



“Dream a Dream with Me”

“...In Isaac shall thy seed be called. That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Yahweh: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. (Romans 9:7, 8)”

During this season I am propelled into thinking about our beloved Messiah and about a most precious riddle. I’m not talking about the Christian concept of “Jesus.” But rather about someone kept hidden for all that He is until this very generation.

“Of which I am made an eved (servant), according to the administration of YahShua’s gift, which is given to me for you, to fulfill the word of Yahweh; even the mystery that has been hidden from olamim (Ages) and from generations, but now is revealed to His Yisraelite kidushim (Holy Ones of Israel): To whom Yahweh would make known what are the riches of the tifereth (beauty) of this mystery among all the nations; which is Moshiach (Messiah) in you, the hope (tikvah) of the beauty of His Glory (tifereth) (Colossians 1:25-27).”

Listen to the riddle very carefully because there is more than meets the eye or than the mind can superficially ascertain.

Riddle Me This

“I am thinking about someone in history...He left an undeniable mark on mankind...Without a biological miracle on the womb of his mother, his birth would have been impossible.”

Your mind automatically almost without effort went to the hills of Bethlehem, while my mind went to the plains of Mamre. You went back in time twenty centuries ago, while I nearly doubled it to forty centuries. Your mind went pass the Christmas card picture of a stable and a feeding trough in the middle of winter to a Sukkah at Sukkot (Feast of Tabernacles) at autumn, while I went twelve miles down the road to a Bedouin tent at Mamre. In your Sukkah there are two people just like in my tent. In your vision there is a middle aged carpenter and his adolescent bride both are direct descendents of the Royal House of David exiled to the Galil. While in my vision there are two very old people, one hundred years old and his wife over ninety. You thought of Yosef and Miryam (YahShua’s parents); while I thought of Abraham and Sarah.

The Miracle of the Womb

Think about, did youthful Miryam need a biological miracle on her womb. She was a pure virgin whose womb yearned for the opportunity of procreation. Her fountain flowed with the vibrancies of life. Every gland, cell and hormone was in perfect balance. The miracle of her pregnancy was not on her womb but in her womb on one cell – the egg.

“And the heavenly messenger (malach or angel) said to her, ‘Fear not, Miryam: for you have found favor with Yahweh. And, see, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a Son, and shall call His Name YahShua...The Ruach Hakodesh (Holy Spirit) shall come upon you, and the power of El-Elyon (Most High) shall overshadow you: therefore also that Kadosh (Holy) -One which shall be born from you shall be called the Son of Yahweh. (Luke 1:30, 31, 35)”

Now come with from Bethlehem and let us go twelve miles down the road to the plains of Mamre. The similarity of your perspective and mine is that at both announcements the couples were visited by the Angel of the Presence.

“And Elohim said to Avraham, As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. And I will bless her, and give you a son also by her: And I will bless her, and she shall be a mother (imma) of nations (goy); kings (melechim) of peoples shall be from her. (Genesis 17:15, 16)”

“Yitzchak, yitzchak, yitzchak!” Abraham broke into the cackling of oriental laughter and fell on the ground. “That’s a good one, I’m almost a hundred years old with but memory to remind me of vigor and my wife is almost ninety years old. Menopause has long since left her and her fountain of life is but a dry well. Even in the virginity of her youth her womb was crippled that she could birth no children. In puberty her gates were shut to the reality of conception. Impossible! Hagar, yes; Sarah no!”

“And Elohim said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed; and you shall call his name Yitzchak: and I will establish My Covenant (brit) with him for an everlasting Covenant, and with his seed (zera) after him. (Genesis 17:19)”

“And Sarah heard it in the tent door that was behind Him. (Genesis 18: 10)” “Yitzchak, yitzchak, yitzchak! What can that old man do for me? He too is at death’s door. Even if my crippled womb was healed, even if I was returned to the youth of a teenager, what could Abraham do about it? My womb isn’t the only thing withered in this family. Yitzchak, yitzchak, yitzchak! He should not be named Av-ra-ham – father of many nations but Sab-a-ham – grandfather of many nations. Yitzchak, yitzchak, yitzchak!”

“And Yahweh said to Avraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a certainty bear a child, seeing I am old? Is any thing too hard for Yahweh? At the time appointed I will return to you, according to the time of life (chayim), and Sarah shall have a son.

