

# “Thine is the Kingdom



## and the Power”

**“And from the days of Yochannan the Immerser until now the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.” (Matthew 11:12)**

As unpretentious the Kingdom’s beginning may be the Kingdom still displays itself in power. As far as King Messiah YahShua is concerned, the Kingdom is dramatically evident in those situations when the Heavenly Father shows Himself in the power of redemption. As King, YahShua shows His sovereignty in miracles, exorcisms and conflicts with the Sitre HaRa (Dark Forces).

To fully understand King Messiah YahShua’s displays of power you must resist the notion that He did them in order just to prove to you that He was the Son of Yahweh or the Messiah. As Rambam said: “One should not entertain the notion that the King Moshiach must work miracles and wonders, bring about new phenomena within the world, resurrect the dead, or perform other similar deeds. This is [definitely] not true.” (The Laws Concerning Moshiach; Chapters 11 & 12 of Hilchos Melachim from the Mishneh Torah of the Rambam) The primary purpose of the miracles, signs, and wonder was not to testify of Who He was (though



they did prove that) but to testify of Yahweh and His bringing about the Kingdom.

According to Alfred Edersheim there are 500 prophecies concerning Messiah but the main ones are:

- Born of a virgin as a sign of national restoration of Israel (Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23)
- Born in Bethlehem, the city of David (Micah 5:2, Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:4-7)
- A descendant of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 22:18; Matthew 1:1; Galatians 3:16)
- Of the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Luke 3:23, 33; Hebrews 7:14)
- From the stump of Jesse (Isaiah 11:1-5,10; Matthew 1:1-2a, 5-6, 16; Romans 15:12)
- Of the house of David (2 Samuel 7:12-16; Matthew 1:1)
- Ruler kills the infants trying to kill him (Jeremiah 31:15; Matthew 2:16-18)
- Called out of Egypt (Hosea 11:1; Matthew 2:14-15)
- Anointed by the Holy Spirit (Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 3:16-17)
- Heralded by the Messenger of Yahweh (Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; Matthew 3:1-3)
- Would preach the Full Message of Redemption (Isaiah 61:1; Luke 4:14-21)
- Heal the sick as an object lesson of Redemption (Isaiah 35:5-6; Matthew 9:35)
- Sent to the Lost sheep of the House of Israel (Isaiah 56:8; Jeremiah 50; Matthew 15:24; Luke 15:1-7)

- Would minister in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1; Matthew 4:12-16)
- Would cleanse the Temple (Malachi 3:1; Matthew 21:12-13)
- Would first present Himself as King 173,880 days from the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25; Matthew 21:4-11)
- Would enter Jerusalem as a king on a donkey with a colt (Zechariah 9:9; Matthew 21:4-9)
- Would be rejected by ruler of Judah (Psalm 118:22; I Peter 2:7)
- Die a humiliating death (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53) involving:
  1. rejection (Isaiah 53:3; John 1:10-11; 7:5,48)
  2. betrayal by a friend (Psalm 41:9; Luke 22:3-4; John 13:18)
  3. sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12; Matthew 26:14-15)
  4. silence before His accusers (Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 27:12-14)
  5. being mocked (Psalm 22: 7-8; Matthew 27:31)
  6. beaten (Isaiah 52:14; Matthew 27:26)
  7. spit upon (Isaiah 50:6; Matthew 27:30)
  8. piercing His hands and feet (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:31)
  9. being crucified with zealots (Isaiah 53:12; Matthew 27:38)
  10. praying for His persecutors (Isaiah 53:12; Luke 23:34)
  11. piercing His side (Zechariah 12:10; John 19:34)
  12. given gall and vinegar to drink (Psalm 69:21, Matthew 27:34, Luke 23:36)
  13. no broken bones (Psalm 34:20; John 19:32-36)
  14. buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9; Matthew 27:57-60)
  15. casting lots for His garments (Psalm 22:18; John 19:23)
- Would rise from the dead!! (Psalm 16:10; Mark 16:6; Acts 2:31)
- Ascend into Heaven (Psalm 68:18; Acts 1:9)
- Would sit down at the right hand of Yahweh (Psalm 110:1; Hebrews 1:3)
- The Messiah has two missions

1. First Mission (Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:16-21)
2. Second Mission (Isaiah 61:3-11) fulfilled at the end
  - Oversee the rebuilding of Jerusalem, including the Holy Temple, (Micah 4:1 and Ezekiel 40-45)
  - Gather Israel from all over the world and bring them home to the Land of Israel (Isaiah 11:12; 27:12-13)
  - Influence *every* individual of *every* nation to abandon and be ashamed of their former beliefs (or non-beliefs) and acknowledge and serve Yahweh, the One and only True Elohim of Israel (Isaiah 11:9-10; 40:5; Zephaniah 3:9)
  - Spread universal knowledge of Yahweh, which will unite humanity as one. (Zechariah 14:9)
  - Bring about global peace throughout the world (Isaiah 2:4; 11:5-9; Micah 4:3-4).

