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Children's Blessing:

Transliteration: *Ye'simcha Elohim ke-Ephraim ve hee-Menashe*

English: *May God make you like Ephraim and Menashe*

Transliteration: *Ye'simech Elohim ke-Sarah, Rivka, Rachel ve-Leah.*

English: *May God make you like Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.*

Introduction: Salvation Belongs To Our God

What is salvation...what does it mean...

First, the non-theological definition

1. preservation or deliverance from harm, ruin, or loss.
2. deliverance from sin and its consequences, believed by Christians to be brought about by faith in Christ.

The Hebrew word for salvation - Yeshua

ישועה

y^eshû'âh

yesh-oo'-aw

Feminine passive participle of [H3467](#); something *saved*, that is, (abstractly) *deliverance*; hence *aid, victory, prosperity*: - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

Comes from the root...

ישע

yâsha'

yaw-shah'

A primitive root; properly to *be open, wide* or *free*, that is, (by implication) to *be safe*; causatively to *free* or *succor*: - X at all, avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory.

And its derivative...

ישע ישע

yesha' yêsha'

yeh'-shah, yay'-shah

From [H3467](#); *liberty, deliverance, prosperity*: - safety, salvation, saving.

Taking from the definitions of these words, key words regarding Yeshua and its root Yesha, Salvation is...

- deliverance
- victory
- prosperity
- welfare
- one could conclude that deliverance from something would result in safety, protection, security

We find this word Yeshua in four verses of which two specific passages in Torah are extremely profound:

Exo 15:1 Then Moshe and the people of Isra'el sang this song to Adonai: "I will sing to Adonai, for he is highly exalted: the horse and its rider he threw in the sea.

Exo 15:2 **Yah is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.** This is my God: I will glorify him; my father's God: I will exalt him.

The song of Moshe, conveyed after Adonai's defeat of Pharaoh and his army's pursuit of Israel upon their exodus from Egypt, conveys This occurred after the Exodus from Egypt, by the hand of Adonai.

He has become my salvation

A deliverance – my deliverer

A victory – the victorious one

The second place we find Yeshua is Deuteronomy 32...the second Song of Moshe

Moshe certainly has something to say, and He is saying it from a position of experience, understanding...one who truly saw the power behind God's salvation, being poured out on His people.

Deu 32:1 "Hear, oh heavens, as I speak! Listen, earth, to the words from my mouth!

Deu 32:2 May my teaching fall like rain. May my speech condense like dew, like light rain on blades of grass, or showers on growing plants.

Deu 32:3 "For I will proclaim the name of Adonai. Come, declare the greatness of our God!

Deu 32:4 The Rock! His work is perfect, for all his ways are just. A trustworthy God who does no wrong, he is righteous and straight.

Through Moshe, Adonai is proclaiming His name towards Israel and all He offers, yet verse 15 conveys a reality Adonai knew would happen...

Deu 32:15 "But Yeshurun grew fat and kicked (you grew fat, thick, gross!). **He abandoned God his Maker; he scorned the Rock, his salvation.**

A stark message that Israel would abandon its maker and scorned His salvation.

What does scorn mean...the feeling or belief that someone or something is worthless or despicable; they have contempt towards them.

(The other two occurrences are:

Genesis 49:18 - "I wait for your deliverance, Adonai." Whereby Yeshua is translated as deliverance and

Exodus 14:13 - "Moshe answered the people, "Stop being so fearful! Remain steady, and you will see how Adonai is going to save you. He will do it today — today you have seen the Egyptians, but you will never see them again!")

Yet, several chapters earlier in Deuteronomy, Adonai conveys the following promises, should Israel remain steadfast and faithful to Him...

Deu 28:1 "If you listen closely to what Adonai your God says, observing and obeying all his mitzvot which I am giving you today, Adonai your God will raise you high above all the nations on earth;

Deu 28:2 and all the following blessings will be yours in abundance - if you will do what Adonai your God says:

Deu 28:3 "A blessing on you in the city, and a blessing on you in the countryside.

Deu 28:4 "A blessing on the fruit of your body, the fruit of your land and the fruit of your livestock - the young of your cattle and flocks.

Deu 28:5 "A blessing on your grain-basket and kneading-bowl.