Then Sarah denied it, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. (Genesis 18:13 - 15)”

You did laugh and in the space of about a year I will laugh at you and with you as you welcome your new baby boy and you will call him Yitzchak because you laughed.

Tzakah is Hebrew for laugh and Yitzchak means “He will laugh!” The birth of Isaac was Yahweh’s Divine Comedy on the nations of the earth. From the junkyard of mankind, Yahweh picked up two old jalopies. He refurbished them, turned back their speedometers and souped up their engines and renewed they’re abilities to procreate. By the biological miracle on the womb of Sarah the miracle of Israel was born. Without this miracle there would have been no Yosef, Miryam or YahShua.

Abraham believed this and it was **“credited it to him as righteousness.”** **"Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1Timothy 6:6)** and **"the fruit of the Righteous is a Tree of Life" (Proverbs 11:30)**. Therefore, if your Family Tree is a "Tree of Life" then there will be a lineage of **"great gain"**, for **"he that winneth souls is wise" (11:30)**. **"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth Righteousness is Righteous, even as He is Righteous" (1John 3:7)**. **"The Secret of Yahweh is with them that fear Him; and He will show them His Covenant" (Psalm 25:14)**. Those who will not accept Covenant are not Israel, and cannot join in the promise of the Majority. Those who will not keep "His Covenant," cannot remain members in the Majority. **"His Secret (or Mystery) is with the Righteous" (Proverbs 3:32)**

“This Happened so that he could be the father of every uncircumcised person who receives faith and thus has righteousness credited to him, and at the same time be the father of every circumcised person who not only has had a brit milah, but also follows in the footsteps of the Faith which Abraham our father had when he was yet still uncircumcised. For the promise to Abraham and his seed, that he would inherit the world did not come through legalism but through the righteousness that Faith produces. For if the heirs are produced through legalism, then Faith is pointless and the promise worthless. (Romans 4:12-14)”

"The germ of the idea underlying the fuller conception of the Messianic Age was in existence from the time of the founders of the race of Israel. In thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed, was the promise given both to Abraham and Isaac. It was a promise that reached far beyond the lifetime of each, farther than the limits of the temporal kingdom their descendants founded." (R. Samuel Singer, quoted in The Pentateuch and Haftorahs, ed. J.H.Hertz)

“Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Messiah. (Galatians 3:16)”

The Baby Who Would be Elohim

“[He] shall be called the Son of Yahweh. (Luke 1:35)” Who is the “Son of Yahweh?” Do you remember the commission Moses was given by Yahweh to go and tell Pharaoh something? What was it? **“And you shall say to Pharaoh, This said Yahweh, Yisrael is My son, even My firstborn (bachor) and I say to you, Let My son go, that he may serve Me: and if you refuse to let him go, see, I will slay your son, even your firstborn. (Exodus 4:22-23)”**

Israel personifies the Son of Yahweh. **“When Yisrael was a Child, then I loved Him, and called My Son out of Mitzrayim (Egypt). (Hosea 11:1)”**
“It was [Yahweh] who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare Yahweh's people for works of service, so that the body of Messiah may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of Yahweh and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Messiah. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Messiah. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:11-16)” The Commonwealth of Israel is the body of Messiah and Messiah is the Son of Yahweh.

I called My Son out of Mitzrayim – Egypt

“And the famine was severe in the land. (Genesis 43:1)”

After these seven years of plenty came the seven years of famine (Gen.41:53-56). There was famine in Egypt and the known world just as there was when YahShua was a boy (Genesis 41:56; cp. Matthew.24:8).

“Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. (Jeremiah 30:7)”

Yahweh has manipulated the circumstances in Egypt to the benefit of Yisrael. So too, if you study the Scriptures you will see that Yahweh uses all the other nations of the world to either bless or curse Israel, based upon their faithfulness and obedience to Torah.

“When Jacob learned that there was grain in Egypt, he said to his sons, “Iamah Tis'ra-u” **“Why do you just keep looking at each other?”** (or “Why should you expose yourselves?” Rashi says that Jacob was telling his sons that they should not make themselves appear “full” to the children of Esau and Ishmael.) **He continued, “I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy some for us, so that we may live and not die.” (Genesis 42:1,2)”**

“Then ten of Joseph's brothers went down to buy grain from Egypt. But Jacob did not send Benjamin, Joseph's brother, with the others, because he was afraid that harm might come to him. So Israel's sons were among those who went to buy grain, for the famine was in the land of Canaan also. (Genesis 42:4,5)”

“Now Joseph was vizier (the governor) of the land, the one who sold grain to all its people. So when Joseph's brothers arrived, they bowed down to him with their faces to the ground. As soon as Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he pretended to be a stranger and spoke harshly to them. “Where do you come from?” he asked.

