

# יהוה איש מלחמה

## *YHWH is a Warrior*

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Israel was not able to fight this battle. GOD spoke: "Do not fear! Stand still and see the salvation of YHWH which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever. YHWH will fight for you while you keep silent" (Ex. 14:13-14).

This mighty battle points forward to a far greater battle, which no man could fight, but YHWH alone:

"In that day YHWH will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, with His fierce and great and mighty sword, even Leviathan the twisted serpent; and He will kill the dragon who lives in the sea" (Is. 27:1).

That Leviathan is the devil himself. By deceiving us to sin against GOD he had taken power over man; and no man was pure to overcome him, as the sages teach us: "Hear this, all peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together. My mouth will speak wisdom: — No man can by any means redeem his brother or give to GOD a ransom for him — for the redemption of his soul is costly, and he should cease trying forever — that he should live on eternally, that he should not see corruption" (Psalm 49:1-9). No man was able to deliver us from the bondage of Satan and death.

But GOD had given man a hope and a sure promise, that the Seed of the Woman shall crush the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). The Seed of the Woman is the Mashiach, the Desire of all the nations (Hag. 2:7).

It is wonderful to observe how the deliverance of Israel from the slavery of Egypt is a type of our salvation from a far greater bondage under Satan. The LORD is our mighty Deliverer:

1. As He saved the children of Israel from His judgment over Egypt by their slaughtering the Passover Lamb and putting its blood on the doorposts and lintel of their houses, so GOD has delivered us from condemnation for our sins by the blood of His beloved Son on the cross. He is our true Passover Lamb who took the righteous punishment for our rebellion and transgressions upon Himself, in order to give us grace and forgiveness instead.

2. As GOD told the Jews to eat all the flesh of the Passover Lamb roasted with fire in their houses and leave nothing over, so Yeshúa Mashiach told us: "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me, he also will live because of me" (John 6:53-56). For He is our Life eternal. And Mashiach in you is the hope of glory.

3. In that night the horn sounded, and the children of Israel, ready with girded loins and sandals on their feet, were led out of Egypt. For three days they walked through the desert till they came to the Red Sea. There the armies of Egypt came upon them. In that night they were saved through the waters of the Red Sea, but Pharaoh and all his host were drowned. On the morning of the 18<sup>th</sup> of Abib the children of Israel stood safely on the eastern shore of the Red Sea singing the praises of GOD: "YHWH is a Warrior; YHWH is His name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has cast into the sea" (Ex. 15:3-4).

Isn't it wonderful to observe that Yeshúa the Son of GOD was crucified and died on the cross on the 14'th of Abib, exactly on that day and at that hour when the Passover Lamb was slaughtered, and that Israel passed through the waters of the Red Sea exactly three days and nights later, at the very time when Yeshúa Mashiach was raised from the dead? So Israel passing through the waters of the Red Sea is a type of our resurrection with Mashiach.

"Your Right Hand, O YHWH, is majestic in power, Your Right Hand, O YHWH, shatters the enemy" (Ex. 15:6). The Right Hand of YHWH is He who is sitting at the right hand of YHWH, Psalm 110:1.

How did He overcome the enemy? "Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit," says YHWH of Hosts" (Zech. 4:6). The numerical values of "YHWH is a Warrior" reveal the secret of His victory, not only in the life of Mashiach, but also in the life of *Israel* which means "El fights." It is not our fighting, it is El who fights through us, as we read, "the Spirit of YHWH put on Gideon" (Judg. 6:34). And GOD speaks, "YHWH is with you, O valiant warrior" (Judg. 6:12).

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N 460 = He is Holiness to YHWH.

This was written on the forehead of the high Priest, and Mashiach, our High Priest, is Holiness to YHWH in every thought of His heart. He is "united, joined to, clinging to" YHWH = Levi לוי N 46, and by this He overcame and crushed Leviathan לִיָּתָן .

This is the secret of Mashiach's victory: "I have set YHWH continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (Psalm 16:8). He always looked up to His Father in faith, being one with the Father. He said: "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless what He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner" (John 5:19). In the very same way we more than overcome, as we look up to Him in faith.

His total submission to the will of His Father we see when He was in the "oil press" Gethsemane: "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from me; yet not what I will, but what You will" (Mark 14:36). He was "obedient even to death, even death on the cross" (Phil. 2:8). Let this mind be in you!

The sin offering had to be most holy, having no fault. Only Yeshúa could say: "Which one of you convicts me of sin?" (John 8:46). And indeed, no one could. But more than that, He knew there was no sin. "We entreat you on behalf of Mashiach, be reconciled to GOD. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of GOD in Him" (2 Cor. 5:20-21).

P 109 = He is the King, the Son of David, who gave His life for His people.

Pontius Pilate said to Yeshúa, "So You are a king?" Yeshúa answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice" (John 18:37). Pilate asked Yeshúa, "Are you a king?" and Yeshúa answered precisely, "Yes, I am a Witness to the Truth." That is a real king: a true witness, one who speaks the truth and gives his life for the truth. All other kings are fakes! Matthew 20:25-28.

He is the faithful Witness, who died for the Truth and arose, the Prince of the kings of the earth (Rev. 1:5).

Israel, see your King: “He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of parched ground; He had no stately form [degree] or majesty that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. He was despised and forsaken of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and like one from whom men hide their face He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely our griefs He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, smitten of GOD, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but YHWH has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him. — He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of my people was He stricken” (Is. 53:2-8). — What a King!

“Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; and they came up to Him and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and gave Him slaps in the face. Pilate came out again and said to them, Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him. Yeshúa then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, **Behold, the Man!**“ (John 19:1-5).

