilious was reigning instead of Herod his father – in the land of Yehudah,<sup>d</sup> he feared to go there, and he was warned in his dream to go to the land of Gelilah.<sup>23</sup> So he sojourned in the district<sup>e</sup> of Netsereth which was to fulfill the prophecy which said, “He will call his name a Notsri.”

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Jeremiah’

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Israel’

<sup>c</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Israel’

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Judah’

<sup>e</sup> Or “town”

3:1 In that time the dipper came into the wilderness of Yehudah, preaching, 2 and saying, “Perform repentance, for the heavenly kingdom is drawing near. 3 This is what Yeshayah<sup>a</sup> prophesied – he said, ‘A voice will cry: ‘In the wilderness make straight the ways before our Adon.’” And turn yourselves<sup>b</sup> unto him.” 4 Now this<sup>c</sup> Yochanan<sup>d</sup> was clothed with leather, and his food was small locusts and wilderness<sup>e</sup> honey. 5 Then they went out from Yerushalayim and from all Yehudah, and from all the kingdom which surrounded the Yardein<sup>f</sup> valley. 6 And he dipped them in the Yardein. They also acknowledged their iniquities.

7 But as he saw great multitudes of Perushim<sup>g</sup> and Tsadiqim<sup>h</sup> coming to be dipped of him, he said unto them “Family of vipers, who taught you to flee from the anger of YHWH? 8 Perform good works and repentance. 9 And you must not say in your hearts, ‘Avraham [\(4v\)](#) is our father’, for I am saying unto you that El is able to make alive out of these stones – sons of Avraham. 10 The axe is resting on the roots of the tree – and every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and is burned. 11 I am dipping you with water at the place of repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than me, and I am not worthy to draw off his shoe. And he will baptize you with Ruach Ha-Qodesh,<sup>i</sup> and he will heal you with fire. 12 His bellows are

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Isaiah.’

<sup>b</sup> Or “they will be turned unto him”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “that”

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘John’

<sup>e</sup> Or “wild”

<sup>f</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Jordan’

<sup>g</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Pharisees’

<sup>h</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Sadducees’

<sup>i</sup> Or “the Set-Apart Spirit”

in his hand, and behold, he will clean his threshing floor, and gather his wheat in his storeroom, but the chaff he will burn with everlasting fire.”

13. Then Yeshua came into Gelilah, by the Yardein valley, to Yochanan who dipped him. 14 But Yochanan kept him back, saying, “Master, it is proper for you that you should dip me, and are you coming to me to be dipped?” 15 Yeshua answered and said to him, “Let it be,<sup>a</sup> for thus it is necessary that all uprightness be fulfilled.” Then Yochanan dipped him. 16 And immediately – when Yeshua Mashiach was dipped, when he went out of the water – the heavens were opened, and Ruach Ha-Qodesh descended on him in the form of a dove. 17 And there came a ‘Bath Qol,’<sup>b</sup> and said, “This is my son, my beloved, he is pleasing to me.”

4:1 Then Yeshua Mashiach was brought into the wilderness by [\(5r\)](#) Ruach Ha-Qodesh<sup>c</sup> in order to be tempted of Ha-Satan.<sup>d</sup> 2 And when he had afflicted<sup>e</sup> himself 40 days and 40 nights he became hungry. 3 Ha-Satan came unto him and said to him, “If you are the Son of Eloah,<sup>f</sup> say to these stones that they must turn into bread.” 4 Then he answered and said to him, “It is written, ‘Man will not live by the bread alone, but by the [grace] of YHWH.’” 5 Then Ha-Satan brought him up to the holy city and set him on the height of the house of the

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “Let it stand”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “A daughter of a voice,” the Hebrew way of saying, “A voice from heaven”

<sup>c</sup> Or “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “The adversary.” Because it is often used as a name in these gospels we have transliterated the name instead of translating it, as with all other Hebrew names.

<sup>e</sup> ‘Afflict oneself’ in Hebrew means ‘to fast’

<sup>f</sup> Singular of ‘Elohim,’ and usually translated as ‘God.’ In Hebrew however, the word ‘luck’ or ‘fortune’ is pronounced as “gad” and sometimes as “god” (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11; Josh. 11:17; Isa. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use ‘God.’



sanctuary, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, “If you are the Son of Eloah, cast<sup>a</sup> yourself downwards, for it is written: ‘El commands his messengers that they take you in their hands so that you will not receive evil set against your nephesh.’”<sup>b</sup> <sup>7</sup> Again he answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall not tempt your Elohim.’”<sup>c</sup> <sup>8</sup> Then Ha-Satan brought him onto an exceeding high mountain, and Ha-Satan showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor, <sup>9</sup> and he said to him, “I, I will give you all of this, if you bow down toward the earth and worship<sup>d</sup> me.” <sup>10</sup> Then Yeshua said to him, “Go away Ha-Satan, for it is written ‘You shall worship your Elohim, and him alone you shall serve.’” <sup>11</sup> Then Ha-Satan left him, and the messengers came and served him.

<sup>12</sup> When Yeshua heard that Yochanan had been seized, he turned his face *to* Gelilah and left Netsereth his city, <sup>13</sup> and he sojourned in the city Kepharnachum,<sup>e</sup> by the sea shore of the districts of Zevulun<sup>f</sup> and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> in order that the prophecies of Yeshayah the prophet should be fulfilled, <sup>15</sup> [\(5v\)](#) saying, “The land Zevulun and Naphtali, *being* restored is purged, the way of the sea<sup>g</sup> of the Yardein valley of Gelilah, <sup>16</sup> the people who abide in the way of thick darkness saw a light, and a shining lamp appeared unto those who abide in the

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “Let fall yourself” or “Cause yourself to fall”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “breath,” means ‘life,’ or ‘soul,’ etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of ‘soul’.

<sup>c</sup> Usually translated as ‘God.’ In Hebrew however, the word ‘luck’ or ‘fortune’ is pronounced as “gad” and sometimes as “god” (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11; Josh. 11:17; Isa. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use ‘God.’

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “pray,” also in verse 10

<sup>e</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Capernaum’

<sup>f</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Zebulun’

<sup>g</sup> Prob. Sea of Galilee



shadow of death.” <sup>17</sup> And from then and onwards Yeshua began to preach and to say, “Perform repentance, for the kingdom *of* heavens is drawing near.”

<sup>18</sup> And it happened when Yeshua went to the sea of Gelilah, *that* he saw two brothers – and they were: Shimon who is called Keipha<sup>a</sup> and Andrai<sup>b</sup> his brother – who were casting<sup>c</sup> the nets into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> Then he said to them, “Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.”<sup>d</sup> <sup>20</sup> And immediately they went after him (when they had laid down the nets). <sup>21</sup> Then he went from there and saw two other brothers, Ya’aqov *the son* of Zavdai,<sup>e</sup> and Yochanan his brother in a boat with Zavdai their father, who were repairing their nets. So he called them, <sup>22</sup> and they immediately left the nets and their father and went with him.

<sup>23</sup> Yeshua Mashiach was searching through all the land of Gelilah, preaching in the houses of their gatherings<sup>f</sup> the report of the heavenly kingdom, and healing all the sick ones, <sup>24</sup> strange ones,<sup>g</sup> satan-possessed ones, and moon-sick ones, and disabled<sup>h</sup> ones – and he was healing [\(6r\)](#) them. <sup>25</sup> Then it was *that* many people went after him from the land of Gelilah and Dekapolis and Yerushalayim and the land of Yehudah, and from beyond the Yardein valley.

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<sup>a</sup> The Aramaic name for ‘Peter,’ Greek transliteration ‘Cephas.’ A number of Aramaic nouns were used in post-exilic Hebrew.

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Andrew’

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “Placing”

<sup>d</sup> In Hebrew ‘Men’ includes women, whereas ‘Women’ excludes men.

<sup>e</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Zebedee’

<sup>f</sup> The equivalent of the Greek ‘synagogue’

<sup>g</sup> Lit. “Changed/Perverted ones,” prob. referring to people with defects

<sup>h</sup> This seems to refer to people who were totally unable to walk, whereas the ‘lame’ ones could also mean ‘cripple’ ones, who may, or may not have been able to walk

5:1 Yeshua Mashiach regarded the people coming up unto the mountain. And when he was settled, his talmidim<sup>a</sup> drew near unto him. 2 He opened his mouth and taught them saying, 3 “Blessed are the humble ones of spirit, for theirs it the kingdom of YHWH. 4 Blessed are the weeping ones,<sup>b</sup> for unto them comfort will reach. 5 Blessed are the resting ones, for they, they will inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are the ones hungry and thirsty for righteousness, for they, they will be satisfied and will become satisfied ones. 7 Blessed are the compassionate ones, for they, they will obtain compassions. 8 Blessed are the pure ones of heart, for they, they will see YHWH. 9 Blessed are the men of shalom,<sup>c</sup> for they, they will be called the sons<sup>d</sup> of YHWH. 10 Blessed are those who bear the persecutions because of righteousness, for theirs will be the heavenly kingdom. 11 Blessed ones you will be when the men curse you, and persecute you, and say all *kinds of evil things* against you, and lie – because of me. 12 Shout with joy – your wages are great in the heavens, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

13 And it happened – [while] Yeshua Mashiach said unto his talmidim, you are the instruction of the world, but the instruction was split<sup>e</sup> (6v) by them who were not saved, and nothing else is fit, except to cast *them* to the street and to trample them. 14 The light of the world is not able to hide the city that rests on the mountain. 15 No

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<sup>a</sup> Usually translated as ‘disciples.’ The Hebrew ‘Talmid’ is a student who learns from his teacher and follows his example. “Talmidim” is the masculine plural form.

<sup>b</sup> This is a literal translation. If it seems difficult to understand in English, read “those who weep” for “the weeping ones” etc.

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “wholeness,” “completeness” or “well-being,” can also mean ‘peace.’ ‘Shalom’ was also used as a greeting.

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew term ‘sons’ includes daughters.

<sup>e</sup> Or “cut off”

man lights the lamp in order to set it under a covering, but to set it upon the menorah,<sup>a</sup> in order to give light to all those who are in their house. <sup>16</sup> So let your lamps shine before all, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father who is in the heavens.”

<sup>17</sup> Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “You must not think that I came to throw down the Torah<sup>b</sup> and the Prophets, verily I came to confirm.<sup>c</sup> <sup>18</sup> I say unto you in truth, that not one word will be diminished from the Torah that it<sup>d</sup> would not be performed until the end of the world.<sup>e</sup> <sup>19</sup> And whoso transgresses one of these smallest commandments, or teaches to break them, he will be small<sup>f</sup> in *the* kingdom of heavens. Verily whosoever teaches it and carries it out, great will he be in *the* kingdom of heavens. <sup>20</sup> And I say unto you in truth, that if you do not become righteous ones, more than the wise

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew word for a ‘lampstand’

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew word תורה (Torah) means ‘instruction’ or ‘teaching’, and when used a name it refers specifically to the first five books of the bible, which contains the everlasting ‘instruction’ of the Creator for his chosen people. ‘Prophets’ refer to the rest of the so-called Old Testament. Thus Yeshua did not come to “throw down” the Old Testament.

<sup>c</sup> Yeshua confirmed the Torah by his life, actions and teachings.

<sup>d</sup> Masculine singular – referring to “one word” reaffirming that “not one word will be diminished”

<sup>e</sup> The second half of the verse explains “diminished” – paraphrased it would read “...not one word will be diminished (that it would not be performed) from the Torah – until the end of the world.”

<sup>f</sup> Unfortunately we know of many Christians who absolutely deny what Yeshua said here. They teach that Paul, for instance, broke some of the Old Testament commands, and that he taught us to break them, and yet they perceive Paul as the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Those who insist that Paul taught us to break some of the O.T. commands, have to choose whether Paul was perhaps least in the kingdom of heaven, or whether Yeshua’s words are perhaps not true, or whether they have to perhaps change their beliefs.

ones and the Perushim, you will not enter into *the* kingdom of heavens.

<sup>21</sup> That is right<sup>a</sup> – you, you have heard what was said to the first ones “you shall not kill.” And that whosoever kills is fit for judgment. <sup>22</sup> And I say unto you that whosoever hates his brother, he is fit for judgment. And whosoever says to him, “Peti!”<sup>b</sup> – he will be<sup>c</sup> fit [\(7r\)](#) for the fire of Gei-Hinnom.<sup>d</sup> <sup>23</sup> And because of this – when you come to willingly offer your freewill offering – and you remember that you sinned against your brother, <sup>24</sup> leave your freewill offering before the altar, and go entreat your brother to make peace. And after this, you may return to willingly offer your freewill offering. <sup>25</sup> And when you are in the way, you must fulfill<sup>e</sup> the acceptance<sup>f</sup> of your enemy because of him, that he does not chastise you by the hand<sup>g</sup> of the judge, and the judge chastise you by the hand of his servant, and you be placed in prison. <sup>26</sup> In truth, you will not depart from there until your fulfillment,<sup>h</sup> even if the guilt be small.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “right words”

<sup>b</sup> The meaning of this Hebrew word is ‘easy-to-seduce,’ and was used as strong insult.

<sup>c</sup> The Hebrew imperfect could be read as “may/will become worthy...”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “The valley of Hinnom.” This Hebrew word is transliterated into Greek as ‘Gehenna,’ and is inaccurately translated as ‘Hell.’ This is a literal valley right next to Jerusalem ordained for future punishment. See Chapter 25:41-46 “And then he will say to those who are on the left side... go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers... And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light.” To learn more about the Biblical definition of “Gei-Hinnom,” see Jer. 7:30-33; Isa. 30:33, 66:24. etc.

<sup>e</sup> The meaning of “fulfill” in this context is “give/pay completely.”

<sup>f</sup> Or “pleasure”

<sup>g</sup> This is a figure of speech in Hebrew and could either mean “by means of” or “by the power of.” The first being the normal use.

<sup>h</sup> “Fulfillment” – i.e. “complete payment.”

27 Moreover Yeshua said to his talmidim, “You, you have heard that the old<sup>a</sup> Torah said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’” 28 And I say to you that every man that looks *at* a woman and desires her, in his heart he already performed adultery. 29 Verily if your right eye is [the stumbling-block], take it out and remove it far from you, for it is better that one member perishes, than *for* all the body to be punished. 30 And if your right hand is [the stumbling-block], cut it off and remove it far from you, for it is more appropriate to you that one member perishes than *for* all the body to be punished for ever.”

31 (7v) Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “The Torah says, ‘Whoso divorces his wife, must give to her a letter of divorcement.’ 32 And I say to you that every man who divorces his wife – if not in the time of *his wife’s* adultery – he performs adultery.

33 Moreover you have heard what was said to the elders, ‘You shall not cease *to perform* your oaths, but fulfill to El what you swore.’ 34 And I say unto you that a man should not swear to the heavens, because it is the throne of El; 35 and not by the earth, because it is footstool of his feet; and not by Yerushalaim, which is the city of El. 36 And you must not swear by your head, for you are not able to make one hair white or black. 37 Let your words be, ‘No,’ ‘Yes,’ the rest is evil.

38 You have heard that the Torah says: ‘an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39. And I say to you that you must not repay evil with evil, but good for evil. Certainly if a man punishes you on the one cheek, appoint the other *one* for him. 40 And whoso tears away from you the robe by force, allow to him the cloak. 41 And whoso compels

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<sup>a</sup> The original Torah, not the later oral (manmade) ‘torah.’

you to walk a thousand steps, walk with him two thousand. <sup>42</sup> And whosoever asks of you, give to him. And you must not oppose whosoever wants to borrow from you.

<sup>43</sup> Moreover Yeshua said [\(8r\)](#) to his talmidim, you, you have heard that the Torah says, ‘And you must love your fellow<sup>a</sup> as yourself,’ but but you provoke your enemy! <sup>44</sup> So I say unto you, you must love your enemies<sup>b</sup> and do good to whosoever does evil to you. And pray over your persecutors, <sup>45</sup> on account that you may be sons of your Father who is in the heavens, who causes his sun to go out over the good ones and the bad ones, and upon the righteous ones and the wicked ones. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what wages of labor will you have? Do not the renowned wicked ones do this among themselves? <sup>47</sup> And if you meet *with shalom*<sup>c</sup> your brothers only, do not the governors of the Notsrim do this thing? <sup>48</sup> If so, you must be complete ones, like your heavenly Father is complete.

**6:1** Guard yourselves, that you do not make a crowd ( )<sup>d</sup> out of your good works before the people, in order that you would be good men in their eyes, for *then* you will lose the recompense of your Father who is in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “When you do a righteous deed, do not make the commotion – like the false ones make in the houses of their congregations and in the ways, in order that the men should honor them. I say to you in truth that they have already received their reward. <sup>3</sup> [\(8v\)](#) But when you do a righteous

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<sup>a</sup> Or “neighbor”

<sup>b</sup> See e.g. Exo. 23:4-5.

<sup>c</sup> A greeting of blessing

<sup>d</sup> Manuscript inserts gloss: ‘In a foreign language Opna’

deed, never let your left hand know what your right hand does. 4 Verily, let your righteous deed be concealed, for your heavenly Father, he will reward you.”

5 Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “When you pray, never do like the deeds of the deceivers, who fatten themselves like princes, who love to pray in the houses of their gatherings and by the sides of the streets, in order to be seen of the men. I say to you in truth, already they have received their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, prepare it<sup>a</sup> in your inner room, and pray unto YHWH in secret, with a closed door. And the El who knows the hidden things, he will hear you. 7 And when you pray, do not delight in much speaking, according as the deficient ones, for they think that El will hear them by the abundance of words. 8 Therefore you must never want to be like them, for El knows what you need before you ask him. 9 And this is the prayer you must say, ‘Our Father who is in heaven, let your name which is set apart, be sanctified 10 [and let your kingdom come]. Do your pleasure in the heavens and in the earth. 11 Give bread to us which supports our lives, every day. 12 And let go<sup>b</sup> our guilts for us, for we let our guilty ones go.<sup>c</sup> 13 [\(9r\)](#) And do not lead us into testing, but keep us from all wickedness. Amein. [14]<sup>d</sup> If you forgive the men their sins, El will atone<sup>e</sup> your errors for you. 15 But if you do not forgive, El will never make atonement<sup>f</sup> for you.

