

Luke 23:26-56 The Chosen

Yeshua is the light of the world, who came to take away the sins of the world. He demonstrated and revealed the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life** to His Disciples and to all who witnessed His earthly Ministry and were willing to be identified with Him as **The Chosen One sent by YeHoVaH as Messiah**.

In this portion of Luke, we witness the ultimate climax of the first phase of Yeshua's mission and purpose before breathing His last.

Every year at the New Year and the Feast Cycles, the enemy is extra busy at work sowing confusion, discord, and offenses amongst the Brethren. I noticed this several years ago and through testing and observation, I realized the pattern.

I've mention this before, but during the New Year and Feast Cycles **beware of the enemy**. **Guard your heart** against distractions, various new doctrines, offenses, and confusion designed to cause the people of YeHoVaH to take their focus off YeHoVaH and put it someplace else.

YeHoVaH is the reason for the Feast Seasons! The Feasts are the Feasts of YeHoVaH, not Moses' Feasts, the Feasts of the Jews, or Jewish Feasts.

I will get into this in a little more detail during the upcoming Feasts.

Lk 23:26 And as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the cross, that he might bear *it* after Yeshua.

Lk 23:27 And there followed him a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed and lamented him.

Lk 23:28 But Yeshua turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children.

Lk 23:29 For, behold, the days are coming, in the which they shall say, Blessed *are* the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the paps which never gave suck.

Lk 23:30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us.

Yeshua prophesied of a future time that was revealed in Revelation 6.

Rev 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

Rev 6:13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

Rev 6:14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Rev 6:15 And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains;

Rev 6:16 And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb:

Rev 6:17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

Lk 23:31 For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

Paul persecuted Messiah by persecuting the followers of Messiah.
Today, people persecute Messiah by persecuting us.

Acts 9:1-3

Ac 9:1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

Ac 9:2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Ac 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

Ac 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Don't take the persecution of people personal. In essence, people who persecute you are persecuting the Messiah as Yeshua said.

Lk 23:32 And there were also two other, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

Lk 23:33 And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left.

Lk 23:34 Then said Yeshua, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Lk 23:35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided *him*, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Messiah, **the chosen of God**.

Chosen – **1588** ἐκλεκτός eklektos {ek-lek-tos}

Meaning: 1) picked out, chosen 1a) chosen by God, 1a1) to obtain salvation through Messiah 1a1a) **Believers are called "chosen or elect" of God** 1a2) the Messiah in called "elect", as appointed by God to the most exalted office conceivable 1a3) choice, select, i.e. the best of its kind or class, excellence preeminent: applied to certain individual Believers

Usage: AV - **elect 16, chosen 7; 23**

We are the Chosen, the Elect.

The people of Messiah's day did not recognize Him as the Chosen of YeHoVaH.

The people of our day may not recognize us as the Chosen of YeHoVaH.

1Pe 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1Pe 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Yeshua Messiah: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Lk 23:36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar,

Lk 23:37 And saying, If thou be the king of the Jews, save thyself.

Lk 23:38 And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

Those were the languages spoken during the time of Yeshua's earthly Ministry.

Lk 23:39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Messiah, save thyself and us.

Lk 23:40 But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Lk 23:41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

One of the two men, being crucified alongside Yeshua, accepted his fate as an evil doer, the other did not.

Lk 23:42 And he said unto Yeshua, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

Lk 23:43 And Yeshua said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in **paradise**.

The word Paradise is used 3 times in the New Testament writings:

2Co 12:4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Rev 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Paradise – **3857 παράδεισος** paradeisos {par-ad'-i-sos}

Meaning: 1) among the Persians a grand enclosure or preserve, hunting ground, park, shady and well watered, in which wild animals, were kept for the hunt; it was enclosed by walls and furnished with towers for the hunters 2) a garden, pleasure ground 2a) grove, park 3) **the part of Hades which was thought by the later Jews to be the abode of the souls of pious until the resurrection: but some** understand this to be a heavenly paradise 4) **the upper regions of the heavens. According to the early church Fathers, the paradise in which our first parents dwelt before the fall still exists, 5) neither on the earth or in the heavens, but above and beyond the world**

Usage: AV - paradise 3; 3

New Testament

Hell – **86 ᾗδης** hades {hah'-dace}

Meaning: 1) name Hades or Pluto, the god of the lower regions 2) Orcus, the nether world, the realm of the dead 3) later use of this word: the grave, death, hell

Usage: AV - hell 10, grave 1; 11

Misc: In Biblical Greek it is associated with Orcus, the infernal regions, a dark and dismal place in the very depths of the earth, the common receptacle of disembodied spirits. Usually Hades is just the abode of the wicked, Lu. 16:23, Rev. 20:13,14; a very uncomfortable place. TDNT.

