

The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 158

Passion Week ~ The Upper Room ~ Part 7

In our last post, we continued to examine the final days of **Yeshua's** life and ministry. This post continues to explore the events that may have occurred on **Thursday Evening** (now early on Friday in the Jewish culture).

Yeshua Predicts His Return

²⁵ ***"I have told you these things while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Counselor, the Ruach HaKodesh, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything; that is, He will remind you of everything I have said to you.***

The Father will send the Holy Spirit in My [Yeshua's] ***name***. At Yochanan 15:26, we read, ***"I [Yeshua] will send you [the Holy Spirit] from the Father."*** Whether the **Ruach HaKodesh** proceeds from the **Father** and the **Son** jointly or from the **Father** alone seems an issue somewhat removed from everyday life. Nevertheless, over this point of doctrine, the **Greek Orthodox Church**, headquartered in **Constantinople**, and the **Roman Catholic Church**, headquartered in **Rome**, finally split apart in the year 1054.

²⁷ ***"What I am leaving with you is shalom - I am giving you my shalom. I don't give the way the world gives. Don't let yourselves be upset or frightened.***

I am giving you my shalom, my peace. "If Yeshua is the Messiah, where is world peace?"

The question is often asked as if the implied negative answer proves **Yeshua's** false claim to **Messiahship**. The swords have not yet been beaten into plowshares, and nations still learn war (Isaiah 2:4). The answer is that **Yeshua** is indeed fulfilling His promise, but not all at once. Peace does not come to those who refuse it, to those who, as it were, fight peace, but to those who gladly receive it.

Within every believer is a **shalom** (which means not only "peace" but also "health, wholeness, integrity") that comes from **God Himself**. It is not a self-satisfied false peace that ignores suffering but a compassionate peace that longs for **God's shalom** to be present with everyone and motivates action to help bring it about. When the **Messiah** returns to rule with a staff of iron (Revelation 12:5, 19:15), He will compel cessation of hostilities between nations. Meanwhile, where is world peace? In the live **Believers**, so that in **Yeshua** blacks and whites, **Israeli Jews** and **Palestinians**, indeed members of any groups at enmity can experience **Yeshua's** shalom in themselves and in each other. ¹

²⁸ ***You heard me tell you, 'I am leaving, and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would have been glad that I am going to the Father; because the Father is greater than I.***

²⁹ ***Also, I have said it to you now, before it happens, so that when it does happen, you will trust.***

³⁰ ***"I won't be talking with you much longer because the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me; ³¹ rather, this is happening so that the world may know that I love the Father and that I do as the Father has commanded me.*** ²

The Father is greater than I. Yeshua here speaks of Himself in His limited capacity as a human being. For as the **Word** He had glory equal to the **Father's** (Yochanan 17:5), but as a human being He humbled Himself (Philippians 2:6-8) - there were times when He grew tired (Yochanan 4:6) and things He did not know (Mark 13:32). Yet in His essence, He and the **Father** are One (Yochanan 1:1-3, 5:23, 6:62, 10:30; 14:9).

Fulfillment of Prophecy

¹ David H. Stern, Jewish New Testament Commentary: A Companion Volume to the Jewish New Testament.

² Yochanan 14:25-31.

³⁵ **He said to them, "When I sent you out without wallet, pack, or shoes, were you ever short of anything?"** "Not a thing," they answered. ³⁶ **"But now," He said, if you have a wallet or a pack, take it; and if you don't have a sword, sell your robe to buy one.** ³⁷ **For I tell you this: the passage from the Tanakh that says, 'He was counted with transgressors,' has to be fulfilled in me; since what is happening to me has a purpose."** ³⁸ They said, **"Look, Lord, there are two swords right here!"** "Enough!" he replied. ³

To the Mount of Olives

³⁰ **After singing the Hallel, they went out to the Mount of Olives.** ⁴

Singing the Hallel. This translates to one Greek word, literally, "hymning." But since this was the **Seder**, we know the hymn being sung must have been one of the **Hallel** ("praise") **Psalms** recited at festivals, Psalms 113–118 or 136.

"Get up! Let's get going!" ⁵

³¹ **Yeshua then said to them, "Tonight you will all lose faith in me, as the Tanakh says, 'I will strike the shepherd dead, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'** ³² **But after I have been raised, I will go ahead of you into the Galil."** ³³ **"I will never lose faith in you," Kefa answered, "even if everyone else does."** ³⁴ **Yeshua said to him, "Yes! I tell you that tonight before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!"** ³⁵ **"Even if I must die with you," Kefa replied, "I will never disown you!"** And all the talmidim said the same thing. ⁶

In our next, we continue to follow **Yeshua into Yerushalayim for His Crucifixion** by the end of the week and continue to **Yeshua's Final Discourse**.

³ Luke 22:35–38.

⁴ Mattityahu 26:30.

⁵ Yochanan 14:31.

⁶ Mattityahu 26:31–35.