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A Journey Through Yohanan – Part 1

A little over two years ago, we had a short journey through the book of Yohanan (John). I am feeling lead that it is time to take another journey through this most awesome book.

This book has a special place in my heart. Since long ago, there are two very profound, passages from this book that have spoken loudly to me. That is Yohanan chapter 17 and Yohanan 12:24

Chapter 17 being the longest recorded prayer of Yeshua. And Yohanan 12:24 being a verse that has stuck so hard to me though even today I am still learning what it truly means.

Yohanan (John) 12:24

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

The last time we took this journey, I shared a clip from the ending scene of a movie titled “The Last Samurai”

In the last seen from the movie, the emperor of Japan asks Nathan Algren (played by Tom Cruise) to tell him how Katsumoto died – But he replies by saying, I will tell you how He lived.

In some ways, I believe the book of Yohanan to be similar in nature.

As of late, that being the last four to five years, specifically as relates to this journey I began then with the opening chapters of Bereshith or Genesis.

So, lets have a read of the opening verses of Yohanan in chapter one, verses 1-14.

Yohanana (John) chapter one verses 1-14.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

² He was in the beginning with Elohim.

Day 1 and Day 4 – Three Days and Three Nights

The Let Us

³ All came to be through Him, and without Him not even one came to be that came to be.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (Day 1 and Day 4)

⁶ There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was Yohanana.

⁷ This one came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not that Light, but that he might bear witness of that Light.

⁹ He was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His Name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the desire of flesh nor of the desire of man, but of Elohim.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favor and truth.

Ephesians 3:8-12

⁸ To me, the very least of all the set-apart ones, this favor was given, to bring the Good News of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations, ⁹ and to make all see how this secret is administered, which for ages past has been hidden in Elohim **who created all through יהושע Messiah**, ¹⁰ so that now, through the assembly, the many-sided wisdom of Elohim might be known to the principalities and authorities in the heavenlies, ¹¹ according to the everlasting purpose which He made in Messiah יהושע our Master, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access, with reliance, through belief in Him.

Colossians 1:16

Because in Him were **created all that are in the heavens and that are on earth**, visible and invisible, whether thrones or rulership's or principalities or authorities – all have been created through Him and for Him.

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Elohim, having of old spoken in many portions and many ways to the fathers by the prophets,

² has in these last days spoken to us by the Son, whom He has appointed heir of all, **through whom also He made the ages**, ³ who being the brightness of the esteem and the exact representation of His substance, and sustaining all by the word of His power, having made a cleansing of our sins through Himself, sat down at the right hand of the Greatness on high, ⁴ having become so much better than the messengers, as He has inherited a more excellent Name than them.

The Synoptic Gospels... That being Mattithyahu, Marqos & Luqas

Generally speaking, the synoptic gospels tell us what Yeshua said and did;

Yohanan tells us who Yeshua is.

The synoptic gospels mostly focus on the signs and sayings of Yeshua;
Whereas Yohanan emphasizes the identity of Yeshua.

Unique features of Yohanan's Gospel:

There are only eight miracles recorded in Yohanan
Six are peculiar to the book (not found elsewhere in Scripture).

Marqos details about twenty miracles and mentions ten more.

There are no parables in Yohanan.

That in itself is very interesting.

There are about fifteen parables in Mattithyahu.

There are nine in Marqos.

There are over thirty-five in Luqas.

There are eight metaphors or figures of speech which are unique Yohanan used to describe Yeshua.

“**The Word**” (Yohanan 1:1-14)

“**The Bread of Life**” (Yohanan 6:33, 35, 48, 51)

“**The Living Water**” (Yohanan 4:11, see also Yirmeyahu 2:13)

“**The Light of the World**” (Yohanan 8:12)

“**The Door**” (Yohanan 10:7, 9)

“**The Good Shepherd**” (Yohanan 10:11, 14)

“**The True Vine**” (Yohanan 15:1, see also Yirmeyahu 2:21)

“**The Lamb of Elohim**” (Yohanan 1:29, 36, see also Hazon 5:6, 12, 13:8)

Only the gospel of Yohanan records the giving of the Comforter/Helper.

Yohanan 14:16, 26, 15:26, 16:7

Every chapter in Yohanan provides a separate portrait of who Yeshua is.

Yohanan recorded very detailed conversations Yeshua had with specific individuals:

With Naqdimon, that is Nicodemus

With the Shomeronim, that is the Samaritan Woman

With Martha

With Miryam or Mary from Magdala, that is Mary Magdalene

With Shim'on Kēpha, that is Peter

Over one-third of Yohanan's Gospel (chapters 12-19) cover the last week of Yeshua's life.

