



*The*  
**TWELVE TRIBES  
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"He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with Him are called and chosen and faithful." Revelation 17:14



**CALLED**  
-AND- **CHOSEN**  
-AND- **FAITHFUL**



# Our Master Yahshua the Messiah\*

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?*

**T**he words gushed from the lips of the beaten man like blood from a severed artery. He voiced a pang of loneliness sharper, deeper, and more devastating than any other human being has ever felt, before or since. Many of the witnesses could not understand what He had said, so distorted was His voice by His anguish. Those who did understand His words were dumbfounded that He, of all people, was speaking such things.

Hadn't He said that God was His Father? Wasn't He the one who had told them how God cared for the birds and the flowers, how He knew the number of hairs on each person's head? Not even one sparrow falls to the ground without His Father knowing it — that's what He had said. How then could He, the Teacher, be forsaken by this same God?

Wasn't He the one who overflowed with joy and kindness? Wasn't He the one who healed the sick, fed the hungry, comforted the oppressed? Wasn't He the one who had more joy, and more compassion, than anyone else? Yes, He was the one who always cared, always trusted, always loved. He was the righteous one. How then could He end up like this?

**The sleepless night** had taken its toll on Him: betrayed by a trusted companion, deserted by all His friends, disowned repeatedly by one who claimed to love Him most. He had been mocked and tormented by His enemies, spat upon, battered beyond recognition. He didn't even look like a man anymore. His back was raw from a cruel flogging, His face pounded until it was a bloody and swollen mass, all the hairs

of His beard pulled out. Men could not bear to look at Him, so horrible was the sight.

And yet, throughout all of this, throughout even the six hours of hanging on a cross, being further mocked and taunted, He had kept His peace. He hadn't opened His mouth against His oppressors, but rather prayed for their forgiveness. The composure and dignity of this man had been enough to make His executioner comment that surely this was God's son.

**Suddenly**, however, the intimate bond with His Father that He had known all His life was gone. Loneliness engulfed Him. What a night and a day of steady abuse had not accomplished, that one moment of alienation from His Father did. Within minutes He was dead from a broken heart.

What had caused God to forsake Him? Our sin. He took the blame for all our selfish, rebellious deeds upon himself. The weight of all our guilt plunged His soul into death. The stark and thorough separation He felt was the sum of the rejection we all deserved for our willful defiance toward our Creator. We deserved to be rejected forever.

**But after three days and nights** He was suddenly alive again. Why? Because there was absolutely no resistance in Him. In that short time His submissive soul received what we would not have accepted had we suffered for eternity. This is the measure of His love for us. He experienced the death that we deserved in order that we could experience the life He had always known — an intimate life of love. That's why we follow Him, the one who has promised never to forsake us — our Master Yahshua. 🌿

*\*WE CALL OUR MASTER BY HIS HEBREW NAME, YAHSHUA, WHICH MEANS YAHWEH [THE NAME OF GOD] IS MIGHTY AND POWERFUL TO SAVE. THIS IS WHAT HIS MOTHER MIRIAM (MARY), AND HIS FOSTER FATHER YOWCEPH (JOSEPH), CALLED HIM. THIS IS ALSO WHAT HE CALLED HIMSELF WHEN ADDRESSING SAUL (PAUL), ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS, HE SPOKE NOT IN THE GREEK, BUT IN THE HEBREW LANGUAGE (ACTS 26:14-15). JOHN 5:43. HIS FATHER'S NAME IS YAH (PSALM 68:4). HIS SON'S NAME IS YAHSHUA (YAHWEH SAVES). (JOHN 17:11-12 IN THE NIV IS VERY CLEAR).*

## Why Twelve Tribes



*"And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers, the promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain [for them], as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by the Jews." (Acts 26:6-7)*

**O**ur twelve tribes have nothing to do with mystical tribalism, as in the beliefs of some. Rather, we are speaking of people actually dwelling together in unity, living a tribal life in twelve different geographical areas on the earth, so as to be a light to the nations.

