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Born From Above and Genesis 2:7

"And Yahweh Elohim formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (*neshama kahee*); and man became a living soul (*nephesh*)," Genesis 2:7 KJV.

The air that was breathed to give life to Adam was spirit, which is also what the Hebrew word "ruach" means. There are not only Hebrew words that have multiple meanings, but also Hebrew words that have similar meanings, which is the case here with the above words found in Genesis.

It has been said, "The three main rules for Bible study are context, context, and context." This is certainly the case for word studies and concepts formed from those words.

In Genesis 2:7, one of the concepts, in context, is that man became a living being (a living soul). He wasn't born from above, as we'll come to understand, but rather from the earth and allowed to live in it.

Soul, taken from the Hebrew word "nephesh," is essentially a word meaning "life." But this life is still not eternal (Ezek. 18:4; Job 27:3); eternal life is something we are to seek after, Rom. 2:5-7.

The Ultimate Power which is able to give eternal life is from heaven, 1 Tim. 6:16. Eternal life is not what Adam received. He was granted life only, not eternal life. Even if we accept Yahweh's only begotten Son now, as our own personal Savior, we are not yet truly born from above. With this said, how do we explain the following?

"If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him. See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of Elohim; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of Elohim, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is," 1 John 2:29–3:2 NASB.

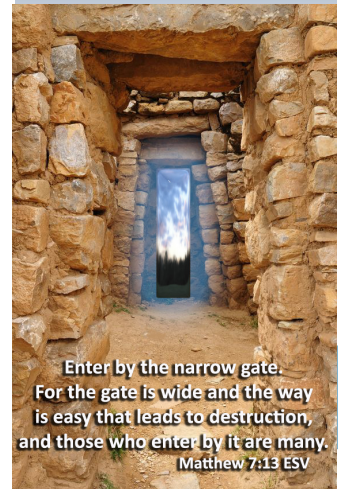
Born Again?

Is this saying we are "born again"? It is saying we're "born of Him." This is one of those areas of Scripture in which we need to look at in context of a clearer Scripture.

In John 3:3–7 (TLEB), we read Yahshua saying, "Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born from above, he is not able to see the kingdom of Elohim." Nicodemus said to Him, 'How can a man be born when he is an old man? He is not able to enter into his mother's womb for the second time

Beloved, now are we the sons of Elohim, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2 AV



Enter by the narrow gate.
For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction,
and those who enter by it are many.
Matthew 7:13 ESV

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and be born, can he?' Yahshua answered, 'Truly, truly I say to you, unless someone is born of water and spirit, he is not able to enter into the kingdom of Elohim. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "It is necessary for you to be born from above."'"

Without this clear Scripture we wouldn't be able to explain what being truly "Born Again" means. Yet, many say they are "Born Again" already without comprehending the Scriptural teaching of being resurrected.

Conceptually, we can understand that we are new creatures in Messiah. New beings, in a sense, internally going through a change and conforming to a new Spirit within. However, we are awaiting for a change to come which is yet future. A time to truly be "Born Again," or rather, "Born from Above."

Being "born of water and of spirit," spoken of by Yahshua, speaks of baptism into water and of receiving a special portion of Yahweh's Spirit with the laying on of hands by the eldership in Messiah, which is part of the process today. Before all this, however, one needs to repent of former sins.

What did those following Scripture and the Messiah, the Son of Yahweh, understand?

"For the Master himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air. And so we will be with the Master forever," 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 NIV.

What was the first century understanding? That we go straight to heaven when we die and live forever? It doesn't appear that was the case. It says here, "the dead in Messiah will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together." Please note, this is when He returns.

It should be pointed out that there was the teaching in the 1st century of "No resurrection" by the Sadducees. Where they correct?

"...if there is no resurrection of the dead, not even Messiah has been raised; and if Messiah has not been raised, then our preaching is vain, your faith also is vain," 1 Corinthians 15:13-14 NASB.

Did the Apostle Paul think there was somehow NOT a resurrection. No, he strongly testified that there was and that there was a timetable for it to occur.

"For if the dead are not raised, not even Messiah has been raised; and if Messiah has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Messiah have perished. If we have hoped in Messiah in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Messiah has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep," 1 Corinthians 15:16-20 NASB.

