

Study of Luke 3

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Luke 3:1-38

*1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod, being **Tetrarch** of Galilee,*

(Tetrarches, Strong's number G5076, τετράρχης, tetrárchēs, pronounced, tet-rar'-khace, it is from G5064 and G757; and it means the ruler of a fourth part of a country, Tetrarch)

And his brother Philip Tetrarch of Ituraea and of the region of Trachonitis,

(Philip, means fond of horses, he was a brother to Herod, not much else is written of him)

And Lysanias the Tetrarch of Abilene,

(Lysanias was the Tetrarch of Abilene at the beginning of John's ministry, in AD 26, not much else is written about him)

Verse 2 Annas

(חַנַּנְיָהוּ, Chanan Yahu or חַנַּנְיָה, Chanan Yah, where the word Chanan means to show

favour, be gracious, had pity, granted amnesty, pitied, graceful, and the name Yah or Yahu, is a short form of the Name Yahweh)

And Caiaphas being the high priests,

(I did not find any definition for the name Caiaphas)

*The word of Elohim came unto John (Yochanan the immerser) the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the country in and around the river Jordan, preaching the **immersion of repentance** for the remission of the transgressions of the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of life, the remission of **SINS**; 4 As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying,*

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of YHVH, make His paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

Luke is quoting what Isaiah said in *Isaiah 40:3-5 The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of YHVH, make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim. Every valley shall be exalted, made **high***

(נָשָׂא, Nasa, lifted up, raised, destroyed, he forgave, pardoned),

And every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and

the rough places

(רַכֹּס, Rakos, means to bind, fasten, to button up, to stamp, tread, trample, also means the plottings of man)

Made plain:

(בִּקְעָה, means, breach, cleaving, valley, broke open, he cut a way through, he tore to pieces,)

*And the glory of YHVH **SHALL** be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of YHVH has spoken it.*

WHY is that? Why will all these things happen, and what does it mean?

First of all we have to ask ourselves

What does the valley that will be filled represent?

What does every mountain and hill that will be brought low, represent?

What does the crooked that will be made straight represent?

What do the rough ways that will be made smooth represent?

The **valley** represents the low parts in the lives of the people of YHVH's Israel, where the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life was absent in the lives of His people, which kept them separated from the presence and the blessings of YHVH, the Creator of all things, for when Messiah the Living Words of the Torah made flesh, returns, as our conquering King, that void will then be filled with the presence of Messiah/YHVH, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh.

The **mountains** represent all the man made idols that men create for themselves, it represents every man made religion, every government, every high place that man has erected to worship their man made imaginary gods, for all of them, without fail, **WILL** be brought low, they will be destroyed.

The **crooked ways** represent the false man made doctrines, conjured up in the minds of men, who then, at different times in history, started **ALL** types of man made religions, and in their minds, their false man made doctrines replaced and or superseded, the Words of the pure, inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions of YHVH, the Words of His Torah of Life.

The **rough ways** represent, lying words of satan, His ministry of accusation and condemnation, that caused many people to go astray from the Ways and the Words of YHVH, for satan has come to steal, kill and destroy mankind, but YHVH will cut through all of that nonsense, and tear it to pieces, thereby making the path that we are to follow very smooth, for it will be His path of Righteousness that His people will then believe, follow and choose to obey.

Next we are told in *verse 6*, that once YHVH has done all those things then:

*Verse 6 And all flesh shall see the **salvation** of Elohim*

(In Greek it is the word sōtērion, which means, defender, defence, salvation, but in Hebrew it is the word Yeshuatiy, which is from the word Yeshua, which means help, salvation, victory, welfare, prosperity, and it the Name of the Living Torah made flesh, our Messiah, Yeshua)

*Verse 7 Then John said to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore **FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE**,*

Why does John call the people that are coming to him to be immersed in water, a **generation of vipers**? Please remember that John is preaching to the people of Israel/Judah, and John calls them vipers because, they have not, as of yet, followed nor obeyed the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, and John is well aware of that, but unlike YHVH, John cannot tell what is in or on their hearts, whether they are truly repentant, or are they just looking for a quick formula to be saved?

Next we have to ask ourselves **WHAT ARE FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE?**

That would be the **FRUIT** that a person who has willingly chosen to allow the Holy Spirit of YHVH, to **cause** him or her to believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, for that surrendered obedience automatically produces the fruit that is mentioned in *Galatians 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit IS** love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, belief, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

And in *Ephesians 5:9 (For the **fruit of the Spirit IS** in all **Goodness***

(the Hebrew word for good, is Tov, which means, to function in the manner that YHVH created us to function, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life)

*And **Righteousness***

(Deuteronomy 5:25 *And it shall be our **righteousness, IF** we observe **TO DO ALL** these Commandments before YHVH our Elohim, as He has Commanded us),*

*And **TRUTH***

(Torah, Psalm 119:142, *Your **righteousness** is an everlasting **righteousness**, and **YOUR TORAH IS THE TRUTH**)*

*10 Proving what **IS** acceptable unto YHVH.*

Therefore Paul admonished us in *Ephesians 5:11 And have **NO** fellowship with the **UNFRUITFUL** works of darkness, **BUT** rather reprove them.*

The fruits mentioned in the two verses above, **ARE** the fruits that **ARE** worthy of repentance, they are the fruits that **ALL** people who willingly choose to surrender their hearts, minds, souls

and strength to YHVH and repent of their transgressions of the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, **WILL** produce.