When Paul, in his defense before Agrippa, referred to "our twelve tribes" in Acts 26:7, surely he was not referring to the Jews who were accusing him. There was no point in flattering them about "earnestly serving God night and day." The Master had already prophesied to the Jews that, "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you, and be given to a nation producing the fruit of it" (Matthew 21:43). A new nation had to take the place of the old. And this is exactly what Paul meant when he wrote to the Gentiles:

*"You were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the common-wealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ ... So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets."*

*(Ephesians 2:12-13, 19-20)*

It was through apostles like Paul that this new nation was being formed, the

commonwealth of Israel, or the *Israel of God* as Paul called it in Galatians 6:16. This new nation was not one formed by physical descendants, but of those born of the Spirit (Galatians 3:29). It was a nation of an entirely different order, composed only of *disciples*, because only they had given up their old life (1 Peter 1:18) outside the *commonwealth of Israel* to be born again into the new holy nation (1 Peter 2:9). Only they were the ones who had taken the Master seriously enough to put aside their own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, and yes, even their own life, in order to follow Him as He had commanded (Matthew 10:34-39). And they certainly respected His word enough to forsake their own possessions, which was the only way in which they could even begin to qualify as disciples (Luke 14:26,33).

The whole emphasis of the Master's preaching was the kingdom of God and how to enter it. In relative importance, the topic of the kingdom is mentioned three times as often as salvation in the New Testament. So it was absolutely essential that a nation be prepared that could inherit that kingdom (Matthew 21:43). It had to be a nation bonded together with a deeper commitment than mere family ties or blood relations. And being part of that new nation was what being a disciple was all about — and still is to this very day. 🌿



Elijah by the altar of Baal

# CALLED -AND- CHOSEN -AND- FAITHFUL

Our Master **called** many men to come to His side: Andrew and Peter came when they met Him by the Sea of Galilee; James and John were mending nets with their father Zebedee; and Matthew was collecting taxes at his tax booth. The rich young ruler heard the Teacher’s call to follow Him but was hindered from obeying by his riches and his lack of trust. Others hesitated also – one man asked to leave and bury his father, and another to say goodbye to his family. Obviously, not everyone responded to the Messiah’s call.

Those who did are the **chosen**. In comparison to the many who are called, only a few will respond. Those who are chosen must endure to the end to be saved. Through many trials and tribulations they will enter the kingdom. Those who are going to rule with the King in His kingdom will overcome every obstacle that hinders them from entering. These will be the **faithful**.

In the following essays (illustrated by our youth and children), some of the youth in our community have written about their experiences in following our Master Yahshua. Their testings have given them a testimony as to what it means to truly love – something all sincere disciples earnestly desire to do.

## What Will It Take?

Everyone looks for fulfillment. Everyone needs to know that they are loved and that they have a purpose in life. I was raised in a place where my parents revolved their lives around living for God. I knew that I had to decide what I was going to give my life to. I saw that my parents had something real that made them happy. I had confidence that I could follow in their footsteps and find true happiness. I knew the verse in Malachi 4:6 that said that the hearts of the fathers must be restored to the hearts of the children and the hearts of the children must be turned to the hearts of the fathers lest the land would be smitten with a curse. I wanted to see this restoration take place. I saw something in my father’s heart that I wanted in my heart. But I knew I had a part to do if I really wanted this.

The root of the steady decline we see in the world today is that the hearts of the parents and the children are no longer turned to each other. The faith and morals of the earlier generation are not continuing to this present generation. We see a mess of teenagers without parents, having children that will grow up the same way or worse. Where are we taking this world? Is it going to take a sweeping revolution to turn the hearts of the teenagers to God or is it simply for us to choose to love, respect and obey our parents? In following my parents I have taken the faith that is in their hearts and made it my own. I have given my life to my hero – Yahshua. The void within my soul has been filled and I have true peace and happiness because I know why I am alive. I have a purpose that I have given my whole heart to fulfill.

I am a part of a nation of people who have given everything to see God get what He deserves. We live together, sharing everything in common, working toward the same goal. We believe that God will only return when there is a whole nation of people who live entirely for Him. Apart from us taking on what is in the hearts of our parents this is not possible. This hope and zeal must be carried on to future generations until there is a people made ready for the return of their Messiah.



Rachel

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### What Makes Me Tick?

Tick, tock... time passes by. We still carry on, but what makes us tick? Is it the blissful memories of pleasurable moments we had? Or is it something more? We young adults are ready to embrace life, ready to attach our souls to something, but what is it? Where can we find something substantial to give our life to, something to carry us through the deepest, darkest times of life?