"Asleep" is a very strange thing to say, if indeed those in Messiah go straight to heaven when they die. We need to consider what the timetable for the resurrection of the saints who have died in Messiah is. We've already read in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 that the dead in Messiah rise first at His return.

"But each in his own order: Messiah the first fruits (i.e., First Fruit), after that those who are Messiah's at His coming, then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to Yahweh and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power," 1 Corinthians 15:23-24 NASB.

Messiah is a First Fruit, which indicates there is more to the harvest than just Him, which Paul does indicate. The timing is also given. The resurrection of those in Messiah is at His return.

Has the return already taken place? Not unless we were all literally sleeping when the voice of the archangel shouted and the trumpet was blown. Did you hear it? I didn't.

Have we seen the Messiah come down? Of course not. Though, when He does, everyone living will see Him, "For as lightning that comes from the east is visible even in the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man," Matthew 24:27-28 NIV.

If what we've been taught doesn't match with Yahweh's Word, then we have to reject it. Genesis is a good starting point when considering a subject, such as, being born from above. For further study, please see our studies on ***Just One Resurrection*** and ***Body, Soul & Spirit***. Also, ***How to be 'Born Again'***

Prophecies of Yahshua Fulfilled

Yahshua in Old Testament	Fulfilled In New Testament
Born Tribe of Judah - Gen. 49:10	Matt. 1:1-3-16
Born in Bethlehem - Micah 5:2	Matt. 2:1-5-6
Born of a Virgin - Isa. 7:14	Matt. 1:22-23
Baby's Killed After Birth - Jer. 31:15	Matt. 2:17-18
Way Prepared Before - Mal. 3:1-4-5; Isa. 40:3	Matt. 3:3; Matt. 11:10; Mark 1:2
Called Out of Egypt - Hosea 11:1	Matt. 2:15
Commissioned - Isa. 61:1-2	Luke 4:18-21
Start of Ministry - Isa. 9:1-2	Matt. 4:13-16
To Speak in Parables - Psa. 78:2	Matt. 13:31-35
Bore Our Infirmities - Isa. 53:4	Matt. 8:17; I Peter 2:24
Not Believed In - Isa. 53:1	John 12:38
Hated Without Cause - Psa. 69:4; Psa. 35:19	John 15:25
Entry into Jerusalem - Zech. 9:9; 2:10	Matt. 21:4-5
Rejected - Isa. 53:3; Psa. 69:8; Psa. 118:22	Mark 9:12; Mark 12:10-11; John 1:11; Acts 4:11-12
One Apostle Unfaithful - Psa. 109:8	John 17:12; Acts 1:20
Betrayed by Follower - Psa. 41:9	Matt. 26:14-16, 47-50
Betrayed for 30 Pieces of Silver - Zech. 11:12	Matt. 26:15
Disciples Scattered - Zech. 13:7	Matt. 26:31, 56
Tried and Condemned - Isa. 53:8	Mark 15:1-15
Use of False Witnesses - Psa. 35:11	Matt. 26:59
Silent Before Accusers - Isa. 53:7	Matt. 27:12-14
Smitten - Isa. 50:6; Micah 5:1	Mark 14:65; Mark 15:19
Impaled on a Tree - Psa. 22:16	Mark 15:25
Numbered with Sinners - Isa. 53:12	Matt. 27:38
Reviled on a Tree - Psa. 22:7-8	Matt. 27:39-43
Pierced - Zech. 12:10	John 19:34-37
Lots Cast for Garments - Psa. 22:18	Matt. 27:35
Given Vinegar and Gall - Psa. 69:21	Matt. 27:34, 48
Seemingly Forsaken by Yah. - Psa. 22:1	Matt. 27:46
No Bones Broken - Psa. 34:20	John 19:33-36
Dies Sacrificial Death - Isa. 53:5-8	John 1:29; I Cor. 15:3
Buried with Rich - Isa. 53:9	Matt. 27:57-60
Raised Before Corruption - Psa. 16:10	Mark 16:6; Acts 2:31; Acts 13:35

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Messiah or Messiyah?

Messiah is spelled *mem-sheen-yod-heh*. However, the Hebrew word for *Messiah* is spelled *mem-sheen-yod-khet*. "Yah" is not found in the Hebrew spelling of the word, *Messiah*; and, the pronunciation ends with a soft "k" sound (It's soft, that's why the transliteration uses a "ch" instead of a "k").