*Luke 3:8 continued: And do **NOT** begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham as our father:*

(Luke warns these people that came to him to be baptized or immersed in water, that they had better produce the **fruit that is worthy of repentance**, and not say in their own heart, we have Abraham as our Father, and because of it, we will **NOT** perish, therefore we don't need to produce **the fruit worthy of repentance**, because our Father Abraham did it for us, and therefore we are safe)

For I say unto you, that Elohim is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luke is telling these people and us, that **IF** we are **NOT** willing to produce the type of **FRUIT** that **IS WORTHY of repentance**, **THEN** YHVH will replace us, and in case any people are puffed up, and think very highly of themselves, Luke says, that YHVH will replace **THEM** with stones, and as you know, there are plenty of stones in the world, which indicates to me that without YHVH, we **ARE NOTHING**.

Furthermore YHVH has told us in Ezekiel, that there is no one, including Abraham, that anyone can count on for Salvation, other than YHVH/Messiah, and we can only count on Him, **IF** we willingly choose to surrender our hearts, minds, souls and strength to our heavenly Father in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life.

*Ezekiel 14:12-23 The Word of YHVH came again to me, saying, Son of man, when the Land Sins against Me, when they transgress the Word of My Torah of Life, by trespassing grievously, **THEN** I will I stretch out My hand upon it, and I will break the staff of the bread thereof, and I **WILL** send famine upon it, and I **WILL** cut off man and beast from it:*

Even though** these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they could **ONLY** deliver but their own souls by their righteousness (their willing surrendered obedience to the Words of My Torah of Life, Deuteronomy 6:24-25), says YHVH Elohim. If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it becomes desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts: **Even though** these three men were in it, as I live, says YHVH Elohim, they shall deliver **neither** sons nor daughters; they **ONLY SHALL** be delivered, **BUT** the land shall be desolate. Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it: **Even though** these three men were in it, as I live, says YHVH Elohim, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they **ONLY, SHALL** be delivered themselves. Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: **Even though** Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, says YHVH Elohim, they shall deliver **neither** son nor daughter; they shall but deliver **their own souls** by their righteousness (their willing surrendered obedience to the Words of My Torah of Life). For thus says YHVH Elohim; **How much more THEN**, when I send My **FOUR SORE JUDGMENTS** upon Jerusalem, the **WORD**, and the **FAMINE**, and the **NOISOME

BEAST, and the **PESTILENCE**, to cut off from it, man and beast? Yet, behold, therein **SHALL** be left a remnant that **SHALL** be brought forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they **SHALL** come forth unto you, and you **SHALL** see their way and their doings (their willing surrendered obedience to the Words of My Torah of Life): and you **SHALL** be comforted concerning the **EVIL that I have brought upon Jerusalem**, even concerning **ALL** that I have brought upon it. And they (those who have willingly chosen to surrender their hearts to Me, in obedience to the Words of My Torah of Life) **SHALL** comfort you, when you see their Ways and their Doings (their obedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life): and you **SHALL** know that I have **NOT** done without cause, **ALL** that I have done in the Land, says YHVH Elohim.

Verse 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the **trees**: every **tree** therefore which does **NOT** bring forth **good, Tov fruit**, (every tree that does **NOT** function in the manner that YHVH created it to function), **IS hewn down, and cast into the fire**.

Please remember that in Scripture, **trees** are often a metaphor for men, therefore what will be **hewn down**, and **cast into the fire** of hell, will be the people that are **NOT** producing the **fruit**, that willing surrendered obedience to the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, causes people to produce, they are the people that do **NOT** function in the manner that our heavenly Father created all of us to function, which is, in total loving surrendered obedience to the Words of His Torah of Life.

Verse 10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? 11 He answered and said unto them, He that has two coats, let him impart to him that has none; and he that has food, let him do likewise.

In other words, since it is YHVH that provides all things for our sustenance, we are commanded to share the blessing that YHVH, through His Grace and Mercy, pours upon us, with our neighbours and with poor people who are in need.

Verse 12 Then came also **publicans**

(Telones, Strong's number G5057, τελώνης, telōnēs, pronounced, tel-o'-nace, it is from G5056 and G5608; a tax-farmer, a collector of public revenue, a publican, it is from the word Telos which means, toll, custom, tax)

To be immersed in water; (go through a miqvah, מִקְוָה, which means, a pool of water, to hope, but it is translated as being baptized, in our english bibles), and said unto John, Master; what shall we do? 13 And John said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you (In other words, don't line your own pockets by collecting more taxes or money that is due from anyone, do **NOT** collect more than what you have been commanded to collect, don't extort or gouge people).

Verse 14 And the **soldiers** likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And John said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse anyone falsely; **BE** content with your wages.