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<sup>a</sup> “Your prayer”

<sup>b</sup> In context this is very clearly a synonym of the Hebrew מַחַל (*Machal*) – i.e. to forgive

<sup>c</sup> See previous note. “Let go” implies ‘let go free’ or ‘forgive’

<sup>d</sup> Verse 14 is not in the main text, but is written in the margin in the same script as the main text

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “cover”

<sup>f</sup> Lit. “cover”



16 And when you fast, never be like the inferior ones, deceivers, who make weak their faces in order that they may be seen fasting. According to this saying, I say to you that they have received their reward *already*. 17 But you, when you fast, comb your head and wash your face, 18 in order that you will never be seen by the men to be fasting.

19 Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “You must not gather the treasures within the depths, *so* that rust and moth ruin them, and thieves steal them, 20 but you must gather heavenly treasures *so* that rust and moth do not ruin them, and thieves do not steal your eyes.”<sup>a</sup> 22 All your body must be a sojourner, for if your eye is complete, all the body will be bright, 23 but if your eye is wicked, all the body becomes dark. And if the lamp which is proper to be in you is dark, many<sup>b</sup> darknesses will be in you.

24 No man is able to serve El and the world in good. 25 Therefore I say to you, you must never be sighing about the body, what you will eat, what you will wear. And is not the nephesh<sup>c</sup> more than the clothing? 26 Look at the birds of the heavens, they do not sow, and do not [\(9v\)](#) reap, and do not gather in the store pit. Your Father who is in the heavens gives to them food<sup>d</sup> and life, and are you not greater than they? 27 And who of you is able to add to the lifetime of his body one measure? 28 And why do you sigh about the garments? Look at the lilies and the plants of the fields – how they grow, and behold them,

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<sup>a</sup> See e.g. Pro. 28:22.

<sup>b</sup> Alt. translation: “great darknesses”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “breath,” means ‘life,’ or ‘soul,’ etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of soul.

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “bread.” This Hebrew word is oftentimes used to refer to food other than bread



they do not plow and do not sow and do not reap and do not toil. <sup>29</sup> And I say to you that Solomon with all his extolment was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> And if the plants of the field which are found<sup>a</sup> today, and are burned tomorrow, will he not much more feed you so from his storehouse? <sup>31</sup> Therefore you must not be sighing, saying, ‘What to eat?’ – ‘What will we drink?’ – or ‘What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> The peoples are asking all this. Your Father, he knows that you need this. <sup>33</sup> Ask first the kingdom of El, then more, and you will have all of this. <sup>34</sup> Thus you must not sigh for the day of tomorrow, for the day of tomorrow will think about itself, and the day will supply<sup>b</sup> unto its trouble.

7:1 Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said unto his talmidim, “Do not execute judgment, and judgment will not be executed against you, <sup>2</sup> For with the measure that you let go,<sup>c</sup> so you will be let go. <sup>3</sup> You see [\(10r\)](#) the splinter in the eye of your companion, and do not regard the beam *projecting* from your eyes. <sup>4</sup> And how will you speak to your brother to remove the splinter from his eye, while the beam is in your eyes? <sup>5</sup> *You* who show yourself right, cast *away* the beam from your eyes, and afterwards you may come to remove the splinter from the eyes of your brother. <sup>6</sup> Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “You must never speak about the set apart writings before the refusing animals, and never bring the precious words before<sup>d</sup> the pigs, that they do not trample them, and not tear them.

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<sup>a</sup> “are found” – i.e. “exist”

<sup>b</sup> Or “be sufficient”

<sup>c</sup> See also 6:12 + note. This is from a different Hebrew word but is used similarly.

<sup>d</sup> Or “in front of”

7 Ask of El, and he will fulfill your request. You are willing and you will find. Knock on the door, and he will open to you. 8 For every man who asks receives, and he who searches finds, and he who knocks will enter. 9 Who of you, if his son asks him bread, will give to him stones? 10 And if he asks him a fish, will give to him serpents? 11 Thus you, if your discernments know to give good things to your sons,<sup>a</sup> so much and so much *more* does the heavenly El *know* that he should give good things to those who ask him. 12 Everything that you want that men should do to you, you must do to them. This is the Torah and the Prophets.”

13 Yeshua Mashiach said [\(10v\)](#) unto his talmidim, “Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the way that leads man to destruction,<sup>b</sup> and many are entering by it. 14. But the gate and the way that lead to life, it is<sup>c</sup> exceeding narrow; and few are they who find it.

15 Guard yourselves from the prophets of deception, who come in clothing of ewes but in their inside they are wolves and carnivorous<sup>d</sup> ones. 16 By their deeds you will recognize them; for a man is not able to gather grapes from a thorn bush,<sup>e</sup> neither figs from thorn bushes.<sup>f</sup> And every good tree brings forth good fruit, and a bad fruit tree brings forth bad fruit. 19 Every tree that does not brings forth good fruit will be cut down and burnt. 20 By their deeds you will recognize them.”

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<sup>a</sup> In Hebrew thinking ‘sons’ includes ‘daughters’

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew “Abaddon” (אבדון)

<sup>c</sup> Singular in Heb. and refers to “the way” but is understood to include “the gate”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “Tearing up ones”

<sup>e</sup> Hebrew סנה. Acc. to some sources, a Brambleberry or Blackberry bush.

<sup>f</sup> Hebrew קוצים.

21 Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim, “Not all those who call me Adon<sup>a</sup> will enter into the heavenly kingdom, verily – they who do the pleasure of my Father will enter into the heavenly kingdom. 22 Many will say to me that day, ‘Adon, we were brought<sup>b</sup> in your name and healed the satan-possessed ones, and in your name we did many signs.’ 23 Then he will say to them, *that* he never knew them: ‘Depart from me guilty ones, full of corruption of heart.’ 24 Every man who – hearing my words – do them, he will be like unto the wise, who founded his house on the established rock. 26 And he who hears my words and does not [\(11r\)](#) do *them*, is like a fool who built his house on the sand, 27 then came rains and winds and torrents, so they made it fall with weight.”

28 And when Yeshua Mashiach had spoken these words, the people were astonished by his instruction, 29 for he taught like a powerful<sup>c</sup> *one*, not like their wise ones and their Perushim.

**8:1** And when he went down from the mountain, many people went after him, 2 And a leper saw and worshipped him, saying, “If you want to, you are able to cleanse me.” 3 So Yeshua Mashiach stretched out his hand and touched him, and said “I am want to cleanse you.” And immediately he was clean from the leprosy. 4 Then Yeshua Mashiach said, “Beware that you do not speak to any man, but go and show yourself unto your priests, and perform to him an offering like as Moshe<sup>d</sup> commanded to a memorial.”

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew word for ‘Master’

<sup>b</sup> Or “led”

<sup>c</sup> Or “capable”

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Moses’

5 And when Yeshua Mashiach entered Kephar Nachum,<sup>a</sup> a great ruler came unto him, 6 and said unto him, “Adon, my son is lying sick on the bed because of a great sickness, and he is disabled.”<sup>b</sup> 7 So Yeshua Mashiach said to him, “I will go and heal him for you.” 8 The ruler answered him and said, “Adon, I am not worthy that you enter into my house, but only speak a word, and my son will be healed; 9 For I am a man of sin; [\(11v\)](#) and I have horsemen under me, and I say to this one ‘Go’ and he goes, and I say to another ‘Come’ and he comes, and to my servants ‘Do this’ and behold, they do *it*.” 10 When Yeshua Mashiach heard this from the ruler he stood *in* wonder, and he said to them who were with him, “Truth I say to you – I have not found faith<sup>c</sup> like this in Yisrael.” 11 And I say to you that many will come from sun-rising and from sunset, and will rest with Avraham, Yitschaq and Ya’aqov<sup>d</sup> in *the* kingdom of heavens, 12 but many of the sons of Yisrael, they will be humiliated outside in darkness. And there will be weeping and trembling from El. 13 Then Yeshua Mashiach said to that ruler, “Go, just like your faith<sup>e</sup> is – it will be done.” And the son was healed in that hour, and was without any evil.

14 And when Yeshua Mashiach had entered into the house of Shimon Keipha<sup>f</sup> he found the mother in law of Shimon Keipha lying because of a bad fever. 15 So he took her by the hand, and the fever left her immediately. Then she arose and served him. 16 And in the evening

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Capernaum’

<sup>b</sup> Prob. means unable to walk

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew names for ‘Abraham, Isaac and Jacob’

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>f</sup> The Aramaic name for ‘Peter,’ Greek transliteration ‘Cephas.’ A number of Aramaic nouns were used in post-exilic Hebrew.

they sent unto Yeshua satan-possessed ones, and he saved them by his word, and all the sick ones. <sup>17</sup> In order to fulfill what the prophecy of Yeshayah says, “He bore the diseases and carried his sufferings.”

<sup>18</sup> When Yeshua saw many peoples<sup>a</sup> surrounding him he commanded that they pass over *to* the dry land, <sup>19</sup> and a Torah-wise one of the law came [\(12r\)](#) and said to him, “Rav,<sup>b</sup> I will go after you to the place where you want to go.” <sup>20</sup> But Yeshua said to him, “The jackals have caves, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man does not have a *place* where he can bow down his head.” <sup>21</sup> Moreover a certain talmid said to him, “Adon, leave me first to bury my father.” <sup>22</sup> But Yeshua Mashiach said to him, “Walk after me, and leave the dead to bury one another.”

<sup>23</sup> When Yeshua went up into the boat, his talmidim went after him, <sup>24</sup> and the sea was tossing to and fro exceedingly until the waves came into the boat, but Yeshua slept. <sup>25</sup> Then they woke him up saying, “Adon – save, for we are in danger!” <sup>26</sup> So Yeshua said to them, “Why are you afraid, with small faith?”<sup>c</sup> Then he rose up and commanded to the wind and the sea that they should become quiet, and immediately there was a great calm in the sea. <sup>27</sup> So the men wondered saying, “Who is this, that the wind and the sea obey him?”

<sup>28</sup> When Yeshua had passed over the sea and was in the land of [Ginneisareth],<sup>d</sup> he met one satan-possessed *man* that came from the grave, exceedingly evil, *so* that it was not possible to pass by that [\(12v\)](#)

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<sup>a</sup> The Heb. word for people “עַם” or ‘Am’ occurs in singular and plural. When used in plural, refers to groups of people.

<sup>b</sup> “great one” or “Rabbi”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>d</sup> Gennesaret

way. <sup>29</sup> And he cried out saying, “What do you have to do with me, Son of Dawid, Yeshua Mashiach!? Did you come ahead of, before *the* appointed time in order to drive me out?” <sup>30</sup> And close to that place were many swine that were grazing. <sup>31</sup> And the satans entreated the face<sup>a</sup> of Yeshua, saying, “Adon, if you drive us out from here, place us in those swine.” <sup>32</sup> So Yeshua Mashiach said to them, “Go.” So the satans went out of the man and entered into the swine. Then the swine suddenly threw themselves down into the sea and died. <sup>33</sup> When the shepherds who were keeping *them* saw this, they fled and came unto the city, reporting about the satan-possessed *man*. <sup>34</sup> Then all the city went out unto Yeshua Mashiach, and when they saw him, they entreated his face that he would depart from among them.

**9:**<sub>1</sub> Then Yeshua Mashiach passed over with the boat and came into his city. <sub>2</sub> And [they vowed] to him a disabled man, lying on his bed. When Yeshua Mashiach saw their faith<sup>b</sup> he said to the disabled man, “Son, may you have faith<sup>c</sup> in YHWH, your sins are forgiven.” <sub>3</sub> And some of the wise scribes<sup>d</sup> said in themselves, “This *man* is blaspheming.” <sub>4</sub> When Yeshua Mashiach recognized their thoughts, he said, “Why do you think evil in your hearts? <sub>5</sub> Which word is easier<sup>e</sup> – to say ‘Your sins are forgiven’ or to say ‘Arise and walk’? <sub>6</sub> And on account of this, you may know [\(13r\)](#) that I am able to wipe out the transgressions in the earth;” (Then he said to the disabled man,) “Arise, take your bed and walk to your house.” <sub>8</sub> So the people who

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<sup>a</sup> Typical Hebrew

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>c</sup> See above note.

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “letterers” or “letter makers,” a synonym of ‘scribes’

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “lighter”

saw this, feared YHWH, and him<sup>a</sup> they praised, who showed them such power among men.

9 And when Yeshua Mashiach departed from there, he saw a man who sat by a table of exchange, whose name was Matithyahu.<sup>b</sup> He said to him, “Come with me” so he arose and walked after him. 10 And when they were set down to eat in a house, many renowned sinners came, and were sitting with Yeshua Mashiach and his talmidim. 11 So the Perushim who saw *it* said to his talmidim, “Why does your teacher eat with sinners who are renowned?” 12 And Yeshua Mashiach, when he heard these words, he said to them, “The healthy<sup>c</sup> ones do not need a healer, but the sick ones. 13 Go to learn what this wants to say,<sup>d</sup> that ‘I love steadfast love more than offering.’ I did not come to call the righteous ones, but for the sinners [*to be finalized*].

14 Then came unto Yeshua Mashiach, talmidim of Yochanan saying, “Why do not your talmidim afflict themselves<sup>e</sup> like the Perushim?” 15 So Yeshua Mashiach said to them [“Because of the betrothed man, while he lives - all of them who are with him are not able to be quenched. But when the time comes [\(13v\)](#) that a man will be concealed *from* the betrothed, then they will fast.] 16 There is no man who doubles a new cloth on an old garment, for if they do so, thus the garment is destroyed and makes a very bad tear in it. 17 There is no man who puts new wine in old wineskins, for if he does so all the

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<sup>a</sup> The Heb. word order places emphasis on “him”

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Matthew’

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “fat”. Often used to mean ‘well’ or ‘healthy’

<sup>d</sup> i.e. ‘means’

<sup>e</sup> To ‘afflict oneself’ usually means to ‘fast’. Compare Yeshua’s answer, where he used a different Hebrew word which clearly means to ‘fast’



wineskins will perish. But a man puts the new wine in the new wineskins, *and* both are preserved.”

<sup>a</sup> [18 And it came to pass as he spoke unto them, that a ruler approached him and bowed down to him, saying, “Adoni,<sup>b</sup> my daughter will be dead now, please come and lay your hand upon her, and make her alive.” 19 So Yeshua stood up and he went – and his talmidim with him. 20 And behold, a women *who* flowed with blood *for* twelve years came after him and touched the tsit-tsit of his garment, 21 saying in her heart, “If only I could touch his garment I would be healed immediately.” 22 Then he turned his face about and said unto her, “Be strong – my daughter – in El, for your faith<sup>c</sup> healed you.” 23 And it happened, when they came into the house of the ruler – he saw many people weeping. 24 So he said to them, “Go out, all of you – and do not weep, for the young girl sleeps and is not dead.” And he was like a jester in their eyes. They said, “Did we not see that she died?” 25 But when he had brought them all out Yeshua came unto her and touched her hand, then the young girl arose. 26 And this report went out in all that land.]

27 And it happened – while Yeshua Mashiach departed from that place – two blind ones followed<sup>d</sup> after him, calling out and saying, “Have mercy on us, Son of Dawid!” 28 And when he came unto the house, the blind ones came unto him, so Yeshua Mashiach said to them, “Do you believe that I am able to return your sight to you?” So

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<sup>a</sup> The following section is not in the main manuscript (Vat. Ebr. 100) and was translated from Vat. Ebr. 101.

<sup>b</sup> Or ‘My master’

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “was drawn”



they answered, “Yes Gevir.”<sup>a</sup> 29 So Yeshua Mashiach touched their eyes and said to them, “According to your faith<sup>b</sup> it will be done.” 30 And immediately Yeshua Mashiach commanded them, saying, “Beware that you do not tell it to any man.” 31 But they departed and revealed it in all the land.

32 And as they were departing from there, they led to him a dumb, satan-possessed man, 33 and when Yeshua Mashiach drove out the satan, the dumb man spoke. Then the peoples were amazed saying, “From eternity *it* never happened in Yisrael.” 34 But the Perushim said, [\(14r\)](#) “He drives out the demons by the power of Ha-Satan.”

35 And Yeshua Mashiach searched through the cities and the towns,<sup>c</sup> preaching *the* heavenly kingdom in the houses of gatherings<sup>d</sup> and cleansing all sickness. 36 And when *he saw* the people who were in pain and lying without a shepherd, he had compassion on them. 37 Then he said to his talmidim, “The time of the harvest is near and great, but the harvesters are few. 38 Therefore entreat the face of the Adon of the harvests that he would send harvesters.

**10:1** And it happened *that* Yeshua Mashiach called twelve talmidim, and he gave to them power to heal the satan-possessed ones and to cleanse the sick ones. 2 And these are the names of the sent ones: the first – he was Shimon Keipha, and Andrai his brother. 3 Philip, Bar-Talmai,<sup>e</sup> Ya’aqov, *son* of Zavdai and Yochanan his brother, Toma,<sup>f</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Or “Lord”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “towers” referring to smaller towns

<sup>d</sup> Same meaning as the Greek word ‘Synagogue’

<sup>e</sup> The Aramaic name for ‘Bartholomew’

<sup>f</sup> The Aramaic name for ‘Tomas’

Matithyahu, a renowned lord of interest. Ya'aqov *son of* Alphai,<sup>a</sup> Tadaï,<sup>b</sup> 4 Shimon the Kena'anite,<sup>c</sup> *and* Yehudah<sup>d</sup> who betrayed him.

5 Yeshua Mashiach sent these twelve and commanded them, and said to them, “Do not enter the land of the Nephilim.<sup>e</sup> Do not enter it – the land of Shomron.<sup>f</sup> 6 But you go preach, 7 and say that the heavenly kingdom is drawing near. 8 Cleanse the sick ones; make alive the dead ones, cleanse the leprous ones, by grace you received, and by grace you must give it. 9 Do not want<sup>g</sup> to carry gold [\(14v\)](#) or silver or small coins in the girdle, 10 or a bag in the way, neither two garments, nor sandals nor a staff. The worker is worthy of his wages.