Deu 28:6 "A blessing on you when you go out, and a blessing on you when you come in.

Deu 28:7 "Adonai will cause your enemies attacking you to be defeated before you; they will advance on you one way and flee before you seven ways.

Deu 28:8 "Adonai will order a blessing to be with you in your barns and in everything you undertake; he will bless you in the land Adonai your God is giving you.

Deu 28:9 "Adonai will establish you as a people separated out for himself, as he has sworn to you - if you will observe the mitzvot of Adonai your God and follow his ways.

Deu 28:10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that Adonai's name, his presence, is with you; so that they will be afraid of you.

Deu 28:11 "Adonai will give you great abundance of good things - of the fruit of your body, the fruit of your livestock and the fruit of your land in the land Adonai swore to your ancestors to give you.

Deu 28:12 Adonai will open for you his good treasure, the sky, to give your land its rain at the right seasons and to bless everything you undertake. You will lend to many nations and not borrow;

Deu 28:13 Adonai will make you the head and not the tail; and you will be only above, never below - if you will listen to, observe and obey the mitzvot of Adonai your God

Deu 28:14 and not turn away from any of the words I am ordering you today, neither to the right nor to the left, to follow after other gods and serve them.

Deu 28:15 "But if you refuse to pay attention to what Adonai your God says, and do not

observe and obey all his mitzvot and regulations which I am giving you today, then all the following curses will be yours in abundance:

Salvation is of the Jews...

Joh 4:21 Yeshua said, "Lady, believe me, the time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Yerushalayim.

Joh 4:22 You people don't know what you are worshipping; we worship what we do know, because salvation comes from the Jews.

Joh 4:23 But the time is coming — indeed, it's here now — when the true worshippers will worship the Father spiritually and truly, for these are the kind of people the Father wants worshipping him.

Joh 4:24 God is spirit; and worshippers must worship him spiritually and truly."

Joh 4:25 The woman replied, "I know that Mashiach is coming" (that is, "the one who has been anointed"). "When he comes, he will tell us everything."

Joh 4:26 Yeshua said to her, "I, the person speaking to you, am he."

And is ultimately a promise of the Covenant.

The blessings are associated with being faithful and therefore obedient to the mitzvot of Adonai, as a condition of the Covenant He presented to Israel at Sinai.

Who better than Moshe to talk about Adonai's salvation?

For he witnessed it first hand and was ultimately an extension of Adonai when he appeared before Pharaoh.

The people witnessed Adonai's mighty hand in delivering them from Pharaoh to whereby the time they came to Sinai...

Exo 19:3 Moshe went up to God, and Adonai called to him from the mountain: "Here is what you are to say to the household of Ya`akov, to tell the people of Isra'el:

Exo 19:4 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself.

Exo 19:5 Now if you will pay careful attention to what I say and keep my covenant, then you will be my own treasure from among all the peoples, for all the earth is mine;

Exo 19:6 and you will be a kingdom of cohanim for me, a nation set apart.' These are the words you are to speak to the people of Isra'el."

And the people responded...

Exo 19:7 Moshe came, summoned the leaders of the people and presented them with all these words which Adonai had ordered him to say.

Exo 19:8 All the people answered as one, "Everything Adonai has said, we will do." Moshe reported the words of the people to Adonai.

Without knowing one detail of what the Covenant would require, they responded sight unseen, in agreement to follow Adonai. They did not need to see what the stipulations of the Covenant would be and determine if it was something they would do. Ultimately, it was through their experience of Adonai's salvation, bringing them out of Egypt that led them to believe in Adonai and come to trust in His protection.

Through Moshe, Adonai performed many miracles that speak of Adonai's heart and His desire to save His people.

Whereby salvation truly comes from Adonai.

How about David...

David is another example of truly experiencing God's salvation.

Many of the Psalms, written by David express David's understanding and Adonai's reality of what salvation looks like.

2Sa 22:1 David said the words of this song to Adonai on the day Adonai delivered him from the power of all his enemies and from the power of Sha'ul.

2Sa 22:32 For who is God but Adonai, and who is a Rock but our God?

2Sa 22:33 "God is my strength and protection; he makes my way go straight.