(don't use your authority as a soldier (policeman) to violate people's rights, don't accuse anyone falsely as some of you accused Messiah, and *be happy* with your wages. It is a common complaint among members of the services that they are underpaid. I don't know if any of you have ever been in the forces, in the Canadian army, for if you had been, then you would know, how poorly they are paid, for according the statistics Canada, their wages are below the poverty line, and many of them complain about the low pay)

Rank	<2 Years Experience	4 Years Experience	6 Years Experience	8 Years Experience
Private (E1)	\$21,999.60**	\$21,999.60	\$21,999.60	\$21,999.60
Private (E2)	\$24,656.40	\$24,656.40	\$24,656.40	\$24,656.40
Private First Class(E3)	\$25,927.20	\$29,228.40	\$29,228.40	\$29,228.40
Specialist or Corporal (E4)	\$28,720.80	\$33,440.40	\$34,866.00	\$34,866.00
Sergeant (E5)	\$31,323.60	\$36,702.00	\$39,279.60	\$41,972.40
Staff Sergeant (E6)	\$34,192.80	\$40,903.20	\$42,584.40	\$46,371.60

For example, the *poverty line* for a family of four in Winnipeg in **2018** is \$44,000. However, given the stringent definition of disposable income used (deduct taxes, CPP, EI, and RPP payments, union dues, support payments, daycare, out-of-pocket medical costs, etc.) a family would have to earn about \$60,000 to avoid *poverty*.

Not much has changed in over two thousand years for the average soldier. Now back to Scripture.

Verse 15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he was the Messiah, or not;

That means that the advent of Messiah was something that most people **KNEW** about and expected to happen in those days. The reason I bring this up, is because, **IF** they **KNEW** that Messiah was prophesied to come, then **WHY** were they not prepared for His coming, why were they **NOT** keeping the Words of the Father's Torah as they were commanded to **DO** in the Torah of YHVH, the very same Torah that YHVH gave to Moses at Mount Sinai, as they should have been? It is because of the teachings and doctrines of the man made religion of the day, Judaism, for the leaders of that man made religion of the day, believed and taught their own man made false doctrine, words that they taught, superseded the Words of YHVH's written Torah of Life, therefore, is it any wonder that the people were **NOT** at all prepared for Messiah's advent, and why they thought that Messiah was coming to free them from the Romans, instead of freeing them from the religious leaders of the day and their false man made doctrines. For YHVH has, and continues to admonish all of His children, **TO COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE**, and the **HER** that YHVH wants His children **to come OUT OF, IS**, all the man made religions of the world and their false doctrines, including the false doctrines of the secular world, who

believe and teach that there is **NO** Elohim, and as you know, there are countless numbers of those types of man made false doctrines.

*Verse 16 John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed immerse you with water; **BUT** One mightier than I comes, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He **SHALL immerse** you with in Holy Spirit And with **fire**:*

Well, since Messiah does indeed immerse us or baptizes us in the Holy Spirit, then we had better understand what it means to be immersed in the Holy Spirit. The answer to that question is found *Ezekiel 36:26-27 A new heart also will I YHVH give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 **AND** I will put My Holy Spirit within you, and **CAUSE** you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep Zakar, guard, My Judgments, the Words of My Torah and **DO THEM**.*

SINCE Messiah does indeed immerse us in the Holy Spirit of YHVH, then, according to Scripture, **IF** we are to remain immersed in the Holy Spirit, we have to chosen to **ALLOW** the Holy Spirit of our heavenly Father to **CAUSE** us to believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, or else we would **NOT** stay immersed in Him, and **IF** we are **NOT** immersed in the Holy Spirit, **THEN** we are **NOT** Messiah's, and **IF** we are **NOT** Messiah's, **THEN** that means that the person who chooses that path has missed the day of their visitation, which in turn means that they will be lost forever, unless they have a change of heart, and surrender their wills to our heavenly Father's will.

*He **SHALL immerse** you in Holy Spirit And with **fire**:*

(Pyr, Strong's number G4442, πῦρ, pŷr, pronounced, poor, a primary word; fire, literally or figuratively, specially, lightning, fiery, fire)

The word **fire** that is used here in this verse, **IS NOT** physical fire, it is the Greek word Pyr, that is used here in this *verse*, and it is defined in Strong's Concordance, as the Holiness of Elohim who consumes all that is inconsistent with the Words of His Torah of Life. It is symbolic with that which **tests** the belief of saints, producing what will glorify YHVH, it is symbolic of the **divine judgment testing** the deeds of believers at the judgment seat of Messiah, the Living Torah made flesh.

*Hebrews 19:27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and **fiery** indignation, which shall **devour** the adversaries.*

*Hebrews 12:29 For our Elohim is a consuming **fire**.*

*Revelation 1:14 His head and His hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and His eyes were as a flame of **fire**;*

Revelation 2:18 And unto the messenger of the church in Thyatira write; These things says the

*Son of Elohim, who has His eyes like unto a **flame of fire**, and His feet are like fine brass;*

*Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty messenger come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as **pillars of fire**:*

*Revelation 15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with **fire**: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of Elohim.*

*Revelation 19:12 His eyes were as a **flame of fire**, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself.*

As you can see for yourself, scripture makes it very clear that the word **FIRE** used by Luke in Luke 3, **IS** symbolic of that which **TRIES or TESTS the belief of the saints**, causing them to produce what will glorify YHVH, and therefore it speaks of the **fire** of divine judgment that comes upon those who reject Messiah, the Words of the Living Torah made flesh,

*1Corinthians 3:13, Every man's work **SHALL** be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by **fire**; and the **fire** shall try, test, every man's work of what sort it is. Verse 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

Therefore Luke is telling us that YHVH will **test** or **judge** every heart, by how they respond to His Word, for His Word **IS** a consuming Fire, that destroys all things **BUT** the Words of His Torah of Life, His eternal **TRUTH**, and **IF** that eternal **TRUTH** is well settled in our hearts and souls, then the second **DEATH**, **will pass over us and NOT affect us**, and we will be invited to spend eternity in the kingdom of our heavenly Father as the bride of Messiah. Amen