The nine "I AM" statements of Yeshua:

1. **I AM** the Bread of Life/Living Bread - Jn. 6:35, 48, 51.
2. **I AM** the Light of the World - Jn. 8:12; 9:5.
3. Before Abraham was, **I AM** - Jn. 8:58.
4. **I AM** the Door - Jn. 10:7, 9.
5. **I AM** the Good Shepherd - Jn. 10:11, 14.
6. **I AM** the Resurrection and the Life - Jn. 11:25.
7. **I AM** the Way, the Truth, and the Life - Jn. 14:6.
8. **I AM** the True Vine - Jn. 15:1, 5.
9. **I AM** He - Jn. 18:5-6.

Yohanan also continues this theme in the Book of Hazon or Revelation:

1. **I AM** the 'Aleph' and the 'Taw' - 1:8, 11; 22:13.
2. **I AM** the **Beginning and the End** - 1:8; 22:13.
3. **I AM** the **First and the Last** - 1:11; 22:13.
4. **I AM** He **Who Lives and was Dead** - 1:18
5. **I AM** He **Who Searches the Kidneys and Hearts** - 2:23.
6. **I AM** the **Root and Offspring of Dawid** - 22:16.
7. **I AM** the **Bright and Morning Star** - 22:16.

Yohanan was one of the Twelve emissaries of Yeshua Messiah.

Yohanan is generally listed as the youngest emissary of Yeshua Messiah.

Yohanan was the son of Zebedee and Salome

Yohanan is known as:

- Yohanan the Evangelist
- Yohanan of Patmos
- Yohanan the Elder
- Yohanan the Beloved Disciple

Yohanan outlived the remaining emissaries and he was the only one to die of natural causes.

Yohanan is the author of several books of the New Testament.

- The Gospel of Yohanan
- The three Epistles of Yohanan, Yohanan Aleph, Bet and Gimel
- The Book of Hazon or The Revelation of Yeshua Messiah

References to Yohanan in the New Testament

Yohanan was the son of Zebedee and the younger brother of Ya'aqob, son of Zebedee (Ya'aqob the Greater).

According to tradition, their mother was Salome.

Also, according to tradition, Salome was the sister of Mary, Yeshua' mother,

So, Salome was Yeshua' aunt, and her sons Yohanan and Ya'aqob were Yeshua' cousins.

He was believed to be first a disciple of Yohanan the Immerser.

Yohanan is traditionally believed to be one of two disciples (the other being Andrew) who upon hearing the Immerser point out Yeshua as the "**Lamb of Elohim**", followed Yeshua and spent the day with him.

Yohanan 1:35-39

³⁵ Again the following day, Yohanan was standing with two of his taught ones, ³⁶ and looking at יהושע walking, he said, "See the Lamb of Elohim!"

³⁷ And the two taught ones heard him speaking, and they followed יהושע.

³⁸ And יהושע turning, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are You staying?"

³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They went and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day. Now it was about the tenth hour.

Both Ya'aqob (James) and Yohanan are sons of Zebedee.

Zebedee and his sons fished in the Sea of Galilee.

Yeshua called these two sons of Zebedee to follow him.

Ya'aqob (James) and Yohanan are listed among the Twelve emissaries.

Yeshua referred to the pair as "Boanerges" or translated, "the sons of thunder".

A gospel story relates how the brothers wanted to call down heavenly fire on an inhospitable Samaritan town, but Yeshua rebuked them. Lucas 9:51-6

Luqas (Luke) 9:51-56

⁵¹ And it came to be, when the days of His taking up were being completed, even He set His face to go to Yerushalayim, ⁵² and He sent messengers ahead of Him. And they went and entered into a village of the Shomeronim, to prepare for Him.

⁵³ And they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Yerushalayim.

⁵⁴ And His taught ones, Ya'aqob and Yohanan, seeing it said, "Master, do You wish us to command fire to come down from the heaven and destroy them, as also Ēliyahu did?"

⁵⁵ But having turned, He rebuked them and said, "You do not know of what spirit you are, ⁵⁶ for the Son of Ađam did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went on to another village.

And where did they get this?

2 Kings 1:1-15

¹ And Mo'ab revolted against Yisra'el after the death of Ahab.

² And Ahazyah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Shomeron, and was injured, and sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Ba'al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron, if I shall recover from this injury."

³ But a messenger of יהוה spoke to Ēliyāh the Tishbite, "Rise up, go up to meet the messengers of the sovereign of Shomeron, and say to them, 'Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisra'el that you are going to inquire of Ba'al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron?'

