



Covenant Branch

2nd Kěpha (Peter)

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2 Peter 1:1-3:18

Chapter 1

¹ Shim'on Kěpha, a **servant** and **emissary** (apostle, ambassador) of יהושע Messiah, to those who have obtained a **belief** as precious as ours by the righteousness of our **Elohim and Savior** יהושע Messiah:

Meaning: Hearing

H8095 שִׁמְעוֹן **Shim`own** (shim-one') *n/p*.

1. (meaning) **hearing.**
2. (person) **Shimon, a patriarch of Israel, one of Jacob's sons.**
3. (group) **Shimon, the tribe descended from Shimon of Jacob.**

[from H8085]

KJV: Simeon.

Root(s): H8085

H8085 שָׁמַע **shama`** (shaw-mah') *v*.

1. **to hear intelligently** (often with implication of attention, obedience, etc).
2. (causatively) **to tell, etc.**

[a primitive root]

Ya'aqob's Blessings and Prophecies

Genesis 49:5-7

⁵ "Shim'on and Lěwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence. ⁶ "Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they killed a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure. ⁷

"Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqob and scatter them in Yisra'el.

Moshe's Blesings

None Given

² Favor (grace) and peace be increased to you in the knowledge of Elohim and of יהושע our Master, ³ as His Mighty-like power has given to us all we need for life and reverence, through the knowledge of Him who called us to esteem and uprightness.

⁴ Through these there have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, so that through these you might be partakers of the Mighty-like nature, having escaped from the corruption in the world, caused by lust.

⁵ And for this reason do your utmost to add to your belief **uprightness**, to **uprightness knowledge**, ⁶ to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **endurance**, to endurance **reverence**, ⁷ to reverence **brotherly affection**, and to brotherly affection **love**.

1. uprightness
2. knowledge
3. self-control
4. endurance

5. reverence
6. brotherly affection
7. love

⁸ For if these are in you and increase, they cause you to be neither inactive nor without fruit in the knowledge of our Master יהושע Messiah.

⁹ For he in whom these are not present is blind, being shortsighted, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his old sins.

¹⁰ For this reason, brothers, all the more do your utmost to make **firm** ^(steadfast, stable) your **calling and choosing** ^(election), for if you are **doing** these matters ^(these thing) you shall never stumble ^(trip or fall) at all, ¹¹ for in this way an **entrance** into the everlasting reign of our Master and Savior יהושע Messiah shall be richly supplied to you.

G3598 ὁδός **hodos** (ho-dos') *n.*

1. a road.

2. (by implication) a progress (the route, act or distance).

3. (figuratively) a mode or means.

[apparently a primary word]

KJV: journey, (high-)way

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ “For the reign of the heavens is like a man, a householder who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² “And when he had agreed with the workers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ “And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the market-place, ⁴ and said to them, ‘You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I shall give you.’ And they went. ⁵ “Having gone out again about the sixth and the ninth hour, he did likewise.

⁶ “And about the eleventh hour, having gone out, he found others standing idle, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ ⁷ “They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you shall receive.’ ⁸ “And when evening came, the master of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’ ⁹ “And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. ¹⁰ “And when the first came, they thought they would receive more. But they too received each a silver piece. ¹¹ “And when they received it, they grumbled against the householder, ¹² saying, ‘These last have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’ ¹³ “But he answering, said to one of them, ‘Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take yours and go. But I wish to give to this last man as also to you. ¹⁵ Is it not right for me to do what I wish with my own? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’ ¹⁶ **“Thus the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen.”**

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ And יהושע responded and spoke to them again by parables and said, ² “The reign of the heavens is like a man, a sovereign, who made a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast. But they would not come. ⁴ “Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Say to those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle are slaughtered, and all is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ “But they disregarded it and went their way – this one to his field, that one to his trade. ⁶ “And the rest, having seized his servants, insulted and killed them. ⁷ “But when the sovereign heard, he was wroth, and sent out his soldiers, destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire. ⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast, indeed, is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹ Therefore go into the street corners, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.’ ¹⁰ “And those servants went out into the street corners and gathered all whom they found, both wicked and good. And the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “And when the sovereign came in to view the guests, he saw there a man who had not put on a wedding garment, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here not having a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ “Then the sovereign said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him out into the outer darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴

“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

¹² And so I intend to remind you of these matters again and again, though you know them and have been established in the present truth.

¹³ But I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by a reminder, ¹⁴ knowing that the putting off of my tent is soon, even as our Master יהושע Messiah made clear to me. ¹⁵ And I shall do my utmost also, to see to it that **you always have a reminder of these matters after my departure.**

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we made known to you the power and coming of our Master יהושע Messiah, but were eye-witnesses of His superabundance.

¹⁷ For when He received respect and esteem from Elohim the Father, such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Esteem, ***“This is My Son, the Beloved in whom I did delight.”*** ¹⁸ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the set-apart mountain.

¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word made more certain, which you do well to heed **as a light that shines in a dark place**, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture came to be of one’s own interpretation, ²¹ for prophecy never came by the desire of man, but men of Elohim spoke, being moved by the Set-apart Spirit.

Genesis 1:1-5 (Day One)
Three Days and Three nights
Genesis 1:14-19 (Day Four)

Chapter 2

¹ But there also came to be **false prophets** among the people, as also among you there shall be false teachers, who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies, and deny the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves.

Matthew 7:15-23

¹⁵ “But beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. ¹⁶ “By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit. ¹⁸ “A good tree is unable to yield wicked fruit, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit. ¹⁹ “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ “So then, by their fruits you shall know them – ²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens. ²² “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’ ²³ “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’

² And many shall follow their destructive ways, because of whom the **way** (way, route or means) **of truth** shall be evil spoken of, ³ and in greed, with fabricated words, they shall use you for gain. From of old their judgment does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.

⁴ For if Elohim did not spare the messengers who sinned, but sent them to Tartaros, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be kept for judgment, ⁵ and did not spare the world of old, but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, and seven others, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked, ⁶ and having reduced to ashes the cities of Sodom and Amarah condemned them to destruction – having made them an example to those who afterward would live wickedly, ⁷ and rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the indecent behavior of the lawless ⁸ for day after day that righteous man, dwelling among them, **tortured his righteous being by seeing and hearing their lawless works**, ⁹ then יהוה knows how to **rescue the reverent** ones from **trial** (putting to proof, to test, to discipline) and to keep the unrighteous unto the day of judgment, to be punished,

¹⁰ and most of all those walking after the flesh in filthy lust and despising authority – bold, headstrong, speaking evil of esteemed ones, ¹¹ whereas messengers who are greater in strength and power do not bring a slanderous accusation against them before the Master.

Jude

¹² But these, like natural unreasoning beasts, having been born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheme that which they do not know, shall be destroyed in their destruction, ¹³ being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence in the day of pleasure, spots and blemishes, reveling in their own deceptions while they feast with you, ¹⁴ having eyes filled with an adulteress, and unable to cease from sin, enticing unstable beings, having a heart trained in greed, children of a curse, ¹⁵ having left the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Bil’am the son of Be’or, who loved the wages of unrighteousness, ^{Eze 7:1-11:25}. ¹⁶ but he was rebuked for his transgression: **a dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man** restrained the madness of the prophet.

¹⁷ These are fountains without water, clouds driven by a storm, to whom the blackest darkness is kept forever.

¹⁸ For speaking arrogant nonsense, they entice – through the lusts of the flesh, through indecencies – the ones who have indeed escaped from those living in delusion, ¹⁹ promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption – for one is a slave to whatever overcomes him.

²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Savior יהושע Messiah, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the first.

²¹ For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart command delivered unto them.

²² For them the proverb has proved true, *“A dog returns to his own vomit,”*^{Pro 26:11} and, *“A washed sow returns to her rolling in the mud.”*

Chapter 3

¹ This is now, beloved ones, the second letter I write to you, in which I stir up your sincere mind, to remember ² the words previously spoken by the set-apart prophets, and of the command of the Master and Savior, spoken by your emissaries, ³ knowing this first: that mockers shall come in the last days with mocking, walking according to their own lusts, ⁴ and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all continues as from the beginning of creation.”

⁵ For they choose to have this hidden from them: that the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water, by the Word of Elohim, ⁶ through which the world at that time was destroyed, being flooded with water. ⁷ And the present heavens and the earth are treasured up by the same Word, being kept for fire, to a day of judgment and destruction of wicked men.

⁸ But, beloved ones, let not this one matter be hidden from you: that with יְהוָה one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ^{Psa 90:4}.

⁹ יְהוָה is not slow in regard to the promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward us, **not wishing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance.

1 Timothy 2

¹ First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men, ² for sovereigns and all those who are in authority, in order that we lead a calm and peaceable life in all reverence and seriousness. ³ For this is good and acceptable before Elohim our Savior, ⁴ **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

¹⁰ But the day of יְהוָה shall come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with intense heat, and the earth and the works that are in it shall be burned up.

¹¹ Seeing all these are to be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be in set-apart behavior and reverence, ¹² looking for and hastening the coming of the day of Elohim, through which the heavens shall be destroyed, being set on fire, and the elements melt with intense heat!

¹³ But according to His promise we wait for a renewed heavens and a renewed earth ^{Isa 65:17}, ^{Isa 66:22} in which righteousness dwells.

¹⁴ So then, beloved ones, looking forward to this, do your utmost to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless, ¹⁵ and reckon the patience of our Master as deliverance, as also our beloved brother Sha’ul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him, ¹⁶ as also in all his letters, speaking in them concerning these matters, **in which some are hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the other Scriptures.**

¹⁷ You, then, beloved ones, being forewarned, watch, lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the delusion of the lawless, ¹⁸ but grow in the favor and knowledge of our Master and Savior יְהוָה Messiah. To Him be the esteem both now and to a day that abides.

Amēn.