*Verse 17 Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and **WILL** gather the wheat (**NOT** the Tares) into His garner (His House, His Kingdom); **BUT** the chaff, (everything else, except the wheat, which is a metaphor for His Torah obedient children) He will **burn with unquenchable fire**.*

Verse 18 And many other things in his exhortation did John preach unto the people. 19 But Herod the Tetrarch, being reproved by John, for Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 Added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

This tells us that being an advocate of the Words of the Torah of YHVH, can be very perilous work, as John the immerser found out, **BUT** we are commanded to proclaim it anyway, even though it will cause us to be outcasts within our own communities, that mostly walk in the ways of the world.

Verse 21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Yeshua also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased.

The only reason that our heavenly Father makes that statement, that Messiah **IS** His Son in **WHOM** He is well pleased, **IS, BECAUSE** Messiah was an obedient Son, whose heart was totally surrendered to our heavenly Father in loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life.

*Romans 8:6-8 For to be carnally minded (to Sin habitually, to be a transgressor of the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life) **IS DEATH; BUT to be spiritually minded** (to choose to allow the Holy Spirit to **cause** you to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) **IS LIFE and PEACE. 7 BECAUSE the carnal mind** (the mind, heart and soul of the person who does **NOT** believe, follow nor obey the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life) **IS enmity against Elohim:***

WHY?

*For **IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE WORDS of the TORAH OF ELOHIM**, neither indeed can be. 8 **THEREFORE** they that are in the flesh (they that reject the Words of the Torah of YHVH) **CANNOT PLEASE ELOHIM.***

Verse 23 And Yeshua Himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph

(יִסְכַּף, Yoseph means, to add, increase, he continued, but if we break up the word Yoseph into two parts, we form the words Yo and Seph, and the word Yo is a short form of the Name Yahweh, and the word Seph, or Saph, means, goblet, basin, threshold, and this definition of Joseph's name tells us that YHVH wants all of us to **drink from the Goblet of Joseph's Life**, YHVH wants us to emulate and or mimic Joseph's totally surrendered Torah obedient Life)

Who was the son of Heli,

(עֲלִי, Eliy, as an adjective means, upper, higher, it is from the word Al which means height, upper part, above, it also means on, **upon**, above, at, beside, toward, against, concerning, about, because of, on account of, together with)

Who was the son of Mattathiah

(מַתַּתִּיָּהוּ, Mattat Yah, or מַתַּתִּיָּהוּ Matat Yahu, where the word Matat means gift, to give, and we have the name Yah and or Yahu which is a short form of the Name Yahweh),

Who was the son of Levi:

(לְוִי, means to be joined, **join together**, attached to, accompany)

Who was the son of Melchi,

(מֶלֶךְ, Melak, means, **king, sovereign**, it is also the name of a man made pagan god,

Molok, and it means, something of no value, trifle)

Who was the son of Janna,

(יָנָה, Yana, means to oppress, maltreat, **mistreated**, was weak, he vexed)

Who was the son of Joseph

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Who was the son of Amoz,

(אַמּוֹץ, Amotz, means, strength, might, **strengthening, encouragement**, to be strong, bold, courage).

Who was the son of Naum,

(נַחֻם, Nachûm, means **comfort**, consolation, from the word Nach, נַח, which means restful, quiescent, related to the name Noah, or Noach, נֹחַ, which means, comfort, convenience, rest, repose, settled down, easy, convenient, pleasing, kind, benign)

Who was the son of Esli,

(אֵלְיֹהֵינִי, Eliyo'eynay, or אֵלְיֹהֵינִי, Eliyho'eynay, it is made up of the word El, אֵל, denotes, motion toward or to, or **direction toward**, and it means to, unto, toward, into, at, by, it is also the short form of the title Elohim, and means power, to be strong, but it is also a noun meaning nothing, will make my speech worth nothing, and as an adverb it expresses prohibition, a negative wish or request, and it means no, not, nay,, the word Yahu, יָהוּ, is a short form of the name Yahweh, the word עֵינִי, is from the word Ayin, עֵינַי, which means **eye**, to look at carefully, considered, perceived, he thought over, meditated, deliberated, he balanced exactly, therefore this name can mean, my eyes are turned to and focused on the power of Elohim)

Who was the son of Nagge,

(נֹגַהּ, Nogah, means to **shine, brightness**, daylight, to cause to shine, to revise, correct)

Who was the son of Maath,

(מַחַת, Machat, is from the word Machah, מַחַח, which means, he wiped, wiped out, blotted out, destroyed, to strike upon, to **hinder, prevent**, to protest, he **hindered**,

prevented, to melt, dilute, dissolve, was rubbed, softened, diluted)

Who was the son of Mattathias,

(מתתיהו, Mattat Yah, or מתתיהו Matat Yahu, where the word Matat means **gift, to give**, and we have the name Yah and or Yahu which is a short form of the Name Yahweh),

Who was the son of Semei,

(שמעי, Shemey, is from the word **Shema**, שמע, which means, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, believe, follow and obey the Words of YHVH)