11 In every city or town<sup>i</sup> that you enter, ask of it a good man, and with with him you must stay until you go. 12 And when you enter into a house, give shalom<sup>j</sup> saying: ‘Shalom<sup>k</sup> be with you and in this house.’ 13 And if that house is worthy of shalom, let your shalom come unto it. But if it is not worthy, the shalom will remain with you. 14 And those who will not receive you, neither listen to your words, depart from that house and from that city, and remove the dust from your feet. 15 Truth I say to you – that city will bear more punishment of the

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Alpheus’

<sup>b</sup> Or ‘Thaddeus’

<sup>c</sup> Or ‘Canaanite’

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Judas’

<sup>e</sup> Or “gentiles”

<sup>f</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Samaria’

<sup>g</sup> Or “be willing”

<sup>i</sup> Lit. “tower” referring to smaller towns

<sup>j</sup> A greeting of blessing

<sup>k</sup> Lit. “wholeness,” “completeness” or “well-being,” can also mean ‘peace.’ ‘Shalom’ was also used as a greeting.

day of the judgment, than that of Sedom.<sup>a</sup> 16 I am sending you like sheep between the wolves. You must be wise like the serpents and faultless<sup>b</sup> like doves.

17 Guard yourselves from the peoples, for they will lead you away with their words; and will beat you in the houses of their gatherings, 18 and you will be led away *as* captured ones into the presence of the king and the leaders, in order that you may be a witness of me before the peoples. 19 When they lead you away *as* seized ones, you must not sigh *about* what you will answer or what you will say, for YHWH (15r) will teach you in that hour what you need to speak. 20 You yourselves must not speak, but Ruach Ha-Qodesh<sup>c</sup> will speak through you. 21 The one brother will hand over the other to death, and the father the son, and the sons will rise up against their fathers and against their mothers and oppress them. 22 And everyone will be angry<sup>d</sup> with you because of my name, but whoso continues until the end, he will be saved. 23 And when they persecute you in one city, flee into another. Truth I say to you that you will not be finished *with* the cities of Yisrael when the Son of Eloah comes to the talmid,

24 for the talmid is not above the Rav,<sup>e</sup> or the servant above the master. 25 For it is sufficient for the talmid that he be like a servant unto his teacher, and the teacher unto the servant like his Adon. If they said and titled their Adon Ba'al-Zevuv<sup>f</sup> – [they are satan-possessed ones] – how much and how much *more will they title* his

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<sup>a</sup> The Hebrew name for 'Sodom'

<sup>b</sup> Lit. "complete"

<sup>c</sup> Or "the Set-Apart Spirit"

<sup>d</sup> Or "provoke you to anger..."

<sup>e</sup> "great one" or "Rabbi"

<sup>f</sup> Lit. "Lord of flies"

acquainted ones ‘*Ba’al Zevuv?*’<sup>26</sup> Therefore do not fear them, nothing is ever hidden<sup>a</sup> that will not be revealed.<sup>27</sup> Whatever I say in privacy, you must say them<sup>b</sup> with a loud voice before all, and what you hear in the ear, you must preach it with a loud voice.<sup>28</sup> And you must not be willing to fear them who kill the body, for they are not able to kill the nephesh. You must fear with abundance him who is able to place the body and the nephesh in Gei-Hinnom.<sup>c</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Two birds are sold for a half,<sup>d</sup> but not one of them will fall to the earth without your Father. <sup>30</sup> All the hairs of your heads are numbered. <sup>31</sup> (15v) Therefore you must never fear. You are better<sup>e</sup> than many birds. <sup>32</sup> Therefore every man who defames me before the face of the men, I will cause him to perish before the face of El my Father who is in the heavens. <sup>33</sup> And he who treats me as a stranger before the face of the men I will cause him to perish before the face of El my Father.

<sup>34</sup> Moreover Yeshua Mashiach said to his talmidim: “You must not think that I myself came to set shalom in the earth, but certainly <sup>35</sup> I myself came to separate the father from the son, and the daughter from the mother, and a daughter in law from her mother in law, <sup>36</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “never is *anything* hidden”

<sup>b</sup> Referring to what was said in privacy

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “The valley of Hinnom.” This Hebrew word is transliterated into Greek as ‘Gehenna,’ and is inaccurately translated as ‘Hell.’ This is a literal valley right next to Jerusalem ordained for future punishment. See Chapter 25:41-46 “And then he will say to those who are on the left side... go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers... And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light.” To learn more about the Biblical definition of “Gei-Hinnom,” see Jer. 7:30-33; Isa. 30:33, 66:24. etc.

<sup>d</sup> Unit of measure not stated in the Hebrew

<sup>e</sup> Or “more pleasing”

and the people – acquainted ones from their acquaintances. <sup>37</sup> Whosoever loves father and mother more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whosoever loves his nephesh will lose the life *which is* by me. But whosoever loses her<sup>a</sup> because of me, he will be saved. <sup>40</sup> And whosoever receives me receives *him* who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Whosoever receives a prophet in the name of a prophet, will have a reward. And whosoever receives a righteous in the name of a righteous, will have a reward. <sup>42</sup> Every man that will give to drink – to one of these small ones – a cup of cold water in the name of my talmid, truth I say to you – he will never lose his wages.” **11:1** And when Yeshua Mashiach completed these words he charged his talmidim [\(16r\)](#) that they go beside him to preach in the cities.

<sup>2</sup> And Yochanan was imprisoned when he heard the works of *Yeshua*. Two of his talmidim asked: <sup>3</sup> “Are you him that is ready to come to save us, or should we expect another?” <sup>4</sup> So Yeshua answered “Go and describe to Yochanan what you see and what you hear: <sup>5</sup> the blind ones see, and the lame ones walk, and the leprous ones are cleansed and the deaf ones hear, and the humble<sup>b</sup> ones are gathered. <sup>6</sup> And he will be blessed, whosoever is not [offended] in me.”

<sup>7</sup> And when they went, Yeshua Mashiach began to say unto the people of<sup>c</sup> Yochanan, “For what did you go out to see in the wilderness? Did you think that he would be like wilderness reeds which the wind shakes? <sup>8</sup> Did you therefore go out to see he whom you thought would be a man with precious clothes? They who wear *precious* clothes are esteemed, and stay in the king’s palace. <sup>9</sup> If so,

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<sup>a</sup> Referring to “nephesh”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “afflicted ones,” could also mean ‘poor ones’

<sup>c</sup> Meaning: “Yochanan’s people”

for what did you go out to see, *did you think that he* is a prophet in truth?<sup>a</sup> Now I say unto you that he is more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is him of whom the prophet spoke, saying, ‘Behold, I am sending my messenger who will prepare your way before your face.’ <sup>11</sup> Truly I say to you that among all who are born of a woman there is not *one* born greater than Yochanan the dipper. [And the smallest from *the* heavenly kingdom – <sup>12</sup> man<sup>b</sup> will enter into oppression, <sup>13</sup> and the decrees overtake him with strength.] For all the prophets and the law prophesied as far as Yochanan the dipper, whatever was ready to come. <sup>14</sup> And if you want to choose it – he is [\(16v\)](#) Eliyahu,<sup>c</sup> who was ready to come.<sup>15</sup> Whosoever has ears in order to hear, let him obey.<sup>d</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Is there not someone I can liken this family to? Behold they are like children<sup>e</sup> who sit by the gate and call to their like ones,<sup>f</sup> <sup>17</sup> and say, ‘We sang to you, but you did not dance; we, we wept, but you [*to be finalized*].’ <sup>18</sup> Yochanan came and did not eat and drink, [*to be finalized*] <sup>19</sup> but they say, ‘this is he – eating, and drinking wine, beloved of the renowned sinners and their sons.’ They judge the wise.”

<sup>20</sup> Then Yeshua Mashiach began to rebuke the cities in which he did great wonders and they did not do repentance. <sup>21</sup> And he said, “Evil will be to you Korazin and Beith-Tsaidah!<sup>g</sup> If the wonderful deeds

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<sup>a</sup> Or “truly a prophet”

<sup>b</sup> Could mean “each”

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Elijah’

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew word שמע (Shama) has a dual meaning; it means to hear AND act accordingly/obey.

<sup>e</sup> Or “young men”

<sup>f</sup> Or “fellows”

<sup>g</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Bethsaida’

that were done in you were done in the land of Tsor<sup>a</sup> and Tsidon<sup>b</sup> would have done repentance in sacks and ashes. <sup>22</sup> And I say to you that those of Tsor and of Tsidon will have a smaller punishment than you of the day of the judgment. <sup>23</sup> And you, Kephar Nachum that rose up unto the heavens, you will go down as far as she'ol.<sup>c</sup> For if the wonders that were done in you, were done in Sedom<sup>d</sup>, they would have done repentance until this day. <sup>24</sup> But I say to you that the Sedomites<sup>e</sup> will be punished with a smaller punishment in the day of the judgment than you.”

<sup>25</sup> [\(17r\)](#) Then at that time Yeshua Mashiach said, “May you be praised Father, Creator of heavens and earth, that you hid these words<sup>f</sup> from the wise ones knowing literature, and made them known to the perfect<sup>g</sup> ones. <sup>26</sup> And so it is Father, just as it is pleasing before you. <sup>27</sup> My father gave me power over all that are his, and there is no one knowing the Son except the Father. And there is no man knowing the Father but him who the Son wants to reveal *him* to.

<sup>28</sup> Let all those who are troubled and oppressed come unto me, and I will help you. <sup>29</sup> And carry my yoke upon you and learn from me,

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Tyre’

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Sidon’

<sup>c</sup> The place of the dead, the lowest parts of the earth. To learn more about the Biblical definition of ‘she’ol,’ see: Gen. 37:35; Num. 16:30-33, 1Sam. 2:6; Is 14:9-15; Eze. 31:15-25; Jonah 2:3; etc.

<sup>d</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Sodom’

<sup>e</sup> People of Sodom

<sup>f</sup> Or “things” or “matters”

<sup>g</sup> Lit. “complete”



that I am humble and restful of heart, and you will find rest in your nephashoth,<sup>a</sup> <sup>30</sup> for my yoke is restful and my burden is easy.”

**12:**<sup>1</sup> Then Yeshua on a certain Shabbath<sup>b</sup> passed by sowed fields, and his talmidim being hungry took of the ears of grain and ate. <sup>2</sup> Then the Perushim, when they saw it said to him, “Your talmidim do what is not proper to do on the Shabbath.” <sup>3</sup> So Yeshua said to them, “Did you yourselves never read what Dawid did when he became hungry, he and them that were with him? <sup>4</sup> That he entered into the house of El, and they ate the set-apart breads, which were breads *that* he and they who were with him, were not worthy to eat, but for the priests alone? <sup>5</sup> And did you yourselves never read in the law that the priests at times break the Shabbathoth<sup>c</sup> in the sanctuary with no [\(17v\)](#) <sup>6</sup> Truth I say to you that he who is here, he is greater than the sanctuary. <sup>7</sup> And if you consider what I want to say, ‘I desire steadfast love more than an offering,’ you yourselves would not at any time have punished the ‘erring ones.’<sup>d</sup> <sup>8</sup> Indeed the Son of Eloah is Adon also of the Shabbath.

<sup>9</sup> And when he had passed by he came to their house of gathering. <sup>10</sup> And there was a man with the hand dried out. And they asked him if it is proper to cleanse him on the Shabbath, in order that they could slander them. <sup>11</sup> But he said to them, “Who is there of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Shabbath does not take it out? <sup>12</sup> How much better is the man than the sheep?! And in this respect it is

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<sup>a</sup> Plural of ‘nephesh,’ lit. “breath,” which means ‘life,’ or ‘soul,’ – take note, not the Greek understanding of ‘soul’.

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Sabbath’

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew for ‘Sabbaths’

<sup>d</sup> By context the ‘so-called erring ones.’



proper to do good on the Shabbath.”<sup>13</sup> And then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand” – and it was stretched out. It was restored to him with fatness<sup>a</sup> like the other.<sup>14</sup> And then the Perushim went out and held a council against him – by what means they would be able to kill him.

<sup>15</sup> When Yeshua knew this, he departed from them and many peoples went after him, and he healed all of them.<sup>16</sup> And he commanded that they should not publish it – <sup>17</sup> to fulfill what was said by Yeshayah the prophet, saying, <sup>18</sup> “See you my Son whom I chose, and my beloved, who is exceeding pleasing to my nephesh. I myself will let my Spirit rest on him, and I will make known righteousness among the peoples. <sup>19</sup> He will not flatter nor cry out nor will any man hear his voice in the street. <sup>20</sup> A crushed reed [\(18r\)](#) he will not break, the smoking wood he will not quench, until he goes forth to the mighty judgment, <sup>21</sup> and the islands will hope in his name.”

<sup>22</sup> And then they sent a satan-possessed one to him, blind and dumb, and he healed him in such a way that he spoke and saw.<sup>23</sup> And all the people were astonished and looked and said, “Is this not certainly the Son of Dawid?”<sup>24</sup> But when the Perushim heard this they said, “This *man* does not drive out the demons except by the power of Ba’al-Zevuv,<sup>b</sup> the prince of the demons.”<sup>25</sup> So Yeshua, who knew their thoughts said, “Every kingdom that is divided in itself will be desolated, and every city or house that is divided will not stand.<sup>26</sup> Thus, if one demon drives out the other, they are divided between themselves and their kingdom would be pulled away.<sup>c</sup> <sup>27</sup> If I drive out

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<sup>a</sup> Or “health”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “Lord of flies”

<sup>c</sup> Or “disappear”

the demons by the power of Ba'al-Zevuv – your sons, by what power do they drive them out? And because of this they will be your judges. 28 But if I by the spirit of El drive out the demons – if so, did not the heavenly kingdom come among you? 29 And how will one be able to enter into the house of the strong and mighty man – and to break it if he did not first bind him by power? And afterwards he can rob him of his house. 30 Whosoever is not with me is against me. And whosoever does not gather with me, scatters against me. 31 And in this respect I say to you that an iniquity of a curse will be atoned to the men, except whosoever says a curse against Ruach Ha-Qodesh.<sup>a</sup> 32 And whosoever speaks against Ruach Ha-Qodesh<sup>b</sup> will not have atonement in this world or in the coming world.

33 (18v) Every good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. Therefore by the fruit man recognizes the tree. 34 Genealogy<sup>c</sup> of serpents, how are you able to speak good while you are evil? The mouth speaks of the abundance of the heart. 35 A good man gives good things<sup>d</sup> from his treasure, but the evil man from an evil treasure vows evil. 36 Because of this I say to you that *for* every weighty speech that is spoken among the men, a man will have to give a report to El in the day of the judgment. 37 Will you be saved on account of your words or will you be utterly destroyed because of your words?”

38 Then some of the wise ones knowing literature and the Perushim answered him saying, “Rabbi, we want to see some sign from you.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>b</sup> Or “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>c</sup> Or “lineage”

<sup>d</sup> Or “words”

39 But Yeshua answered them, “An evil nation - no sign will be given to you except the sign of Yonah<sup>a</sup> the prophet. 40 For just like Yonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of the virgin be in the heart<sup>b</sup> of the earth, three days and three nights. 41 The nobles of Nineveh will rise up for the day of the judgment with this nation, and they will punish it, for they performed repentance by the preaching of Yonah, and here is *one* greater than Yonah. 42 And the queen of Sheva will rise for the day of the judgment with this nation and will punish it. For she came from the end<sup>c</sup> of the world to hear the wisdom of Shelomo.<sup>d</sup> And here is *one* wiser than Shelomo.

43 Now – when the satan goes out of a man he walks by small places, [\(19r\)](#) seeking rest, and he does not find *it*. 44 Then he says in himself: ‘I will return unto my house that I went out of.’ And when he comes, *he* finds it cleaned and purified of all divinations. 45 Then he goes and takes seven spirits more evil than himself, and they enter there and stay *there*. And at the end of that man, they will be more evil than at the beginning. And their last works more evil than the first ones. *Something* just like this is ready to come<sup>e</sup> to this evil nation.”

46. And while he spoke unto the people, his mother and relatives stood outside and wanted to speak with him. 47 Then a certain man said to him, “Your mother and your relatives are standing outside and

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Jonah’

<sup>b</sup> Or “inside the earth..”

<sup>c</sup> Or “top” or “chief”

<sup>d</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Solomon’

<sup>e</sup> Or “happen”

are asking *for* you.”<sup>48</sup> So Yeshua answered and said to him, “Who is my Mother? And who is my brother; and my relative? <sup>50</sup> Everyone whosoever does the pleasure of my Father who is in the heavens – he is my brother and my sister and my mother.”

**13:**<sup>1</sup> And that day Yeshua went out of the house and went to the sea and sat by its shore. <sup>2</sup> And many people gathered there. Because of this he went up into a boat and sat, and all the people stood on the shore of the sea. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many parables. And he said, “A certain man went out to sow his seed, <sup>4</sup> and while he was sowing, some kernels fell on the path. Then some of the birds came and ate them. <sup>5</sup> And some fell [\(19v\)](#) in a place of stones where there was not much soil, and they sprouted immediately, for they did not have deep soil. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun heated them, they dried up for they did not have a root. <sup>7</sup> And the others fell between the thorns.<sup>a</sup> The thorns grew up and strangled them. <sup>8</sup> The others fell in a good piece of ground, and produced much fruit, in one – a hundred, in one – fifty, in one – thirty. <sup>9</sup> Whosoever has ears, hear!”<sup>b</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Then some talmidim came near unto him and said to him, “Why do you speak in comparisons?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them saying, “To you is given to understand the confidential counsels of *the* kingdom of the heavens, but not to them. <sup>12</sup> Whosoever has, let him give to man, and let him give abundantly. And whosoever does not have this, the little that he has a man will rob from him. <sup>13</sup> And because of this, one speaks in comparisons, in order that seeing they will not see, and hearing they will not hear, and they will not understand. <sup>14</sup> In order

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<sup>a</sup> Or “thorn bushes”

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew word שמע (Shama) has a dual meaning; it means to hear AND act accordingly/obey.

that the prophecy of Yeshayah should be fulfilled in them – saying: ‘You will hear and not understand, and you will see, and not perceive.<sup>15</sup> For the heart of this people is fat, and its ear is heavy, and they have shut their eyes on account of this: that they would not see and not hear and not understand with their heart, and *that* they should not repent that he would heal him.’ <sup>16</sup> But blessed are your eyes that see, and your ears that hear. <sup>17</sup> For I say unto you in truth that many prophets and many scribes longed to see what you see, and they did not see, and to hear what you hear [\(20r\)](#) and they did not hear *it*.

