



**Message 12-30-17**  
**VaYechi-And He Lived**  
**Genesis 47:28-50:26**  
**1 Kings 2:1-12**  
**Luke 1:31-33**

**Introduction**

Jacob is about to die. He asks to be buried with Abraham and Isaac in the Cave of Machpelah. Let us do as Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did. Walk in the ways of the Almighty and hold fast to His covenant. When their world swirled around them, the Patriarchs held Fast to the covenant of the Almighty. Can we do any less?

**Genesis 48:8-16**

**28** All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. This is what their father said to them as he blessed them, blessing each with the blessing suitable to him. <sup>29</sup> Then he commanded them and said to them, "I am to be gathered to my people; bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, <sup>30</sup> in the cave that is in the field at Machpelah, to the east of Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite to possess as a burying place. <sup>31</sup> There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Leah-- <sup>32</sup> the field and the cave that is in it were bought from the Hittites." <sup>33</sup> When Jacob finished commanding his sons, he drew up his feet into the bed and breathed his last and was gathered to his people. (ESV)

Why was the burial site so important to Abraham? After all, the Almighty had given him the promise for all the land of Canaan, which was very close to the Lord's heart. Having something to call our own is a deep desire in each one of us. What I mean is that Abraham wanted to have not just a burial place for Sarah, but he wanted to own a piece of the Promised Land, which he could call his own. It wasn't enough the Lord promised the land to him and his descendants, he wanted to have physical possession of what had been promised to him. It would also be the burial place for Isaac and Rebecca and Jacob and Leah. It would be called the Cave of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs of Israel. It would establish a beach head, of sorts, to show that Israel had staked a claim that could not be taken away from them.

What can we learn from this? Do we stake a claim by buying a home where our children are raised and from where they go out to make their way in the world? Or is it about staking a claim through faith in Messiah Yeshua? Without faith in something greater than who we are, what do we really have? Think about it, my friends. Faith is something that

is intangible because we cannot see it or grab hold of it, but maybe that is the point. Faith is internalized. We feel it within us, and we grow in that faith by feeding it and digesting the word of the Almighty, whose Son Yeshua is the Word. It is up to us to grow in our faith by learning to cling to the Almighty and in doing what we learn about our personal relationship with the Son Yeshua. It is through the Son that we receive forgiveness for our sins. It is through the Son that we are shown Torah, how He lived it in His life, and how we are to live it in our ours, even if things are not going the way we hoped they would.

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob wandered throughout the Promised Land, and the only piece they owned was the Cave of Machpelah and the field around it. It was a beginning, not just for them but for us as well. They walked in faith with the Holy One of Israel looking to the future promise of their descendants covering the face of the earth. It would not be easy, but when something is too easy, we tend to take it for granted. When we must work for it, we are investing our time and effort making it something we desire because it draws us closer to the Almighty.

**Luke 17:6** The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. (NRS)

***"If you had faith the size of a mustard seed"*** ...Think about what Yeshua is saying to the Talmidim/Disciples. If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, think of the things you could do in serving your Redeemer Yeshua and His Father. If that were all the faith we had, then we should walk the road following in Messiah's footsteps, praying to have that little seed of faith, and watering it to help it grow. It can take a person almost their entire lifetime to come to that point in their walk where they acknowledge the sovereignty of the Almighty. Through our faith in His Son and indwelling of the *Ruach HaKodesh*, all things are possible if it is His will not ours. This is what faith brings us to. An understanding that we can do nothing with Him. Once we come to that point, we finally understand those who have gone before us paving the way in our walk by fire with the Son of God Yeshua HaMashiach.

