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I AM THE WAY

It has been some time since I had started our journey on discovering I AM. Passover, Yom Hashoah, Mother's Day, all important and needing to be expressed. This did not deter me from my intended path of sharing with you the reality of Yeshua and His relationship to the God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov.

Yes, he is the descendant of David, of the tribe of Y'hudah. Last week, what seemed unrelated when we were honoring women, I focused on Tamar and her contribution to what is the line of Messiah. All leading to the revelation of who He is.

Today, my focus is on Yochanan 14, where Yeshua offers one of the most powerful expressions of who He is.

A continuation of Chapter 13 whereby Yeshua is discussing with His talmidim many aspects and thus preparing them for what they will be doing and that is being His witnesses.

Yeshua continues with an expression of Faith...

Joh 14:1 "Don't let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me.

Drawing an initial connection that if you trust in God, In Adonai, in the Father, trust also in me. It would appear that he is first drawing a parallel, yet what appears to be parallel will soon converge.

Yeshua is saying, the things that you trust in God for and about, trust Me too...

Isa 12:1 On that day you will say: "I thank you, Adonai, because, although you were angry at me, your anger is now turned away; and you are comforting me.

Isa 12:2 "See! God is my salvation. I am confident and unafraid; for Yah Adonai is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation!"

Isa 12:3 Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation.

Isa 12:4 On that day you will say, "Give thanks to Adonai! Call on his name! Make his deeds known among the peoples, declare how exalted is his name.

Isa 12:5 Sing to Adonai, for he has triumphed—this is being made known throughout the earth.

Isa 12:6 Shout and sing for joy, you who live in Tziyon; for the Holy One of Isra'el is with you in his greatness!"

all the promises we trust God for, Yeshua is saying... Trust in me too. After all, He is the Son of God. Yet he doesn't convey that aspect here.

In establishing this initial connection, Yeshua continues...

Joh 14:2 In my Father's house are many places to live. If there weren't, I would have told you; because I am going there to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 Since I am going and preparing a place for you, I will return to take you with me; so that where I am, you may be also.

Joh 14:4 Furthermore, you know where I'm going; and you know the way there."

He is now preparing them for what is about to happen. Softening the blow so to speak. Speaking ultimately of His death, His talmidim are not to be down trodden or discouraged but to know as Sha'ul conveys...

Rom 8:28 Furthermore, we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with his purpose;

Rom 8:29 because those whom he knew in advance, he also determined in advance would be conformed to the pattern of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers;

Rom 8:30 and those whom he thus determined in advance, he also called; and those whom he called, he also caused to be considered righteous; and those whom he caused to be considered righteous he also glorified!

Unfortunately, even this message from Yeshua would not be sufficient for the reality that was about to befall them. The harsh reality of what the suffering servant would come to experience.

Isa 53:1 Who believes our report? To whom is the arm of Adonai revealed?

Isa 53:2 For before him he grew up like a young plant, like a root out of dry ground. He was not well-formed or especially handsome; we saw him, but his appearance did not attract us.

Isa 53:3 People despised and avoided him, a man of pains, well acquainted with illness. Like someone from whom people turn their faces, he was despised; we did not value him.

Isa 53:4 In fact, it was our diseases he bore, our pains from which he suffered; yet we regarded him as punished, stricken and afflicted by God.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded because of our crimes, crushed because of our sins; the disciplining that makes us whole fell on him, and by his bruises [*Or: and*

in fellowship with him] we are healed.

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, went astray; we turned, each one, to his own way; yet Adonai laid on him the guilt of all of us.

Isa 53:7 Though mistreated, he was submissive—he did not open his mouth. Like a lamb led to be slaughtered, like a sheep silent before its shearers, he did not open his mouth.

Isa 53:8 After forcible arrest and sentencing, he was taken away; and none of his generation protested his being cut off from the land of the living for the crimes of my people, who deserved the punishment themselves.

Isa 53:9 He was given a grave among the wicked; in his death he was with a rich man. Although he had done no violence and had said nothing deceptive,

Isa 53:10 yet it pleased Adonai to crush him with illness, to see if he would present himself as a guilt offering. If he does, he will see his offspring; and he will prolong his days; and at his hand Adonai's desire will be accomplished.

Then Toma, would ask in response to Yeshua's statement...

Joh 14:5 T'oma said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you're going; so how can we know the way?"

Opening the door for one of the most profound statements in Scripture. A response that connects Yeshua to Adonai, not as a parallel, but through convergence.

Joh 14:6 Yeshua said, "I AM the Way—and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me.

A single statement that draws a direct connection to Adonai...

Exo 3:13 Moshe said to God, "Look, when I appear before the people of Isra'el and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you'; and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what am I to tell them?"

Exo 3:14 God said to Moshe, "Ehyeh Asher Ehyeh [*I am/will be what I am/will be*]," and added, "Here is what to say to the people of Isra'el: 'Ehyeh [*I Am or I Will Be*] has sent me to you.' "

Exo 3:15 God said further to Moshe, "Say this to the people of Isra'el: 'Yud-Heh-Vav-Heh (יהוה) [*Adonai*], the God of your fathers, the God of Avraham, the God of Yitz'chak and the God of Ya`akov, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever; this is how I am to be remembered generation after generation.

A manner by which Adonai did not reveal Himself to the Patriarchs, yet is doing so

through Moshe, because He is preparing Him to become the leader of a nation. So to, Yeshua is preparing His talmidim in a manner, not as a nation, but as a Kingdom. For Israel is the Kingdom of Adonai and Adonai is their King.

Isa 44:4 They will spring up among the grass like willows on the riverbanks.

Isa 44:5 One will say, 'I belong to Adonai.' Another will be called by the name of Ya`akov. Yet another will write that he belongs to Adonai. and adopt the surname Isra'el."