“If a king arises from the House of David who meditates on the Torah, occupies himself with the commandments as did his ancestor King David, observes the commandments of the Torah, prevails upon all Israel to walk in the way of the Torah and to follow its direction, and fights the wars of Yahweh, it may be assumed that he is the Messiah.” (Mishnah Torah Kings 11:4)

King Messiah YahShua’s ministry was “theocentric” and at the same time “nationalistic.”

**“YahShua gave them this answer: ‘I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does. Yes, to your amazement He will show Him even greater things than these. For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom He is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, Who sent Him.’” (John 5:19-23)**

To His disciples He gives His nationalistic confirmation:

**“You are those who have stood by Me in My trials. And I confer on you the Kingdom, just as My Father conferred one on Me, so that you may eat and drink at My table in My Kingdom and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.” (Luke 22:28-30)**

Let us examine the acts in which the Heavenly Father acted in strength and in power within the scope of Israel’s expectation for the Kingdom and the coming Messianic Age. One sure feature of the coming Kingdom was the notion that the End-time would bring about the day of Yahweh’s theophany **Θεόφανία** - from the Greek, theophaneia (meaning “appearance/showing of deity”), a visible (but not necessarily material) manifestation of a deity to a human person.

**“No one has ever seen Yahweh at any time, the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, has revealed Him.” (John 1:18)**

**“He is the image of the invisible Elohim, the firstborn over all creation.” (Colossians 1:15)**

**“The Son is the radiance of Yahweh’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word.” (Hebrews 1:3)**

This “theophany” is called the “Day of Visitation.”

**“For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the Day of your Visitation.” (Luke 19:43, 44)**

**“Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the nations, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify Yahweh in the Day of Visitation.” (1 Peter 2:11, 12)**

This is a time when Yahweh acts in judgment and salvation. The reason King Messiah YahShua did what He did, while on earth was to reveal Yahweh in power and glory through the salvation of Judah first and then Lost Israel and to show Yahweh’s judgment on sin and sickness. In other words, if the Messiah can deliver you from HaSatan, as He said, **“...if I cast out demons with the finger of Yahweh, surely the Kingdom of Yahweh has come upon you” (Luke 11:20)**; if He can curse a fig tree, **“Seeing a fig tree by the road, he went up to it but found nothing on it except leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” Immediately the tree withered” (Matthew 21:19)**; if He can forecast the destruction of the Holy Temple, **“Do you see all these things?” he asked. ‘I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.’” (Matthew 24:2)** and He declared **“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill (Matthew 5:17)”** then He is acting beyond the norm and should be declared Messiah. One need only to make a trip to Jerusalem and see there is no Temple there. Not only is there no Temple there but it has been replaced with the bitter lament for its destruction, a personal guilt for its destruction and an unquenchable longing for its rebuilding. These prophecies and their fulfillment, while they are acts of King Messiah YahShua’s power, should be seen as theophanic demonstrations of the transforming power of Yahweh as He actualizes His reign through Messiah over the Commonwealth of Israel for the purpose of salvation and judgment in these Last Days.

**“Now this was Yochannan’s testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, ‘I am not the Messiah.’**

**They asked him, ‘Then who are you? Are you Elijah?’**

**He said, ‘I am not.’**

**‘Are you the Prophet?’**

**He answered, ‘No.’**

**Finally they said, ‘Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?’**

**Yochannan replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘I am the voice of one calling in the desert, “Make straight the way for Yahweh.” (Isaiah 40:3)’**

**Now some Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, ‘Why then do you immerse if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?’**

**‘I immerse with water,’ Yochannan replied, ‘but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the things of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.’**

**... The next day Yochannan saw YahShua coming toward him and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of**

**Yahweh, Who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, “A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.” I myself did not know Him, but the reason I came immersing with water was that He might be revealed to Israel.” (John 1:19-27, 29-31)**

