

## Ethiopian Eunuch; Warning to Abraham's Offspring

(Elad's going away celebration. Elad is our atheist Israeli guest — see notes of Morning, 28 November.)

[Yoneq read the story of Philip and the Ethiopian in Acts 8:26-39. We know that they later went on to establish a church in Ethiopia, since Phillip told the apostles all that had happened (Acts 8:26-39).]

The Ethiopian was reading in the old covenant, in the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. And right before where the eunuch was reading it says, in Isa 52:13, "See, My servant shall be highly exalted; and just as there were many who were appalled by Him, startled, taken aback at His appearance, for He looked nothing like the pictures and statues of the demon Jesus who is nice and neat and well-combed (who is not Yahshua). But this man Yahshua was beaten blue and bruised and cut and wounded to the extent that He did not even resemble a human being anymore. It says (Isa 53:5 that we were healed by the lashes and stripes that He bore on His body.) Isa 53:1-12 Verse 3 — "and we esteem Him not." We is talking about Israel and the Jews; He bore *our* griefs and carried *our* sorrows (verse 4) and was considered cursed by God, He was crushed (verse 5) for *our* transgression, *our* sins; and the punishment that brought *us* peace fell on Him. By *His* wounds, *we* are healed. Verse 8 — who can speak of His offspring — His seed? Since He was cut off from the land of the living. Verse 10 — it was YHWH's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer. If He would render Himself a guilt offering, He would see the will of YHWH prosper in His offspring's hand. He will see the result of the suffering of His soul and be satisfied (verse 11).

This was the One the eunuch was thinking about. But the eunuch did not know who He was. He probably wondered if it was talking about Isaiah. He didn't *know*. One of the most wonderful things about the eunuch was that he said, "I'm looking for someone to explain it to me." He was humble; he was looking for a sent one; he was willing to do God's will (Jn 7:17-18).

It was talking about our Master Yahshua where he was reading in Isaiah. After it talks about being marred beyond recognition (Isa 52:14), that it was *astonishing* how badly he was beaten, it also says, "thus *He* will startle the nations." He will also startle, not only because of His beaten appearance, but consequently because He is going to *forgive* people and his forgiven offspring will be so in love with Him and so appreciative that it is going to startle the nations. He, in us, is going to startle the nations. In the community we work together in peace and unity like a beehive. But this is nothing compared to what it is going to be in ten or twenty years. This is just the beginning in this geographical area. But it is going to startle the world. He startled people by His disfigurement and marred condition on the cross, but His offspring is going to startle the nations by the generation He produced on the cross who are going to startle the nations by bringing light to the nations. Israel was supposed to be the light to the nations but they are not. We stand in their place to do what they cannot do for themselves. We do it on their behalf because they cannot do it because they are cut off in this age. But through us, this age is coming to an end and they will be restored in the next age. This is our ministry — to bring about the covenant God promised Abraham. It has *never* been fulfilled. There has never been a year of jubilee to give the land back to the rightful owner. The Jews cannot take the land that God promised them from the river of Egypt to the Euphrates river; it is beyond their power to do it now. But if we take that land in the spiritual realm and bind the enemy in the abyss, then God (at the year of Jubilee) will give Israel *back* the land He promised to Abraham.

(1 Sam 49:6-8; Mt 19:28; Gen 15:18; 17:7,8,11; 18:19)

Our Master was tempted by the evil one in Mt 4. The enemy said, "Hey, I'll give you everything if you will just bow down and worship me." He was tempted; it was when He was not eating; He was made weak. "Why don't you turn the stones into bread?" "Man does not live by bread..."

Satan owns the world; he has control; he is the ruler of the world. His most avid followers are the people who don't believe he exists. They are the ones who are bringing havoc to the world by their greed and avarice (Eph 2:2).

The day is going to come when we put all of God's enemies under the feet of His Son, therefore Satan will be bound. The enemy will no longer be able to come into us and tempt us and make us fall because we are going to be like Yahshua. He tempted Yahshua in every way that we are tempted but our Master said no. We also will say no; we will be victorious (Titus 2:12); he will not be able to divide us; he will be powerless. When this happens, the new age has come — and our Master comes back. And then we are ruling with Him over the nations. That is why we are living and breathing, not for anything else but to bring about His purpose — love. God is love. Love, love, love. Whoever knows God, loves. We can love; we have love; it has been poured out in our hearts (Rom 5:5). Do you have love? He wants to pour it out into you too, Elad. Someday only love will fill the universe. Faith, hope, and love — and the greatest of these is love. Followers of Yahshua, this is your call. It will be a light to the world. All men will know we are His disciples when all men see us loving with the love He gave us. Do you have that love? We have it. We just have to use it.

Our Master was the Jew of all Jews, the lion of the tribe of Judah. The lion is the king of the forest — no one messes with a lion. He is the lion of the tribe of Judah.

*[After the sacrifice, in which Yoneq emphatically prayed for Elad, Elad spoke:]*

*Elad — I don't know exactly how to thank you all. I came here as some kind of a refugee from a bus when all my things got stolen and the real reason I stayed here at first was because I had no other choice. But during the time I was here which is almost 4 weeks now, I came to know each of you and how you are and I really love you all. You really knew how to show your love to me without any limits. The reason I worked so hard was because first of all I wanted to thank you. I didn't know how else to thank you and I didn't have anything else to offer except myself — to show my appreciation. Somebody told me the best thing I can do is to open my heart and it didn't do that yet. But maybe in the future, if it will, I will know the place to go. I don't know how to thank you for all you did for me and how you cared for me. I love all of you.*

Ha-emeq — Elad told me something when he first got here. That the Jews were a lot more religious when they are scattered than when they come back to their land. He doesn't know, but our God *knew* it would happen to the Jews and He warned them real clear that when you come back to the land, be careful to not forget YHWH your God and to keep His commandments and His statutes that I am commanding you. Because when you get there and you've eaten ... then your minds and your hearts will be lifted up and you will forget YHWH your God who ... Dt 8:11-20."

And I just see how our Father chose Abraham and that the faith which Abraham had in his heart, he was to pass on to his offspring. And our Father tried to guard that people, "Watch out! WATCH OUT! You're gonna fall away! You're gonna see your sons say, 'it's not *God* who did this, this is my *own* strength.'"

And it happened. Just like He said. And I wanted you [Elad] to know that He warned that it would happen to them. "Don't forget YHWH your God," He said. But it is only because of the faith of Abraham that you are a people — that there are Jews. It is only *because* of God that there is the life of Abraham in you. And without his life, you *are* going to perish. And now our Father opened up a way that you could see the life of your fathers.

Our Father wants you to be a prophet to your people.

(Dt 8 and 28 is prophecy of everything that happened to the Jews for the last 4000 years.)