2Sa 22:34 He makes me swift and sure-footed as a deer and enables me to stand on my high places.

2Sa 22:35 He trains my hands for war until my arms can bend a bow of bronze;

2Sa 22:36 You give me your shield, which is salvation; your answers make me great.

2Sa 22:47 "Adonai is alive! Blessed is my Rock! Exalted be God, the Rock of my salvation,

2Sa 22:48 the God who gives me vengeance and makes peoples submit to me.

2Sa 22:49 He brings me out from my enemies. You raise me over those who rebel against me, you rescue me from violent men.

2Sa 22:50 "So I give thanks to you, Adonai, among the nations; I sing praises to your name.

2Sa 22:51 He is a tower of salvation for his king; he displays grace to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

Yesha / Yeshua are found 43 times in the Psalms alone...

Psa 18:35 (18:36) "You give me your shield, which is salvation, your right hand holds me up, your humility makes me great.

Psa 18:46 (18:47) "Adonai is alive! Blessed is my Rock! Exalted be the God of my salvation,

Psa 18:50 (18:51) Great salvation he gives to his king; he displays grace to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever."

Psa 27:1 *[By David:]* Adonai is my light and salvation; whom do I need to fear? Adonai is the stronghold of my life; of whom should I be afraid?

Psa 40:1 *[For the leader. A psalm of David:]* I waited patiently for Adonai, till he turned toward me and heard my cry.

Psa 40:10 I did not hide your righteousness in my heart but declared your faithfulness and salvation; I did not conceal your grace and truth from the great assembly."

Psa 40:11 Adonai, don't withhold your mercy from me. Let your grace and truth preserve me

always.

Psa 40:12 For numberless evils surround me; my iniquities engulf me - I can't even see; there are more of them than hairs on my head, so that my courage fails me.

Psa 40:13 Be pleased, Adonai, to rescue me! Adonai, hurry and help me!

Psa 40:14 May those who seek to sweep me away be disgraced and humiliated together. May those who take pleasure in doing me harm be turned back and put to confusion.

Psa 40:15 May those who jeer at me, "Aha! Aha!" be aghast because of their shame.

Psa 40:16 But may all those who seek you be glad and take joy in you. May those who love your salvation say always, "Adonai is great and glorious!"

translated as victory, we read...

Psa 98:1 *[A psalm:]* Sing a new song to Adonai, because he has done wonders. His right hand, his holy arm have won him victory.

Psa 98:2 Adonai has made known his victory; revealed his vindication in full view of the nations,

Psa 98:3 remembered his grace and faithfulness to the house of Isra'el. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

On the Rabbi's forum this past week, the following question was posed...

I'd be interested to know your thoughts on how salvation happens. Obviously, we all believe that mankind is in need of salvation, and that salvation comes, in some manner, via the atonement of Messiah Yeshua. And we all want to see this happen especially to Jewish people.

But how is a person "saved?" In other words, what, if anything, do you feel that a person must do in order to get the salvation which Yeshua brought to the world?

In particular, there are many questions that seem to be debated on this: Does it involve a choice on our part? Or is the whole matter strictly a work of God? Does it happen instantly? Or does it involve a process over time, with varying degrees of fulfillment?

How does one receive Adonai's salvation?

Does anyone know the word in Hebrew for believe?

Aman

What does it truly mean...

אמן

'âman

aw-man'

A primitive root; **properly to build up or support; to foster as a parent or nurse;** figuratively to *render* (or *be*) **firm or faithful, to trust or believe, to be permanent** or quiet; morally **to be true or certain;** once (in [Isa 30:21](#); by interchange for [H541](#)) to *go to the right hand*: - hence **assurance, believe, bring up, establish,** + fail, **be faithful** (of long continuance, stedfast, sure, surely, trusty, verified), nurse, (-ing father), (put), trust, turn to the right.

This word – believe, is usually thought of in a passive manner, when in actual fact it is a verb and requires actions. Likewise aman is one of steadfastness...

- to be permanent

- to be true or certain
- to build up
- to foster

In all instances we are talking about something that is understood and is not to be stagnant, but needs to be developed further. In other words our faith in Adonai's salvation must continue to grow and therefore be strengthened to where our understanding is permanent, unwavering and resolute.