⁴ "So therefore, thus said יהוה, 'You are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.' " And Ēliyāh went.

⁵ And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why have you come back?"

⁶ And they said to him, "A man came up to meet us, and said to us, 'Go, return to the sovereign who sent you, and say to him, "Thus said יהוה, 'Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisra'el that you are sending to inquire of Ba'al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron? Therefore you are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.' " " "

⁷ And he said to them, "What was the man like who came up to meet you and spoke to you these words?"

⁸ And they answered him, "He was a hairy man, and wore a leather girdle around his waist." And he said, "It is Ēliyāh the Tishbite."

⁹ He then sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he went up to him, and see, he was sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, "Man of Elohim, the sovereign has said, 'Come down!'" "

¹⁰ And Ēliyāhu answered and said to the captain of fifty, "And if I am a man of Elohim, let fire come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty men." And fire came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

¹¹ He then sent another captain of fifty with his fifty men to him. And he answered and said to him, "Man of Elohim, this is what the sovereign said, 'Come down at once!'" "

¹² And Ēliyāh answered and said to them, "If I am a man of Elohim, let fire come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty men." And a fire of Elohim came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

¹³ And again he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Ēliyāhu, and pleaded with him, and said to him, "Man of Elohim, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your eyes.

¹⁴ "See, fire has come down from the heavens and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life be precious in your eyes."

¹⁵ And the Messenger of יהוה said to Ēliyāhu, "Go down with him; do not be afraid of him." So he rose up and went down with him to the sovereign,

Yohanan lived on for another generation after the martyrdom of Ya'aqob, who was the first emissary to die a martyr's death.

Shim'on Kepha, Ya'aqob and Yohanan were the only witnesses of the raising of the daughter of Jairus.

All three also witnessed the Transfiguration, and these same three witnessed the Agony in Gethsemane more closely than the other emissaries did.

Lucas (Luke) 9:49-50

⁴⁹ And Yohanan answering, said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your Name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

⁵⁰ But יהושע said to him, "Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is for us."

Yeshua sent only Yohanan and Shim'on Kepha into the city to make the preparation for the final Passover meal. Luqas (Luke) 22:8

At the meal itself, the "disciple whom Yeshua loved" sat next to Yeshua. It was customary to recline on couches at meals, and this disciple leaned on Yeshua. Tradition identifies this disciple as Yohanan.

Yohanan (John) 13:23-26

²³ And one of His taught ones, whom יהושע loved, was reclining on the bosom of יהושע.

²⁴ Shim'on Kēpha then motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

²⁵ And leaning back on the breast of יהושע he said to Him, "Master, who is it?"

²⁶ יהושע answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Yehudāh from Qerioth, son of Shim'on.

After the arrest of Yeshua, Shim'on Kepha and the "other disciple" (according to tradition, Yohanan) followed him into the palace of the high-priest.

Yohanan alone among the emissaries remained near Yeshua at the foot of the stake alongside myrrh-bearers and numerous other women;

Following the instruction of Yeshua from the stake, Yohanan took Mary, the mother of Yeshua, into his care. Yohanan (John) 19:25-27

Yohanan (John) 19:25

²⁵ And by the stake of יהושע stood His mother, and His mother's sister, Miryam the wife of Qlophah, and Miryam from Maḡdala.

²⁶ Then יהושע, seeing His mother and the taught one whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, see your son!"

²⁷ Then to the taught one He said, "See, your mother!" And from that hour that taught one took her to his own home.

After Yeshua's Ascension, and the descent of the Ruach HaQodesh (Holy Spirit) at Shavuot, Yohanan, together with Shim'on Kepha, took a prominent part in the founding and guidance of the qahol.

He was with Shim'on Kepha at the healing of the lame man at Solomon's Porch. (Acts 3:1)

He was also thrown into prison with Shim'on Kepha. (Acts 4:3)

He went with Shim'on Kepha to visit the newly converted believers in Samaria. (Acts 8:14)

The disciple whom Yeshua loved

The phrase the disciple whom Yeshua loved as a brother or in Yohanan 20:2 whom Yeshua loved as a friend is used six times in the Gospel of Yohanan, but in no other New Testament accounts of Yeshua.

Yohanan (John) 13:23

And one of His taught ones, whom יְהוֹשֻׁעַ loved (agape), was reclining on the bosom of יְהוֹשֻׁעַ.

Yohanan (John) 19:26

Then יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, seeing His mother and the taught one whom He loved (agape) standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, see your son!"