Who was the son of Joseph

(יוסף, Yoseph means, to add, increase, he continued, but if we break up the word Yoseph into two parts, we form the words Yo and Seph, and the word Yo is a short form of the Name Yahweh, and the word Seph, or Saph, means, goblet, basin, threshold, and this definition of Joseph's name tells us that YHVH wants all of us **to drink from the Goblet of Joseph's Life**, YHVH wants us to emulate and or mimic Joseph's totally surrendered Torah obedient Life)

Who was the son of Judah

(יהודה, Yahudah, is made up of the word Hod which means beauty, splendour, glory, majesty, to resonate, reverberate, admission, acknowledgement, thanksgiving, and the word Ya, which is a short form of the Name YHVH, therefore, the definition of the word Jew, Yahudah, **IS** a person that willingly chooses to praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of YHVH, and **who resonates, repeats, echos, and willingly chooses to live by YHVH's Words of Life**, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of YHVH Torah of Life)

Who was the son of Joanna, Jochanan:

(יוחנן, Yo Chanan, where the word Yo, is from the name Yah, which is a short form of the name Yahweh, and the word Chanan, means to show **favour**, be **gracious**, have pity, granted amnesty)

Who was the son of Rhesa,

(רפיה, Raphayah, Rapha Yah, where the word Rapha, רפה or רפא, means, to heal, cure, he **healed**, was cured, recovered, he mended, repaired, but it also means to be **weak, be feeble**, to sink, decline, to relax, was drooping, was loose, disheartened, discouraged, and the word Yah, which is a short form of the name Yahweh)

Who was the son of Zerubabel,

(זרובבל, Zerubabel, Zeru זר, Babel, בבל, where the word Zer, means to frame, edging, wreath, to press together, squeeze, that which presses, that which **binds**, and, as an adjective, it means stranger, to turn aside, be a stranger, and the word Babel, which means confusion)

Who was the son of Salathiel,

(שאלתיאל or שלתיאל, Shalaty El, where the word Shalat, is from the word Sha'al שאל, which means, to ask, inquire, to interrogate, to **entreat**, to beg, borrow anything but money, and the word El which is a short form of the title Elohim, this name therefore means to inquire and or to entreat Elohim)

Who was the son of Neri,

(נריהו, Ner Yahu or נריה, Ner Yah, where the word Ner means, **light, lamp**, candle, to give light, visible, pleasing, agreeable, and the word Yah or Yahu is the short form of the name Yahweh, together they mean the light of YHVH, or YHVH **IS** my light)

Who was the son of Melki,

(מלכי, is from the word Melek, which means, **king**, become king, reign, sovereign, to take counsel, he devised, consulted, considered and with the letter Yod suffix, it means my king)

Who was the son of Addi,

(עדי, ornament, **jewel, choice, best**, it is from the word Ed, עד, which means witness, **testimony**, a piece of cloth used by menstruants to ascertain or prove their condition of cleanness)

Who was the son of Cosam,

(קסם, Qasem, means, diviner, charmer, magician, he **bewitched**, captivated, to practice divination, to cut, divide, break, distribute)

Who was the son of Elmodam,

(אלמודד, El Modad, where the word El is a short form of the title Elohim, and the word Modad, means meter, surveyor, index, measure, he stretched out, extended, measure, measurement, attribute, nature, **character**)

Who was the son of Er,

(ער, means, foe, as an adjective it means awake, wakeful, עור, Or, means to rouse oneself, **awake**, he was incited to activity, he instigated, he made a remark, **observed**, and as an adjective it means, blind, to make blind)

Who was the son of Jose, is another name for Joseph

(יוסף, Yoseph means, to add, increase, he continued, but if we break up the word Yoseph into two parts, we form the words Yo and Seph, and the word Yo is a short form of the Name Yahweh, and the word Seph, or Saph, means, goblet, basin, threshold, and this definition of Joseph's name tells us that YHVH wants all of us to **drink from the Goblet of Joseph's Life**, YHVH wants us to emulate and or mimic Joseph's totally surrendered Torah obedient Life)

Who was the son of Eliezer:

(אֱלִיעֶזֶר, Eli Ezer, where the word Eli is a short form of the title Elohim and the word Ezer means **help**, assistance, **helpmate**, wife)

Who was the son of Jorim, Joram

(יֹרָם, Yo Ram, where the word Yo is a short form of the name Yahweh, and the word Ram means to be **exalted**, **elevated**, lifted up, raised, supreme)

Who was the son of Matthat,

(מַתַּת means, **gift, to give**)

Who was the son of Levi:

(לֵוִי, means to be **joined, join together**, attached to, accompany)

Who was the son of Simeon,

(שִׁמְעוֹן is the name of one of Jacob's sons, from Leah, and in her heart she was excited, when she found out that she was pregnant with Shimon, for she thought to herself, wait till my husband Jacob **HEARS** that I am pregnant with a son, **THEN** he will love me, and the name Shimon, is from the word **Shema**, שָׁמַע, which means to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, understand, believe, follow, obey and do what you have been told to **DO**),

Who was the son of Judah

(יְהוּדָה, Yahudah, is made up of the word Hod which means beauty, splendour, glory, majesty, to resonate, reverberate, admission, acknowledgement, thanksgiving, and the word Ya, which is a short form of the Name YHVH, therefore, the definition of the word Jew, Yahudah, **IS** a person that willingly chooses to **praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of YHVH**, and who resonates, repeats, echos, and willingly chooses to live by YHVH's Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of YHVH Torah of Life)