“Thus says YHWH, the Redeemer of Israel and its Holy One, to **the despised One**, to **the One abhorred by the nation**, to the Servant of rulers: Kings will see and arise, princes will also worship, because of YHWH who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel who has chosen You” (Is. 49:7).

Our Passover Lamb prayed on the cross: “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34). And because He shed His blood for us, His prayer was heard. Then the Lion of Judah cried, “**It is finished!**” and He bowed His head and gave up His spirit. — In that second, the head of the serpent was crushed. Not by might nor by power, but by His own blood our Hero crushed the devil.

And He has given His true followers His victory, and so we read: “They overcame him [Satan] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even to death” (Rev. 12:11). Only because of His blood.

“You say that Yeshúa has crushed the power of the devil. Then the whole world should be a paradise now. How is that?”

Surely, if men had accepted His substitute sacrifice and turned around to sin no more, the world would ever since have been a paradise. But like the children of Israel had to apply the blood of the Passover Lamb to the doorposts and lintel of their houses, so each person has to accept the blood of our Lamb shed for ALL. If a Jewish family did not do what GOD told and did not apply the blood, it was also struck with death, like the Egyptians. So also today: every person must accept the Son of GOD in faith and apply His blood to be saved. And you must leave the army of Satan and become a soldier in the army of Yeshúa. It is life dangerous to stand in no-man’s-land; but you are safe under the Lamb’s protection in His army. Everone has to make his own personal choice. No one drives sleeping into heaven.

And soldier of Mashiach: hide under the shield of faith; be covered by the blood, and you are invulnerable and victorious.

We are justified before GOD because of His blood, — never by anything we do.

S 569 = He is the Prince of the House of David.

He is the “Head Stone” N 569 of the holy Temple of GOD (Zech. 4:7). But the Temple of the living GOD is built with living stones, such who are risen with Mashiach (1 Peter 2:4-10). For Mashiach Himself is the Chief Cornerstone of the House of GOD, which was laid on Golgotha and by His resurrection; and in the same way every living stone is laid, as we are crucified and risen with

Mashiach as an entirely new creation in Him: “no longer live I, but Mashiach lives in me,” — indeed the great I AM (Galatians 2:20).

They love their Mashiach with all their heart and do whatever He speaks; they follow the Lamb wherever He goes. They are His kingly priesthood, His Zion, Rev. 14:1-5.

With the Lion of Judah they are “terrible as an army with banners?” N 569 (Song of Songs 6:4, 10). “The one who is feeble among them in that day will be like David, and the house of David will be like GOD, like the Angel of YHWH before them” (Zech. 12:8).

YHWH is a Warrior, and He reveals Himself in the least little one who relies on Him. “The remnant of Jacob will be among the nations, among many peoples like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks of sheep, which, if he passes through, tramples down and tears, and there is none to rescue” (Micah 5:8-9).

None of them is afraid of losing his life, for they gladly suffer and die with the Lamb, their One and All.

Such an army is invincible, like the bold Christians in Soviet Russia. Boastful communist Russia like a ravenous bear tried to tear them to pieces and swallow them up; but it collapsed at their feet. They demonstrate the Lamb’s victory in our days. And they never used a sword, nor a stick, but loved their enemies even to death.

“For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us” (Rom. 8:36-37). Thus the Lamb overcame, and so they overcome.

They are more than overcomers in Yeshúa Mashiach. And Mashiach promises them: “He who overcomes, and he who keeps my deeds until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to pieces, as I also have received authority from my Father; and I will give him the Morning Star” (Rev. 2:26-28; cf. Psalm 2:9). The Bright Morning Star shares His kingly rule with them.

The dragon rages against them; with wide open jaws it seeks to swallow them up. But they cast it down out of lower heaven praising the Lamb for His victory, and they are caught up to the throne of GOD, to the marriage of the Lamb (Rev. 12:3-5).

$R\ 351 = 3^3 * 13 =$  He was driven by the Spirit of GOD’S love in all; and so are His witnesses. This is their power, their impulse and passion.

“The Spirit of the LORD YHWH is upon me, because the YHWH has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of YHWH” (Is. 61:1-2; Luke 4:18-19).

So the Son of GOD walked around and declared the love of His Father to everyone whom He met. The whole Gospel bears witness to that. The brokenhearted were healed and encouraged, the selfrighteous hated and persecuted Him, but He loved them back. Also for them He prayed on the cross: “Father, forgive them.” Also for them He gave His life, that they might repent and be saved.

“He has made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of His hand He has concealed me; and He has also made me a sharpened arrow, He has hidden me in His quiver” (Is. 49:2). What a flaming Witness! His words in love pierced the hearts.

“The LORD YHWH has given me the tongue of the learned, that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word” (Is. 50:4). Also Isaiah 42:1-4. The high court in Jerusalem was amazed with the wisdom of the apostles, Acts 4:13.

“He will deliver the needy when he cries for help, the afflicted also, and him who has no helper. He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy He will save. He will redeem their soul from oppression and violence, and their blood will be precious in His sight” (Psalm 72:12-14).

He never opened His mouth to defend Himself. “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; like a lamb that is led to slaughter, and like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, so He did not open His mouth” (Is. 53:7). But He is the swift “Messenger, Defender” (S 351 Job 33:23) for everyone who puts his trust in Him. Romans 8:33-34.

By His intercession Satan, “the accuser of our brethren,” is defeated and cast down, and Jerusalem is vindicated (Zech. 3).

Thus, by His blood, His little troop casts down Satan, by praise and intercession.

So beautiful is the description: “The Angel of GOD, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night” (Ex. 14:19-20). Thus the Lion of Judah intervenes between the enemy and His beloved people. He who touches you, touches the apple of His eye. May we act likewise in His Name, 1 John 3:16.

This is the revolution which the world needs: the revolution of the love of GOD. But it can only be fought with the weapons of light and truth by such who walk in the light.