

Yehsua Wrote In The Dust



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Many have asked what Yeshua wrote in the dust when the Pharisees and Scribes brought an adulteress to him.

And many have made multiple guesses, but have utterly failed to let scripture interpret scripture.

Speculation about what Yeshua wrote in the dust with his finger runs rampant.

The Preposterous Explanations

Here are some of the preposterous, ludicrous, ridiculous, nonsensical guesses:

1. Yeshua was remembering the time on Mt Sinai when he had written the Ten Commandments on stone tablets with His finger ([Exodus 32:15-16](#) – “*The writing was the writing of Elohim*”).
2. He was mimicking Roman Law in which a judge would first write down his verdict then pronounce it.
3. He was writing a list of the sins committed by each of the Pharisees and Scribes present.
4. Yeshua was just scribbling in the sand to give the Pharisees and Scribes time to understand – or was stalling for time until he collected his own thoughts.
5. The woman was naked, and Jesus was writing in the dirt to avert His eyes from seeing the naked woman.

None of these guesses is even remotely acceptable – they run from mildly nonsensical (1) to supremely ludicrous (5) and utterly fail to let scripture interpret scripture. *Give us a break.*

Let's take a closer look:

John 8:5-6 – “In the Torah Moses commanded us to stone to death such women. What then do you say? . . . Yeshua bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger.”

In **John Chapter 8** we have the account of a woman caught in the act of adultery who was brought before Yeshua by the Pharisees and Scribes to see what Yeshua would say and do. Would he commit her to death, as Moses commanded? Or not?

Yeshua's actions stunned them. He simply bent down and wrote in the dust – **twice!!**

Deuteronomy 13:9 and 17:7 – *“The witnesses are to be the first to stone him to death; afterwards, all the people are to stone him.”*

The Pharisees and Scribes were the witnesses to the act of adultery who failed to be the first to put the adulterous woman to death, but instead brought her before Yeshua in order to trap him. If he responded incorrectly they would once again declare that he was not their Mashiach (Messiah).

Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22– *“Both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.”*

Judge Judy Scheindlin has a saying that goes something like this: *“The law does not take action for anyone who comes to court with dirty hands.”* The Pharisees and Scribes had only sought death for the woman, but the Torah commands that **both** the **man** and the **woman** be stoned to death.

Since the Pharisees and Scribes failed to bring the man for punishment, they came to *“court with dirty hands”* and the Judge, Yeshua, therefore, did not accede to their demands.

*But what
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The Biblical Answer

Jeremiah 17:13 – *“O Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken You, the fountain of living waters.”*

In order to fully comprehend this verse one must first recognize that Yahweh and Yeshua are one – Yeshua IS Yahweh of the Tanakh (Older Covenant).

The Tanakh states this many times. Here are just a few verses:

Exodus 15:2 – *“Yahweh is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation”*^{H3444} [Yeshua H3444 יֵשׁוּעַ]!”

Psalms 118:14 – *“Yahweh is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation”*^{H3444}.

Isaiah 11:2 – *“Yahweh is my strength and my song, he has become my salvation”*^{H3444}.

The Biblical Answer

And the B'rit Hadashah (Newer Covenant) is just as clear:

Paul Said Yeshua is Yahweh

Romans 10:13 – *“Everyone who calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.”*

Philippians 2:9-11 – *“Therefore Yahweh has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, . . . every knee will bow, . . . and every tongue will acknowledge that Yeshua the Mashiach is Yahweh.”*

Peter Said Yeshua is Yahweh

Acts 2:21 – *“Whoever calls on the name of Yahweh will be saved.”*

Yeshua Himself Said He is Yahweh

John 8: 58 – *“Yes, indeed! Before Abraham came into being, I AM.”*

The Biblical Answer

An accurate translation of the Hebrew of Jeremiah 17:13 is this:

“Oh Yahweh ^{H3068}, the Hope ^{H4723} of Israel ^{H3478}, all ^{H3605} those who leave ^{H5800} you shall be publicly embarrassed ^{H954}, those who turn aside ^{H3279} from you will have their names written ^{H3289} in the dust ^{H776} for ^{H3588} they have departed ^{H5800} from Yahweh ^{H3068}, the Source ^{H4726} of Water ^{H4325} Alive ^{H2416}.”

The word translated source is maqowr [H4726 מְקוֹר]. It can also be translated spring, well, or fountain.

The word translated water is simply mayim [H4325 מַיִם], meaning water.

The word translated alive is chay [H2416 חַי]. It can also be translated living.

The Pharisees and Scribes were always refusing to acknowledge that Yeshua was indeed their Mashiach (Messiah), the Hope of Israel, or that when he arrived he would destroy those who rejected him.