Yohanan (John) 20:2

So she ran and came to Shim'on Kēpha, and to the other taught one whom יְהוֹשֻׁעַ loved (friend love, phileo), and said to them, "They have taken the Master out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him."

Yohanan (John) 21:7

That taught one whom יְהוֹשֻׁעַ loved (*agape*) then said to Kēpha, "It is the Master!" Then Shim'on Kēpha, hearing that it was the Master, put on his outer garment – for he was stripped – and plunged into the sea.

Yohanan 21:24 claims that the Gospel of Yohanan is based on the written testimony of this disciple.

John 21:23 (TS2009)

Therefore, this word went out among the brothers that this taught one would not die. However, יְהוֹשֻׁעַ did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I desire him to remain until I come, what is it to you?"

It is this disciple who, while reclining beside Yeshua at the Last Supper, asks Yeshua, after being requested by Shimon Kepha to do so, who it is that will betray him. (Yohanan 13:23-25)

Later at the stake, Yeshua tells his mother, "Woman, here is your son", and to the Beloved Disciple he says, "Here is your mother." (Yohanan 19:26-27)

When Mary Magdalene discovers the empty tomb, she runs to tell the Beloved Disciple and Shimon Kepha. The two men rush to the empty tomb and the Beloved Disciple is the first to reach the empty tomb. However, Shimon Kepha is the first to enter. (Yohanan 20:1-10)

In Yohanan 21, the last chapter of the Gospel of Yohanan, the Beloved Disciple is one of seven fishermen involved in the miraculous catch of 153 fish. (Yohanan 21:1-25)

Also in the book's final chapter, after Yeshua hints to Shimon Kepha how Kepha will die, Kepha sees the Beloved Disciple following them and asks, "What about him?" Yeshua answers, "If I want him to remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!" (Yohanan 21:20-23)

Again, in the gospel's last chapter, it states that the very book itself is based on the written testimony of the disciple whom Yeshua loved. (Yohanan 21:24)

None of the other Gospels has anyone in the parallel scenes that could be directly understood as the Beloved Disciple.

For example, in Lucas 24:12, Shimon Kepha alone runs to the tomb. Marqos, Matthew and Luqas do not mention any one of the twelve disciples having witnessed the crucifixion.

There are also two references to an unnamed "other disciple" in Yohanan 1:35-40 and Yohanan 18:15-16, which may be to the same person based on the wording in Yohanan 20:2.

Matthew 4:21

And going on from there, He saw two other brothers, Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and Yohanan his brother, in the boat with Zabdai their father, mending their nets. And He called them,

Matthew 10:2-4

² And these are the names of the twelve emissaries: first, Shim'on, who is called Kēpha, and Andri his brother; Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and **Yohanan** his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomi; T'oma and Mattiyahu the tax collector; Ya'aqob the son of Alphaï, and Labai whose last name was Taddai; ⁴ Shim'on the Kena'anite, and Yehudah from Qerioth, who did also deliver Him up.

Genesis 1:1-31

¹ In the beginning Elohim created the heavens and the earth.

² And the earth came to be formless and empty, and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of Elohim was moving on the face of the waters.

³ And Elohim said, “**Let light come to be,**” and light came to be.

⁴ And Elohim saw the light, that it was good. And Elohim separated the light from the darkness.

⁵ And Elohim called the light ‘day’ and the darkness He called ‘night.’ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **one day.**

⁶ And Elohim said, “Let an expanse come to be in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.”

⁷ And Elohim made the expanse, and separated the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse. And it came to be so.

⁸ And Elohim called the expanse ‘heavens.’ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **the second day.**

⁹ And Elohim said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, **and let the dry land appear.**” And it came to be so.

¹⁰ And Elohim called the dry land ‘earth,’ and the collection of the waters He called ‘seas.’ And Elohim saw that it was good.

¹¹ And Elohim said, “Let the earth bring forth grass, the plant that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth.” And it came to be so.

¹² And the earth brought forth grass, the plant that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

¹³ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **the third day.**

¹⁴ And Elohim said, “**Let lights come to be in the expanse** of the heavens to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and appointed times, and for days and years,

¹⁵ and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth.” And it came to be so.

¹⁶ And Elohim made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night, and the stars.

¹⁷ And Elohim set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,

¹⁸ and to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And Elohim saw that it was good.

¹⁹ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **the fourth day.**

²⁰ And Elohim said, “Let the waters teem with shoals of living beings, and let birds fly above the earth on the face of the expanse of the heavens.”

²¹ And Elohim created great sea creatures and every living being that moves, with which the waters teemed, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

²² And Elohim blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and increase, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.”