<sup>18</sup> Therefore you must hear<sup>a</sup> the parable of him that sows. <sup>19</sup> He who sows is the preacher. And the seed is the word of YHWH. And he who hears the word of YHWH and does not understand it – Ha-Satan comes and uproots it from his heart. And this is the seed that fell close to the way. <sup>20</sup> And that which fell between the stones is he who hears the word of YHWH and receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> however, he does not have a root and dries up quickly, for through indignant<sup>b</sup> speech they are immediately confused. <sup>22</sup> That which fell between the thorns, that is he who hears the word of YHWH, but he has sighings<sup>c</sup> about this world – to gather, *and it* strangles of the word of YHWH which was sown in his heart, and he does not produce fruit. <sup>23</sup> But that which fell in good earth, it is he who understands the word of YHWH, and obeys it, and produces fruit and good works, one has a hundred, and one fifty, and one thirty.”

<sup>24</sup> And there was a parable before them – he said, “The heavenly kingdom is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup> But while

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<sup>a</sup> Or “hear and obey,” or “hear and understand”

<sup>b</sup> Or “cursing”

<sup>c</sup> Could mean ‘worries’

the men were sleeping his enemies came and sowed upon it thistles<sup>a</sup> among the wheat and went *away*. <sup>26</sup> And when the plants grew up and produced fruit – then the thistles were seen among the wheat. <sup>27</sup> So the servants came and they said to the master, ‘Did you yourself not sow good wheat in your field? If so, who sowed thistles upon it?’ <sup>28</sup> And he said to them, [\(20v\)](#) ‘The enemy-man<sup>b</sup> did this thing.’ So the servants said, ‘Do you desire that we should go and gather it?’ <sup>29</sup> But he said: ‘No,<sup>c</sup> that you do not root up the wheat with the thistles. <sup>30</sup> Leave everything until the harvest. And in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather the thistles, and bind them in burdens and burn them. But gather the wheat in my granary.”’

<sup>31</sup> He told them a parable, “*The* kingdom of heavens is like the mustard seed that a man plants in his field, <sup>32</sup> which is smaller *than* all the seed-vegetables, but when it grows up is bigger *than* all the seed-vegetables, and is made a tree – big enough that the birds may rest and stay in its branches.” <sup>33</sup> Another comparison he told them, “The heavenly kingdom is like leaven that the woman takes and hides it and mixes it into three measures of flour until everything is leavened.” <sup>34</sup> All these words Yeshua spoke in comparisons. <sup>35</sup> On account of this<sup>d</sup> was fulfilled the prophecy *which* says: “I will open my mouth with proverbs, and I will speak words hidden from antiquity.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “nettles”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “the man – the enemy”

<sup>c</sup> The margin adds בעבור. So the alternate reading is: “No, in order that you do not...”

<sup>d</sup> The margin adds the word תהיה. Thus the alternate translation is: “This happened in order to fulfill...”

36 Then he let the troops<sup>a</sup> go and he came unto the house. And his talmidim came close to him and said, “Explain for us the comparisons of the thistles of the field?” 37 So he answered and said, “He who sowed good seed is the Son of the virgin. 38 The field is the world and the good seed are the righteous ones, but the thistles are the evil ones. 39 [\(21r\)](#) And the enemy who sowed them is Ha-Satan. And the time of the harvest is the end of the world. And the reapers are the messengers. 40 For just like a man gathers the thistles and burns them, so it will happen at the end of the world. 41 The Son of Eloah will send his messengers. All those of his kingdom who [causes to stumble], and the evil ones 42 he will place in the fire of Gei-Hinnom, and there will be weeping and trembling of teeth. 43 Then the righteous ones will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whosoever has ears to hear, let him obey.”<sup>b</sup>

44 And the heavenly kingdom is like gold hidden in a field, which, when a man found, it he hid it. And because of his joy he sold all that he had, and bought that field. 45 Moreover the heavenly kingdom is like a merchant who sought valuable stones, 46 and when he found a good valuable stone he went and sold all that belonged to him, and bought the stone.

47 The heavenly kingdom is like a net that a man places in the sea, that gathers all kinds of fish, 48 and when they take it out, they select the good ones into their vessels, but they cast out the bad ones. 49 So it will be at the end of the world – the messengers will come and

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<sup>a</sup> Or “crowds”

<sup>b</sup> The Hebrew word שמע (Shama) has a dual meaning; it means to hear AND act accordingly/obey.



separate the evil ones from the good ones, <sup>50</sup> and will place them in the way of fire, and there will be weeping and shaking of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> Did you understand all these words?” And they said, “Yes.” <sup>52</sup> And he said to them, “Therefore every wise scribe is like unto *the* heavenly kingdom, and to a [father of riches],<sup>a</sup> who gives from his treasure many [\(21v\)](#) new and old things.”

<sup>53</sup> And it happened – when he ended these comparisons, *and* he departed from there, <sup>54</sup> that he came to his own land, and taught them in the houses of their gatherings, until they were [amazed], saying, “From where does this man have so much wisdom and so much power? <sup>55</sup> Is he not the son of a smith? And is **he** not like his mother and relatives? Ya’aqov and Yoseph and Shimon and Yehudah? <sup>56</sup> And his relatives – all of them are with us. From where does he have all of this?” <sup>57</sup> And they were [offended] in him. But Yeshua answered and said to them, “No prophet is without honor, except in his land or in his house.” <sup>58</sup> And he did not do many wonders there, because of their small faith.

**14:1** At that time Herod Tetrarch heard *of* Yeshua, <sup>2</sup> and said unto his sons, “This is Yochanan the dipper who returned to life and is performing wonders.” <sup>3</sup> For Herod detained Yochanan bound, because he caught him for the sake of Herodias, the wife of his brother. <sup>4</sup> For Yochanan said to him, “It is not fit for you to take your brother’s wife.” <sup>5</sup> And because of this Herod wanted to kill him, but he feared the people who held him as a prophet.

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<sup>a</sup> Or “a rich father”



6 And on the birthday of Herod, Herod made a dance for Herodias before all. And it was very pleasing to Herod. 7 Because of this thing he swore [\(22r\)](#) that he would give her whatever she would ask him. 8 But she had been cautioned of her mother. She said: “Give me the head of Yochanan the dipper.” 9 Then the king was grieved, but on account of the oath and because of guests that saw him swear, he did not want to change. So he commanded that *right* then<sup>a</sup> the head of Yochanan should be given to her. 10 Then he<sup>b</sup> cut off the head of Yochanan in the house of the prison, 11 and they brought the head in one of the flat vessels of wood, and they gave it to the young woman and she took it to her mother.

12 Then his talmidim came and carried away the body – and buried it and came and reported to Yeshua. 13 And when Yeshua heard it he went up into the boat and turned his face<sup>c</sup> unto the wilderness. Then when the people knew *it*, they went after him by foot from all the cities. 14 And when he saw so many people he was filled with compassion and healed their illnesses. 15 And when it was evening the talmidim said to him, “This place is desolate and the time is passing by, let the peoples go into the villages and buy food.” 16 But Yeshua answered them, “They do not need to go, you yourselves must give them to eat.” 17 They answered him, “We do not have *anything* here beside five loaves and two fishes.” 18 So he said to them, “Bring them to me.” 19 Then he commanded the people to sit on the grass. And he took the loaves and the two fishes, then he looked into the heavens and blessed them – and broke them and gave

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<sup>a</sup> Prob. means ‘immediately’ or ‘without any delay’ like the English ‘there and then’.

<sup>b</sup> “he” refers to the person who received the command

<sup>c</sup> i.e. “turned his face *to go to*”, a common figure of speech also in the Tanach.

them to the talmidim. And the talmidim gave them to the people. <sup>20</sup> And all of them ate and were satisfied. And of the leftovers remained twelve full [lumps]. <sup>21</sup> And the number of those who ate were five [\(22v\)](#) thousand men, beside the women and children. <sup>22</sup> Then immediately he commanded the talmidim to go up into a small boat and to go into the sea while the people departed.

<sup>23</sup> And when the people walked,<sup>a</sup> he went up into the mountain to pray. And when it was evening he was alone on the land. <sup>24</sup> But the small boat was in the midst of the sea. And they were bearing suffering, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> When in the fourth watch of the night, Yeshua came to them walking on the sea, <sup>26</sup> they were terrified. And because of much fear<sup>b</sup> they cried out. <sup>27</sup> Then Yeshua immediately spoke to them. And he said to them, good security be to you in El, I am he, do not fear. <sup>28</sup> Shimon Keipha answered him and said, “Adon if you are him, do you want that I come unto you upon the water?” <sup>29</sup> And he said, “Come.” Then Shimon Keipha went down from the small boat and walked on the water to come to Yeshua. <sup>30</sup> Then he saw the mighty wind as he was coming, and feared. And when he began to sink,<sup>c</sup> he cried out saying, “Adon, save me!” <sup>31</sup> And immediately Yeshua stretched out his hand and took him, and said, “Man with a little faith,<sup>d</sup> why did you fear?” <sup>32</sup> And when he went up in the vessel, <sup>33</sup> they came and worshipped him

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<sup>a</sup> Or “left”

<sup>b</sup> Or “dread”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “enter”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

saying, “Truth – you are the Son of Eloah.” <sup>34</sup> And immediately they reached<sup>a</sup> the land of Ginneisareth.<sup>b</sup>

<sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent in all the land and they sent to him all the sick ones, <sup>36</sup> and entreated him that they might only touch the edge of his clothes, and all those who touched were immediately healed of *their* illnesses.

**15:1** [\(23r\)](#) Then the scribes and Perushim from Yerushalayim drew near to him. <sup>2</sup> And they said, “Why do your talmidim transgress the Tiqunim<sup>c</sup> of the ancient ones? Why do they not ritually wash their hands when they want to eat? <sup>3</sup> But he answered them and said: “And why do you transgress the command of El on account of your decrees? <sup>4</sup> Did not El say, ‘Honor your father and your mother’? And, ‘whosoever curses his father or his mother’ – that ‘he must die’? <sup>5</sup> But you say that any man may say to his father and his mother, ‘Anything profitable that I or you may have – it is a freewill offering.’ <sup>6</sup> Thus he does not honor his father and his mother. You yourselves transgress the commandments of YHWH on account of your evil<sup>d</sup> ordinances. <sup>7</sup> [Yeshayah] spoke a good word about you: <sup>8</sup> ‘This people who honors me with words but their heart is far from me, <sup>9</sup> they honor [me] in vain, imposing your instructions and commandments of the men.’”

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “they took”

<sup>b</sup> Gennesaret

<sup>c</sup> “Tiqunim” (masculine of Taqanot) are manmade ‘regulations,’ or manmade amendments or ‘improvements’ to the Torah, that are not a part of the original commandments of YHWH’s Torah.

<sup>d</sup> The margin reads “deceitful”

10 Then he called the people unto him and said, “Listen and pay attention – 11 that which enters into the mouth does not defile it.” 12 And then his talmidim drew near to him and said, “Do you know that the Perushim were [offended] because of the word that they heard?” 13 So he answered and said, “Every plant that my Father did not plant, it will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone for they are blind leaders of blind ones. And the blind who leads another blind, the two of them<sup>a</sup> will fall into the grave.” 15 [\(23v\)](#) Keipha answered and said, “Explain this comparison to us.” 16 So he said to them “Are you still without understanding? 17 Do you not understand that everything that enters into the mouth, enters into the belly, and goes out from the rear part? 18 But that which goes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and it is that which defiles the man. 19 For from the heart goes out evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, thefts, false testimony, cursing. 20 These things defile the man – *but* to not wash ritually, does not defile him.”

21 And Yeshua departed from there and went away into the regions Tsor and Tsidon. 22 And behold, there came a Kena’anatish woman,<sup>b</sup> who came from these regions, *who* was walking after Yeshua, crying out, and saying, “Have mercifulness on me without fear, Son of Dawid! Ha-Satan is troubling my daughter.” 23 But he did not answer her a word. So the talmidim came and entreated him if he could not let her go away, “for she is crying after us.” 24 But he answered, “I am not sent, except to the sheep that are lost of the house of Yisrael.” 25 And she came and worshipped him, saying, “Adon, help me.” 26 But he answered and said, “It is not good that a man takes bread from

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<sup>a</sup> Or “both of them”

<sup>b</sup> Or ‘a woman of Canaan’

the sons and gives it to the dogs to eat.”<sup>27</sup> So she said: “It is true, however it is true that the puppies eat crumbs that fall from the table of their masters.”<sup>28</sup> Then Yeshua answered and said, “Woman, great is your faith<sup>a</sup> – that which you wanted will be done to you.” And her daughter was healed in that hour.

<sup>29</sup> And when Yeshua [\(24r\)](#) departed from there he entered the borders of Galilah and went up to the mountain and sat there. <sup>30</sup> And a multitude of a troop drew near to him, who led dumb ones, blind ones, lame ones, and disabled ones, and many others. And they cast themselves down to his feet, and he healed them, <sup>31</sup> until the people were amazed when they saw that the dumb were talking, and the lame walking, the blind seeing, and *they* praised the Elohim of Yisrael.

<sup>32</sup> Then Yeshua called his talmidim and said, “I have compassion on the people because they stayed with me for three days and they have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away in fasting, that they do not faint on the way.”<sup>33</sup> So the talmidim said to him, “Where in the wilderness could we find so much bread that so many people could be satisfied?” <sup>34</sup> But Yeshua said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few fishes.” <sup>35</sup> Then he commanded the people that they should sit on the ground. <sup>36</sup> And afterwards he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and he did a prayer of thanksgiving to YHWH and broke them and gave them to his talmidim. <sup>37</sup> And the talmidim gave them to the people – and all of them ate and were satisfied. And of that which remained, they took up seven full [lumps]. <sup>38</sup> And those who ate were about four thousand

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

men besides women and children. <sup>39</sup> Then he let the people go and he went up into a small boat and his talmidim with him, and they came into the country of Magdala.

**16:1** [\(24v\)](#) Then the Perushim and the Tsadiqim approached him to entice him, imploring that he would show them some wonders from the heavens. <sup>2</sup> But Yeshua answered them and said to them, “You say in the evening, ‘Tomorrow the light will be bright, for the heavens are red,’ <sup>3</sup> and in the morning you will be saying, ‘Today will be rainy, for the heavens are dark.’ If so,<sup>a</sup> you know to judge the color of the heavens; but are you not able to recognize the sign of this time? <sup>4</sup> An evil and perverse nation asks a sign, and no sign will be given to you, beside the sign of Yonah the prophet.” Then he separated himself from them and went away.

<sup>5</sup> And when they came to the coast of the sea to pass on further, they forgot to take their bread. <sup>6</sup> Then he said to them, “Beware of the leaven of the Tsadiqim and Perushim.” <sup>7</sup> So they thought in their inward parts and said, ‘He is saying *this* because we have no bread.’ <sup>8</sup> But Yeshua, who knew what they thought, said to them, “What do you think in yourselves, men without believing? You think *that I said this* because you do not have bread.” <sup>9</sup> Why do you not understand and remember the five loaves and the five thousand men, and how many [lumps] remained? <sup>10</sup> And the seven loaves and four thousand men, and how many [lumps] remained? <sup>11</sup> And how do you not understand what I say about the bread? Verily I say to you that you must beware of the leaven of the Tsadiqim and the Perushim.” <sup>12</sup> And

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<sup>a</sup> Or “thus”

then they comprehended that he did not speak about the leaven of the house, but [\(25r\)](#) of the doctrine of the Perushim and the Tsadiqim.

13. Then Yeshua came into the borders of Caesarea Philippi. And he asked his talmidim, “What do the men say about me?” 14 And they said, “Some men say that you are Yochanan the dipper, but some say Eliyahu,<sup>a</sup> and others Yirmeyahu, or one of the prophets.” 15 So Yeshua said to them, “And you, what do you say about me?” 16 Then Shimon Keipha answered and said, “You are Mashiach, the Son of the living El.” 17 And Yeshua answered and said unto him, “Blessed are you Shimon bar Yonah, for flesh and blood did not teach you, but my Father who is in the heavens. 18 And I say to you that you are Keipha and upon this stone I will build my assembly. And again,<sup>b</sup> the doors of Gei-Hinnom will not have power against you,<sup>c</sup> 19 for I will give you of the gates of the heavens. And all that you will bind in the earth will be bound in the heavens, and all that you will loosen in the earth will be loosened in the heavens.” 20 And then he commanded his talmidim that they should not make known to any man that he is Yeshua Mashiach.

21 And from that day and further on, he began to announce to his talmidim that it was obligated that he should go into Yerushalayim, and to suffer many things by the scribes and by the chief priests, and to die, and to stand up alive on the third day. 22 [\(25v\)](#) And then Keipha took him to one side and began to rebuke him, saying, “El will not consent that it will happen to you Adon.” 23 But Yeshua turned,

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Elijah’

<sup>b</sup> Or “moreover”

<sup>c</sup> “you” is singular in Hebrew throughout verse 19.



saying to Keipha, “Go away from behind me, adversary.<sup>a</sup> Do not trouble me, for you do not understand the words of El, but of the men.”

24 And then Yeshua said to his talmidim, “Whosoever wants to follow after me – *it is obligated that* he give up hope for himself, and that he take his warp and woof<sup>b</sup> and follow after me. 25 For whosoever wants to save his nephesh in this world can save it, but he will lose it because of me. 26 What will it profit a man if he profits all the underground treasures<sup>c</sup> of the world, and the nephesh is lost?<sup>d</sup> And what good exchange is the man able to make for his nephesh? 27 In this way El *will come* – [with the visions of] his Father with the messengers, and then he will return to every one according to his deeds. 28 Truly I say to you that some of these who are here will not die, until they have seen the Son of Eloah coming in his kingdom.”

17:1 And after [five] days he took Keipha, Ya’aqov and Yochanan his brother, and after he brought them up to one exceeding high mountain, 2 the figure was changed before them, and the image of his face shone like the sun, and his garment was like snow. 3 And Moshe and Eliyahu appeared to him, talking with him. 4 Then Keipha said to Yeshua, “Adon, it is good to stay in this place. If you want, [\(26r\)](#) let us make here three tents, one for you, and one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu.”