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Who was the son of Jonan,

(יוֹנָה, Yonah, means, **dove** or pigeon, which is often a metaphor for the **Holy Spirit**)

Who was the son of Eliakim

(אליקים, Eli Qiyim, where the word El is the short form of the title Elohim, and with the suffix letter Yod, it means My Elohim, and the word Qiyim, is from the word Qum, which means to rise, to stand up, arise, rose, was fixed, remained, was valid, was **established**, was **confirmed**, preserved, he fulfilled, he confirmed, he ratified, he kept, preserved, together they mean Elohim will rise, confirm, ratify His Words)

Who was the son of Melea,

(מלא, means, fullness, full produce, wearisome, tiresome, from the word Mela, מלא, which means to be full, fill, **fullness**, plenty, was accomplished, he fulfilled, completed, he confirmed)

Who was the son of Menan,

(מנן, dosage, **apportioned**)

Who was the son of Mattatha,

(מתתה, means **gift** of Yah, to give)

Who was the son of Nathan:

(נתן, means to **give**, he gave, he granted, he permitted, he gave up, he **delivered**, he put, he appointed, established)

Who was the son of David

(דוד, the name David is spelled two ways, דוד or דוד, it is from the root word Dod

דוד, which means beloved, friend, and when the letter Yod is added to the name David, I believe that that is YHVH's way of telling us, His beloved children, that the Right Hand of Elohim, represented by the Yod, **IS** with David, or with the **beloved ones**, the children of YHVH, and that He will never leave nor forsake them)

Who was the son of Jesse

(ישע or אישע, from the word Yesh, יש, which means there is, there are, **possession**, property, existence, substance, reality, and with the Yod suffix it means my property, my possessions, my substance, my reality)

Who was the son of Obed

(עובד, means, **worker**, workman, labourer, **servant**, slave, bondman, worshipper, deed, work, action, he made, he did)

Who was the son of Boaz

(בעז, name of the left hand of the two bronze pillars in the front of the Temple, a title given to **land owners**)

Who was the son of Salmon

(שֶׁלֶמוֹן, *reward*, bribe, present, gift)

Who was the son of Naasson, or Nachshon

(נַחֲשֹׁן, means a *daring pioneer*, adventurous, said to be a prince of the tribe of Judah)

Who was the son of Aminadab

(עַמִּינָדָב, Ami Nadav, where the word Ami is from the word Am which means *people*, kinsmen, relative and with the suffix letter Yod it means my people, my relatives, and the word Nadav means to incite, impel, they have *freely offered*, was *noble*, was willing, was generous, he gave willingly, was donated, he *volunteered*, he offered free will offerings)

Who was the son of Aram

(אַרָם, means Syria, Mesopotamia, and it is related to the word Rum, רוֹם, which means *to be high and or lifted up*, therefore the name Aram means Highland)

Who was the son of Esrom

(חֶצְרִיּוֹן, Chetzrivot is from the word Chatzer, חֶצֶר, which means *enclosure*, court, hamlet, village, settled population, a civilized region with towns and villages, and the word Chatzron means the *janitor, caretaker* who takes care of the courtyard)

Who was the son of Phares

(פֶּרֶץ, Peretz, means to break, *break through*, break out, break to pieces, burst, to spread, extend, to go above and beyond what is required, break forth breach)

Who was the son of Judah

(יְהוּדָה, Yahudah, is made up of the word Hod which means beauty, splendour, glory, majesty, to resonate, reverberate, admission, acknowledgement, thanksgiving, and the word Ya, which is a short form of the Name YHVH, therefore, the definition of the word Jew, Yahudah, *IS* a person that willingly chooses to *praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of YHVH*, and who resonates, repeats, echos, and willingly chooses to live by YHVH's Words of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of YHVH Torah of Life)

Who was the son of Jacob

(יַעֲקֹב, the letter Yod is a prefix, meaning hand, or I will, the word Ekev means heel, together they mean hand on heel, or *I will direct your path*)

Who was the son of Isaac

(יִצְחָק, the letter Yod is a prefix and it represents a hand, and the word Tzachaq means to laugh, the hand of Elohim *brought joy and laughter* to Abraham and Sarah by giving them their promised son)

Who was the son of Abraham

(אַבְרָהָם, Av Raham, Abraham original name was Abram, Av Ram where the word Av means father and the word Ram is from the word Rum which means to be raised, lifted up, exalted, and when YHVH spoke to Abram in *Genesis 17* and made a Covenant with him, YHVH changed Abram's name to Abraham, which means that YHVH added the letter Hey from His own Holy Name, Yahweh, (YHVH) to Abram's name, and the letter Hey is the fifth letter of the Hebrew alphabet and the number five in Scripture represents the five books of YHVH's Torah of Life, and then Abram became Abraham, which means *father lifted up*, for YHVH prophesied that he would be *the father of many nations of people*, who **WOULD**, like Abraham, **chose to willingly obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life**, *Genesis 26:5 Because that Abraham obeyed My voice, and Kept My Charge, My Commandments, My Statutes, and My Torah*).