**1 Kings 2:1** When David's time to die drew near, he commanded Solomon his son, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am about to go the way of all the earth. Be strong, and show yourself a man, <sup>3</sup> and keep the charge of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and keeping his statutes, his commandments, his rules, and his testimonies, as it is written in the Torah of Moses, that you may prosper in all that you do and wherever you turn, <sup>4</sup> that the LORD may establish his word that he spoke concerning me, saying, 'If your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before me in faithfulness with all their heart and with all their soul, you shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'" (ESV)

When Jacob was dying, he called his sons to him and blessed them. Now, it was David's turn, and as he was dying, he called his son Solomon to him to tell him what would be required of him as the next king of Israel and more importantly as a man. While the position of king is very important, it is the man who walks in the way of his father and his God. David instructed Solomon to walk in the ways of the Almighty, keeping His statutes, His commandments, His rules, and His testimonies. Where do you find these things? In

the Torah Moses wrote down as he was told to by the Almighty, the God of Israel. If Solomon would do these things, he would prosper in all that he would do. If David's sons walk before the Almighty in faithfulness with all their heart and all their soul, the throne of David will be established. Yet, beginning with Solomon, that faith in the Almighty was lost, and the sons of David found a new walk, one that would not please the Holy One and would cause Him to have to come to a slightly different solution to His promise to David. He would divide the kingdom into two parts to punish Solomon for all that he did against the instructions of the Almighty as laid out by Moses in the Torah. One needs faith to walk the walk and talk the talk. Without it what are you?

### **Luke 1:31-33**

**31** Look! You will become pregnant, you will give birth to a son, and you are to name him **Yeshua**.<sup>32</sup> He will be great, he will be called Son of *Ha'Elyon*. *ADONAI*, God, will give him the throne of his forefather David;<sup>33</sup> and he will rule the House of Ya'akov forever—there will be no end to his Kingdom." (CJB)

<2424> Ἰησοῦς *Iesous*

**Meaning:** *Jesus* or *Joshua*, the name of the Messiah, also three other Isr.

**Origin:** of Heb. or. 3091

<03091> יהושוע *Yehoshua* or יהושע *Yehoshua* (221c)

**Meaning:** 'the LORD is salvation,' Moses' successor, also the name of a number of Isr.

**Origin:** from 3068 and 3467

**Usage:** *Jeshua*(28), *Joshua*(219).

The **name Jesus** used in the English New Testament **comes from** the **Latin** form of the **Greek name** Ἰησοῦς (*Iēsous*), a rendition of the Hebrew *Yeshua* (ישוע), related to the **name Joshua**. The **name** is thus related to the Hebrew verb root for "rescue, deliver" and one of its noun forms, *yešua* "deliverance".

The name of the Son of God has always been a point of contention for many. Is His name truly *Jesus* as is commonly translated in the Bible? By the sheer number of Bibles that use *Jesus*, you would think so, but the truth be known, it is not His name as it comes from the Hebrew language. In Hebrew, His name is pronounced as *Yehoshua*, not *Yahoshua* as some believe. Why – because the vowel at the beginning of His Hebrew name is pronounced as an “eh” sound making the first letter, which is a *yod*, *Yehoshua*. This is translated in the English as *Joshua* or *Yehoshua* because at one time there was no letter *J* in the English language.

*Jesus* comes from the Latin form of the Greek name *Iesous*, which comes from the Hebrew *Yeshua* – related to the name *Joshua* from the Hebrew verb root for rescue, deliver, and one of the noun forms, *yesua*, or deliverance. *Jesus* is not the name He was given at birth. One may say why is it so important? Because it is what is in a name. What is its meaning? The meaning of our Messiah's name cannot be found in *Jesus* but in *Yeshua* or *Yehoshua* – *Yah saves*. This was the Messiah's purpose in His first coming. He came to offer mankind the way out of the mess it had created for itself. The result of

what man created was to fall into the way of sin rather than in creating a way to walk with the Father through the Son. To create implies to have the power of God, and to do so means you have to walk with Him, the One who saves or redeems His creation, not ours.

**Psalm 111:9** He sent **redemption** to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! (ESV)

<06304> פְּדוּת peduth (804b)

**Meaning:** *ransom*

He sent redemption to His people in the form of His Son Yeshua. Redemption means to ransom someone. We are what He desires to ransom, and the only way He could do that is by the death and resurrection of His Son Yeshua. The power is shown to us in His name, which means **God's salvation!** This is no small point I am making here. Once again, I will ask the questions: "What's in a name, or perhaps What's in His Name?"

***Torah Man says: "When faithfulness is most difficult, it is most rewarding."***

Blessings in Messiah Yeshua,

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