

## *Study of John 2*

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### *John 2:1-25*

*And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; And the mother of Yeshua was there:*

Here we are being told that in the third day, there was a marriage in Cana, Qana in Hebrew, (קנה, which means, to create, to acquire, get, to buy, to possess, own, it also means, stalk, reed, cane)

The fact that this is happening in the *third day*, at Qanah, tells us that this event has something to do with coming from death to life, creating something that will last forever, for this is the beginning of Messiah's ministry and Elohim, doing miracles through Messiah, and as you know, Messiah's ministry **IS** forever.

*Verse 2 And both Yeshua and His disciples, were called to the marriage.*

This is telling us that Yahweh wanted Messiah's disciples there to witness for themselves, the miracle that Elohim was about to do through Messiah.

*Verse 3 And when they wanted wine, the mother of Yeshua said unto Him, they have no wine. 4 Yeshua said unto her, Woman, what have I to do with you (and your needs)? My hour is **NOT** yet come.*

Messiah was convinced, that His time to declare Himself to the public at large had not yet arrived, but, because it was His mother, He went ahead and did it anyway.

What are we to learn from this? The prayers of all Torah obedient people, are always heard by our heavenly Father, and since Messiah said, in:

*John 5:19 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of Himself, **BUT** what he sees the Father do: for whatsoever things the Father does, these also, does the Son likewise.*

*John 5:30 I can of My own self **do nothing**: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment **IS JUST**; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.*

Since Messiah has made it quite clear that He does **NOT** do anything of or through Himself, it means, that it is the Father, through His Holy Spirit, that prompted Messiah to do what his mother asked him to do, at the marriage celebration that was being held in Qanah, where, our heavenly Father, through Messiah, created wine out of water.

*Verse 5 His mother said unto the servants, Whatsoever He says unto you, do it.*

Messiah's mother was well aware of who Messiah was, and His connection to our heavenly Father, and that He was also filled with the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father, and that through that connection, all things were possible, since He was indeed the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, made flesh, therefore, she tells the servants to do whatever He, Messiah commands them to do.

*Verse 6 And there was a set there of six waterpots of stone, After the manner of the purifying of the Jews,*

These waterpots, or large jugs, were made of stone, and they were there to hold, what was called the water of separation, by which sinners were cleansed or purified after the manner of the Jews (Yisraelites).

*Numbers 19:9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Yisrael for a water of separation: it is a purification for Sin, for the transgressions of the Words of the Torah of our heavenly Father.*

*Numbers 19:20-22 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall **NOT** purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of Yahweh: **the water of separation** has **NOT** been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. 21 And it shall be a **perpetual Statute** unto them, that he that sprinkles the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that touches the water of separation shall be unclean until even. And whatsoever the unclean person touches shall be unclean; and the soul that touches it shall be unclean until even.*

We are told that these waterpots of **STONE** contained two or three firkins of water apiece.

For your information, a firkin is an American unit of dry measure; 1 firkin equals 9 US gallons or 34 litres. It is also a British unit of measure for the sale of butter and cheese, where 1 firkin equals 56 pounds or 25 kilograms. A firkin is also a British unit for the sale of beer; it is one quarter of a barrel and its value depends on the current size of a barrel. As a liquid measure, 1 firkin equals 0.25 of a barrel, or 9 imperial gallons or 10.8 U.S. gallons or 41 litres. A wine firkin on the other hand, is much larger: 1 wine firkin equals 70 imperial gallons. It is up to you which one you want to choose, and apply to the miracle that was performed through Messiah at Qanah.

The fact that there were six pots tells us something else also, because the number six in Scripture speaks of man or mankind, and the fact that mankind would be on this earth for six thousand years before Yahweh would bring in His seventh Millennium of Peace, where the devil would be placed in a pit for a thousand years. Here, Messiah told the servants to fill the waterpots with water, and water in Scripture often represents the Holy Spirit, and please note, that the waterpots were made of stone, and the word stone, in Hebrew is the word Eben, which is a composite word, made up of the word Av, which means father, and the word Ben which means son. More on this later.