Who was the son of Thara,

(תְּרַח, Terach, means **silly old fool**, based on the legend that Terah who was Abraham's father, was a **silly idolater**)

Who was the son of Nachor

(נַחֲוֹר, means **pierced**, stabbed, to slaughter by piercing, to snore, snort),

Who was the son of Saruch,

(שְׂרֹיג, Sherug, means, interlacing, **intertwining**, interweave)

Who was the son of Ragau,

(רְעִי, Reu, **friend, associate**, pasture, to tend to a flock)

Who was the son of Phalec,

(פֶּלֶג, Peleg, means, **to cleave**, split, divide, district, **to separate oneself**, to depart, leave, he removed, exaggerated, he went to far, it also means, brook, stream, channel, canal)

Who was the son of Heber,

(עֵבֶר, Eber, means to pass, **pass over, cross over, traversed**, passed beyond, he transgressed, trespassed, took away, removed, he overlooked, pardoned, was taken across, was transferred, it also means to cause to be pregnant, impregnated, embryo, it also means to become angry, to be wrathful, the region beyond, side,)

Who was the son of Sala,

(שֶׁלַח, Shelach, means **to strip bare**, to stretch out, extend, he sent, was dispatched, was transmitted, he was ordered to go, he sent away, sent off, sent out, sent forth, he let loose, let go, set free, loosed, **dismissed, divorced**, was removed, to strip bare, to flay, it also means, missile, weapon, skin, hide, a worker in hides, irrigation canal, width, breadth, ripe olive)

Who was the son of Cainan

(קִינָן, Qeynan, from the word Qen, קֵן, which means, to build a nest, nestle, he settled, chamber, קִינ, means, to **fit together**, fabricate, forge, a worker in steel and other metals, it also means a spear),

Who was the son of Arphaxad

(אַרְפַּכְשָׁד, Arpakshad, Jeff Benner defines this name as I will fail the breast, the Shad, שָׁד, means **breast**),

Who was the son of Shem: שֵׁם

(שֵׁם means, **name, designation, reputation**, renown, fame, **character**, the essence of, it could be said, that it is everything that person stands for, his beliefs, his way of life, it is also the name of one of Noah's sons, and as an adverb it means there, existing, in existence)

Who was the son of Noah,

(נֹחַ, Noach, means restful, **comfort**, to rest,)

Who was the son of Lamech

(לִמְךָ, means **powerful**),

Who was the son of Mathusala,

(מֵתוּשָׁאֵל, Metusha'el, is made up of the word Mat of Mot, מוֹת, which means death, and the word Sha'el שָׂאֵל, which means to **ask, inquire, to request**, petition, a thing asked for, therefore the name Metusha'el means his death asks)

Who was the son of Enoch,

(חֲנוּךְ, Chanok, means inauguration, **consecration**, training, **education**, it also means merciful, gracious, lovely, it also means prayer for grace, mercy, grant amnesty, he begged for mercy, related to the word Chanukkah, dedication)

Who was the son of Jared,

(יָרֵד, Yered, to come or go down, descend, lowered, **brought down**)

Who was the son of Mahalaleel,

(מַהֲלַל־אֱלֹהִים, Mahalal El, where the word Mahalal means, **praise**, it is from the word Halal, which means, to **boast**, praise, to shout for joy, and the word El, is a short form of the title Elohim and also means power, therefore this name means, to **praise** Elohim)

Who was the son of Cainan,

(קִינָן, Qeynan, **a thing acquired, acquisition**, buying, purchase, property, **possession**, creature, buyer, purchasing agent)

Who was the son of Enos,

(אנוש, Enosh, means people, nation, **mankind**, human race, to be manly, personification, anthropomorphism)

Who was the son of Seth,

(שֵׁט, Shet, means, **foundation**, basis, stay, posteriors, buttocks, lowest part, bottom, he put, placed)

Who was the son of Adam,

(אדם, Adam, means, man, **mankind**, the first man, formed from the ground, it also means, red, to be red, it is the name of a red jewel, carnelian or ruby)

Who was the son of Elohim

(אלהים,)

As I went through the definition of the names of the genealogy of Messiah Yeshua, given to us by Luke, this is the story that jumped out at me. It was believed that Joseph, Miryam's husband, was the father of Messiah, and the name Joseph, can mean the *cup or goblet of Yah*, therefore I believe that the recounting of the genealogy of Yeshua, is our heavenly Father, offering **US**, His children, the **CUP** that He wants all of us to drink from. Therefore He sent His only begotten Son, so that He would come **upon** us, and show us the Gift that our heavenly Father wants to give to all His children, He wants us to be **joined together** and **attached** to Him, He wants us to understand that Messiah, His only begotten Son **IS** our conquering **King**, our **sovereign**, our protector, whom we are to believe, follow and obey, for He was tasked to show us **HOW** we are to come out of our bondage to Sin, our transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, a way of life that allows us to be **mistreated** by the enemy, because of our **weakness**, our propensity to give in to our flesh, and transgress the Words of His Torah of Life, therefore He Commands us to **drink from the cup** of Messiah's Life, because it is His **Gift** to us, a **Gift** that will give us eternal life, **IF** we choose to willingly drink from Messiah's cup every day. For YHVH knows that doing so, will **strengthen** and encourage us to continue to draw nearer and nearer to Him, which will bring us **comfort** and **joy**, and open our eyes to His eternal Truth, the Words of His Torah of Life. In doing so, in walking in obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life as Messiah the Light of the World did, and taught us to do, then we too will **become** or **reflect** the same **Light**, the **Light** of the world, our Messiah, which means that we too will **shine brightly**, and **hinder** or **prevent** the enemy from harming us, and those who come to the **Light** that is emanating from us. This eternal **gift** that YHVH gives us, the Words of His Torah of Life, that He Commands all of us to **shema to**, to hear, listen, pay very close attention to, believe, follow and obey, **IS** His **cup** of eternal Life, the Words of our heavenly Father's Torah of Life, that He pours into His **cup**, and then instructs us to **drink** from it, every day, and when we willingly choose to obey His command, and **drink from His Cup**, His **Gift**, then we will automatically choose to **praise the beauty, splendour, glory and majesty of YHVH**, and **resonate, repeat, echo**, and willingly choose to live by His Directives for everlasting Life, the Words of His Torah of Life.