## **Evidence of the Kingdom**

This inauguration of the Kingdom revealed in King Messiah YahShua unleashed in part the powers of Yahweh’s eternal reign. To prove the point, Kingdom power can be seen in at least four kinds of evidence of Yahweh’s acting in strength:

### **Invisible Kingdom**

First, there is “The Parable of the Growing Seed” growing secretly:

**“[Messiah] also said, ‘This is what the Kingdom of Yahweh is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.’ (Mark 4:26-29)**

King Messiah YahShua is teaching us that the Kingdom of Yahweh is like a seed in that it was sown through His preaching and actions and Yahweh would harvest it in the time of the End. In the mean time, the Kingdom grows invisibly and inevitably towards the great harvest and the growth itself reveals Yahweh’s power.

As Isaiah said, **“...your people *shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. I, Yahweh, will hasten it in its time.*” (Isaiah 60:21-22)** The growth of the Kingdom cannot be stopped – it is a zeitgeist – it is happening. It happens because the power of Yahweh wills it. Nothing is left for us to do but proclaim the Kingdom.

**“For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called: Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty Warrior, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there will be* no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of Yahweh of armies will perform this.” (Isaiah 9:6, 7)**

**“Then Yahweh will be zealous for His land, and pity His people. Yahweh will answer and say to His people, ‘Behold, I will send you grain and new wine and oil,  
And you will be satisfied by them; I will no longer make you a reproach among the nations.’” (Joel 2:18, 19)**

**“Once more a remnant of the House of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above. For out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors. The zeal of Yahweh Almighty will accomplish this.” (2 Kings 19:30, 31; Isaiah 37:31, 32)**

**“Great *is* Yahweh, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness *is* unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” (Psalm 145:3, 4)**

How important is it to declare Yahweh’s goodness from **“One generation... to another”**? It can be typified in the story of Boa Sr. When Boa Sr died last week (first week of February, 2009) the last member of the Bo, an ancient tribe that lived in the Andaman Islands, died with her. “She was the only person who spoke Bo,” Anvita Abbi, a professor of linguistics at India’s Jawaharlal National University, told The Times of London. “At

times, she felt very isolated and lonely as she had no one to talk to in her own language.” “After the death of her parents, Boa was the last Bo speaker for 30 to 40 years,” Abbi told the BBC.

In 1858, when the British decided to colonize the Andaman Islands and use them as a penal colony, they estimated that 5,000 Great Andamanese lived there. Colonization proved ruinous for the Bo, with large numbers decimated by measles and syphilis brought to the islands by foreigners. Many of those who were left gravitated to alcohol, another import to the islands, as a way of seeking solace. “When people are dispossessed from their land and their way of life, they often turn to alcohol,” said Sophie Grig, of Survival International. “It’s not surprising, and it was very much true in the case of the Bo.”

In 1970 the Indian government began relocating the Bo to a settlement of concrete row houses on Strait Island. Boa Sr was moved in 1978, and Abbi said she often said that she missed her old life. And there they died out.

“It is generally believed that all Andamanese languages might be the last representatives of those languages which go back to pre-Neolithic times,” Abbi told the BBC.

But the death of a language also has other implications. “A language contains the memories and experiences, everything that explains and encapsulates a way of life,” Grig said. “It’s sad for the entire world.”

We cannot let the worship of Yahweh die out!

**“And this full message of the Kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.” (Matthew 24:14)**

The Kingdom is spontaneous (the farmer cannot make it grow), invisible (the farmer cannot see it grow), irresistible (the farmer cannot sleep because he knows it’s growing), and inevitable (because the Harvest is coming).

## **Irresistible Kingdom**

Second, the Kingdom comes in power of the irresistible:

**“[Messiah] told them another parable: ‘The Kingdom of Heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches.’” (Matthew 13:31, 32)**

Though the Kingdom begins in an inauspicious manner, **“Do not despise these small beginnings, for Adonai rejoices to see the work begin...” (Zechariah 4:10)**

**“Yahweh did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, but because you were the humblest of all peoples.” (Deuteronomy 7:7)**

Messiah is using the picture words of Ezekiel 17:22-24:

**“‘This is what the Sovereign Yahweh says: “I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the field will know that I Yahweh bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.” I Yahweh have spoken, and I will do it.’”**

