

Jephthah's Daughter (*Letter from Zechariah*)

Dear Arthur and Judy,

Our Father blessed us abundantly by adding new life to our family. This child was awaited and had the privilege of being born in Israel. We are very thankful for the marvelous delivery that our Father gave to Elisheba. We can see through the last two births (Hadasha Harah and Elisheba), that our Father is now restoring woman by giving her fast delivery. This is very encouraging because we know that it is by woman that the restoration of all the earth will take place.

At the beginning of Elisheba's pregnancy we were waiting for a boy because we knew that the Kingdom needed some men to be built, but by the 6th month of her pregnancy, our Father started to speak to me about two women in the Scriptures. Their devotion and submission put in me the desire to see the spirit of these women in the church today. The first is Esther, which is Hadassah in Hebrew. The submission of this young woman really spoke to me, how she consecrated her life for the cause of her people. When she came before the king without being summoned, she consciously offered her own life for her people. By the sacrifice of this young Hebrew woman, Israel escaped from destruction. This can only remind us of our Sovereign, Yahshua the Messiah.

The second woman that our Father put in my heart was the daughter of Jephthah. Each time that I read the story of Jephthah my heart is pierced because of the love that the daughter has for her father and her Elohim; it is really an example to us. The daughter of Jephthah gave herself to be a burnt offering; she didn't reason, or think about herself, but she was only concerned for her father and for her Sovereign.

I began to feel that our Father wanted to give me a daughter who would have the names of these two women, and that the desire in me to see the spirit of these two persons in the church was also the desire of our Father. I looked for those names, but the name of Jephthah's daughter cannot be found in the Scriptures. Elisheba asked Marsha to look in some books, but she didn't find anything. I was a little bit disappointed that I couldn't find the name of Jephthah's daughter, but I felt that our Father had spoken to me so I prayed that if it was His will, that He would reveal this name to me.

Some days later, I thought about a teaching that Elbert gave the night before, and I could make the connection with the daughter of Jephthah and then a great joy filled my heart and I worshipped my Father for His faithfulness.

The teaching spoke of woman, and the importance that she has for our Father. Elbert spoke about the word "woman" in Hebrew, and it means "burnt offering" and that a woman in Messiah must be a burnt offering who brings restoration from the fall of mankind. This spoke to me because Jephthah's daughter was a woman after our Father's heart, totally submissive, who loved and respected the authority of man through her father and also the authority of our Sovereign. She was also a real burnt offering that our Elohim could accept because she was pure and she gave herself to burn on the altar. The Hebrew word "Ishshah" which means woman and burnt offering represents exactly what Jephthah's daughter was to the heart of our Father. He loves woman so much that He allowed and accepted a woman to be the type of His Son, Yahshua, who became like the daughter of Jephthah, a human sacrifice and a burnt offering, consumed on the altar.

Our Father has been faithful. He gave a daughter to me, and He revealed her name to me. Her name is "Hadassah Ishshah."

After that, I shared what was in my heart about this name. Elbert said that this would speak to the 12 tribes of Israel, that if the name of Jephthah's daughter is not recorded in the scriptures, it is because our Father knew that her real name would be revealed at the end of time. He said that her name is now "Ishshah" for all of Israel, and that when we see her in the Kingdom, we will call her Ishshah.

I pray that our Father will give me the grace to raise this child in her name. I know that He put in me the seed of Abraham, who was also in Mordecai and Jephthah. He chose Abraham and his seed so that he would command his children and his household after him to keep the way of our Father by doing righteousness and justice, in order that He could bring upon Abraham what He spoke about to him (Gen 18:19).

Hadassah Ishshah has given much satisfaction to us already. I desire that her life would become like the myrtle

“Hadassah”, a fragrant aroma for man and a burnt offering “Ishshah”, a sweet aroma for Yahweh. I desire that our Father would give you grace to continue in your calling for the building up of His kingdom. I hope to see you again one day in this age if it is the will of our Father. I am thankful to have you as brother and sister, and through this letter I send you my love.
Zechariah