It was God's intention that human beings would have something deep and meaningful to do during this time of life. When we're eager, ready, enthused to give all our strength and life

to something, we need to find the right thing to fill the void inside. What can that be?

These questions make me think about my life and what I think is the answer. Growing up in an environment of love and care, I felt the warm, tight hands of my parents hold onto me. This was the beginning of the love that has surrounded me all these years in the Community, the answer to all my questions. As I matured into my teenage years, the reality of life became more and more evident. My choices and actions brought me into accountability. But what really kept me alive inside was the love I was given. It wasn't the doctrines or beliefs I was raised in, or just doing the right thing — it was something I gave my heart to.

What mechanism inside a clock keeps it ticking? What makes me tick?

What fulfills me the most is having the right thing to give my heart to and then to do it with all my heart. This is only possible in an environment that allows you to tear down the walls that separate you from your parents and from other people. We have to learn to be real. We have to love beyond our selfishness.

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## A place to be tested

It takes a community for disciples to be tested. The Master told parables about the kingdom to show how some would receive the word and bear fruit, others would fall away, and still others would appear to bear fruit, but would prove to be false in the end. Community is the crucible for testing the genuineness of disciples. A community is a torture chamber for the fleshly ones who live for themselves. The Master said, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Notice that he said daily, not weekly. Community depends on each member denying himself to care for the needs of his brothers and sisters, daily laying down their lives for one another.

A community is the only place where the Word of God and the Gospel can be obeyed and lived out. It takes a community.

Anyone who says that he knows God, but does not, cannot, or will not obey His commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. And how can anyone actually obey His commandments except in community where you are daily faced with the needs and shortcomings of your brothers and sisters? Only there can you practically love one another and encourage one another daily, seeing to it that no one falls short of the grace of God. How can anyone be saved all alone, independent of His Body?

### Words alone are not enough

Contrary to the popular understanding, the gospel must be obeyed and this takes a community, not just "my four and no more." It won't suffice to just go to church once or even twice a week either. It takes a community in order to be a disciple of Christ. It takes daily interaction, a daily taking up of your cross, and daily encouragement from your brothers and sisters whom you are with on a daily basis. How does one know he has passed out of death and into life except by the evidence of his

practical deeds of love and service in the Body where he lays down his life for his friends? Words alone are not enough. It takes a community. 🌿





Denying ourselves promotes an atmosphere of peace and love. Growing up in the Community I have seen this kind of love. I live with those who live by their heart and I am completely satisfied. I hope you can come and find what I have found. Here you can experience a life that will last forever. It is a life of true love.

*Tsumet*

### Why Am I Alive?

Deep down inside, every person wants to know the answer to the question *why am I alive?* A person in their youthful prime is like a flower unfolding into bloom. The choices that lay before you are vast and you have the strength and potential to do whatever you want with your life. It is a normal desire to pour your energy and passion into something that will last, to want your existence to have an effect, but what is important in life anyway? Is fulfillment found in working hard to get rich and then retiring and going on cruises? The choices someone makes in their life are important, they are eternal. But happiness seems so hard to find. Even the stars seemed like they aren't satisfied, despite their many fans, flocking to their movies and concerts. That emptiness in their soul is still there, after all their striving to get what they attained.

I know my purpose as a human being is to love, which is the very nature of my Creator. That is why He gave His precious son to die for all the broken, lonely souls because He LOVED them. He wanted to give them a clean start, a purpose. He wants a nation, a kingdom of people expressing His love to the world.

I fell in love with this Man and I've given Him my whole life. To see Him get what He died for means everything to me. I have no greater reason for living. In every man's soul there is a void and it can only be filled by his Creator. I am satisfied because I know what I have is real. I want you to have it, too.



*Hadassah*

### What I Believe in

My whole life I grew up in the Community where I was trained by my parents to do well. But when I was 15, at the age of accountability, I had to make choices that would determine the course of my whole life and eventually my eternal destiny. I could either choose to stay in this life, or I could forsake what I knew was the truth and suffer the consequences of it. So I made the choice to stay and build by my parents, whose life was invested into me, and into this life.