*Verse 7 Yeshua said unto them, **Fill** the waterpots with water., and they filled them up to the brim.*

Now let's see what we have so far, we have Six water pots (the number six in Scripture represents man or mankind), these water pots were made of stone, and the word stone in Hebrew is Eben, which is a composite word, that means, father and son, we also have **servants**

obeying Messiah's command to **FILL** the waterpots with water, and water in Scripture as I said above, often represents the Holy Spirit, and then, we are told, in *verse 8 And Messiah said unto them, Draw out of the waterpots NOW, and bring what you have drawn out of the waterpots to the governor of the feast. And they obeyed Messiah.*

*Verse 9 When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made WINE, and did NOT KNOW from where it came: BUT the servants which drew the water KNEW; the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10 And said unto him, every man at the beginning of the feast usually sets forth the good wine; and when men have drunk a lot of it, THEN that which is worse, is brought out: BUT YOU, YOU, have kept the good wine until now.*

So let's go over this again, we have Six water pots, and the number six in Scripture represents man or mankind, and the fact that mankind would be on this earth for six thousand years before Yahweh would bring in His seventh Millennium of Peace, where the devil would be placed in a pit for a thousand years, and we are told that the waterpots were made of stone, Eben in Hebrew, which means father and son, we have servants obeying Messiah's command to **FILL** the waterpots with water, and water often represents the Holy Spirit in Scripture, we have the water turning into wine, and Messiah told His disciples at the last supper, that the wine that He offered His Disciples, was His blood, that would be shed for them, and for all of mankind, we have the ruler of the feast, who says he did **NOT** know where the wine came from, but we are told that the **SERVANTS KNEW** where the wine came from.

This is the message that I believe our heavenly Father is giving us through this event. When our heavenly Father fills a man with His Holy Spirit, and, that man willingly and lovingly chooses to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of Yahweh to **CAUSE** him to believe follow, and obey the Words of the Father's Torah of Life (*Ezekiel 36:26-27*), when a man willingly becomes **an obedient servant** of the Most High Elohim, as these servants obeyed Messiah, and brought the newly converted wine to the Ruler of the feast, then that man, **WILL** know the **TRUTH** (the Torah, *Psalms 119:142*) and the Torah Yahweh's eternal **TRUTH** (*Psalms 119:142*) will set him free. **BUT** unfortunately, that is **NOT** the case for the secular and or religious rulers of the man made religions of this world, for the majority of them, like the ruler or leader of this particular feast, **do NOT know what is GOOD for them, they do NOT know, NOR understand, what it means to function in the same manner that the Living Torah, our Messiah did**, when He was here on earth with us, for He **IS** the Words of the very same Torah, that was given to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, He **IS** the Torah that became flesh, and dwelt among us, and who willingly spilled His blood for His people Yisrael, and all those that willingly choose to join themselves to Yisrael, by willingly choosing to believe, follow, obey and Do the Father's Torah of Life. We are told that the Servants **KNEW**, what our heavenly Father did through Messiah, **BUT**, that the ruler of the man made Feast, along with all the other people that were attending the marriage feast, **THEY did NOT KNOW nor understand that** Messiah did **NOT** come to give us **RELIGION**, He came to give us a **WAY of LIFE**, to give us a set of Directives that would lead us onto everlasting Life. Our heavenly Father graciously **GAVE** us His Torah, His set of Directives on how He wants us to Live here on earth, a Set of Directives that will direct us unto everlasting Life, the very same set of Directive, that He gave to Mosheh at Mount Sinai, and when His people, Yisrael, and anyone else for that matter, chose to **ignore** His Directives, He sent His only begotten Son, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh, to Live His Life here on earth in complete loving surrendered obedience to the Father's Torah of Life, in order to be **AN**

**EXAMPLE** to all people, including us, of the Righteous Path that our heavenly Father wants and expects **ALL** of us to walk on, every day of our lives.

*Verse 11 This beginning of miracles did Yeshua in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth His glory; And His disciples **BELIEVED IN HIM**.*

This tells us that, at least, up onto this point of Messiah's ministry, it does **NOT** appear that all of His disciples, actually believed everything that Messiah told them, **BUT** after this miracle, which he performed at Qanah, it says that they **NOW Believed in Him**.