O death, where *is* thy sting? O **grave/hades**, where *is* thy victory? (1Co 15:55 KJV)

Old Testament

Hell – **07585** היאוש she'owl {sheh-ole'} or לאוש sheol {sheh-ole'} **Meaning:** 1) sheol, underworld, grave, hell, pit 1a) the underworld 1b) Sheol - the OT designation for the abode of the dead 1b1) place of no return 1b2) without praise of God 1b3) wicked sent there for punishment 1b4) righteous not abandoned to it 1b5) of the place of exile (fig) 1b6) of extreme degradation in sin

Usage: AV - grave 31, hell 31, pit 3; 65

Tomb - 3418 **μνημα** mnema {mnay'-mah}

Meaning: 1) a monument or memorial to perpetuate the memory of any person or thing 2) a sepulchral monument 3) a sepulchre or tomb

Usage: AV - sepulchre 4, tomb 2, grave 1; 7

Grave – **3418 μνήμα** mnema {mnay'-mah}

Meaning: 1) a monument or memorial to perpetuate the memory of any person or thing 2) a sepulchral monument 3) a sepulchre or tomb

Usage: AV - sepulchre 4, tomb 2, grave 1; 7

Sepulchre – **3418 μνήμα** mnema {mnay'-mah}

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Usage: AV - sepulchre 4, tomb 2, grave 1; 7

That day, Yeshua was buried in a tomb.

Yeshua said He would be in the grave 3 days and 3 nights.

Paul wrote:

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Eph 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

Lk 23:44 And it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour.

Lk 23:45 And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was rent in the midst.

Lk 23:46 And when Yeshua had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Lk 23:47 Now when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man.

What did the Centurion see?

The Centurion witnessed a lot that day:

- 3 hours of darkness during midday from noon to 3
- The malefactor's confession and statement to Yeshua
- Yeshua's statement to the malefactor about Paradise
- Pilate had determined Yeshua to be innocent
- Herod finding no fault with Yeshua
- The large crowd
- The statement Yeshua made to the women

Matthew wrote:

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.

Lk 23:48 And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts, and returned.

Lk 23:49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

Lk 23:50 And, behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor; *and he was* a good man, and a just:

Counsellor – **1010 βουλευτής** bouleutes {bool-yoo-tace'}

Meaning: 1) a councillor, senator 2) a member of the Sanhedrin

Usage: AV - counsellor 2; 2

Lk 23:51 (The same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them;) *he was* of Arimathaea, a city of the Jews: who also himself waited for the kingdom of God.

Lk 23:52 This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Yeshua.

Lk 23:53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid.

Sepulcher - **3418 μνήμα** mnema {mnay'-mah}

Meaning: 1) a monument or memorial to perpetuate the memory of any person or thing 2) a sepulchral monument 3) a sepulchre or tomb

Usage: AV - sepulchre 4, tomb 2, grave 1; 7

Lk 23:54 And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

Lk 23:55 And the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid.

This was a Wednesday evening.

John wrote:

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.

From sunset **Wednesday** to sunset **Thursday** was the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread.

Friday, the women purchased and prepared the spices before the weekly **Sabbath** at sunset Friday.

From sunset Friday to sunset Sabbath, they rested. Early **Sunday** morning they came to the tomb.

Lk 23:56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments: and rested the sabbath day according to the commandment.

The next Chapter opens on Sunday morning.

Lk 24:1 Now upon **the first day of the week**, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them.

Lk 24:2 And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.

YeHoVaH has chosen Messiah.

YeHoVaH has chosen us.

Eph 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Yeshua Messiah by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Messiah Yeshua:

Eph 1:2 Grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Yeshua Messiah.

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Yeshua Messiah, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Messiah:

Eph 1:4 According as **he hath chosen us** in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Yeshua Messiah to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Col 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Col 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Messiah forgave you, so also *do* ye.

Col 3:14 And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Col 3:15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Messiah dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Yeshua, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.