In Malachi 4:6 it says, "I will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers." This is the spirit of Elijah, which you are probably hearing about today. The spirit of Elijah must be in both the fathers and the children before the Messiah can return. The generation gap must be bridged and families relinked together before anything can happen. This is of utmost importance to God.

At this time, it is very common for a child to leave home or rebel against the authority of his parents when he turns a teen. This is what we are trying to restore — the natural respect a child should have for his parents. It is only when the spirit of Elijah is in our midst that there can be three or four generations of parents and children building together. The bond will be so strong that nothing can break it apart. Finally then, Messiah will be able to return.

This is what I have chosen to give my life to, what I have invested my future in, and most of all, what I believe in. I hope that my life can fulfill God's desire to have three or four generations sharing the same heart.

Whatever it was that prompted you to come to this event — excitement, sensational feelings, your interest in evangelism, or your beliefs — I hope you will know there is a people who are being gathered with the spirit of Elijah in their midst. I invite you to come see our life, or even to be a part of it.

*Abshalom*

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### **Is Anything Stronger than Peer Pressure?**

Peer pressure is one of the most powerful forces in the universe. It is almost impossible to withstand its pressure and go a different way. It is like we are all on an outbound train, going to a destiny we do not know. We are following the crowd because we are too afraid to break out. This is the powerful force of "fitting in."

It is a deep inborn desire in human beings to feel accepted and needed. The society we live in does not offer us this security. As a result, we end up turning to our peers for their acceptance. It is amazing to see the drastic things a person will do just to feel accepted. It is one of the leading factors for all the immorality, murder, strife, and disrespect we constantly see in the media. For when you can't see the eternal purpose your life was created for, you end up living for the moment and destroying anyone or anything that comes in your way.

Although some may say Yahshua had some spiritual advantage over sin, it's clear from the scriptures that He faced all the things we face. He faced rejection from His friends, His family, and the religious leaders of His day. (Mark 1:20-30) He was even called a cult leader. All the forces that come to us, came to Him although He was willing to jump out of the train and go a different way than the system was leading.

So why did Yahshua have the ability to overcome the opposing forces that wanted to draw Him into the crowd? It was because He had confidence in who He was and what He was created to do. The longing of His soul to seek acceptance was satisfied because of His obedience to His Father's word. His Father had a will for Him, a mission He needed to accomplish. The deep satisfaction He received from knowing that He was loved enabled Him to face even death itself. Love is the only force in the universe stronger than peer pressure.

Love cost Yahshua His own life. Being a disciple isn't an easy thing, yet it is the most rewarding thing to have a purpose to invest your life into. His desire is to have a place where people can find true love. He needs a place where the orphans and widows, the fatherless, and the misfits of society can find a home.

I desired to write this article to any of you who may feel this deep void of never being able to fit in. Anyone who is looking for a place to belong, I invite you to come and see the life that I have been given.

*Kesciah*



### **What Would You Do?**

What if you were walking and happened upon a hungry, tired person with nowhere to sleep for the night? You stop them there and pray for them and they accept Jesus into their heart. Then what would you do? Would you walk away, satisfied that you helped one more person get a passage into heaven? Or would you stuff some money in their hand and point them to the nearest hotel?

Many people go out and spread their gospel to other people, even in other countries, but where can they bring them to show the proof of what they say? Is there a place where their good words are actually lived out on a daily basis?

It's so easy to just say the right words, but the important part is how they match up with your personal life. If every person that preaches the gospel of Jesus *actually* gave up all their possessions or *actually* loved one another as He loved us, then why is there so much confusion among believers? Why are there so many different denominations?

I am seventeen years old and I've grown up in a community of believers. This community is a place where we actually live the life that we tell others about. We have the proof of God's love in our hearts by how we love one another.

I live in a community because it's the only way to show God's love to one another. When you only see someone once a week on Sunday or perhaps on Wednesday nights also, would you have the confidence to say that when they suffered, you were right there for them, or that when they needed help, you were the first to help them?

We live in community so that we can share our faith with one another. We can build up and support one another, in order to offer a place to bring those that aren't satisfied with the way their life is turning out.

Please come to see for yourself. It doesn't matter if you're rich, poor, old, young, good, or bad. We want others to see our life and the reality of what we say.



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*Jessica*

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