What is meant by the phrase – **“Birds of every kind”** – is in the Kingdom there will be a Gentile

contention, they just will not be allowed to keep their identity as Gentiles, they must become Israelites. (Ephesians 2)

It is an easy thing to attract Judah and Lost Israel to the message of redemption, it is a far harder thing to attract Gentiles: **“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” (Isaiah 49:6)**

Never-the-less Yahweh is taking the remnant of Israel and making it a beacon light to the nations:

**“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of Yahweh rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but Yahweh rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1-3)**

What is the **“the brightness of our dawn”**? If sin is **“coming short of the glory of Yahweh.” (Romans 3:23)** And if **“sin is the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4)** Then the **“glory”** that has risen over us is our dawn! **“To the Torah and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn.” (Isaiah 8:20)** Our glory is a return to the King, His Kingdom and its constitution – the Torah! We are **“those who obey Yahweh’s commandments and hold to the testimony of YahShua.”**

Yahweh’s power is at work in the mustard seed-like people of Israel transforming the nation and making them a light to the nations. The “Parable of the Mustard Seed” makes plain the awesome contrast between the beginning of the Kingdom and its end.

**“Better [is] the end of a thing than its beginning, and patience is better than pride.” (Ecclesiastes 7:8)**

The same point is made of the “Parable of the Leaven.”

**“And again [Messiah] said, ‘To what shall I liken the Kingdom of Yahweh? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.’” (Luke 13:20-21)**

The smallest grain of leaven can leaven **“... three measures of meal.”** That’s enough for a feast. It is the powerful act of Yahweh, not the result of the schemes of men.

**“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of Yahweh, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah YahShua for good works, which Yahweh prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” (Ephesians 2:8-10)**

Again, the expansion of the Kingdom from a small beginning is the theme of the “Parable of the Dragnet.”

**“Once again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.**

Have you understood all these things?’ YahShua asked.

‘Yes,’ they replied.

He said to them, **‘Therefore every Rabbis of the Torah who has been instructed about the Kingdom of Heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.’” (Matthew 13:47-52)**

The use of the phrase, “**all kinds**” meant whosoever will. Whosoever would take the oath of Ruth: “**For where you go, I will go; and where you live, I will live--your people are my people, and your Elohim is my Elohim. Where you die, will I die, and there I will be buried. Yahweh do so to me and more also--if anything but death parts you and me.**” (Ruth 1:16, 17)

And pledge allegiance to the King, His Kingdom and follow His constitution:

“**Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is grounded in the Torah: ‘The man who does these things will live by them.’ (Lev. 18:5) And the righteousness that is grounded in faith says: ‘Do not say in your heart, “Who will ascend into heaven?” (that is, to bring Messiah down)’ or “Who will descend into the deep?” (that is, to bring Messiah up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” (Deut. 30:12-14) that is, the Word of Faith we are proclaiming: That if you pledge allegiance with your mouth, ‘YahShua is King,’ and believe in your heart that Yahweh raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, ‘Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’ (Isaiah 28:16) For there is no difference between Jew and Hellenist—the same Sovereign is sovereign of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.’ (Joel 2:32)” (Romans 10:5-13)**

“**The word that Isaiah ben Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. Now it shall come to pass in the latter days *that* the mountain of Yahweh’s House shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it.**

Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the Elohim of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.” (Isaiah 2:1-4)

“Listen, O coastlands, to Me, and take heed, you peoples from afar! Yahweh has called Me from the womb; from the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, and made Me a polished shaft; in His quiver He has hidden Me.

And He said to me, ‘You *are* My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’

Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; yet surely my just reward *is* with Yahweh, and my work with my Elohim.’

And now Yahweh says, Who formed Me from the womb *to be* His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of Yahweh, and My Elohim shall be My strength), Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the nations, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’” (Isaiah 49:1-6)

“He shall be a staff to the righteous whereon to stay themselves and not fall, and he shall be the light of the nations, and the hope of those who are troubled of heart. All who dwell on earth shall fall down and worship before him, and will praise and bless and celebrate with song Yahweh of hosts.” (1 Enoch 48:4-5)

**“And in those days a change shall take place for the holy and elect, and the light of days shall abide upon them, and glory and honour shall turn to the holy, on the day of affliction on which evil shall have been treasured up against the sinners.**

**And the righteous shall be victorious in the name of Yahweh of hosts: and He will cause the others to witness (this) that they may repent and forgo the works of their hands. They shall have no honour through the name of Yahweh of hosts, yet through His name shall they be saved,**