*Verse 12 After this, He went down to Capernaum, (כפר נחום, Kapher Nachum),*

The word Kapher means, to atone for, make atonement, expiate, pacified, propitiated, forgave, he made void, and the word Nachum, means, comfort, consolation, console. It therefore should **NOT** surprise us that this city, of Capernaum, which means to make atonement, to be a propitiation, to bring comfort to, to console people, is where Messiah chose to begin His ministry in earnest.

*He, and His mother, and His brethren, and His disciples (went to Capernaum): And they continued there not many days. 13 And Yahweh's Passover was at hand, which is a feast that Yahweh has Commanded all Yisraelites to celebrate including the Jews. And Yeshua went up to Jerusalem, to celebrate the Father's Feast.*

Please note that in the Kings James version of this story, it says in verse 13, **and the Jews Passover was at hand**. This is a very deliberate attempt by these scribes to hide the truth from the people that adhere to their man made doctrine, both Catholicism and Christianity, for this **FEAST, IS NOT a Feast of the Jews**, although, many Jews do indeed celebrate it, this is Yahweh's Feast, as is quite clearly pointed out in Vayiqra (Leviticus) 23. You might as WHY is that important, it is important because this makes it very clear that Messiah the Words of the Living Torah of our heavenly Father, Yeshua, and His family, along with ALL of His disciples, willingly kept the Feasts of Yahweh that are delineated in *Vayiqra 23 (Leviticus) And Yahweh said unto Mosheh, speak unto the children of Yisrael, and say unto them, Concerning the Feasts of Yahweh, which you shall proclaim to be Holy Convocations, **EVEN THESE ARE MY FEASTS***.

*Verse 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, And the changers of money sitting:*

Here Messiah saw that in the Temple of our heavenly Father, there were merchants that were selling animals, that would then be offered for sacrifice, and that there were money traders, that changed whatever currency the people had into the Temple Shekel, so that people could pay for the animals that they wanted to use a sacrifice.

First of all, we should **ALL** be disgusted at the fact that there was any commerce at all carried out in the house of our heavenly Father, and that goes for the so called houses of our heavenly Father today, where they sell books, or lattes or different kinds of drinks for the congregates, so that they can get even more money out of them. The worship of our heavenly Father should

**NOT** have any commerce attached to it in any way, for it is supposed to be a house of prayer for all people, **NOT** a house of profit.

What was Messiah's response to this blatant abomination? *Verse 15 And when He had made a scourge of small cords, He drove them all out of the temple, And the sheep, and the oxen; And poured out the changers' money, And overthrew the tables; 16 And said unto them that sold doves, take these things away; **DO NOT** make my Father's house, a house of merchandise.*

We should all be absolutely outraged and appalled, that anyone at all, would think that it is OK to sell any kind of merchandise **IN** any of the so called houses of our heavenly Father, **BUT** unfortunately, that is **NOT** the case, for there are many so called houses of Elohim, throughout Canada and the **US**, as well as in Europe, that **DO** sell some kind of merchandise to their people, as soon as they come out from their so called sanctuaries, where supposedly, the Word of our heavenly Father, has been preached to them, and, as soon as they exit that place, they are immediately in the presence of a coffee shop, a book store, or a clothing store, selling Tshirts or jackets with some kind of Christian slogan on it. In other words, they have **DONE** exactly what Messiah angrily told them **NOT TO DO**, they have turned His Father's house into a house of merchandise and Commerce.

*Verse 17 And His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of your house has eaten me up.*

*Psalm 69:3-16 David said to Yahweh: I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: my eyes fail while I wait for my Elohim. They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: they that would destroy me, being my enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I did Not take away. O Elohim, You know my foolishness; and my Sins, my Torah transgressions, are **NOT** hidden from You. Do **NOT** let them that wait on You, O Yahweh Elohim of hosts, be ashamed for my sake: do **NOT** let those that seek You be confounded for my sake, O Elohim of Yisrael. Because for Your sake, I have borne reproach; shame has covered my face. I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children. For **the zeal of Your house has eaten me up**; and the reproaches of them that reproached You are fallen upon me. When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them. They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards. But as for me, my prayer is unto You, O Yahweh, in an acceptable time: O Elohim, in the multitude of Your mercy hear me, in the **TRUTH** of Your salvation. Deliver me out of the mire, and do **NOT** let me sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters. Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and do **NOT** let the pit shut her mouth upon me. Hear me, O Yahweh; for Your lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.*