“From the land of Canaan,” they replied, “to buy food.” (Genesis 42:6,7)”

Yahweh had sent Joseph ahead to ready Israel for their stay there during this “Time of Trouble.” When Joseph revealed himself to the Sons of Israel he weepingly said: **“And Elohim sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. (Genesis 45:7)”** This saving of the embryonic life of the Commonwealth of Israel happened exactly 3500 years before the 30th birthday of modern Israel. Israel went down into Egypt in 2238, modern Israel celebrated her 30th birthday in 1978 which is the year 5738.

Israel went down into Egypt because Yahweh wanted to preserve him. **“Pharaoh said to Joseph, “Tell your brothers, ‘Do this: Load your animals and return to the land of Canaan, and bring your father and your families back to me. I will give you the best of the land of Egypt and you can enjoy the fat of the land.’ (Genesis 44:1-17).”**

Mitzrayim comes from the Hebrew root metzer which means to persecute or oppress. For those that know Hebrew you have noticed that Egypt is called Mitzrayim – the two metzers (“im” is plural) upper Egypt and Lower Egypt – the upper and lower levels of oppression. Israel was ejected by Yahweh out of

the Land of Promise into the preserving womb of the Persecutors to produce a nation that could withstand three and a half millennia of persecution and survived it.

Each year we celebrate our ejection from Mitzrayim – the two metzers - levels of oppression in the Sabbath of Passover.

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Ba'als and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. (Hosea 11:1-3)"

"So [Yosef] got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what Yahweh had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son." When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. (Matthew 2:14-16)"

He was Despised and Rejected of Men

"Who has believed our report? And to whom is the Arm of Yahweh revealed? For He shall grow up before Him a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: He has neither form nor beauty; and when we shall see Him, there is no tifereth that we should desire Him. He is despised and rejected of men; Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. In truth He has borne our sicknesses, and carried our pain: yet we did reckon Him beaten, smitten of, Elohim and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities: the chastisement for our shalom was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:1-5)"

When Israel tried to return to the Promise Land they were **despised and rejected** by all those round about them. Truly as a nation Israel was a **Man of Sorrows, and acquainted with grief**. Amelek tried to destroy them by the sword; Edom tried to starve them to death by refusing passage hoping they would wither in the Wilderness; the Ammonites and Moabites kept warring with them trying to stop their establishment in the Land; the Sitra Ahurah sent their offspring Sihon the King of Heshbon and Og the King of Bashon to annihilate them; the Agagites never ceased of plaguing Israel trying to thwart their national existence. Where are they now?

"The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then . . . passed away. The Greek and the Roman followed. [Israel] saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts. . . . All things are mortal but the [Israel]; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality? (Mark Twain)"

No people have suffered so wrongly as Israel. And no people have survived to suffer as long as Israel. We hear their cry: **"Yahweh; Lama azavtani, (why have You forsaken me) and are far from saving Me and from the words of My roaring? (Psalm 22:1)"** Despised and rejected, hated and driven out, slaughtered and wandering, living Israel suffers, suffering Israel lives.

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Executed For who He Was

Forty years after the Roman execution of our Messiah it was Israel's turn. The year is 3830 or 70 CE and Josephus relates that the Roman Government began to crucify the men of Israel until there was no more wood to be had. So hated he was crucified by the Romans.