**And Yahweh of hosts will have compassion on them, for His compassion is great.**

**And He is righteous also in His judgment, and in the presence of His glory unrighteousness also shall not maintain itself: at His judgment the unrepentant shall perish before Him.**

**‘And from henceforth I will have no mercy on them,’ says Yahweh of hosts.’ (1 Enoch 50)**

**“And I saw all the sheep which had been left, and all the beasts on the earth, and all the birds of the heaven, falling down and doing homage to those sheep and making petition to and obeying them in everything. And thereafter those three who were clothed in white and had seized me by my hand [who had taken me up before], and the hand of that ram also seizing hold of me, they took me up and set me down in the midst of those sheep before the judgment took place. And those sheep were all white, and their wool was abundant and clean. And all that had been destroyed and dispersed, and all the beasts of the field, and all the birds of the heaven, assembled in that house, and the Sovereign of the sheep rejoiced with great joy because they were all good and had returned to His house. And I saw till they laid down that sword, which had been given to the sheep, and they brought it back into the house, and it was sealed before the presence of Yahweh, and all the sheep were invited into that house, but it held them not. And the eyes of them all were opened, and they saw the good, and there was not one among them that did not see. And I saw that that house was large and broad and very full.” (1 Enoch 90:30-36)**

**“And all mankind shall look to the path of uprightness. And after that...the righteous judgment shall be revealed to the whole world, and all the works of the godless shall vanish from all the earth, and the world shall be written down for destruction.” (1 Enoch 91:14)**

It would be shortsighted to think King Messiah YahShua did not envision some Gentiles coming into the Commonwealth of Israel. Rather, it is to Him they that are drawn are drawn.

King Messiah YahShua taught that the Kingdom of Yahweh exhibits its power in a secret, invisible but irresistible way out of proportion to its humble beginnings.

## **Healing of the Kingdom**

The third evidence of Yahweh’s acting in strength to establish His Kingdom through Messiah is that Messiah YahShua sometimes revealed the Kingdom by committing acts of healing and restoration of the ill and disaffected to community.

When Messiah YahShua answered Yochannan if He was the “Coming One,” He said **“The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.” (Matthew 11:5)** Here we have an intentional statement on how the Kingdom manifests its power, by healing Israel who was blind, lame, unclean, deaf, and dead. The “Coming One” He is healing the nation of all these diseases.

**“In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the**

**blind will see. Once more the humble will rejoice in Yahweh; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.” (Isaiah 29:18-19)**

**“The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of Yahweh, the splendor of our Elohim.**

**Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, ‘Be strong, do not fear; your Elohim will come, He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution He will come to save you.**

**Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.**

**The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it.” (Isaiah 35:1-6)**

**“Your dead shall live; *together with my dead body they shall arise.* Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew *is like the dew of herbs,* and the earth shall cast out the dead.” (Isaiah 26:19)**

By giving this answer, He knew Yochannan would remember the “Abba Prophecies” of Isaiah 35 and know his Elohim had come. YahShua is informing Yochannan He is the “Coming One” – the Messiah. These healings were not mere miracles but signs to signal the Elect.

In performing these healings, He was presenting the vision of a pure Israel, the reality of what Yahweh wanted on this earth – a Kingdom of Priests (Exodus 19:6) – what Yahweh was showing through His Son in actualizing His Kingdom. Bringing it from the prophetic hope into the here and now. What Yahweh wanted Israel to see in YahShua is how Yahweh responds in joy and celebration when His people return to Him as Abba.

The Kingdom means total restoration of Israel: restoration of the Land, social restoration and integration of the Commonwealth, total equality so that all Israel can enjoy the New Covenant. By this proclamation King Messiah YahShua was signaling that Yahweh’s promises and Israel’s hopes were now materializing. The Kingdom hope is a spiritual as well as earthly (for the Word makes no clear separation between the physical and the spiritual), physical hope of salvation and liberation, of restoration, perfection, sanctification and glorification of Israel beginning on the Mountains of Israel. Thus the healings King Messiah YahShua did were not just tokens or “geewhizums” but signals that the arrival of the Kingdom had begun.

