

The Moment of Victory

“And they (we) overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their (our) testimony; and they (we) loved not their lives unto the death.” (Rev 12:11, KJV)

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In the last twenty years, on numerous occasions, I have shared with *Kol Simcha* what took place at the execution stake of Messiah. Something happened at the moment of Messiah *Yeshua*'s death, at the moment of His apparent defeat, that his enemies represented by the centurion and the crowd left beating their breasts and declaring that He was righteous and divine but His friends that had been with Him in all of His public ministry returned discouraged, defeated and went and hid behind closed doors. You see, something took place in *Gulgolta* (which means "place of a skull," see Matt. 27:33b), where *Yeshua* and HaSatan fought to the end. Whenever we understand what took place in this crucial moment we will become equipped with the greatest weapon in spiritual warfare against principalities and powers that control the forces of darkness in this world and in our lives. And what is this weapon? The Blood of the Lamb!

It was now about noon, and darkness covered the whole Land until three o'clock in the afternoon; the sun did not shine. Also the parokhet in the Temple was split down the middle. Crying out with a loud voice, Yeshua said, "Father! Into your hands I commit my spirit." With these words he gave up his spirit. When the Roman officer saw what had happened, he began to praise God and said, "Surely this man was innocent!" And when all the crowds that had gathered to watch the spectacle saw the things that had occurred, they returned home beating their breasts. All his friends, including the women who had accompanied him from the Galil, had been standing at a distance; they saw it all. (Luke 23:44-49)

To summarize, all of the forces of the evil one gathered at *Gulgolta* (Golgotha) to witness HaSatan's triumph (*"The fifth angel sounded his shofar; and I saw a star that had fallen out of heaven onto the earth, and he was given the key to the shaft leading down to the Abyss. He opened the shaft of the Abyss, and there went up smoke from the shaft like the smoke of a huge furnace; the sun was darkened, and the sky too, by the smoke from the shaft. Then out of the smoke onto the earth came locusts, and they were given power like the power scorpions have on earth."* Rev. 9:1-3). But Col. 2:14-15 tell us that what really happened is that Messiah made a "*public spectacle*" of them (*"...Stripping the rulers and authorities of their power, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by means of the stake"* see Col. 2:14-15). *Yeshua* stripped the power from HaSatan and his army. The centurion and the crowd saw this happen and concluded "*Messiah is Just!*" His friends did not see this and left instead defeated and fearful.

This event fulfills the prophecy of John 8:28: "*So Yeshua said, "When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am who I say I am, and that of myself I do nothing, but say only what the Father has taught me."* Indeed, when He was crucified, at the moment of His death, He triumphed over evil once and for all time. You and I realize this and proclaim Him as the divine Son of G-d. However, notice that *Yeshua* said in John 8:28 that those present (even those responsible for His death) will "*KNOW THAT I AM WHO I SAY I AM.*" Scripture states unequivocally that *Yeshua*: "*...wiped away the bill of charges against us. Because of the regulations, it stood as a testimony against us; but he removed it by nailing it to the execution-stake"* (see Col. 2:14). Therefore, "*What shall we then say to these things? If G-d be for us, who can be against us?*" (Ro. 8:31, KJV)

Many people preach that when *Yeshua* died Satan celebrated his victory for three days and three nights until the Resurrection on the first day of the week. They celebrate, therefore, the triumph of the L-rd at "Resurrection Sunday." But note that Scripture definitively tell us that: ***Yeshua triumphed at the execution stake!***