The last two letters are יה, not יח. It's easy to understand how one could assume that the "iah" at the end of the English word, *Messiah*, would refer to Yah; but, it doesn't. The Hebrew word for *Messiah*:

משיח = mashiyach

ה < this letter is "heh" (**not** found in the Hebrew word for *Messiah*)

ח < this letter is "khet" (this is the **last letter** in the Hebrew word for *Messiah*)

Obituary

Sister Donna Padilla died on December 1st, 2013. We look forward to seeing her again when Yahshua returns.

Scripture Readings and Commentary

Various video Scripture readings with commentary are available for online. Currently we are not planning on having these on CD. However, we are working on making these available on DVD format. The following books of the Bible are now available for ordering:

Old Testament:

Joshua

Judges

New Testament:

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Timothy

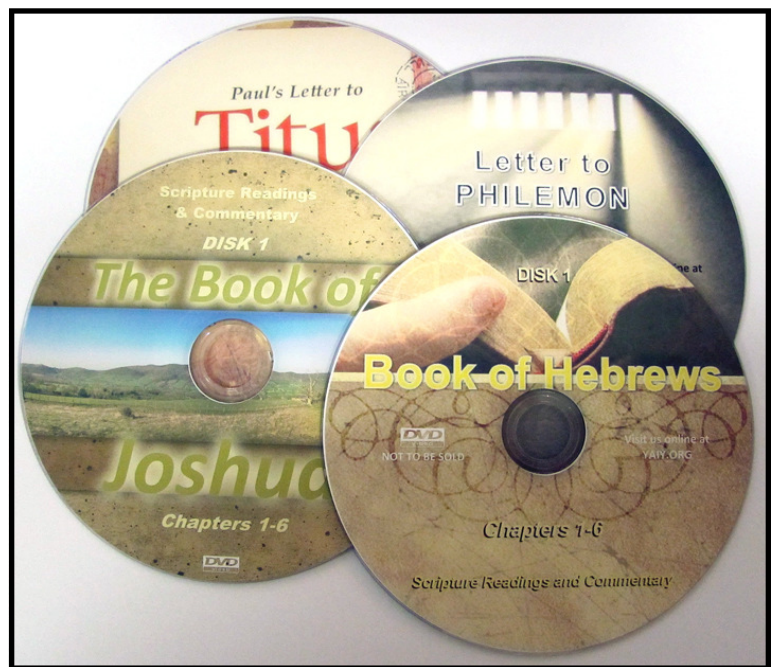
2 Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James



Prayer List

Elder Dick Vaow, Hap Tew, Michelle Love and Family, Dolores Parker, Maxine Conrad, Terrell Frasure, Lois McDonald, David & Barbara Creel, David Jones Jr. and Family, Charlie Pelton, Robert Dorchester, Dries Van Zyl, R.C. Fernald Family/Friends, Robert and Patricia Potter, Gary and Lanai DuBois, Donnie and Roland Miller, Serena and Sonya Siangco, Carrol Isdell and Family, Paul Oliver, Dirk Coetzee, Elsie du Plessis, Jim Colletti and Family, Dan & Geri O'leary, Karen van Schalkwyk, Kent Hovind, Claire and Albert Hendricks, Solofonirina Ramanamahena Justine, Rasolofonjatovo Elie Jasmin, Oliver Lister and Family, Frances Rodgers and Family, Diana Abbot, Sharon Grobler, Josuea Williams, Seth Tao Moore, Michael Johnson, Peter Sill, Terrence Williamson, Ingerborg Hendricks, Sarel Pretorius, Stella and Sean Rogers, Loretta Reyes and Family, Robert Creech, Jill Smith and Family, Clair Kane, Trellis Naples, James Griffith, Anna van der Westhuizen, Ellen Marnhohz, Pat and Tia Ford, Winifred Aspinall, Cindy Gustke, Elder George J. Baptiste, Steven Wilson, David Wilson, Lance Bullock, Kelly Miller, Raphael Kurnew, Johnny Seymour, Byron Bolan, Patrick Roether, Earl Braxton III, Deborah Grouwstra, Jordan Vira, Elder Lionel and Sandra Gets, Harry Sharod James, Philippine Brethren, Dewey Moore, Danny O'Connor and Family, Jordan Vira and Family, Deborah Grouwstra, Brethren around the world, Jerusalem and all of Israel.