That’s the reason the Messianic Accounts of Messiah YahShua’s life seem saturated with acts of divine healing, physical deliverance and social rehabilitation, not to mention other miracles that prove that Yahweh’s power was evidenced in YahShua. (Mark 4:35-41; 6:35-52; Matthew 8-9)

## **The Kingdom at War**

The fourth evidence revealed in Yahweh’s power to establish His Kingdom is the declaration of war against the Sitre HaRa (Dark Forces) – the Great Controversy of the Ages. “If a king arises... and fights the wars of Yahweh, it may be assumed that he is the Messiah.” (Mishnah Torah Kings 11:4)

**“...there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and**

**his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or haSatan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him...Therefore rejoice, you Heavens and you who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has gone down to you! He is filled with fury, because he knows that his time is short.” (Revelation 12:7-9, 12)**

Ever since the Messiah was born, HaSatan has been trying to destroy Him and thus the Kingdom.

**“A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to Yahweh and to His throne.” (Revelation 12:1-5)**

That is why we see King Messiah YahShua actively involved in spiritual warfare:

**“So YahShua called [the Rabbis of the Torah] and spoke to them in parables: ‘How can haSatan drive out haSatan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if haSatan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house. I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin.’ (Mark 3:33-29)**

King Messiah YahShua taught that the arrival of the Kingdom was conquering the Sitre HaRa by binding up the “strong man”. That why He informed His disciples:

**”I saw haSatan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.’ (Luke 10:18-19)**

King Messiah YahShua wanted the Commonwealth of Israel to know the arrival of the Kingdom brought with it the benefits of liberation for a nation that had for so long been oppressed by demonic forces.

King Messiah YahShua was victorious over the Sitre HaRa:

1. At the Temptation in the wilderness
2. At the proclamation of the Kingdom
3. In the exorcisms performed for demonized Israelites
4. At His death, burial, resurrection and ascension

**“But if I drive out demons by the finger of Yahweh, then the Kingdom of Yahweh has come to you.” (Luke 11:20)**

The defeat of the Sitre HaRa is two-fold (1) at the bruising of the head (Genesis 3:15) and the ultimate crushing of the head.

**“The Elohim of peace will soon crush haSatan under your feet. The grace of our King YahShua be with you.” (Romans 16:20)**

**“In that day Yahweh will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days.” (Isaiah 24:21, 22)**

**“...heal the earth which the angels have corrupted, and proclaim the healing of the earth, that they may heal the plague, and that all the children of men may not perish through all the secret things that the Watchers have disclosed and have taught their sons. And the whole earth has been corrupted through the works that were taught by Azâzêl: to him ascribe all sin.” (1 Enoch 10:7-9)**

King Messiah YahShua demonstrates that the exorcisms that He’s committing is connected to the arrival of the Kingdom, not just in some “sign-ifying” sense but in a real, tangible way.

**“The Chariots of Elohim are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Sovereign is among them, as in Sinai, in the Holy Place. You have ascended on high, you have led captivity captive: you have received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that Yahweh Almighty might dwell among them. Blessed be the King, who daily loads us with benefits, even the Elohim of our salvation. Selah.” (Psalm 68:17-19)**

**“But to each one of us grace has been given as Messiah apportioned it. This is why it says: ‘When he ascended on high, He led captivity captive: and gave gifts to men.’ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>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.” (Ephesians 4:7-13)**

When the Kingdom comes there is real liberation from HaSatan’s clutches. In Israel’s deliverance, they become sudden and victorious participants in the end-time cosmic conflict declaring Yahweh reigns over us in the power and manifestation of His Son - King Messiah YahShua.

**“Do not despise these small beginnings...”(Zechariah 4:10)** we are experiencing the Kingdom tangibly in the invisible, irresistible, growth of the Kingdom from a small ragtag family of twelve brothers into a large, universal people of Yahweh.

**“you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to Yahweh, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of Yahweh; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (2 Peter 2:9, 10)**

The same power and glory is seen when Messiah YahShua heals people and restores the outcasts of society granting them restoration, forgiveness of sin, and acceptance into the New Covenant made with Israel (Deuteronomy 29, 30; Jeremiah 31:31-34).

Finally, the Kingdom is seen in the dramatic assault King Messiah YahShua commits against the Sitre HaRa. King Messiah YahShua comes at the close of this age calling Judah and the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel to repent because the Kingdom is arriving. Turn to the Covenant and its fullness.

**“YahShua left there and went along the Sea of Galilee. Then He went up on a mountainside and sat down. Great crowds came to him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the Elohim of Israel.” (Matthew 15:29-31)**