Joh 3:7 Stop being amazed at my telling you that you must be born again from above!

Joh 3:8 The wind blows where it wants to, and you hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. That's how it is with everyone who has been born from the Spirit."

Joh 3:9 Nakdimon replied, "How can this happen?"

Joh 3:10 Yeshua answered him, "You hold the office of teacher in Isra'el, and you don't know this?"

Joh 3:11 **Yes, indeed! I tell you that what we speak about, we know; and what we give evidence of, we have seen; but you people don't accept our evidence!**

Joh 3:12 If you people don't believe me when I tell you about the things of the world, how will you believe me when I tell you about the things of heaven?

Joh 3:13 No one has gone up into heaven; there is only the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man.

What evidence is Yeshua referring to?

Who is Yochanan referring to when he conveys "our"?

We are ultimately talking about Yeshua as being one of the witnesses, yet our is plural, so there are more witnesses...

The witnesses that came before...Avraham, Moshe, David, The Prophets...such as Isaiah...

Isa 12:1 On that day you will say: "I thank you, Adonai, because, although you were angry at me, your anger is now turned away; and you are comforting me.

Isa 12:2 "See! God is my salvation. I am confident and unafraid; for Yah Adonai is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation!"

Isa 12:3 Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation.

Isa 12:4 On that day you will say, "Give thanks to Adonai! Call on his name! Make his deeds known among the peoples, declare how exalted is his name.

Isa 12:5 Sing to Adonai, for he has triumphed — this is being made known throughout the earth.

Isa 12:6 Shout and sing for joy, you who live in Tziyon; for the Holy One of Isra'el is with you in his greatness!"

How is a person saved?

Adonai has done His part in establishing it (salvation) and providing a way through Yeshua.

Mat 28:18 Yeshua came and talked with them. He said, "All authority in heaven and on earth

has been given to me.

Mat 28:19 Therefore, go and make people from all nations into talmidim, immersing them into the reality of the Father, the Son and the Ruach HaKodesh,

Mat 28:20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember! I will be with you always, yes, even until the end of the age."

Act 4:8 Then Kefa, filled with the Ruach HaKodesh, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people!

Act 4:9 If we are being examined today about a good deed done for a disabled person, if you want to know how he was restored to health,

Act 4:10 then let it be known to you and to all the people of Isra'el that it is in the name of the Messiah, Yeshua from Natzeret, whom you had executed on a stake as a criminal but whom God has raised from the dead, that this man stands before you perfectly healed.

Act 4:11 "This Yeshua is the stone rejected by you builders which has become the cornerstone.

Act 4:12 **There is salvation in no one else! For there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by whom we must be saved!"**

Our part is to trust that what Adonai has said and done is in fact true...and ultimately to present our lives before Him and the world as a statement...living by the Covenant, including following His ways and obeying His mitvot...

Deu 7:9 From this you can know that Adonai your God is indeed God, the faithful God, who keeps his covenant and extends grace to those who love him and observe his mitzvot, to a thousand generations.

Mat 19:17 "Why are you asking me about good? There is One who is good! But if you want to obtain eternal life, observe the mitzvot."

Jud 1:3 Dear friends, I was busily at work writing to you about the salvation we share, when I found it necessary to write, urging you to keep contending earnestly for the faith which was once and for all passed on to God's people.

Joh 14:1 "Don't let yourselves be disturbed. Trust in God and trust in me.

Let me close with David...

Psa 14:1 *[For the leader. By David:]* Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They deal corruptly, their deeds are vile, not one does what is right.

Psa 14:2 From heaven Adonai observes humankind to see if anyone has understanding, if anyone seeks God.

Psa 14:3 But all turn aside, all alike are corrupt; no one does what is right, not a single one.

Psa 14:4 Don't they ever learn, all those evildoers, who eat up my people as if eating bread and never call on Adonai?

Psa 14:5 There they are, utterly terrified; for God is with those who are righteous.

Psa 14:6 You may mock the plans of the poor, but their refuge is Adonai.

Psa 14:7 How I wish Isra'el's salvation would come out of Tziyon! When Adonai restores his people's fortunes, Ya`akov will rejoice, Isra'el will be glad!