

## **Matthew 27:45-66 The Savior and satan**

The epic showdown between the Savior and satan that began at the birth of Yeshua comes into clearer focus in the closing Chapters of Matthew. When Yeshua was a toddler, satan used King Herod, who committed mass murder, hoping to have Yeshua murdered. This caused His parents to flee to Egypt for His protection.

At the beginning of Yeshua's earthly Ministry, He was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted of the devil who tried to convince Yeshua to commit suicide by jumping from the pinnacle of the Temple. Throughout Yeshua's Ministry, satan used the religious leaders who plotted and made several attempts to have Yeshua murdered at the hands of the people.

In the final verses of this Chapter of Matthew, it looks as if satan has finally succeeded in His plot, using the religious leaders, rulers, elders, the people, and the Gentiles to put the Savior to death and end His Ministry.

The religious leaders, rulers, elders, and the people are diligent in their attempts to preserve and save their lives, their religion, their place in society, and their way of life to the point of violating the very religion they were trying to preserve and save. Little did they know that they were blinded by their religion causing them to be in opposition to YeHoVaH and being used by satan.

Throughout the Bible, Satan, aka ha-satan, is called by many names or titles:

- The serpent
- The adversary
- The dragon
- The devil

Revelation 12:9 captures several of these titles in a single verse.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

The fallen angel satan and his fallen angels have infiltrated every segment of society from the highest office in governments to the back alleys of the ghettos to deceive and mislead or lead mankind away from its Creator. Paul informs us in 1st Corinthians concerning those satan uses among the Body of Messiah.

2Co 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

These deceitful workers, false apostles, so-called ministers of righteousness, have deceived multitudes and led them away from YeHoVaH and His Commandments. They have convinced the multitudes that they are saved by grace alone, believing they don't have to do any work and can serve YeHoVaH however they choose in Jesus' name.

Mt 27:45 Now from the sixth hour (12 noon) there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour (3PM).

Yeshua had been crucified at the third hour (9AM) of the day.

Mk 15:24 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take.

Mk 15:25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

It was about 9 hours from the time that Yeshua was crucified until the time He was buried. Much happened between those hours that Matthew does not capture in his Gospel.

During that time, Yeshua demonstrated His ability to endure excruciating pain within Himself while defeating satan and destroying satan's hold over the lives of the people who put their trust in Yeshua.

1Jn 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Yeshua would go on to set the captives free, undo the work satan had done in the earth due to the disobedience of Mr. and Mrs. Adam in the garden, and declare ALL POWER in Heaven and in Earth at His resurrection.

Jn 19:25 Now there stood by the cross of Yeshua his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene.

Jn 19:26 When Yeshua therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son!

Jn 19:27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home.

Jn 19:28 After this, Yeshua knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.

Mt 27:46 And about the ninth hour (3PM) Yeshua cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Mt 27:47 Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said, This man calleth for Elias.

Mt 27:48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink.

Mt 27:49 The rest said, Let be, let us see whether Elias will come to save him.

After Yeshua had been given the sponge filled with vinegar, He said, "It is finished."

Jn 19:29 Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

Jn 19:30 When Yeshua therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Mt 27:50 Yeshua, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost.

Mt 27:51 And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent;

Mt 27:52 And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,

Mt 27:53 And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.

Yeshua was the Firstfruits of them that slept.

1Co 15:20 But now is Messiah risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

1Co 15:21 For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Messiah shall all be made alive.

1Co 15:23 But every man in his own order: Messiah the firstfruits; afterward they that are Messiah's at his coming.

Mt 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Yeshua, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

Mt 27:55 And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Yeshua from Galilee, ministering unto him:

Mt 27:56 Among which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

Mt 27:57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Yeshua' disciple:

Even – 3798 ὄψις opsios {op'-see-os}

Meaning: 1) late 2) evening 2a) either from three to six o'clock p.m. 2b) from six o'clock p.m. to the beginning of night

Usage: AV - even 8, evening 4, in the evening + 1096 1, eventide + 5610 1, at even + 1096 1; 15

At this point, Yeshua had hung on the cross for about 8 hours.

Mt 27:58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Yeshua. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered.

He was accompanied by Nicodemus.

Jn 19:39 And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Yeshua by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight.

Jn 19:40 Then took they the body of Yeshua, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

They were adhering to the Torah.

Dt 21:22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree:

Dt 21:23 His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged is accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

The people saw Yeshua as a cursed person because He was hung on a tree as Paul wrote in Galatians 3.

Gal 3:13 Messiah hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

However, Yeshua was not a criminal nor treated like a criminal in His burial. Remember, Yeshua said the woman (Mary) was preparing Him for His burial when she anointed Him with the Alabaster jar of spikenard.

Jn 12:3 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Yeshua, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment.

Jn 12:4 Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him,

Jn 12:5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?

Jn 12:6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein.

Jn 12:7 Then said Yeshua, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this.

Mt 27:59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth,

Mt 27:60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.

Mt 27:61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

Mt 27:62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate,

Let's deal with this phrase "Preparation Day" or "Day of Preparation" aka "Prep Day".

Preparation Day or Day of Preparation is not found in the Torah.

The first time this phrase is used is here in Matthew. The only time that phrase is used in the New Testament is in association with Passover and Yeshua's crucifixion.

Mt 27:62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, (The 1st Day of Unleavened Bread Sabbath)

Mk 15:42 And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, (The 1st Day of Unleavened Bread Sabbath)

Lk 23:54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on. (The 1st Day of Unleavened Bread Sabbath)

Jn 19:14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!

Jn 19:31 The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day,) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. (The 1st Day of Unleavened Bread Sabbath)

Jn 19:42 There laid they Yeshua therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

The Passover Preparation day was NOT a Friday that year. Yeshua was NOT crucified on a Friday.

When we refer to Friday as Preparation Day, it feeds the notion that Yeshua was crucified on a Friday because Biblically, Preparation Day in the Bible is associated with Yeshua's crucifixion. The next day was the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread, a Sabbath Day.

Mt 27:63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again.

Mt 27:64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.

Mt 27:65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can.

Watch – 2892 κουστῳδία koustodia {koos-to-dee'-ah}

Meaning: 1) guard: used of Roman soldiers guarding the sepulchre of Christ

Usage: AV - watch 3; 3

Misc: A Roman guard was made up of four to sixteen soldiers. In combat, they would form a square, and were able to hold off a much larger force.

The Sabbath Day after the Passover, the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread, they had the tomb sealed.

Mt 27:66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

Yeshua's death on the cross did so much more than pay the price for the sins of men.

Yeshua demonstrated how to live the Kingdom life on earth.

Yeshua demonstrated how to please YeHoVaH through obedience to His Commands.

Yeshua demonstrated how to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Yeshua's death demonstrated how to defeat the devil by dying to self-will.

Yeshua demonstrated that the ultimate success of fulfilling Father's Will in our lives could only be achieved by the cross.

Yeshua's life demonstrated His power over sin and His death gave us power over sin. It is a simple formula:

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

This is what Yeshua had taught His disciples.

Mt 10:38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.

Mt 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Mt 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Mt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mt 16:25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

Mt 16:26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

Mt 16:27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

Special Prayers: YeHoVaH's Perfect Will to be done in our lives

For Father's Kingdom to come

For the healing power of the Kingdom to come into our lives and our bodies

For the delivering power of the Kingdom to manifest in our lives overcoming:

Worrying

Stress

Mental illness

Anxieties

Fears

Tumors

Heart disease Hypertension

High blood pressure

Diabetes

Blood diseases