"Efrayim is oppressed and broken in My judgment (mishpat), because he willingly walked after idols (Tsaw). Therefore will I be to Efrayim as a moth, and to Beit Yahudah (House of Judah) as rotteness. When Efrayim saw his sickness, and Yahudah saw his wound, then Efrayim went to the Ashurite, and sent to King (Melech) Yarev: yet he could not heal you, nor cure you of your wound. For I will be to Efrayim as a lion, and as a young lion to Beit Yahudah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue them. (Hosea 5:11-14)"

"But a prophet of Yahweh named Oded was there, and he went out to meet the army when it returned to Samaria. He said to them, "Because Yahweh, the Elohim of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand. But you have slaughtered them in a rage that reaches to Heaven. And now you intend to make the men and women of Judah and Jerusalem your slaves. But aren't you also guilty of sins against Yahweh your Elohim? Now listen to me! Send back your fellow

countrymen you have taken as prisoners, for Yahweh's fierce anger rests on you." Then some of the leaders in Ephraim—Azariah son of Jehohanan, Berekiah son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Hadlai—confronted those who were arriving from the war. "You must not bring those prisoners here," they said, "or we will be guilty before Yahweh. Do you intend to add to our sin and guilt? For our guilt is already great, and his fierce anger rests on Israel." So the soldiers gave up the prisoners and plunder in the presence of the officials and all the assembly. (2 Chronicles 28:9-14)"

This act of Israel brought about the prediction of Isaiah regarding the destruction of the Israelite and Syrian kingdoms by the Assyrians and the remedy for the division the Coming of Messiah: **"Say to him, 'Be careful, keep calm and don't be afraid. Do not lose heart because of these two smoldering stubs of firewood—because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and of the son of Remaliah. Aram, Ephraim and Remaliah's son have plotted your ruin, saying, "Let us invade Judah; let us tear it apart and divide it among ourselves, and make the son of TabeEl king over it." Yet this is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: 'It will not take place, it will not happen, for the head of Aram is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is only Rezin. Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be too shattered to be a people. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is only Remaliah's son. If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.' " Again Yahweh spoke to Ahaz, "Ask Yahweh your Elohim for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put Yahweh to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you House of David! Is it not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my Elohim also? Therefore the Sovereign himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. He will eat curds and honey when he knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right. But before the boy knows enough to reject the wrong and choose the right, the land of the two kings you dread will be laid waste. Yahweh will bring on you and on your people and on the house of your father a time unlike any since Ephraim broke away from Judah—he will bring the king of Assyria." (Isaiah 7:4-17)"**

The Virgin Birth was not about a flippant miracle to wow people into believing in the Messiah. Rather it was a sign that Yahweh would not utterly destroy Israel both Ephraim and Judah from off the face of the earth. At this ImmanuEl would restore the Kingdom once and for all. The belief of the Messiah's Virgin Birth is an act of divine nationalism! To deny the Virgin Birth, is to deny Israel!

"All this took place to fulfill what Yahweh had said through the prophet: "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him ImmanuEl" —which means, "El with us." (Matthew 1:22,23)"

"Come, let us return to Yahweh. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge Yahweh; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth. (Hosea 6:1-3)"

He Shall Never Die Again

Israel is consistently defined as "a colony that stole the land of Palestine, having no right to exist. Therefore, within the framework of justice, there is no room for Israel's permanent existence." The Palestinian idea of justice is "just us" in the land.

"Had the US and Israel realized, before Oslo, that all that was left of the Palestinian National movement and the Pan-Arab movement was a wooden horse called Arafat or the PLO, they would never have opened their fortified gates and let it inside their walls...(Faisal Hussein, Palestinian Authority Representative for Jerusalem Affairs)"

It has been prophesied that once Israel became a nation again it will never cease to exist no matter how much wishful thinking of the arabs. Isaiah 41:12-14, proclaims that the nation of Israel ultimately will prevail over its enemies, and that although its enemies will cease to exist one day, Israel will never cease to exist.

"This says Yahweh Tzevaoth; See, I will save My people from the east country, and from the west country; and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Yahrushalayim: and they shall be My people-Ami, and I will be their Elohim, in truth (emet) and in righteousness (tzedakah). (Zechariah 8:7-8)"

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth... (Isaiah 43:5-6)"

"...the days are coming, says Yahweh, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-- not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says Yahweh. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says Yahweh: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their Elohim, and they shall be My people. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, "Know Yahweh,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says Yahweh. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." (Jeremiah 31:31-36)"

This fulfills the prophecy: "Again the word of Yahweh came to me, saying, "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: "For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions." Then take another stick and write on it, "For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions." Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, "Will you not show us what you mean by these?"-- say to them, "Thus says the Sovereign Yahweh: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

Then say to them, "Thus says the Sovereign Yahweh: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their Elohim. (Ezekiel 37:15-23)"