Isa 44:6 Thus says Adonai, Isra'el's King and Redeemer, Adonai-Tzva'ot: "I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no God.

Interesting when you read this passage of Isaiah, Adonai is the King and is also the first and the last...can anyone say Aleph Tav...

Rev 22:12 "Pay attention!" [*says Yeshua,*] "I am coming soon, and my rewards are with me to give to each person according to what he has done.

Rev 22:13 I am the 'Aleph Tav', the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End."

Messianic Judaism and Christianity, which accept this teaching, are indeed in a sense exclusive, for they deny that there are other men, other religious leaders, who have come from God and paid the death penalty for mankind's sins. In this sense, then, Yeshua is *the* way; and it is not true that "on the mountaintop all paths meet," for only Yeshua's path arrives there. Nevertheless this exclusivity is tempered by three factors:

(1) The path is open to everyone ([Rom 10:9-13](#)).

Rom 10:5 For Moshe writes about the righteousness grounded in the Torah that the person who does these things will attain life through them.

Rom 10:6 Moreover, the righteousness grounded in trusting says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend to heaven?' "—that is, to bring the Messiah down—

Rom 10:7 or, " 'Who will descend into Sh'ol?' "—that is, to bring the Messiah up from the dead.

Rom 10:8 What, then, does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."—that is, the word about trust which we proclaim, namely,

Rom 10:9 that if you acknowledge publicly with your mouth that Yeshua is Lord and trust in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be delivered.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one goes on trusting and thus continues toward righteousness, while with the mouth one keeps on making public acknowledgement and thus continues toward deliverance.

Rom 10:11 For the passage quoted says that everyone who rests his trust on him will not be humiliated.

Rom 10:12 That means that there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—Adonai is the same for everyone, rich toward everyone who calls on him,

Rom 10:13 since everyone who calls on the name of Adonai will be delivered.

Sha'ul drawing a parallel between Moshe and what Adonai reveals to him in Deuteronomy 30 and that of the path of Messiah.

In reality They are one and the same.

(2) Yeshua's path sets no precondition except turning from sin to the one true God. In particular it does not require Gentiles to stop being Gentiles or Jews to stop being Jews.

(3) It is God's one true path; it exists. This simply means that, rather than complaining about exclusivity, one should be profoundly grateful to God for providing a way out of the sinful condition that besets every human being.

Continuing to draw us closer to the identity of Yeshua in relation to the Father, one would think this passage where He identifies Himself directly as I AM, would be sufficient, yet Yeshua goes further...

Joh 14:7 Because you have known me, you will also know my Father; from now on, you do know him—in fact, you have seen him."

Joh 14:8 Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it will be enough for us."

Joh 14:9 Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Yet there were still more questions, more doubt more lack of understanding. It is similar to Yeshua's response to Nakdamon when asked about being born again...

Joh 3:5 Yeshua answered, "Yes, indeed, I tell you that unless a person is born from water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 What is born from the flesh is flesh, and what is born from the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 Stop being amazed at my telling you that you must be born again from above!

Joh 3:8 The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. That's how it is with everyone who has been born from the Spirit."

Joh 3:9 Nakdimon replied, "How can this happen?"

Now consider Yeshua's response to him...

Joh 3:10 Yeshua answered him, "You hold the office of teacher in Isra'el, and you don't know this?"

And now Phillip

Joh 14:9 Yeshua replied to him, "Have I been with you so long without your knowing me, Phillip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

You are a teacher of Torah and you don't know these things
You have been with me this long and you still don't understand.

It seemed to be going around with Yeshua. It wasn't the messenger, nor the message, it was the capacity for understanding the message and thus the messenger that was challenged. Breaking new ground that is not new ground at all. For here is the final exclamation of who Yeshua is...

Joh 14:10 Don't you believe that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me? What I am telling you, I am not saying on my own initiative; the Father living in me is doing his own works.

Joh 14:11 Trust me, that I am united with the Father, and the Father united with me. But if you can't, then trust because of the works themselves.

Joh 14:12 Yes, indeed! I tell you that whoever trusts in me will also do the works I do! Indeed, he will do greater ones, because I am going to the Father.

Joh 14:13 In fact, whatever you ask for in my name, I will do; so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you have seen me you have seen the Father.

Yet, no one has seen the Father and lived...

Exo 33:20 But my face," he continued, "you cannot see, because a human being cannot look at me and remain alive.

Yet through Yeshua we can and we have and we still live.

The glorified promise revealed later in time to Moshe...

Mat 17:1 Six days later, Yeshua took Kefa, Ya`akov and his brother Yochanan and led them up a high mountain privately.

Mat 17:2 As they watched, he began to change form—his face shone like the sun, and his clothing became as white as light.

Mat 17:3 Then they looked and saw Moshe and Eliyahu speaking with him.

Mat 17:4 Kefa said to Yeshua, "It's good that we're here, Lord. I'll put up three shelters if you want—one for you, one for Moshe and one for Eliyahu."

Moshe saw His request fulfilled.

That the God of Avraham, Yitzchak and Ya'akov would take on human form and dwell among his people, ultimately paying the price for our transgression, draws the most powerful of convergence to the Echad, the oneness of Adonai...

For the fulfillment of the role the suffering servant would complete as revealed through Yeshayahu (Isaiah)...

Isa 53:11 After this ordeal, he will see satisfaction. "By his knowing [*pain and sacrifice*], my righteous servant makes many righteous; it is for their sins that he suffers.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I will assign him a share with the great, he will divide the spoil with the mighty, for having exposed himself to death and being counted among the sinners, while actually bearing the sin of many and interceding for the offenders."

Would be realized in Yeshua, the way the truth and the life...

The only way

The only truth

and thus the only way to eternal life.