



Milk Series Lesson Number 2

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER BAPTISM

Yahoshuah himself said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved....” (Mark 16:16, KJV). Yahoshuah also said , “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” (Matt 28:19 KJV). YAH’s plan for salvation includes faith or belief in Hamashiach, repentance of sins, baptism in Yahoshuah name (Luke 24:47), and the in dwelling of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8;2:38). We must note that Yahoshuah expressedly commanded water baptism, not just as a ceremony or mere outward manifestation of an inward event, but as an integral part of YAH’s plan for us. Did not Yahoshuah Himself accept baptism (Matt 3:13-15). By this act of obedience, (1) recognize that we are sinners and are in transgression of his laws (2) we turn away from all of our sinful ways and die to them coming into a blood covenant relationship, taking an oath to YAH that we will not willfully transgress His laws again (3) we make ourselves one with Hamashiach in His burial and in His resurrection, (4) we are separated from the old life of sin and defeat; we bury that old person, and (5) we come out of the water, sinless all of our past sins washed away to lead a new life of righteousness and victory. All of this was made possible by YAH’s love toward us. To be sure, faith in Hamashiach does save from our sins, but do not pit His command to have faith on the one hand against His command to be baptized in the water on the other. Let both live in harmony as Hamashiach intended in accordance with YAH’s eternal plan. Do not consider yourself complete in Hamashiach until you have been baptized in the name of Yahoshuah! (or Jesus).

1. Why was Yahoshuah Baptized (Matt 3:15)

Matthew 3:15 And Yahoshuah answering said unto him, *Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.* Then he suffered him.

2. How did YAH show His approval of Hamashiach’s baptism? (Matt 3:16-17)

Matthew 3:15-16 And Yahoshuah answering said unto him, *Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness.* Then he suffered him. And Yahoshuah, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

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4. What did Yahoshuah tell His Disciples about salvation as recorded in the gospels? (Matt 28:19-20; John 3:3-5)

Matthew 28:19-20 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.*

John 3:3-5 Yahoshuah answered and said unto him, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of Elohim .* Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Yahoshuah answered, *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of Elohim .*

5. After receiving the Holy Spirit, as promised by Hamashiach, the apostles were enabled to carry out His commands regarding salvation.

- a. After Many of the people heard Peter's message during the feast of Pentecost, they asked "...brethren, what shall we do" (to be saved)?

- i. What did Peter tell them to do? (Acts 2:38)

Acts 2:38 *Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

- ii. What was promised to them and to future generations? (Acts 2:39)

Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the YAH our Elohim shall call.

Jeremiah 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord.

10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.

12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

13 In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old *is* ready to vanish away.

iii. What did the people do as a result of Peter's command (Acts 2:41)

Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.

iv. In what name were the people baptized in? (Acts 2:38; Col 3:16-17).

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach (Jesus the Christ) for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

v. What did the people of Samaria do after they heard and believed the good news preached by Phillip? (Act 8:12)

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of Elohim , and the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach, they were baptized, both men and women.

vi. How were the Samaritans baptized? (Acts 8:16)

Acts 8:16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Yahoshuah.)

vii. What did the eunuch have to do before he could be baptized? (Acts 8:36-37)

Acts 8:36-37 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Yahoshuah Hamashiach is the Son of Elohim .

- viii. What did the eunuch actually do before being baptized? (Acts 8:36-37)

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- ix. Was the eunuch actually submerged in water when baptized? (Acts 8:38)

Acts 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

- x. After Cornelius and his family had (i) heard Peter's message, (2) believed and (3) been filled with the Holy Spirit, what did Peter command them to do ? (Acts 10:44-48)

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify Elohim . Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? **And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the YAHoshuah.** Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

- xi. How did the Philippian jailor and his family respond to Paul's Message? (Acts 16:25-33)

Acts 16:25-33 And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto Elohim : and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the YAH Yahoshuah Hamashiach, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the YAH, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

- xii. How did the disciples at Ephesus respond to Paul's message? (Acts 19:4-5)

Acts 19:4-5 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Hamashiach Yahoshuah. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the YAH Yahoshuah.

6. When we are baptized, how do we share in the experiences of Hamashiach? (Rom 6:4; Col 2:12)

Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Hamashiach was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of Elohim , who hath raised him from the dead.

7. What are two figures of baptism in the Torah that are referred to in the New Testament?

- a. 1 Cor 10:1-2; Ex 14:21-22

1 Corinthians 10:1-2 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

Exodus 14:21-22 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the YAH caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and the waters *were* a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.

- b. 1 Peter 3:20-21; Gen Chapters 6 -8

1 Peter 3:20-21 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of Elohim waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Elohim ,) by the resurrection of Yahoshuah Hamashiach:

Genesis 6:1-8:22 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, That the sons of Elohim saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. And the YAH said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is* flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of Elohim came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare *children* to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old, men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And it repented the YAH that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the YAH said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the YAH. These *are* the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man *and* perfect in his generations, *and* Noah walked with Elohim . And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before Elohim , and the earth was filled with violence. And Elohim looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And Elohim said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this *is the fashion* which thou shalt make it *of*: The length of the ark *shall be* three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; *with* lower,

second, and third *stories* shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life, from under heaven; *and* every thing that *is* in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every *sort* shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep *them* alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every *sort* shall come unto thee, to keep *them* alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather *it* to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that Elohim commanded him, so did he. And the YAH said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female: and of beasts that *are* not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according unto all that the YAH commanded him. And Noah *was* six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that *are* not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth, There went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as Elohim had commanded Noah. And it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein *is* the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as Elohim had commanded him: and the YAH shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: All in whose nostrils *was* the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. And every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and the creeping things, and the fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in the ark.

And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days. And Elohim remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and Elohim made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters asswaged; The fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; And the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*, on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: And he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; And the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more. And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first *month*, the first *day* of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And Elohim spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that *is* with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark. And Noah builded an altar unto the YAH; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. And the YAH smelled a sweet savour; and the YAH said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

8. What happens when accept or reject the counsel of YAH?

Lu 7:29 And all the people that heard him, and the publicans, justified Elohim , being baptized with the baptism of John.

Lu 7:30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of Elohim against themselves, being not baptized of him.

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9. When should we get baptized again a second time?
- a. **Acts 19:1** And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,
2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.
3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.
4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on **Yahoshuah Hamashiach**.

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized **in the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach**.

6 And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

- b. **Acts 8:16** (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach.)

Acts 10:48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the **Yahoshuah Hamashiach**. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Acts 19:5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of Yahoshuah Hamashiach.