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew “satan,” means ‘adversary’ or ‘accuser’.

<sup>b</sup> Or “lengthwise and crosswise,” used in medieval Hebrew to refer to a ‘cross’

<sup>c</sup> Or “secret treasures”

<sup>d</sup> Or “perished”



5 And while *they* were speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and one ‘Bath Qol’<sup>a</sup> came from the midst of the clouds, saying, “This is my son, my beloved, he who is very pleasing to me.” And they heard *it*. 6 And when the talmidim heard this, they fell upon their faces and they had a great trembling. 7 Then Yeshua approached them and said to them, “Stand up, do not fear.” 8 And they lifted up the eyes and did not see any man except Yeshua only. 9 And as they went down from the mountain he commanded them and said, “Do not tell the vision to any man until the Son of El returns to life.” 10 And his talmidim asked him saying, “What is this that the wise ones of the law say that – Eliyahu will come first?” 11 So he answered them and said, “Eliyahu will come and clarify all the words, 12 and I say to you that he did come, and they did not recognize him, but they did unto him all their pleasure. So will the Son of Eloah bear the death because of them.” 13 And then his talmidim understood that he spoke about Yochanan the dipper.

14 And when he came there, one man came and kneeled down before him, 15 saying, “Adon, have mercy on my son, for he is lunatic, and suffers great evil in the fire and in the water, 16 and I sent him to your talmidim, but they were not able to heal him.” 17 So Yeshua answered and said, “Refusing and perverse nation, how long<sup>b</sup> will I stay with you? Bring him to me.” 18 And Yeshua [\(26v\)](#) rebuked the satan, and he went out, and the young man was cleansed in that hour.

19 Then the talmidim drew near in privacy, and they said to him, “Why were **we** not able to drive him out?” 20 Yeshua said to them, “On account of the smallness of your faith. Truly I say to you that if

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<sup>a</sup> Or “voice from heaven”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “until how much”

you had faith<sup>a</sup> like one grain of mustard, and you said to this mountain, ‘Be changed from this place to another’ – that it would be changed. And nothing will be too great for you to do.<sup>21</sup> But this stature<sup>b</sup> of satan is not driven out except by prayer and by fasting.”

<sup>22</sup> While he stayed in Gelilah, Yeshua said to them, “The Son of Eloah will be betrayed and delivered into the hands of the sinners, <sup>23</sup> and they will put him to death, but on the third day he will rise.” And they were exceeding anxious.

<sup>24</sup> And as they were coming into Kephar Nachum, those who raised the tribute came to Keipha and said, “Your teacher did not pay the tribute.” <sup>25</sup> And he said, “It is true.” And when he entered into the house, Yeshua approached him. He said, “How does it appear to you Shimon – from whom is it fit *for* the kings of the earth to take tribute, from their sons, or from the strangers?” <sup>26</sup> And he answered, “From the strangers.” So Yeshua said, “Surely the sons are free. <sup>27</sup> But, that we do not alarm them, go to the sea and cast *out* the fishhook, and the first fish that you will catch – you must open its mouth and you will find there all that goes up – that which he asked, and you must give it for me and for you.

**18:1** [\(27r\)](#) In that hour the talmidim drew near to Yeshua, saying, “Who is the greatest of all of us in *the* kingdom of heavens?” <sup>2</sup> So Yeshua called a certain small boy and placed him in their midst, <sup>3</sup> and said, “Truly I say to you that if you do not repent and become like this boy you will not enter into *the* kingdom of heavens. <sup>4</sup> He who will humble himself like this boy, will become great in *the* heavenly

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “measure”

kingdom. <sup>5</sup> And whosoever will support one boy like this in my name, supports me. <sup>6</sup> But he who causes one of the little ones who believes in me to [stumble], it will be more fitting to him that he were hanged, or cast in the sea, or *had* a pair of millstones on his neck and were drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup> Woe to the world because of the [offender]!<sup>a</sup> It is necessary that the [stumbling-blocks] come, however, evil is he who [offends] another! <sup>8</sup> If your foot or your hand is the [stumbling-block], cut it off, or remove it far from you. For it is more fitting for you to enter into the Garden of Eden crippled, than walking in Gei-Hinnom with two hands or with two feet. <sup>9</sup> And if your eye is *the* [stumbling-block], uproot [it]<sup>b</sup> and remove [it]<sup>c</sup> far from you, for it is more fitting for you to enter into the Garden of Eden with one eye than *into* Gei-Hinnom with two. <sup>10</sup> Guard yourselves that you do not despise one of these small ones,

<sup>12</sup> for I say to you – if any man [\(27v\)](#) has 100 sheep and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety and nine in the mountains and go to search it out, that it should not perish? <sup>13</sup> And if it happens that he finds it, truly I say to you that he has more joy about it than the ninety and nine that were not lost. <sup>14</sup> If so,<sup>d</sup> it is not from our Father who is in heaven that one of these small ones should perish.

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<sup>a</sup> The Heb. concept of 'offend' is to cause someone else to stumble. See "stumbling-blocks" in vs. 7, 8.

<sup>b</sup> Inserted from Vat. library ebr. 101

<sup>c</sup> See above note

<sup>d</sup> "if so" oftentimes mean 'thus'

15 If your fellow<sup>a</sup> sins against you, then let them<sup>b</sup> [hurt] between you and him, if he will hear you, you must relieve him. 16 And if he does not hear you, take one companion with you, or two, for every testimony is established by two or three. 17 And if with *all of* this he does not hear you, report it in the assembly, and if, when you tell in the assembly he will not hear you, remove far from him like an enemy and publicize him. 18 Truly I say to you<sup>c</sup> that whatever you will bind in the earth will be bound in the heavens, and whatever you will loosen on the earth will be loosened in the heavens.

19 And again I say to you that – if two of you will have among them<sup>d</sup> so much of shalom upon the earth – that my Father who is in the heavens will give to you all that you will ask – 20 for by the place where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst.”

21 And then Keipha came near<sup>e</sup> and said, “Adon, *if* my neighbor sins against me, how many times should I pardon him? Should I forgive him seven times?” 22 Yeshua said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, [\(28r\)](#) but I say to you seventy times. 23 And therefore *the* kingdom of heavens is likened to one man – a king who wanted to hear a report from his servants, 24 and when they began to relate<sup>f</sup> the report, they brought one man who owed him ten thousand [coins]. 25 And when he did not have anything to pay, the master commanded that they should sell him and his wife and his sons and everything that he had, and that it should be repaid.

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<sup>a</sup> Or “neighbor”

<sup>b</sup> The sins/offenses

<sup>c</sup> Throughout this verse “you” is plural in Hebrew

<sup>d</sup> Typical Hebrew

<sup>e</sup> The margin adds “unto him” in a similar script as the main text.

<sup>f</sup> Or “recount,” or “recite”

26 Then that servant knelt down on the ground, pleading for grace, and said, “Master, have mercy on me, and I will repay you your debt.” 27 Then the master had compassion on the servant, and let him go, and forgave him all the debt. 28 But when that servant had gone out he found one of his fellows that owed him one hundred coins, and he grabbed hold of him and strangled him, saying to him, “Repay what you owe!” 29 Then he pleaded with him for grace, and said, “have mercy on me and I will repay you.” 30 But he did not want to give attention to him but went and placed him into prison until he would pay the debt.

31 And when the servants of the master saw this they were very dismayed. So they went unto the master and reported to him all that he did to him. 32 Then the master commanded that he should bring him to him,<sup>a</sup> and said to him, “Evil servant, did I not forgive the debt that you owed me because you [pleaded] with me for grace? 33 Therefore, should you not<sup>b</sup> have done thus: to be compassionate to that other servant like I was to you?” 34 And the master was grieved, and delivered him to oppression [\(28v\)](#) until he returned<sup>c</sup> all the debt. 35 Just so will my Father who is in the heavens do to you, if you do not forgive from a good heart your fellows.”

**19:1** And it happened – when Yeshua finished these words, *that* he departed from Gelilah and came into the borders of the land of Yehudah beyond the Yardein valley. 2 And many peoples<sup>d</sup> followed<sup>a</sup> him and he healed them there.

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<sup>a</sup> “him to him” etc. is typical Hebrew

<sup>b</sup> Or “were you not supposed to”

<sup>c</sup> Meaning ‘repaid’

<sup>d</sup> Or, “many crowds”

3 Then the Perushim approached him, tempting him and asking him, “Is a man able to divorce his wife because of any matter?” 4 So he answered and said, “Did you never read that in your beginning he made a man and a woman, 5 and said, ‘On account of this a man will leave his father and his mother and cling to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?’ 6 If so, they are already no *more* two, but they are one flesh. Therefore it is not fitting for man to separate what El joined together.”

7 Then they said, “Moses commanded that a man should give her a letter of divorce, and divorce her.” 8 But Yeshua said, “Moses admitted to you that you may divorce your wives because of the hardness of your hearts, but from the beginning it was not [*to be finalized*]. 9 Only, I say to you that every man who will divorce his wife, if he does not do it on account of her adultery, and takes another, he performs adultery.”

10 The talmidim said to him, “If it is so between the man and the woman *then* it is not obligated that he take a wife.” 11 So he said, [\(29r\)](#) “None of you can understand this word except to whom knowledge is given to understand. 12 There are some men who are born eunuchs from their mother’s womb, and some are eunuchs by the hand of man. And some are eunuchs for the sake of *the* kingdom of heavens. Whosoever is able to understand it, let him understand it.”

13 And then they presented small children to him, in order that he should lay his hands on them, and that he would pray for them. But the talmidim rebuked them. 14 But Yeshua said to them, “Let the small children come to me, and do not want to restrain them,” “For,”

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “were drawn after”

he said, “*The* heavenly kingdom is going out from me among these.”  
15 And when he laid the hands on them, he withdrew himself from them.

16 And behold, one approached him and said to him, “Good Rabbi, what good am I able to do that I may have everlasting life?” 17 So Yeshua answered him, “Why do you say unto me ‘good’? One alone – YHWH is good. If you want to understand everlasting life, keep and establish the commandments.” 18 Then he said to him, “And what are they?” So Yeshua said, “‘Do not commit murder,’ ‘do not commit adultery,’ ‘do not steal,’ ‘do not give a false witness,’ 19 ‘honor your father and your mother,’ and ‘love your fellow<sup>a</sup> as yourself.’” 20 And the young man said to him, “All of this I kept well,<sup>b</sup> what do I still lack?” 21 Yeshua said to him, “If you want to be complete, go and sell what you have and give it to the poor ones, and you will have a treasure in the heavens. And come, and you must follow [\(29v\)](#) after me.” 22 And when the young man heard this he was grieved, for he was a man that had many possessions.

23 Then Yeshua said to his talmidim, “Truly I say that it is not feasible for the rich ones to enter into the heavenly kingdom. 24 Moreover I say to you, *that for* a camel to pass through a hole like *that of* a needle is graded an easier task than *for* a rich man – that he will enter into the heavenly kingdom.” 25 And when the talmidim heard this they were very astonished and said, “If *this* is so, who is able to save us?” 26 But Yeshua looked at them, saying to them, “Among the men it is a matter too difficult to understand, but for El *it* is an easy matter to do all the things *that* are pleasing to him.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “neighbor”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “in good”



27 And then Keipha answered and said unto him, “Behold that we left all the world and followed after you, what reward will we have?” 28 So Yeshua said to them, “Truly *I say* to you who followed after me – that at the end of the world when the Son of YHWH will come *and* sit in the house of his image,<sup>a</sup> that you will sit over those twelve,<sup>b</sup> judging them – the twelve tribes of Yisrael. 29 And every man who will leave his house unto his brothers, or father or mother or wife or sons or inheritance because of my name, he will receive an hundred-for-one of reward, and will lay hold of everlasting life. 30 And many first ones will be last, and the last ones will be first.”

20:1 (30r) “*The* heavenly kingdom is like [the father of riches]<sup>c</sup> who went out in the morning to hire labor<sup>d</sup> for his vineyard. 2 And when he made an agreement with them for the value of one coin, he sent them into the vineyard. 3 Then he went back into the market around the third hour of the day, and found others who were standing idle by the gate, 4 so he said to them, ‘Go to my vineyard, and I will give to you something in-between.’ So they went. 5 And he went another time – at noon, and *when* it was the ninth hour. 6 And he did like this around the eleventh hour, so he went out into the street, and found others standing idle like this *all* that day. Then he said to them, ‘Why are you standing idle *all* the day?’ 7 So they answered *that it was* because no man hired them. And he said, ‘Go to my vineyard.’

8 And when it was evening the master of the vineyard said to his servant, ‘Call the laborers and give them their wages – begin from the

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<sup>a</sup> Or “house of his splendor” – referring to the future temple, see e.g. Eze. 43:4,5,7.

<sup>b</sup> Or “on them twelve”

<sup>c</sup> Or “a rich father”

<sup>d</sup> Or “laborers”



last ones unto the first ones.’ 9 And when they that went into the vineyard at the eleventh hour came, they received everyone a coin. 10 Then the first ones came and thought to receive more, but they received everyone a coin like this.<sup>a</sup> 11 And when they received *it*, they murmured against the master of the riches,<sup>b</sup> 12 saying, ‘These began to work a low<sup>c</sup> hour and you made them equal with us who bore the toil all the day!’ 13 But he answered one of them and said, ‘Beloved, [\(30v\)](#) I do not do to you any injustice, did you not make an agreement with me for one coin? 14 Take that which is yours and go, for I want to give to these last ones as to you. 15 Am I not able to do with what is mine according to my pleasure? And is your eye jealous when I do good?’ 16 And in this measure the last ones will be first, and the first ones last. Many are the called ones, but few *are* chosen ones.”

17 As they went to Yerushalayim, Yeshua took twelve talmidim in confidence, and said to them, 18 “See!<sup>d</sup> – For we are going up into Yerushalayim, and the Son of El will be delivered into the hands of the chief<sup>e</sup> priests and wise ones of the law, and they will sentence<sup>f</sup> him to death, 19 and they will deliver him to the Nephilim<sup>g</sup> to make a mockery out of him, and to drive him out, and to lift him up with warp and woof,<sup>h</sup> but he will stand up alive on the third day.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “as well”

<sup>b</sup> Or “rich master”

<sup>c</sup> Or “late”

<sup>d</sup> Or “take notice!”

<sup>e</sup> The word for “chief” is found in the margin.

<sup>f</sup> Lit. “fine”

<sup>g</sup> Or “Gentiles”

<sup>h</sup> Or “lengthwise and crosswise,” used in medieval Hebrew to refer to a ‘cross’

20 And then the mother of the sons of Zavdai approached him with her sons, praying *and* entreating him, and she asked him a gift. 21 So he said, “What do you desire?” Then she said, “Are you willing that one of my sons may sit on your right side, and the other on your left in your kingdom?” 22 Then Yeshua answered and said, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to bear the death that I myself will bear?” So they said, “Yes.” 23 And he said, “You will bear my death, but *for* you *to* sit to my left, also *to sit* to the right is not in my hand to give, but *is* [31r](#) for whom my Father chooses.”

24 And when the ten heard them, they were filled with wrath because of the two brothers. 25 But Yeshua called them and said, “You know well that the rulers of the world rule over the great peoples with more great<sup>a</sup> power. 26 It will not be so in your midst.<sup>b</sup> Yea, whosoever to be chief will be your attendant, 27 and he among you who wants to be first will be your servant. 28 Just like the Son of Eloah did not come to be served, but in order to serve, and in order to give his nephesh to redeem many.”

29 And when he went out of Yericho<sup>c</sup> with many walking after him, 30 two blind ones sat beside the road. When they heard Yeshua passing by, they cried out saying, “Yeshua, Son of Dawid, have compassion on us!” Then Yeshua called them and said, “What are you asking?” 31 (Now the people had rebuked them, “You must be quiet!” But they cried out louder, “Yeshua, Son of Dawid, have compassion on us!”) 32 And Yeshua called them, “What are you asking? What do you

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<sup>a</sup> Could mean ‘greater power’ (modern usage) or ‘excess of great power’ (possible in Biblical Hebrew).

<sup>b</sup> “in your midst” means ‘among you’

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Jericho’

desire *that* I should do for you?” <sup>33</sup> So they said, “Adon, that you would open our eyes.” <sup>34</sup> Then Yeshua had compassion on them, and touched their eyes, and immediately they saw and walked after him.

**21:1** And when they were close to Yerushalayim, and were coming [\(31v\)](#) by Beith-Pagai,<sup>a</sup> by the Mount of the Olives, he then sent two of his talmidim, <sup>2</sup> saying, “Go unto this town that is before you, and immediately you will find a female donkey, bound – and a foal with her – loosen her, and bring her to me. <sup>3</sup> And if any man says something to you, you must say that, ‘The master needs them for his work,’ and immediately they will let her go.” <sup>4</sup> And all this *was done* to fulfill the prophecy of the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup> “Say to the descendants of Yisrael, ‘Behold, your king is coming, humble – sitting upon the female donkey, and a young ass – her foal.’”

<sup>6</sup> The talmidim went and did as Yeshua commanded them. <sup>7</sup> And they brought the female donkey and the foal, <sup>8</sup> and they laid their garments on the road. And others cut off branches from trees and softened the road with them. <sup>9</sup> And the troop that walked with him cried out, saying, “Save us,<sup>b</sup> Son of Dawid! Blessed is he who is about to come in the name of our master, our savior! Blessed are you in the heavens!” <sup>10</sup> And when Yeshua Mashiach entered into Yerushalayim, all the city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this Yeshua?” <sup>11</sup> So the people said, “This Yeshua is the prophet of Netsereth from Gelilah.”

<sup>12</sup> Then Yeshua entered into the sanctuary of El and drove out all them that bought and sold, and turned the tables of the exchanger

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew for ‘Bethphage’

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew “Hoshi’einu”

upside down,<sup>a</sup> *and* thrusting away those who were selling doves. <sup>13</sup> And he said, “‘My house is a house of prayer’ – it is written, ‘But you made it [\(32r\)](#) a cave of robbers.’” <sup>14</sup> Then the blind ones and the lame ones came unto him to the sanctuary, and he cleansed them.

