

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

GOD knows, not only the deeds of the hand, but also the neglect of the heart.

SUFFERING & TRIUMPH

"I AM the ALPHA and the OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END" — says the LORD — "WHO is and WHO was and WHO is to come, the ALMIGHTY." [Revelation 1. 8]

There are seven great "I AM" — in the last book of the HOLY WRIT that are assertions by the GLORIFIED MESSIAH, all speaking of HIS ultimate victory over sin and death. However, in the BOOK OF PSALMS seven vastly different "I AM" occur that speak prophetically of HIS sufferings. These are in four of the wonderfully fulfilled MESSIANIC PSALMS, all written some thousand years before HE came to earth, yet each psalm cited in the NEW COVENANT is fulfilled by the ANOINTED ONE:

"I AM a worm, and no man; less than human scorned by men, despised by the people." [Psalms (Tehillym) 22. 6 Tanakh, Kethuvim] This verse compares SUFFERING MESSIAH to a mother "scarlet worm" who dies that her young may live, and in so doing, gives off a scarlet fluid which protects and nourishes her young.

"I AM poor and needy." [Psalms/Tehillym 40. 17]

"I AM a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's children." [Psalms/Tehillym 69. 8] **"For even HIS brothers did not believe in HIM."** [John 7. 6]

"Reproach breaks MY heart, I am in despair; I looked for someone to take pity, but there is none; for comforters, but find none." [Psalms (Tehillym) 69. 20 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

"I AM poor and sorrowful." [Psalms/Tehillym 69. 29]

"I AM like a sparrow alone on the housetop." [Psalms/Tehillym 102. 7]

"MY days are like a lengthened shadow; I AM withered like grass." [Psalms (Tehillym) 102. 11 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

In contrast to these lonely sufferings of the SUFFERING MESSIAH, there are the glories that shall follow. The first being the opening text, followed by:

"I AM ALPHA and the OMEGA, the FIRST and the LAST." [Revelation 1. 11]

"I AM the FIRST and the LAST. I AM HE WHO lives, and was dead, and behold, I AM alive forevermore. Amen" [Revelation 1. 17 - 18]

"I AM the ALPHA and the OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts." [Revelation 21. 6]

"I AM the ALPHA and the OMEGA, the BEGINNING and the END, the FIRST and the LAST." [Revelation 22. 13]

The SELF-EXISTING ONE, the I AM, YEHOVAH, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, WHO created all things (ALPHA) will one day triumph and make all things new, forever (OMEGA). This magnificent self-affirmation of the LORD YESHUA saturates and permeates HOLY SCRIPTURES from its first use, "I AM a SHIELD to you; your EXCEEDING GREAT REWARD" [Genesis/Bereshith 15. 1] to its final occurrence "I AM the BRIGHT & MORNING STAR." [Revelation 22. 16]

"HE WHO testifies to these things says — "Surely I AM coming quickly." Amen. Even so, come, LORD JESUS!

The grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST be with you all. Amen." [Revelation 22. 20 - 21]

Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of Jerusalem and all of Israel!

Redeem Israel, O ELOHIYM, out of all their troubles!

May the sweetness of the LORD's prescience fill your day with love and tender grace – that HIS sweet peace and contentment abide in your homes. O GOD that YOUR perfect influences give us strength to do YOUR will with a steadfast, submissive and loving spirit and with a heart of wisdom. Amen

Day 22 of the Omer

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem, is praying for the return of our Messiah and Lord and for the Kingdom of God He is bringing when He comes. Then God's Will shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven and the world will experience true godly universal peace which is the fruit of Righteousness.

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