When we do that, when we willingly choose to obey YHVH, *then* the *favour* and *grace* of YHVH will be poured upon us, and we will be *healed* or *cleansed* from our past transgressions, the past Sins that were leading us to our death, and we will no longer be the *weak feeble people* that easily succumbed to the lust of our flesh, **BUT** instead, we will willingly *bind* and or join ourselves to YHVH and His Messiah, and *entreat* YHVH to help us to draw nearer to Him. Furthermore, because we have chosen to be *bound* to YHVH, He will cause us to see His Truth, that the Words of His Torah of Life made flesh are indeed the *Light* of the world, the Lamp that illuminates the path that YHVH wants all of us to follow.

As our *king* and *sovereign*, He has given us His *jewels*, His feasts, His Sabbath, His Sacrificial system, His Words, as a *testimony* of His infinite love for us, and because of it, the enemy, satan, the *deceiver* can no longer *bewitch* us into believing his lies, for **NOW** we know the *TRUTH*, and the *TRUTH*, the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life sets us free, and our *character* now mimics Messiah's Torah obedient Character. Which means that we have been *awakened* to YHVH's *TRUTH*, and therefore we now *observe ALL* the Words of His Torah of Life.

When we willingly choose to *drink of the Cup* of YHVH, He becomes our *helper*, our *helpmate*, and He *exalts* us, He brings us into a *higher plane*, where sin and or transgressions of the Words of His Torah are no longer part of our lives. From the very instant that we choose to surrender our hearts to YHVH, He gives us the *gift of being allowed to be joined* with Him as **ONE**, so that we can *praise* His beauty, splendour, glory and majesty on a daily basis, and He allows us to *drink from His Cup* of Life again and again, because of our surrendered obedience.

We are to understand and believe that when we surrender ourselves to YHVH, He fills us with His Holy Spirit, which means that He *establishes* for all to see, that we are now children of Elohim, which means that we can now partake of the *Fullness* of His blessings, that He so graciously *apportions* to all of His obedient children, His *beloved ones*, whom He says He will never leave nor forsake. He has taken us as a *possession* onto Himself, and because of it, we become willing obedient *servants*, *workmen* that are willing to do His bidding, and because of our surrendered obedience, He *rewards* us by making all of us *Land owners*, for He gives us His Promised Land, which is a shadow picture of the His eternal and everlasting kingdom, where we will spend eternity with Him.

Because we dared to go against the ways of this corrupt World of ours and chose to obey YHVH's Words, He *rewards* us and makes us *caretakers* of the Land of Israel, and of His *people*, which means that we become our brothers and sisters keepers, and because we have chosen to obey Him, He *raises us up* to a higher level, He *strengthens* us for the tasks ahead, and as we *break through* the enemy's lines, He protects us by the power of His *Right Hand*. His Hand is always on us, *guiding* and *directing* us, and when His Hand is upon us, it automatically *brings joy* to our daily lives. Because of the *trust* that He *builds up* within us for His Word of Truth, on a daily basis, we then take our nourishment from the *breast* of YHVH and ignore the ways of the world, and get our strength from being *educated* by Him through His Words of Life.

As **Abraham** chose to obey the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life and stepped away from the **foolishness** of the ways of the world, which his earthly father had embraced, we, are to do the same. We too are to put the ways of the world behind us and no longer allow ourselves to be **pierced** or **hooked** by the deceptive influence of satan, and the ways of the world, we are **NOT** to **intertwine** ourselves with anyone or anything that the world has to offer, no matter how **enticing** it might seem to us, for **none of these people are our friends**, and their ways will only **corrupt** us and lead us to our death, therefore we have to consciously separate ourselves from them as best as we can, so that we are not **corrupted** by them. We have to learn to **pass over** those temptations, and dismiss them, we are not to let ourselves **fit together**, with them, nor become one with them, **BUT** we are to **divorce** ourselves from their man made doctrines, their evil ways. We are to choose to mimic the Torah obedient **Character** of Yeshua our Messiah, the **Name** that is above all other names, and we are to take **comfort** in His power, and **KNOW** in our hearts that since YHVH is for us, then no one can defeat us, as long as we remain faithful and obedient to His Word. Any other other doctrine **IS** death, and it will drag us down to the depths of **hell**. We absolutely must allow ourselves to be **educated** and **taught** by the Holy Spirit, and He will teach us to **praise** and **boast** of the wonderful attributes of our Elohim and His Messiah, and cause us to **acquire** the same love for YHVH's Word as the love that He has for all of **mankind**. Mankind's foundation, **MUST** be the Words of YHVH's Torah of Life, **IF** mankind is to have any hope of having an after life, in the kingdom of Elohim, for eternity.

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