<sup>15</sup> And when the rulers of the priests and the wise ones of the law saw the wonders that he did, and the children shouting in the sanctuary, saying, “May the Son of Dawid be praised!” they were angry, <sup>16</sup> and said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?” And Yeshua said, “Yes, did you yourselves never read what the prophet said, ‘Adon, you fulfilled the praise from the mouth of sucklings?’”

<sup>17</sup> And he departed from there, from them, and went out to a city and went into Beith-Anyah<sup>b</sup> and stayed there. <sup>18</sup> And in the morning when he returned to the city, he was hungry, <sup>19</sup> and he saw a fig tree close to the road, and came there, and did not find figs but only leaves. So he said, “From eternity<sup>c</sup> you did not give me fruit to taste,” and immediately the fig tree dried up. <sup>20</sup> And when the talmidim saw it they were amazed – “How did it die *so* quickly?” <sup>21</sup> Then Yeshua said to them, “Truly I say to you that if you have faith<sup>d</sup> and will not doubt – I am not only speaking of the fig tree, I am speaking of a mountain – *that* if you will say that it must rise up and lay itself down in the sea, that immediately it will do *so*, <sup>22</sup> and everything that you will ask in prayer – when you have faith<sup>e</sup> you will obtain *it*.”

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “from downwards to upwards”

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Bethany’

<sup>c</sup> Or “You never gave me...”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “faithfulness.” Hebrew faith is both believing and doing (being faithful).

23 And when he had come to the house of the sanctuary and taught, the rulers of the priests and the elders of the people said, “By what power do you do these things?” – and “Who gave you this ability?” 24 Yeshua answered them, “I [\(32v\)](#) myself will be asking one thing, and if you say<sup>a</sup> it, I myself will answer by what power I am doing this. 25 The baptism of Yochanan – from where is it? From the heavens or from the men?” And they devised among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘It is from the heavens,’ then he will ask why we did not believe in him. 26 And if we say ‘From the men’ – we fear the people, for all of them<sup>b</sup> fear Yochanan as a prophet.” 27 So they answered, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “I also do not tell you by what power I do these wonders.

28 What resembles you? A certain man had [ten] sons. And he came *to* the first and said, ‘Son, go work in my vineyard today.’ 29 But he answered, ‘I do not want to go.’ Afterwards he regretted and went. 30 Then he came unto [*to be finalized*] and said to him<sup>c</sup> likewise. And he said, ‘I will go with pleasure.’ But he did not go. 31 Whom of these two did the pleasure of the father?” So they answered, “The first.” Then he said to them, “Truly I say to you that the lustful lovers themselves and the harlots go before you into the kingdom of YHWH. 32 For Yochanan came showing the way of justice and you did not believe in him, but the sinners and the harlots believed him.”

33 “Behold, another comparison I will tell you: There was a certain man who was a [father of riches],<sup>d</sup> who planted a vineyard and

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<sup>a</sup> Or “answer”

<sup>b</sup> “the people”

<sup>c</sup> Prob. another one of his sons.

<sup>d</sup> Or “a rich father”

properly closed it, and made a winepress in it, and he built a tower in its midst.<sup>a</sup> And afterwards he rented it to the laborer<sup>b</sup> (33r) and he went on a journey. 34 And when the time came to acquire the fruit, he sent his servants to the laborers to acquire his fruits. 35 Then the laborers took the servants, and they beat some of them, and they killed some of them. 36 Afterwards the master *again* sent his servants to the laborers to receive his fruits. And they were better and more,<sup>c</sup> but they did to them just like they did to the others. 37 At last he sent to them his son, saying, ‘They will lift up honor<sup>d</sup> to my son.’ 38 But when the laborers saw him they said among themselves, ‘This is the heir, let us kill him that his inheritance may be ours.’ 39 They took him outside the vineyard and killed him.

40 Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to the laborers?” 41 And they answered him, “He will destroy the bad ones, and rent the vineyard to other good ones who will return to him the proper fruit in its time.” 42 Yeshua said to them, “And have you never read the scripture that says, ‘The stone that the builders of the wall rejected will be placed in the corner. It is a work from El in your eyes?’ 43 Surely because of this I say to you that the kingdom of YHWH will be taken from you and given to nations who will do his deeds. 44 He who will fall upon that stone will be crushed,<sup>e</sup> and he upon whom it will fall will be crushed.”

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<sup>a</sup> Or “inside it”

<sup>b</sup> Singular in ms.

<sup>c</sup> Or “better and greater”

<sup>d</sup> Or “show respect”

<sup>e</sup> Or “beaten”

45 And when the rulers of the priests and the Perushim heard this they recognized that he was speaking about them. 46 And they wanted to lay hold of him, but they feared the people, for all of them regarded him as prophet.

**22:**<sup>1</sup> [\(33v\)](#) Then Yeshua answered them and told them a parable: <sup>2</sup> “*The heavenly kingdom is like a man – a king – who made a wedding for his son.* <sup>3</sup> And he sent the servants to call the called ones<sup>a</sup> to the marriage, but they were not willing to come. <sup>4</sup> And another time he sent other servants saying, ‘You must say to the called ones: <sup>b</sup> I have prepared a feast of the cattle – cattle and birds, and everything is prepared, come to the wedding.’ <sup>5</sup> But they despised him, and went – the one further on, and the other to his merchandise, <sup>6</sup> and the others took the servants and drew near to kill them. <sup>7</sup> So when the king heard this he was grieved, and commanded to kill those murderers and to burn their house.

<sup>8</sup> Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding is prepared, but they who were called are not worthy. <sup>9</sup> If so, go into the ways and call all the people that you find to the wedding.’ <sup>10</sup> The servants went and gathered all the bad ones and the good ones, and the wedding was filled with called ones. <sup>c</sup> <sup>11</sup> But he saw a man that did not have a garment of wedding garments, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Beloved, how did you enter without a wedding garment?’ But he was silent. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to his servants, ‘Take him and bind his hands and his feet and place him in a prison of darkness.’<sup>d</sup> And there he will bear

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<sup>a</sup> Or “guests”

<sup>b</sup> Or “guests”

<sup>c</sup> Or “guests”

<sup>d</sup> Or “a dark enclosure” or “a dark prison”



weeping and quaking of teeth. <sup>14</sup> Many are called ones, [\(34r\)](#) but few *are* chosen ones.”

<sup>15</sup> And then the Perushim assembled and held a counsel of how they could be able to capture Yeshua in his word. <sup>16</sup> So they sent to him talmidim with servants of Herod, saying, “Rabbi, we know that you are a faithful man and teach the way of El in truth, and you do not regard any man, for you do not look at the bodies of the men. <sup>17</sup> Tell us how *it* appears to you; are we indebted to give tribute to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup> But Yeshua knew *them* – their *very* selves. He said to them, “Why do you tempt me, deceivers? <sup>19</sup> Show me a coin of tribute.” So they showed him a coin. <sup>20</sup> Yeshua said to them, “Of whom is this image and what is written above it?” <sup>21</sup> And they said, “Of Caesar.” Then he said to them, “Therefore, give to Caesar what is eligible to Caesar, and to El what is eligible to El.” <sup>22</sup> And when they heard it they were amazed, and left him and went away.

<sup>23</sup> And on that day the Tsadiqim approached him and interrogated him. <sup>24</sup> They said, “Rabbi, Moses said – if one dies with no sons, that his brother should take his wife in order to raise up the seed<sup>a</sup> of his brother. <sup>25</sup> Among us there were seven brothers, and the first took a wife and he died with no seed, thus he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> And like him the second, and the third, until the seventh. <sup>27</sup> And afterwards their wife died. <sup>28</sup> If so, in the resurrection, *to* which of all these seven will she be a wife? For she was a wife to all of them.”

<sup>29</sup> Yeshua answered and said [\(34v\)](#) to them, “You err and you do not understand the scriptures and the power of El. <sup>30</sup> In the resurrection

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<sup>a</sup> Or “offspring” or “descendants”



they will not have a wife, and they<sup>a</sup> will not *have* husbands. But they will be like the messengers of El in the heavens. <sup>31</sup> And regarding the resurrection of the dead ones, did you never read what El said to you? <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the Elohim of Avraham, the Elohim of Yitschaq, and the Elohim of Ya’aqov.’ He is not the Eloah of the dead ones, but of the living ones.” <sup>33</sup> And when the people heard this they were amazed at his instruction.

<sup>34</sup> When the Perushim heard that the Tsadiqim were silenced by Yeshua, they gathered together. <sup>35</sup> And one of the teachers of the law asked Yeshua, tempting him, saying, <sup>36</sup> “Rabbi, which is the highest commandment in the law?” <sup>37</sup> Yeshua said to him, “‘You shall love your Elohim with all your heart and with all your nephesh and out of all your understanding.’ <sup>38</sup> This is the first and very greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like this: ‘You shall love your fellow<sup>b</sup> as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup> All the Torah and the prophets are hung<sup>c</sup> on these two commandments.”

<sup>41</sup> Then Yeshua said to the Perushim and to all of them that were gathered, <sup>42</sup> “And so, how does it appear to you – Mashiach – whose son is he?” They said, “Of Dawid.” <sup>43</sup> Yeshua said, “And how? And why did Dawid by spiritualness call him his Adon, <sup>44</sup> saying, ‘HaAdon<sup>d</sup> said to my Adon, sit on my right hand until I will make your enemy your footstool’? <sup>45</sup> Thus, if Dawid calls him his Adon, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> But not one of them were able to answer a

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<sup>a</sup> “they” is feminine in Heb.

<sup>b</sup> Or “neighbor”

<sup>c</sup> Or “is attributed to” or “based on”

<sup>d</sup> Or “The Master”

word. And no [\(35r\)](#) man on that day had it in his hand or power to ask him anything.

**23:**<sup>1</sup> Then Yeshua said to the people and to his talmidim, <sup>2</sup> [saying], “The scribes<sup>a</sup> and the Perushim ascended onto the seat of Moses. <sup>3</sup> All that [they]<sup>b</sup> say to you, you must keep and do, but you must not do according to their works, for they say but *they* do not do. <sup>4</sup> They load heavy burdens on the peoples that they are not able to bear, but they are not pleased to touch them with their fingers. <sup>5</sup> They do all their works in words on account of this: that the men may see them.

They wear the greatness of the decorations of their garment, and a fine spinning. <sup>6</sup> And they love a foremost seat<sup>c</sup> at the table, and that they should have great and high seats in the houses of their gatherings. <sup>7</sup> And that they<sup>d</sup> should inquire of their welfare, and should honor them in the streets, and that they call them Rabbis.

<sup>8</sup> But you must not want<sup>e</sup> to be called Rabbis, for one is your all of you are brothers. <sup>9</sup> And you must not want to call *someone* upon the earth ‘Father,’ for one is your Father – who is in the heavens. <sup>10</sup> Do not desire<sup>f</sup> to be called Rabbis, for Yeshua Mashiach is Rav.<sup>g</sup> <sup>11</sup> He who is great among you will be your servant, <sup>12</sup> and whosoever will exalt himself will be abased, and whosoever will humble himself will be exalted.

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “letterers” or “letter makers” a synonym of ‘scribes’

<sup>b</sup> Or acc. to some Shem-Tov mss. “he”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “Sitting”

<sup>d</sup> Referring to the people...

<sup>e</sup> Or “be willing,” also in verse 9

<sup>f</sup> Or “be willing”

<sup>g</sup> “great one” or “Rabbi”

13 Woe to you, scribes<sup>a</sup> and Perushim [\(35v\)](#) and deceivers! Who hold back the way of *the* heavenly kingdom from the peoples. So you do not go in, nor leave them to go in. 14 Woe to you knowing writing, Perushim, deceivers! Who eat what belongs to the widows with lengthy prayer. And on account of this you will bear the length of the oppression. 15 Woe unto you scribes,<sup>b</sup> Perushim, deceivers! Who go around the land and sea to give insight to some men. And when you teach them you make them more evil than double yourselves, and sons of Gei-Hinnom.

16 Woe to you blind leaders! Who say that, ‘They who swear by the sanctuary did not swear a thing, but he who makes a vow to give gold to the sanctuary, he is indebted<sup>c</sup> to give *it*.’ 17 Naïve and blind ones, what is a greater thing, the gold, or the sanctuary that sets the gold apart? 18 [*To be finalized*], but you say that he who swears to give *something* for the altar is indebted to give *it*. 19 Blind ones, which thing is greater, the gifts or the altar that sanctifies the gifts? 20 For whosoever swears by the altar swears by all the things that are upon it. 21 Or whosoever swears by the sanctuary swears by all that is from it. 22 And whosoever swears by the heavens swears by the throne of El and by him who sits upon it.

23 Woe to you scribes and Perushim, deceivers! Who receive of the top<sup>d</sup> of the Mint and the Cumin, and [transgress] the great commandments of the law and forsake the uprightness [\(36r\)](#) and grace,

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<sup>b</sup> Lit. “letterers” or “letter makers” a synonym of ‘scribes’

<sup>c</sup> Or “bound”

<sup>d</sup> Or “best”

and the faith,<sup>a</sup> and these are the commandments which *you* are indebted<sup>b</sup> to do, and *it* is not fitting to forget them. <sup>24</sup> Blind leaders – who chew the flea, but swallow the camel.

<sup>25</sup> Woe to you Perushim, deceivers, who see yourselves *as* clean ones from the outside. That is, who purify that which is outside, just like a cup *or* a platter. But you – *on the* inside are completely full of prey and [*to be finalized*]. <sup>26</sup> Blind Perushim, cleanse first what is inside, and afterwards you will be completely clean.

<sup>27</sup> Woe to you scribes, Perushim! Who are like painted graves that seem beautiful from the outside, but from the inside are full of dead bones and uncleanness. <sup>28</sup> And so you on the outside seem like righteous men to the people, but from the inside you are full of all deception and an evil heart.

<sup>29</sup> Woe to you scribes, Perushim, deceivers! Who repair the graves of the prophets and mark the graves of the righteous ones, <sup>30</sup> and say, ‘If we had been in the days of our former fathers we would not truly have acknowledged the prophets.’ <sup>31</sup> Thus you are witnessing to yourselves that you are the sons of whosoever killed the prophets, <sup>32</sup> and you fill up the measure of your fathers.

<sup>33</sup> Serpents, genealogy of snakes, how will you be delivered of the judgment of Gei-Hinnom? <sup>34</sup> On account of this, behold that I am sending to you prophets and wise men and scribes<sup>c</sup>, and *some* of them you will kill and hang with warp and woof,<sup>d</sup> and oppress *them* in the

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<sup>b</sup> Or “bound”

<sup>c</sup> Lit. “letterers” or “letter makers” a synonym of ‘scribes’

<sup>d</sup> Or “lengthwise and crosswise,” used in medieval Hebrew to refer to a ‘cross’

houses of your gatherings, and persecute *them* from city to city, <sup>35</sup> until [\(36v\)](#) there come upon you the blood of the righteous ones that was shed upon the earth – from Abel the righteous one, until the blood of Zechariah [the son of Berechyah], whom you killed between the sanctuary and the altar. <sup>36</sup> Truly I say to you that all these things will come upon these generations.

<sup>37</sup> Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, you who killed the prophets and stoned the righteous ones who were sent to you numerous times. I longed to gather your people like the hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. <sup>38</sup> And because of this – behold, your dwelling will become desolate. <sup>39</sup> And I say that you will not see me *from* today any more until you will say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of El.’”

**24:1** When Yeshua departed from the sanctuary and went, his talmidim approached him in order to show him the buildings of the sanctuary. <sup>2</sup> So he answered and said to them, “Do you see all these things? Truly I say to you that a stone will not be left on a stone that will not be laid waste.”

<sup>3</sup> As he sat on the Mount of the Olives, his talmidim approached him and said unto him in confidence, “Tell us when these things will be, and the signs of your coming and the end of the world?” <sup>4</sup> So Yeshua answered and said to them, “Take heed for yourselves that no [\(37r\)](#) man deceive you, <sup>5</sup> for many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am Mashiah’, and many men will be deceived. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and moving<sup>a</sup> of wars, take heed that you be not terrified, *it is*

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<sup>a</sup> Or “setting out”

obligated<sup>a</sup> that these troubles will come, but it will not yet be the end.  
7 One people will rise up against the other, and one kingdom against another. And there will be plagues and earthquakes and commotion on the earth. 8 And these things will be the beginning of the pains.

9 And then they will trouble you, oppressing and killing *you*, and all will reject you on account of my name. 10 And then many will be perplexed, and provoke the one to anger against<sup>b</sup> the other, 12 for the hatred will be excessive over the compassion and the mercifulness of many. And the love of many will become cold; 13 but he who will continue until the end, and will stand, he will be saved.

14 And then the good news will be preached in all the world as a testimony to all the peoples, and then will the end come. 15 So when you see *the* desolating abomination – which is written in the prophet Daniyel<sup>c</sup> – standing in the set apart place – he who reads will understand them when it is so, 16 those who are in Yehudeah must flee into the mountains, 17 and whosoever will be in the roof chamber must not go down to take anything from his house, 18 and whosoever will be in the field must not return to take his clothes. 19 Woe to them who will be pregnant, and to them who will be nursing in those days. 20 Pray to YHWH that – that distress will not [\(37v\)](#) happen on the Shabbat and in the winter.

21 And then will be exceeding great distress, which had not been from the beginning of the world until now and until the end. 22 And if YHWH would not shorten that time, no man would be saved, but

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<sup>a</sup> Or “necessitated”

<sup>b</sup> Lit. “unto”

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Daniel’

because of the chosen ones of YHWH, that time will be shortened. <sup>23</sup> And then, if any man will say to you, ‘Mashiach is in this place’ or ‘There’, you must not believe *it*. <sup>24</sup> Many liars will stand up and will do an abundance of things and wonders until the chosen ones of YHWH will almost go into error, if it were possible. <sup>25</sup> I tell *you* this before the time.

<sup>26</sup> And therefore, if any man will say to you that ‘He is in the wilderness,’ do not be willing to go. And if a man will say to you, ‘He is in this cave,’ do not be willing to believe *it*. <sup>27</sup> For just like the lightning, that goes out from the east and is seen as far as the west – just so will the coming of the Son of Eloah be. <sup>28</sup> And *as for* my coming – that place where the body will be, there will the vultures gather together.