This is confirmed by the following scriptures:

Psalm 73:27 – *“Those who are far from you will perish; you destroy all who adulterously leave you.”*

Psalm 130:7 – *“O Israel, hope in Yahweh/Yeshua, for he exhibits loyal love, and is more than willing to deliver.”*

Psalm 131:3 – *“O Israel, hope in Yahweh/Yeshua now and forevermore!”*

Isaiah 1:28 – *“Rebels and sinners together will be broken and those who abandon Yahweh will be consumed.”*

Jeremiah 14:8 – *“You have been the object of Israel’s hopes.”*

The Pharisees and Scribes were also always refusing to acknowledge that Yeshua was indeed the source (fountain) of living water. This is confirmed by the following scriptures:

Isaiah 12:3 – “You will draw water^{H4325} from the fountain [ma`yan H4599 מַעַיִן] of Yeshua [H3444 יְשׁוּעָה].”

Isaiah 55:1 – “All you who are thirsty, come to the water^{H4325}.”

Isaiah 49:10 – “They will be neither hungry nor thirsty; neither scorching wind nor sun will strike them; for he who has mercy on them will lead them and guide them to springs [mabbuwa H4002 מַבְבּוּא] of water^{H4325}.”

John 4:10-14 – “Yeshua said, If you knew Yahweh’s gift, that is, who it is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink of water,’ then you would have asked him; and he would have given you living^{G2198} [zao G2198 ζάω] water^{G5204} [hudor G5204 ὕδωρ] . . . Whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty again! On the contrary, the water I give him will become a spring^{G4077} [pege G4077 πηγή] of water^{G5204} inside him, welling up into eternal life^{G2222}.”

John 6:35 – “Yeshua answered, “Whoever trusts in me will never be thirsty.”

John 7:37-38 – “Now on the last and greatest day of the festival, Hoshana Rabbah, Yeshua stood and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him keep coming to me and drinking! Whoever puts his trust in me, as the Scripture says, rivers of living [zao G2198 ζάω] water [hudor G5204 ὕδωρ] will flow from his inmost being.”

Revelation 7:17 – “For the Lamb at the center of the throne will shepherd them, lead them to springs of living^{G2222} [zoe G2222 ζωή] water^{G5204}, and Yahweh will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

Revelation 22:17 – “The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ Let anyone who hears say, ‘Come!’ And let anyone who is thirsty come – let anyone who wishes, take the water^{G5204} of life^{G2222} free of charge.”

Jeremiah 17:13 is a Messianic prophecy of what the Mashiach would do when he came. The answer Yeshua gave the Pharisees and Scribes is succinctly stated in **Jeremiah 17:13** and likewise stated in other words in several other scriptures, such as:

Job 31:3 – *“Isn’t it calamity to the unrighteous? disaster to those who do evil?”*

Psalms 1:6 – *“Yahweh watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.”*

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Psalms 104:35 – *“May sinners vanish from the earth and the wicked be no more! Bless Yahweh, my soul!”*

Isaiah 1:28 – *“Rebels and sinners together will be broken and those who abandon Yahweh will be consumed.”*

So once again, as he always did, Yeshua gave them a second chance.

They could have just been embarrassed and admitted their guilt – but not these guys.

No, instead they refused to repent, rejected the Mashiach, and Yeshua, who is Yahweh of the Tanakh, did exactly what the Torah stated Yahweh would do.

Yeshua would write in the dust the names of those who turned aside and failed to recognize who truly stood before them as prophesied in Jeremiah 17:13.

***And much to the surprise of the
Pharisees and Scribes***

***Yeshua Ha'Mashiach fulfilled the prophecy
exactly as written, according to John 8:5-6.***

Conclusions

When one fails to let scripture interpret scripture, all sort and manner of preposterous, ludicrous, ridiculous, nonsensical explanations run rampant in trying to explain the account of Yeshua's interaction with the adulteress, Pharisees, and Scribes.

Ol Vey! Give us a break.

It is a dangerous thing to fail to recognize Yahweh/Yeshua and turn aside or away from him, particularly if he is standing directly in your presence.

Doing so could result in your name being written in the dust and your name being blotted out from the Lamb's Book of Life, as it was for the Pharisees and Scribes who stood before him years ago.

The Pharisees and Scribes were always refusing to acknowledge that **Yeshua was indeed their Mashiach** (Messiah) or that **Yeshua was indeed the source (fountain) of living water** (see Isaiah 12:3; Isaiah 49:10; John 4:10; 4:14; 6:35; 7:38; Revelation 7:17).



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Jesus is the hope of Israel (Acts 28:20)

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*Y'varekh'kha Yahweh v'yishmerekha
Ya'er Yahweh panav eleikha vichunekka
Yissa Yahweh panav eleikha v'yasem l'kha shalom*

Yahweh blesses you, and keeps you;

Yahweh makes His face shine upon you, and is gracious to you;

Yahweh lifts up His countenance upon you, and makes you whole.

Full Scriptures

Exodus 32:15-16 *“Moshe turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets inscribed on both sides, on the front and on the back. The tablets were the work of Elohim; and the writing was the writing of Elohim, engraved on the tablets.”*

Leviticus 18:20 *“You are not to have sexual relations with your neighbor’s wife and thus become unclean with her.”*

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