²³ And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **the fifth day.**

²⁴ And Elohim said, “**Let the earth bring forth the living being according to its kind:** livestock and creeping creatures and beasts of the earth, according to its kind.” And it came to be so.

²⁵ And Elohim made the beast of the earth according to its kind, livestock according to its kind, and all that creep on the earth according to its kind. And Elohim saw that it was good.

²⁶ And Elohim said, “**Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over the livestock, and over all the earth and over all the creeping creatures that creep on the ground.**”

²⁷ And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them.

²⁸ And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said to them, “Be fruitful and increase, and fill the earth and subdue it, and rule over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over all creeping creatures on the earth.”

²⁹ And Elohim said, “See, I have given you every plant that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed, to you it is for food.

³⁰ “And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every creeping creature on the earth, in which there is a living being, every green plant is for food.” And it came to be so.

³¹ And Elohim saw all that He had made, and see, it was very good. And there came to be evening and there came to be morning, **the sixth day.**

Yohanán (John) 1:1-51

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

² He was in the beginning with Elohim.

³ All came to be through Him, and without Him not even one came to be that came to be.

⁴ In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

⁵ And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was Yohanán.

⁷ This one came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not that Light, but that he might bear witness of that Light.

⁹ He was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His Name, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the desire of flesh nor of the desire of man, but of Elohim.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favor and truth.

¹⁵ Yohanán bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has become before me, because He was before me.’”

¹⁶ And out of His completeness we all did receive, and favor upon favor, ¹⁷ for the Torah was given through Mosheh – the favor and the truth came through יהושע Messiah.

¹⁸ No one has ever seen Elohim. The only brought-forth Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He did declare.

¹⁹ Now this was the witness of Yoḥanan when the Yehudim sent from Yerushalayim priests and Lēwites to ask him, “Who are you?”

²⁰ And he confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.”

²¹ And they asked him, “What then, are you Ēliyahu?” So he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

²² Therefore they said to him, “Who are you, so that we give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

²³ He said, “I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of יהודה,’ Isa 40:3 as the prophet Yeshayahu said.”

²⁴ And those sent were of the Pharisees, ²⁵ and they asked him, saying, “Why then do you immerse if you are not the Messiah, nor Ēliyahu, nor the Prophet?”

²⁶ Yoḥanan answered them, saying, “I immerse in water, but in your midst stands One whom you do not know, ²⁷ the One coming after me, who has become before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loosen.”

²⁸ This took place in Bēyth Anyah beyond the Yardēn, where Yoḥanan was immersing.

²⁹ On the next day Yoḥanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, “See, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!

³⁰ “This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has become before me, for He was before me.’

³¹ “And I did not know Him, but that He might be revealed to Yisra’el, therefore I came immersing in water.”

³² And Yoḥanan bore witness, saying, “I have seen the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and remain on Him.

³³ “And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to immerse in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit coming down and remaining on Him, this is He who immerses in the Set-apart Spirit.’

³⁴ “And I have seen and have witnessed that this is the Son of Elohim.”

³⁵ Again the following day, Yoḥanan was standing with two of his taught ones, ³⁶ and looking at יהושע walking, he said, “See the Lamb of Elohim!”

³⁷ And the two taught ones heard him speaking, and they followed יהושע.

³⁸ And יהושע turning, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are You staying?”

³⁹ He said to them, “Come and see.” They went and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day. Now it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ Andri, the brother of Shim’on Kēpha, was one of the two who heard from Yoḥanan, and followed Him.

⁴¹ First he found his own brother Shim’on, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means the Anointed).

⁴² And he brought him to יהושע. And looking at him, יהושע said, “You are Shim’on the son of Yonah, you shall be called Kēpha” (which means a Stone).

⁴³ On the following day יהושע wished to go to Galil, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”

⁴⁴ And Philip was from Bēyth Tsaida, the city of Andri and Kēpha.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nethan’el and said to him, “We have found Him whom Mosheh wrote of in the Torah, and the prophets: יהושע of Natsareth – the son of Yosēph.”

⁴⁶ And Nethan’el said to him, “Is it possible for any good matter to come out of Natsareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

⁴⁷ יהושע saw Nethan’el coming toward Him, and said of him, “See, truly a Yisra’eli, in whom is no deceit!”

⁴⁸ Nethan’el said to Him, “From where do You know me?” יהושע answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

⁴⁹ Nethan’el answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of Elohim! You are the Sovereign of Yisra’el!”

⁵⁰ יהושע answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? Greater than that you shall see.”

⁵¹ And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, from now on you shall see the heaven opened, and the messengers of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of Aḏam.”