

Overcomers

Dear Leshem,

I've been thinking about you a lot, and especially about your desire to hear the teachings and drink deeply of them in your spirit. It sounds like you are hungry for the word. I wanted to share some nourishment I received from Revelations chapters 2 and 3. Perhaps this will stimulate you to go looking for more.

These two chapters talk about the overcomers — those who will have endured until the end to meet our Master on that day — the faithful ones — the Edah — His bride. So when we read what he wrote it communicates to our spirit how we need to be, to be one of those ones — to make it until the end. And it shows us our need. We will never be this way in our own strength. The standard is too high.

The deeds of these precious ones are known in heaven — how they toil and persevere (they are steadfast) and cannot tolerate evil men. They have steadfastly endured for His name's sake. (His name proclaims that He is mighty and powerful to save and for the sake of His name, they have patiently waited for Him to come to their aid, for Him to come deliver them. They did not try to deliver themselves and have the glory go to their own right hand, but they desired all the glory to go to His wonderful name and person.) And in all their waiting, they did not grow weary. Through everything, they did not lose their first love. Their love for Him is pure and fresh and red hot. They do not let anything else get in the way of distracting them, not the cares and worries of life, not insecurities, not personal ambitions, nothing, not even the love in their hearts for their husband or wife.

They hate the clergy-laity system. (They are always faithful to speak the little crumb within them and encourage their brothers and sisters to share what they have. They live to eat the crumbs that fall from the Master's table. They live to give life and receive it. They discern the body — they know they'd die apart from the body, just as surely as a hand would that is severed from its body. They need the life coursing through the blood in all the veins.)

They are overcoming — they eat from the tree of life in the Paradise of God.

They have gone through tribulation and poverty. They are not afraid of suffering — not even to the point of death. They have received the crown of life. They have overcome and will not be hurt by the second death.

They cling and hold fast to His name (to His authority to deliver them and His promise to come to their aid and His power over the evil one). They did not deny His faith (the faith He had in them to make it, to overcome the evil one, to persevere. They saw He had confidence in them to make it and they took on His faith, not doubting or accusing Him, but totally trusting that He knew what they could handle and that He would give them all the grace and faith they needed to do it.)

They have overcome and He gave them to eat of the hidden manna. (They knew their need to eat spiritual bread — the hidden bread that no one else can see. They were faithful to go out every morning and get this bread. They knew they would die without it. Then at the very end, in the wilderness, they were skilled at this. They knew where to go and how to get this hidden food. They didn't die in the wilderness but lived and were strengthened by Him.)

He gave them a white stone and a new name which no one else knew but only those who received it.

They increased in love and good deeds everyday so that their later deeds were even greater than their first deeds.

They loved their brothers with an unselfish love like our Master's. They walked in His faith and passed on His faith to others, encouraging their brothers and sisters to see themselves in His eyes. They persevered day after day, crucifying their flesh so they could love. They were kind and patient, humble and gentle. They had no memory of wrongs suffered, they bore everything in His grace and strength. They never failed to love because they were always loving perfectly or confessing their sins perfectly. They walked in the very footsteps of our Master, keeping His deeds until the end.

They overcame and received authority to rule over the nations for they learned how to rule over their own spirit and fallen emotions and even the household of faith. And they received the morning star, the hind of the dawn — the prophetic word to them was like a lamp shining in a dark place until the day dawned and the morning star

arose in their hearts. (2 Pet 2:19)

They did not allow their garments to be soiled for they were faithful to wash them with the Word and keep them clean by confessing their sins. Our Master Yahshua kept their name before His Father and the holy angels.

He who is holy, who is true, and who has the key of David, who opens and no one can shut, put before them an open door because they had a little power and kept His word and did not deny His name. Behold, He has even made those who said they were of you, but weren't, come and bow down at your feet and to know that He loved you.

You kept the word of His perseverance, so He kept you in the hour of testing which came upon the whole world.

You held fast to what you had because you know in your heart that Yahshua was coming quickly. No one was able to take your crown.

You overcame and so now you are a pillar in the temple of our God and you will not leave it or go out from it any more. And it is written upon you the name of our God and the name of the New Jerusalem and His new name. For you let Him put His law of love within you and inscribe it on your heart. His word had an impression on your life. It left a mark of such magnitude that when others looked at you they saw Him, like seeing Him face to face. For you knew that He is what He is, that He is mighty and powerful to save. Others could see this, the weight of His name, His character heavy upon you. They knew that His city was a protection of peace for you, His citizen, radiated and promoted His peace. They felt the effects of His rule for you made and promoted peace in their lives.

The Beginning, the End, the Faithful and True Witness, the Origin of the Creation of God says, "I know your deeds. You who love me, that they are red hot. You have bought from Me gold refined by fire and you are rich. You are clothed in white garments — clothed in My glory. You see clearly.

"I love you. I have reprov'd and disciplined you, and you have been zealous to receive My love. You love Me. You love my dealings in your life.

"Behold, I have stood at the door of your hearts and knocked and you have heard my voice, greeted and welcomed Me in and we have had sweet fellowship and communion together.

"You have overcome and now I want you to sit down with Me on My throne and rule with Me forever.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the Edah."

Leshem, I love you.

I thought these things would encourage you.

Love, your friend,

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