<sup>29</sup> And immediately, very soon after that time, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not shine, and *the* stars of *the* heavens will fall, and the powers of the heavens will shake.<sup>a</sup> <sup>30</sup> Then a man will see the sign of the Son of Eloah in the heavens. And then all the tribes of the earth will howl, and they will see the Son of the virgin coming [with] the clouds of the heavens with great power and image and likeness,<sup>b</sup> <sup>31</sup> and he will send his messengers, shouting with great voices, and they will gather the chosen ones of El from the four portions of the world – from the heavens and unto the earth.

<sup>32</sup> Receive a proverb from the comparison of [\(38r\)](#) the fig tree: when its twigs are many and the leaves are coming out, you recognize that

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<sup>a</sup> Or “be shaken”

<sup>b</sup> The words “image” and “likeness” in these Hebrew gospels imply splendor and majesty.

the summer is approaching <sup>33</sup> unto the door. <sup>34</sup> Truly I say to you that – that generation will not die until all of this is fulfilled.

<sup>35</sup> The earth and the heavens will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>36</sup> And there is no man knowing the day and the hour, neither the messengers, nor the son, but only the heavenly Father. <sup>37</sup> And just as it was in the time of Noach,<sup>a</sup> so will it be at the coming of the Son of the virgin. <sup>38</sup> For as it was in the time before the flood – that they ate and drank and held weddings until the day that Noach entered into the ark, <sup>39</sup> not realizing *it* until the flood came and killed all of them – so it will happen *at* the coming of the Son of Eloah.

<sup>40</sup> Then there will be two in the field; he will take the one and leave the other. <sup>41</sup> And two women will be *in* the house of the mill; he will take the one and leave the other. And two in one bed – the one will be taken and the other he will leave. <sup>42</sup> Therefore – wake up! For you do not know the hour in which the master will come.

<sup>43</sup> And you know *that* if a [father of riches]<sup>b</sup> knows the hour that the thief will come, he will be awake, and not allow the breaking of his house. <sup>44</sup> And in this respect, stand ready! For you do not know the hour that the Son of Eloah will come.

<sup>45</sup> And what do you think of a wise and faithful servant? His master sets him over all his company that he should feed them in their time. <sup>46</sup> Blessed is that servant whom his master finds watchful [\(38v\)](#) and doing so. <sup>47</sup> Truly I say to you that he will set him over all his goods. <sup>48</sup> But if the wicked servant will say in his heart, ‘My master will tarry long to come,’ <sup>49</sup> and he begins to beat the other servants, and

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Noah’

<sup>b</sup> Or “a rich father”



begins to eat and to drink with the drunkards, <sup>50</sup> the master of that servant will come *in* a day that he does not consider, and an hour that he does not know. <sup>51</sup> And he will remove him from his supervision and will set him with the deceivers, and there he will bear weeping and quaking of teeth.”

**25:**<sup>1</sup> “And then *the* heavenly kingdom will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to the path to the bridegroom and the bride. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five of them were wise. <sup>3</sup> And the five foolish ones did take their lamps. <sup>5</sup> And while the bridegroom delayed to come, all ten *virgins* slept for long – until the middle of the night.

<sup>6</sup> A man shouted, ‘Get up! Behold the bridegroom is coming, go out to him to the path!’ <sup>7</sup> Then all the virgins got up and lit all their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish ones said to the wise ones, ‘Give us of your oil, for our lamps have gone out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise ones answered and said, ‘Perhaps it will not be sufficient for us, go to the sellers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And as they went to buy, the bridegroom came. And those who were ready, [\(39r\)](#) entered with him into the wedding and the door was shut after them. <sup>11</sup> And afterwards came the foolish virgins, and cried, ‘Master, master, open for us!’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered and said, ‘Truth – I do not know who you are.’ <sup>13</sup> Therefore you must be awake, for you do not know the day and the hour.

<sup>14</sup> Just like a man who went in the way and called the servants, and handed over to them *some* of his gold. <sup>15</sup> To one of them he delivered five [coins], to another two [coins], and to another one – to every one of them according to his value, and he went away immediately. <sup>16</sup> And he who received five [coins] worked with them and profited five

others. <sup>17</sup> And he who received two, worked with planning and gained another two. <sup>18</sup> But he who received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his master's [coin].

<sup>19</sup> And after a long time the master came and wanted to hear an account from them. <sup>20</sup> So he who received the five [coins] came and gave to him *the* five *he* gained, and he said to his master, 'You deposited five [coins] to me, behold, you have five more *that I* gained.' <sup>21</sup> Then the master said, 'Good and faithful servant, because you were faithful over a little money you may enter into the honor of your master, and over a multitude you will be made master.' <sup>24</sup> Then he who received the one came and said, 'Master, I know that you are a hard and cruel man, you reap in a place that you did not sow, and gather what you did not scatter, <sup>25</sup> so I feared, and I hid the [coin] in the ground – now [\(39v\)](#) you can have your money *back*.'

<sup>26</sup> The master answered and said to him, 'Guilty and fearful servant, after you had known that I reap what I did not sow – and gather unto a place *that* which I did not scatter, <sup>27</sup> you should have deposited my money to the table of the exchangers, *so* that when I did come, I could ask *for* my gold with the profit. <sup>28</sup> Take the [coin] from him and deliver it to him who has ten. <sup>29</sup> For unto whosoever has, a man will give with surplus. And he who does not have, that little which he has, a man will tear away<sup>a</sup> from him. <sup>30</sup> And you must cast the wicked servant into a dark pit. And there he will bear weeping and the quaking of teeth.'

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<sup>a</sup> Or "rob"

31 When the Son of Eloah will come in his splendorous image, and all the messengers with him, then he will sit on the throne of his image.<sup>a</sup>

32 And all the peoples will be gathered together before him, and he will separate others from others,<sup>b</sup> just like the shepherd *separates* the lambs from the kids. 33 And he will set the lambs to the right side and the kids to the left side.

34 Then the king will say to those who are on the right, ‘Come in, blessed ones of my Father, and possess the kingdom that was prepared for you from the beginning of the world until now. 35 I was hungry and you gave me to eat, and I was thirsty and you gave me to drink. I was homeless and you gave me lodging, 36 I was naked and stripped, and you clothed me. I was sick, and you visited me, I was imprisoned, and you had compassion on me.’

37 Then they will answer, ‘When did we see you [\(40r\)](#) in hunger and in thirst, and gave you to eat and to drink? 38 When did we see you homeless and brought you in, or stripped – and covered<sup>c</sup> you? 39 And when did we see you sick and imprisoned, and came unto you?’ 40 Then the king will answer and say unto them, ‘Truly I say to you that – all the good that you did from ancient times to one of my insignificant brothers – indeed you did it to me.’

41 And then he will say to those who are on the left side, ‘Separate yourselves from me, ones cursed of my Father, and go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers. 42 I was hungry and thirsty when you did not give me to eat and to drink,

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<sup>a</sup> Or “splendor” or “glory”

<sup>b</sup> Or “...separate them one from another...”

<sup>c</sup> Or “clothed”

43 I was homeless and you did not bring me in, I was naked and you did not cover<sup>a</sup> me, I was sick and imprisoned, but you did not visit me.’

44 Then they will answer and say, ‘And when did we see you hungry and thirsty and homeless, naked or sick or imprisoned, and did not minister to you?’ 45 Then he will answer them saying, ‘Truly I say to you that every time that you did not do *it* to some of the insignificant poor ones who belong to me, also to me – you did not do *it*.’ 46 And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light.”

26:1 And it happened – when he ended these words, he said to his talmidim, 2 “You know that from now and unto two days will be the Pesach,<sup>b</sup> then the Son of El will be betrayed and hanged.”

3 (40v) Then all the great priests and the elders of the people gathered together in the palace of the ruler of the priests, who is called Qayapha,<sup>c</sup> 4 and they held a council against Yeshua – how they were able to kill him with deceit. 5 But they said, “We will not do *it* on the day of the Feast, lest the people would be raised up.”<sup>d</sup>

6 And when Yeshua was in Beith-Anyah in the house of Shimon Leper, 7 a woman approached him with an alabaster container, full of precious<sup>e</sup> ointment, and she poured *it* upon his head while he was eating at the table. 8 But when the talmidim saw it they were very

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<sup>a</sup> Or “clothe”

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Passover’

<sup>c</sup> Aramaic name for ‘Caiaphas’

<sup>d</sup> “raised up”, as in an uproar.

<sup>e</sup> Lit. “gem” or “pearl,” but when used as an adjective it means ‘precious.’

grieved and thought, “Why did she make this loss?”<sup>a</sup> 9 For this ointment is worthy to be sold for great value,” and that “A man should give the value to the poor ones.” 10 But Yeshua who knew it, said to them, “Why are you angry about this woman? For she did a good deed to me. 11 Indeed you will always have poor ones with you, but I will not always be with you. 12 And this woman put this ointment on my body to embalm me. 13 Truly I say to you that in every place where these good tidings will be reported in all the world, they will tell *what* she did to remember me.”

14 Then one of the twelve talmidim who was called Yehudah Ish-Qerioth<sup>b</sup> went to the rulers of the priests, 15 and said to them, “What do you want to give, that I should deliver Yeshua to you?” So they vowed to him thirty coins of silver. 16 And from then [\(41r\)](#) and onwards he sought how he would be able to betray him.

17 And a former day of Pesach,<sup>c</sup> the talmidim came and said to him, “In what place do you want that we prepare the Pesach?” 18 Then Yeshua said, “Go unto the city, and that man whom you will find, say to him, ‘The Rabbi says that his time is near, with you he wants to keep the Pesach – with his talmidim.’” 19 So the talmidim did as Yeshua commanded them, and prepared the Pesach. 20 And when it was evening he sat by the table to eat with his twelve talmidim.

21 And while they were eating he said to them, “Truly I say to you that one of you will betray me.” 22 Then when they heard this, they were exceedingly anxious, and every one began to say, “Adon, is it

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<sup>a</sup> Or “spoil”

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Iscaiot,’ meaning ‘the Man from Qeriot’

<sup>c</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Passover’

I?” <sup>23</sup> So he answered, “He who places his hand with me into the dish, he will betray me. <sup>24</sup> And a man who walks with me will betray the Son of Eloah, as it was prophesied of him. Woe to him! - To the man on whose account the Son of the virgin will be betrayed: It would have been a good thing for him if he was not born.” <sup>25</sup> Then that man – Yehudah who delivered<sup>a</sup> him – answered and said, “Rabbi, is it I?” So Yeshua answered and said to him, “You are saying *it*.”

<sup>26</sup> And when they sat to eat Yeshua took the bread, and blessed it, and did a prayer of thanksgiving, and broke off and said, “Take and eat, for this is my body.” <sup>27</sup> And afterwards he took the cup, and did a prayer of thanksgiving, and gave it to them, and said, “Drink this – all of you, <sup>28</sup> for this is the blood of the new, that will be shed to atone your iniquities. <sup>29</sup> And I say [\(41v\)](#) to you faithfully that from now and onward I will not drink of [this smoothness] of the vine until that day that I will drink it with you anew in the kingdom of my Father.

<sup>30</sup> And when they said thanksgiving – this is, that they did a prayer of thanksgiving – they went out to the Mount of Olives. <sup>31</sup> Then Yeshua said to his talmidim, “All of you will be [offended] because of me in this night, for it is written, ‘I will smite the shepherd and the flock will be scattered’ from<sup>b</sup> the troop. <sup>32</sup> But when I will stand up alive, I will be<sup>c</sup> before you in Gelilah.”

<sup>33</sup> So Keipha answered and said unto him, “And if all of them will be [offended] because of you I will never be [offended].” <sup>34</sup> But Yeshua

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<sup>a</sup> Or “handed him over”

<sup>b</sup> Or “by”

<sup>c</sup> Or “become,” prob. means to ‘appear’

said unto him, “Truly I say to you that in this night, before the rooster will crow, you will be denying me three times.” <sup>35</sup> And Keipha said unto him, “Even if I will be condemned to die<sup>a</sup> with you I will not deny you.” And all the talmidim said likewise.

<sup>36</sup> And then Yeshua came with them into a [city] which is called Gat-Shemeinah.<sup>b</sup> Then he said unto his talmidim, “Sit here while I will go to pray.” <sup>37</sup> And he took Keipha and two sons of Zavdai, and began to be grieved and [angry]. <sup>38</sup> Then he said to them, “My nephesh is anxious unto death, tarry here with me and stay awake with me.” <sup>39</sup> And he went a little further and bowed his face and said, “My Father, if it is a possible thing, remove [\(42r\)](#) this death from me; however, not according to my will, only to yours.”

<sup>40</sup> Then he came unto the talmidim and found them sleeping. So he said to Keipha, [“Was one hour not able<sup>c</sup> to be awake with me?”] <sup>41</sup> Be awake and pray that you do not enter into temptation; for the spirit is ready, but the flesh is weak.” <sup>42</sup> And a second time he went to pray and said, “My Father, if this death is not able to pass away from me, do your will.” <sup>43</sup> And he came to Keipha another time and found them sleeping, for the eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he let them rest and went to pray another time, and said that same speech.

<sup>45</sup> Then he came to the talmidim and found them sleeping, and said, “Do you sleep and rest? Behold! – For the hour<sup>d</sup> is approaching that the Son of Eloah will be delivered into the hands of the sinners. <sup>46</sup> Arise and let us go. For behold! – he who is going to betray me is

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<sup>a</sup> Or “to death”

<sup>b</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Gethsemane’

<sup>c</sup> Possibly a Heb. idiom?

<sup>d</sup> Or “time”



approaching.” <sup>47</sup> And while he was speaking, behold, indeed Yehudah – one of the twelve talmidim – was coming, and with him a great army with swords and with staves, sent from the side of the rulers of the priests and by the elders of the people.

<sup>48</sup> And he who delivered him gave this sign, saying, “Whom I will kiss is he, and you must take him.” <sup>49</sup> So he immediately came unto Yeshua and said, “May El save you Rabbi.” And he kissed him. <sup>50</sup> But Yeshua said to him, “Beloved, why did you come?” And then they approached Yeshua and stretched out the hands against Yeshua and seized him.

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the one of them who was alongside Yeshua, stretched out his hand and took out his sword and smote one [\(42v\)](#) of the servants of the rulers of the priests, and he cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> But then Yeshua said to him, “Gird the sword in its place. Every man who will smite<sup>a</sup> with the sword will die by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I am not able to pray to my Father – that he would send to me more than twelve messengers? <sup>54</sup> However, how will you *then* fulfill the scriptures? Thus it is obligated that it be done.”

<sup>55</sup> In that hour Yeshua said to the companies, “Are you coming out with swords and with staves to seize me, as if I were a thief? Every day I was with you, teaching in the Sanctuary, and you did not lay hold of me. <sup>56</sup> But all of this is done in order that you may fulfill the writings of the prophets.” Then all the talmidim forsook him and fled.

<sup>57</sup> So they seized Yeshua and led him to Qayapha,<sup>b</sup> the chief of the priests, to the place where the wise ones knowing writing, and the

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<sup>a</sup> Or ‘strike dead’

<sup>b</sup> Aramaic name for ‘Caiaphas’



elders of the Sanctuary were gathered. <sup>58</sup> And Keipha followed after him from afar unto the palace of Qayapha, the chief of the priests, and entered inside and sat with the leaders<sup>a</sup> in order that he might see the end.

<sup>59</sup> Then the rulers of the priests and all the assembly sought false witnesses against Yeshua so that they would be able to deliver him to death, <sup>60</sup> but they did not find them,<sup>b</sup> although many false witnesses did come. And afterwards came two lying witnesses anew, <sup>61</sup> and they said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the sanctuary of El, and to restore it after three days.’” <sup>62</sup> Then the chief of the priests stood up and said to Yeshua, [\(43r\)](#) “Do you not respond to the witness that these made against you?” <sup>63</sup> But Yeshua was quiet.

So the chief of the priests said to him, “I adjure you by the living El that you tell us whether you are Mashiach, the Son of the living El.” <sup>64</sup> Then Yeshua said unto him, “You said *it*. Truly I say to you that you will also see the Son of the virgin sitting to the right side of El, and coming [with] the clouds of heavens.” <sup>65</sup> Then the chief of the priests rent his garment and said, “This man speaks blaspheming, <sup>66</sup> how does it seem to you? So they answered, saying, “He is worthy to die.” <sup>67</sup> They spit in his face and smote him. And some others gave him great blows, <sup>68</sup> saying, “Prophecy, who smote you?”

<sup>69</sup> And Keipha was sitting outside the palace, and a certain maidservant drew near to him, saying, “Also you – you were with Yeshua of Gelilah.” <sup>70</sup> But he denied before all, saying, “I do not

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<sup>a</sup> Not the same word as used in “chief of the priests” or “rulers of the priests.” Prob. the leading servants.

<sup>b</sup> “them” – i.e. two or more false witnesses who could condemn him to death.

know what you are saying.” <sup>71</sup> And when he went out by the door, the other maidservant said to those who were there, “Also this man was with Yeshua of Netsereth.” <sup>72</sup> But he denied it another time with an oath that he did not know that man. <sup>73</sup> And a little later those who were standing there, approached Keipha and said, “You are *one* of them, for your words bear witness.” <sup>74</sup> And then he began to deny and to swear that he did not know that man. And immediately the rooster crowed. <sup>75</sup> Then Keipha remembered the word of Yeshua which he said to him, “Before the rooster will crow you will be denying me three [\(43v\)](#) times.” And he went outside and wept exceedingly in bitterness.

**27:1** And when the morning came, the chiefs of the priests and the elders of the people held a council that they could deliver Yeshua to death, <sup>2</sup> So they bound him and brought him before Pilate, who was upholding the position<sup>a</sup> of Caesar.

<sup>3</sup> (Now when Yehudah who delivered him saw that he was being destroyed – he regretted and returned the thirty coins to the ruling priests and aged ones,<sup>b</sup> <sup>4</sup> and said, “I have sinned, for I have delivered innocent blood – he is a man who does not know.”<sup>c</sup> But they answered, “What is *that* to us? You must see *to* it.” <sup>5</sup> So he threw the thirty coins into the sanctuary, and went away.