*Verse 18 Then the Jewish religious leaders answered, and said unto Him, What sign will you show unto us, seeing that You do these things?*

As with most people, who profess to believe **IN** the Elohim of Abraham, Yitzchaq and Ya'aqov, they seldom believe **ALL** of His Words, the Words of His Torah of Life, and, furthermore, they have little to no belief, in what the Creator **SAYS**, for **IF** they **DID**, then, they would **ALL**

believe, follow, obey all the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life. Therefore, since they really **DO NOT** believe His Words, as they are written in the Scriptures, they **NEED** some kind of proof, just like these Jewish religious leaders needed proof, because, they **TOO, did NOT believe** the Words of Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

But how did Messiah answer them?

*Verse 19 Yeshua answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in **THREE** days I will raise it up.*

Now in the Torah, the advent of Messiah, along with His death and resurrection, is indeed prophesied, and in the book of Jonah, we are told that Jonah was in the belly of the fish for **three days and three nights** and Messiah told us in the Book of Matthew, in *Matthew 12:38-41* *Then certain of the Scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from You. 39 But Yeshua answered and said unto them, **An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and there shall Not be any sign given to it, BUT the sign of the prophet Jonah: 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. 41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because **THEY** repented at the preaching of Jonah; and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here.***

Now, as further proof, that the Jewish religious leaders **DID NOT** believe the Words that Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh spoke, let's read their response to Messiah's statement in *verse 20* *Then the Jews that were gathered there said, it took Forty and six years for this temple to be built, And You say, You will rear it up in three days? 21 But He spoke of the temple of His own body*

It is obvious, that these religious leaders **DID NOT KNOW** the Torah, nor the Scriptures, for had they known, they would have understood and believed Messiah, and **IF** they had believed Messiah, they would have worshipped Him, and **NOT** crucified Him.

*Verse 22 **WHEN** therefore, He was risen from the dead, His disciples **remembered** that He had said this unto them; And **they believed the Scripture, And the Word which Yeshua, the Living Torah made flesh, had said.***

Here we are told that His disciples believed Messiah, **BUT** it appears that they too, only believed the Words of Messiah, **AFTER** they had been given the proof of His resurrection

*Verse 23 Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover of Yahweh, In the feast day, many believed in His Name, When they saw the miracles which He did.*

Again, and again, throughout Scripture, people need **PROOF** before they will believe, what Messiah or any of His representatives are saying, and here, in this *verse*, we are told that many believed in Him, **AFTER they saw the miracles that our heavenly Father did through Him.** I am sad to say, that it is human nature to require proof before we believe anything, **BUT** Messiah

Himself said in *John 20:29* *Yeshua said unto him, Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed: **BLESSED are they that have NOT SEEN, AND YET HAVE BELIEVED.***

It is very simple, **IF** you want to be blessed, start believing **ALL** the Words of Messiah, for Messiah Himself said, I say **NOTHING** except what the Father has commanded Me to speak, therefore, the Words that Messiah spoke, **COME** directly from our heavenly Father, and we should **NOT** need any proof that He exists, for the proof of His existence is in the Creation that we see before us every day.

*Verse 24 But Yeshua did **NOT** commit Himself unto them, Because He **knew** all men, 25 And did **NOT** need that any should testify of man: For He knew what was in man.*

Since Messiah **IS** the Living Word of our heavenly Father, and we are told in *John 1:1-14* that the Word of Elohim, that became flesh, **IS** Elohim, and that **ALL** things were created by Him, therefore we should learn to believe Messiah, for He **IS** the Creator of **ALL** things, and the proof of His existence is in the Creation, which actually witnesses to us, His omnipotence, everyday of our lives. Amein

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*Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought,  
and your every deed. Until we meet again. Amein*