<sup>6</sup> Then the rulers of the priests took the thirty coins *and* said, “It is not a worthy thing that we place them in the house of the Sanctuary, for it is the price<sup>d</sup> of blood.” <sup>7</sup> And when they had taken counsel together

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<sup>a</sup> Lit. “place”

<sup>b</sup> Synonym of ‘elders’

<sup>c</sup> Or ‘he is a man who is innocent.’ Compare v. 24.

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “value”

they bought a field from a potter in order to bury the strangers there. <sup>8</sup> And because of this, that field is called Chaqal Dema, that is, the field of the blood – until this day. <sup>9</sup> And then was fulfilled the word from [Yerimiyahu] *the* prophet saying, “And they took thirty coins of silver, this value that the sons of Yisrael valued, <sup>10</sup> and they bought with them a field of a potter,” Just like our Adon decreed.)

<sup>11</sup> And Yeshua stood before Pilate – he asked him saying, “Are you the King of the Yehudim?” And Yeshua said to him, “You are saying *it*.” <sup>12</sup> (44r) And when the chiefs of the priests had slandered him, and the elders of the people after them, he did not answer a word. <sup>13</sup> Then Pilate said unto him, “Do you not hear how many witnesses we have against you?” <sup>14</sup> But Yeshua did not answer anything, so Pilate was amazed.

<sup>15</sup> And Pilate had an officer with a custom to release a person<sup>a</sup> that the Yehudim asked. <sup>16</sup> (Now he was retaining captured, a man whose name was Bar-Even<sup>b</sup> – who, on account of murder was captured in the house of the prison.) <sup>17</sup> And when he had gathered them, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want that I release to you: Bar-Even or Yeshua who is called Mashiach?” <sup>18</sup> (For he knew that because of pleasure *they* delivered him to death.)

<sup>19</sup> While he sat on the seat of the judgment, his wife sent to say, “You must not be judging that righteous man, for I saw many things in a vision on account of him.”

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<sup>a</sup> Heb. “nephesh”

<sup>b</sup> Or “Bar-Ravan,” meaning ‘Son of a Teacher.’ Bar-Even means ‘Son of a Stone.’ Not the same meaning as the Greek (from Aramaic) ‘Barabba(s),’ which means ‘Son of the Father.’

20. But the chiefs of the priests and the elders admonished the people that they should ask Bar-Even, and kill Yeshua. 21 And Pilate said to them, “Whom of these two do you want that I release to you?” So they said, “Bar-Even!” 22 And Pilate said, “Then what must I do with Yeshua who is called Mashiach?” And all of them said, “Let him be placed on warp and woof!”<sup>a</sup> 23 So Pilate said to them, “And what evil did he do?” But again they cried, “Hang him up!”

24 And when Pilate saw that he was not reaching anything, but *that* they still cried out, (44v) he took water and washed his hands before the people, and said, “I am he who does not know<sup>b</sup> of the blood of this righteous man. Take heed for yourselves.” 25 So all the total<sup>c</sup> answered, “Let his blood be upon us and upon our sons.” 26 And then he released Bar-Even, and delivered to them Yeshua – beaten – to lift him up with warp and woof.

27 And then the servants of Pilate took Yeshua *to* the great house of the judges, and the people gathered around, 28 and they stripped him, and covered him with a garment [of fine red linen], 29 and set a crown of thorns upon his head, and a reed in the right hand, and bowed *the* knee<sup>d</sup> before him, saying, “May YHWH save you, King of the Yehudim.” 30 And they spat on him and took the reed, and smote on his head.

31 And afterwards, when they had made much mockery out of him, they stripped him of the garment and clothed him with his clothes, and led him away to hang him up. 32 Now as they walked through the

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<sup>a</sup> Or “lengthwise and crosswise,” used in medieval Hebrew to refer to a ‘cross.’

<sup>b</sup> Or “who is innocent”

<sup>c</sup> Or “community”

<sup>d</sup> Lit. “kneeled a knee before him...”

city they found a man of Qurini,<sup>a</sup> whose name was Shimon, and they forced him to carry the warp and woof.<sup>b</sup>

33 And they came to that place which is called Golgoltha,<sup>c</sup> ( )<sup>d</sup> 34 And they gave him wine mixed with bitterness to drink, but when he tasted *it* he did not want to drink *it*.

35 And when they had hung him up they divided his clothes among themselves by the lot, in order that the prophecy would be fulfilled which says, “They divided my clothes among themselves, and cast a lot over my garment.” 36 And they sat, looking at *him*.<sup>e</sup>

37 And they placed [\(45r\)](#) a writing above his head: “This is Yeshua, the King of the Yehudim.” 38 Then they hung up two thieves with him, one to the right side and one to the left side.

39 And they who were passing by cursed him, shaking their heads, 40 “Are you he who says that you will destroy the Sanctuary and in three days you will build it? Save yourself! If you are the Son of Eloah come down from the warp and woof.”

41 And like these words, the high priest and the scribes<sup>f</sup> and the wise ones and all the aged ones were speaking unto him – mocking about him, 42 and saying, “He saves others, but is he not able to save himself? If you are king over Yisrael – come down from the warp

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<sup>a</sup> Hebrew name for ‘Cyrene’

<sup>b</sup> Or “lengthwise and crosswise,” used in medieval Hebrew to refer to a ‘cross’

<sup>c</sup> Aramaic name for ‘Golgotha’

<sup>d</sup> Manuscript inserts gloss: ‘which is mount Calvary’

<sup>e</sup> See Ps 22:17

<sup>f</sup> Lit. “letterers” or “letter makers” a synonym of ‘scribes’

and woof, that we may see it and believe you. <sup>43</sup> He is safe<sup>a</sup> in El – who will save him if he wants to, for he said, ‘I am the Son of Eloah.’” <sup>44</sup> And like these words of reviling, he – one of the thieves who were hung up after him – was speaking.

<sup>45</sup> From the hour of the middle of the day until the ninth hour, <sup>46</sup> Yeshua cried out with great calls, and said, “Eli,<sup>b</sup> Eli, why did you forsake me?” <sup>47</sup> When some who were standing there heard this, they said, “This man calls Eli-Yahu.” <sup>48</sup> So immediately one of them ran and took a sponge and filled it with vinegar, and placed it on the tip of a reed and they gave *it* to him to drink. <sup>49</sup> But the Centurion said, “Let us see if Eli-Yahu will come, who will set him free.” <sup>50</sup> And Yeshua crying out another time, [\(45v\)](#) sent<sup>c</sup> Ruach Ha-Qodesh.<sup>d</sup>

<sup>51</sup> And behold, the Sanctuary was broken from<sup>e</sup> two sides, upwards and downwards, and the earth shook. And the stones were divided through the middle, <sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened, and many bodies of the holy ones arose and lived – <sup>53</sup> they went out of the graves; after the resurrection many appeared.

<sup>54</sup> And the Centurion and those who were keeping Yeshua, when they saw the shakings – the earth quaking, and that which happened – they feared severely,<sup>f</sup> saying, “Truly this is the Son of Eloah.”

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<sup>a</sup> Alt. translation: “He trusts in El...” The Hebrew favors the translation placed in the main text.

<sup>b</sup> Eli – i.e. “my El”

<sup>c</sup> Or “released”

<sup>d</sup> Or “the Set-Apart Spirit”

<sup>e</sup> The margin reads “in two...”

<sup>f</sup> Lit. “feared with might/strength”

55 And there were many daughters<sup>a</sup> there, who were standing far from him, who went<sup>b</sup> with Yeshua of Gelilah, who served him. 56 And among them were Miryam Magdalith,<sup>c</sup> *and* the mother of Ya'aqov and Yoseph, and the mother of the sons of Zavdai.

57 And when this was done, a certain rich man came from Ramathayim,<sup>d</sup> whose name was Yoseph, he who was a talmid of Yeshua. 58 So this man approached Pilate and asked the body of Yeshua of him.<sup>e</sup> And Pilate commanded that it should be given to him. 59 Then Yoseph took the body of Yeshua and wrapped it in a garment of clean fine linen, 60 and he laid it in his grave, which was newly hewn out of stone. Then he laid a huge stone on the opening of the grave, and went away. 61 And there was Miryam Magdalith, and another Miryam sitting in front of the grave.

62 And the day which came after the Pesach, the chiefs of the Perushim and the priest came to Pilate, 63 saying, “Master, we [\(46r\)](#) remember that that deceiver said that he will rise to life. 64 Therefore command to guard the grave until the day that he said that he would rise to life, in order that his talmidim do not come and steal his body, and that they say to the people – that he raised to life from the death; and this last error will be worse than the first.” 65 So Pilate said to them, “Seek guards, and keep him according as you understand.” 66 And they went and guarded the grave and sealed the great stone and made it secure.

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<sup>a</sup> Or “women,” Heb. ‘sons’ and ‘daughters’ are often used for adults.

<sup>b</sup> Or “came”

<sup>c</sup> Or “from Magdala”

<sup>d</sup> The Hebrew name for ‘Arimathea’

<sup>e</sup> Or “for himself,” Hebrew unclear



**28:**<sub>1</sub> And the first Day-One, ( )<sup>a</sup> came Miryam Magdalith and another Miryam to see the grave,

<sub>2</sub> (And behold, there was an exceeding earthquake with strength. For the messenger came down from the heavens and overthrew the stone from the grave, and sat upon it, <sub>3</sub> his face was like the lightning and his garments were like snow, <sub>4</sub> and the guards were frightened and stood like dead ones.)

<sub>5</sub> And the messenger said to the women that “You must not fear,<sup>b</sup> for I know that you seek Yeshua who was hanged. <sub>6</sub> He is not here, for he rose to life according as he said to you. Come and see the place where [they] laid him. <sub>7</sub> And you must go hastily and say to his talmidim that he raised to life, and that he will be<sup>c</sup> before you in Gelilah, and you will see him there, like he said to you. <sub>8</sub> Then they departed hastily [\(46v\)](#) from the grave with an abundance of trembling, and with an abundance of joy they ran to his talmidim. <sub>9</sub> And while they were going, Yeshua went out to them to the way, saying, “May El save you.” And they kneeled at his feet, and they prayed to him. <sub>10</sub> And Yeshua said to them, “Do not fear, but go and report to my brothers that they must go into Gelilah, and there they will see me.”

<sub>11</sub> And as they went, some of the guards came into Yerushalayim, and reported to the chiefs of the priests everything that happened. <sub>12</sub> Then they gathered the elders and held a counsel, and they gave a great quantity of silver<sup>d</sup> to the guards, <sub>13</sub> that they should say *that* his talmidim came in the night while they were sleeping, and stole him.

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<sup>a</sup> Manuscript inserts gloss: ‘Which is called Dominiga’

<sup>b</sup> Or “tremble”

<sup>c</sup> Or “become,” prob. means to ‘appear’

<sup>d</sup> Or “money”



14 And they said, “When Pilate gets to know this, we will attain – that you will be safe.” 15 So they took the silver and did what they told them. And these things are reported among the Yehudim until this day.

16 And the twelve<sup>a</sup> talmidim went into Gelilah into a certain mountain which Yeshua told them. 17 And Yeshua appeared to them there. And when they saw him they prayed to him, but some of them doubted. 18 And Yeshua came and said to them, “YHWH gave me power in the heavens and in the earth. 19 Therefore go preach to all the peoples, and dip them in the name of the Father and the Son and of Ruach Ha-Qodesh, and teach them, and keep all whatever I commanded you. 20 And I will be with you in all time, until the end of the world.”

Complete.

A completed letter, a gift of Matithyahu – a talmid and a messenger.

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<sup>a</sup> This was written in retrospect. See Acts 1:15-22. Matthias, who was later chosen as the twelfth talmid, was “one who had been with us all the time that the Lord Yeshua went in and out among us... from the dipping of Yochanan, until the day that he was taken up from us...” Thus Matthias (who later became the twelfth talmid before Matthew wrote his Gospel) was there with the other eleven talmidim when Yeshua appeared to them in Gelilah.

# Glossary

<b>Adon</b>	Master
<b>Andrai</b>	Hebrew name for 'Andrew'
<b>Avraham</b>	Hebrew name for 'Abraham'
<b>Bar-Even</b>	Bar-Even means 'Son of a Stone.' Hebrew could also be read as "Bar-Ravan," meaning 'Son of a Teacher.' Not the same meaning as the Greek (from Aramaic) 'Barabba(s),' which means 'Son of the Father.'
<b>Beith-Lechem</b>	Hebrew name for 'Bethlehem'
<b>El</b>	Usually translated as 'God.' In Hebrew however, the word 'luck' or 'fortune' is pronounced as "gad" and sometimes as "god" (medieval) – see e.g. Gen. 30:10-11; Josh. 11:17; Isa. 65:11. Therefore we prefer to not use 'God.'
<b>Eloah</b>	Same meaning as El, see above note.
<b>Elohim</b>	Plural of Eloah, see above note.
<b>Eliyahu</b>	Hebrew name for 'Elijah'
<b>Gei-Hinnom:</b>	Lit. "The valley of (the son of) Hinnom." This Hebrew word is transliterated into Greek as 'Gehenna,' and is inaccurately translated as 'Hell.' This is a literal valley right next to Jerusalem ordained for future punishment. See Chapter 25:41-46 "And then he will say to those who are on the left side... go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, which is prepared for Ha-Satan and his messengers... And these will go into the fire of Gei-Hinnom, but the righteous ones will go into everlasting light."

To learn more about the Biblical definition of “Gei-Hinnom,” see Jer. 7:30-33; Isa. 30:33, 66:24. etc.

**Ha-Satan**

Lit. ‘The adversary.’ Because it is often used as a name in these gospels (See e.g. Mat 4:10) we have transliterated the name instead of translating it, as with all other names.

**Keipha**

The Aramaic name for ‘Peter,’ Greek transliteration ‘Cephas.’ A number of Aramaic nouns were used in post-exilic Hebrew.

**Kephar Nachum**

The Hebrew name for ‘Capernaum’

**Menorah**

The Hebrew word for ‘lampstand’

**Mashiach**

The Hebrew word for ‘Messiah.’ The Hebrew word which was translated into the Greek ‘Kristos’ but should be clearly distinguished from the Catholic symbolic ‘Christ.’ Literal meaning: ‘anointed one,’ usually referring to one anointed as king of Yisrael, or as priest or prophet. However, when used as a name, it refers to the Son of YHWH, whom he anointed as the ultimate King of Yisrael, the Everlasting High Priest, and the Prophet who would speak YHWH’s words to his people, and if anyone disobeys him, YHWH himself will cut off that person from among his people. See Deu. 18:18.

**Matithyahu**

Hebrew name for ‘Matthew’

**Miryam**

Hebrew name for ‘Mary’

**Mitsrayim**

Hebrew name for ‘Egypt’

**Nephesh**

(pl. nephashoth) Lit. “breath,” means ‘life,’ or ‘soul,’ etc. – take note, not the Greek understanding of ‘soul’.

**Perushim**

‘Pharisees’

**Pesach**

Hebrew name for ‘Passover’

<b>Ruach Ha-Qodesh</b>	Lit. “the Set-Apart Spirit”
<b>Sedom</b>	Hebrew name for ‘Sodom’
<b>Shalom</b>	Lit. “wholeness,” “completeness” or “well-being,” can also mean “peace.” ‘Shalom’ was also used as a greeting.
<b>Shelomo</b>	Hebrew name for ‘Solomon’
<b>She’ol</b>	The place of the dead, the lowest parts of the earth. To learn more about the Biblical definition of ‘she’ol,’ see: Gen. 37:35; Num. 16:30-33, 1Sam. 2:6; Is 14:9-15; Eze. 31:15-25; Jonah 2:3; etc.
<b>Talmid</b>	(Pl. talmidim) Usually translated as “disciples.” The Hebrew “Talmid” is a student who learns from his teacher and follows his example.
<b>Tanach</b>	Hebrew name for the ‘Old Testament’ Scriptures, acronym for ‘Torah, Nevi’im and Kethuvim.”
<b>Torah</b>	The Hebrew word ‘Torah’ means instruction. The Creator gave his perfect and everlasting Torah (instructions) to Moses. When Torah is used as a name, it refers to the first five books of the Bible (The Pentateuch), or by extension, the entire O.T.
<b>Tiqunim</b>	(Masculine of Taqanot) are manmade “regulations,” or manmade amendments or ‘improvements’ to the Torah, and are not part of the original commandments of YHWH’s Torah.
<b>Tsadiqim</b>	Sadducees
<b>Tsidon</b>	Hebrew name for ‘Sidon’
<b>Tsor</b>	Hebrew name for ‘Tyre’
<b>Ya’aqov</b>	Hebrew name for ‘Jacob’

<b>Yardein</b>	Hebrew name for 'Jordan'
<b>Yehudah</b>	Hebrew name for 'Judah'
<b>Yehudah</b>	Hebrew name for 'Judea'
<b>Yehudim</b>	Hebrew name for 'Jews'
<b>Yerushalayim</b>	Hebrew name for 'Jerusalem'
<b>Yeshayah</b>	Hebrew name for 'Isaiah'
<b>Yeshua</b>	Hebrew name for 'Jesus.' 'Yeshua' is short for 'Yehoshua,' which means 'Yah is Salvation,' see Mat. 1:21.
<b>YHWH</b>	The Hebrew manuscript has " <i>Ha-Shem</i> ," which literally means "The Name." Still today many Jews will read " <i>Ha-Shem</i> " when they see the Hebrew יהוה. We have replaced " <i>Ha-Shem</i> " with transliterated consonants of 'the Name' itself: YHWH. As for pronunciation, the only grammatically possible pronunciation, from which all other abbreviations/contractions can be formed, is 'Yah-weh.'
<b>Yirmeyahu</b>	Hebrew name for 'Jeremiah'
<b>Yisrael</b>	Hebrew name for 'Israel'
<b>Yitschaq</b>	Hebrew name for 'Isaac'
<b>Yoseph</b>	Hebrew name for 'Joseph'
<b>Zavdai</b>	Hebrew name for 'Zebedee'
<b>Zevulun</b>	Hebrew name for 'Zebulon'