

Come to Understanding

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding,
and they that murmured shall learn doctrine. — Isaiah 29:24

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Sir, Give Me This Water

When Yahshua (Jesus) left Judah and came to Samaria, He went to “Jacob’s well.” It was there that He met a “woman of Samaria.” He asked her to give Him a drink of water:

- 5 Then came he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.
- 6 Now Jacob’s well was there. Yahshua therefore, being wearied with *his* journey, sat thus on the well: *and* it was about the sixth hour.
- 7 There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Yahshua said to her, Give me to drink. -John 4

Samaria had a long history of rebellion and sin against Yahweh. The sinful foundations of Samaria were laid by King Solomon when He rejected Yahweh’s word by promoting the worship of the images of goddesses and gods:

- 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with Yahweh his God, as *was* the heart of David his father.
- 5 For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.
- 6 And Solomon did evil in the sight of Yahweh, and went not fully after Yahweh, as *did* David his father.
- 7 Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon.
- 8 And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed to their gods. -1 Kings 11

Consequently, Yahweh destroyed the united kingdom of Israel and divided it into two subsequent kingdoms. While the southern kingdom was named “Judah,” the northern kingdom was still called “Israel.” Ironically, it was the kingdom that utterly rebelled against Yahweh and rejected the “house of David,” which retained the name of “Israel:”

- 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.
- 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam had come again, that they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only. -1 Kings 12

It was out of this rebellious kingdom called “Israel,” which had a legacy of wicked kings, that Samaria was founded. Omri, whose evil was worse than that of all of the kings before him, founded and built Samaria:

- 24 And he bought the hill Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, owner of the hill, Samaria.
 - 25 But Omri worked evil in the eyes of Yahweh, and did worse than all that *were* before him. -1 Kings 16
- Led by subsequent evil kings, “Israel” continued in rebellion against Yahweh until it was captured by the Assyrians:’
- 5 Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it *for* three years.
 - 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. -2 Kings 17

Their demise resulted from their rejection of the righteousness of Yahweh in favor of the sin of worshipping other goddesses and gods as images and idols. They had secretly set up “images and groves (for goddess worship) in every high hill, and under every green tree.” Furthermore, just like the heathen (which included Solomon’s wives), they “burnt incense” to their idol gods “in all the high places:”

- 7 For so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against Yahweh their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods,
- 8 And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom Yahweh cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.
- 9 And the children of Israel did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against Yahweh their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.
- 10 And they set them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every green tree:
- 11 And there they burnt incense in all the high places, as *did* the heathen whom Yahweh carried away before them; and worked wicked things to provoke Yahweh to anger:
- 12 For they served idols, whereof Yahweh had said to them, You shall not do this thing. -2 Kings 17

So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense,
and caused them to understand the reading. — Nehemiah 8:8

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After the king of Assyria captured “Israel,” he resettled the land of “Samaria,” not with the “children of Israel,” but with people from other places, such as Babylon:

- 24 And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. -2 Kings 17

It is with this historical backdrop that Yahshua encountered the woman of Samaria at the well.

She was, as Yahshua knew, very confused about her religion. He rightly told her that she did not even know what she worshipped:

- 22 You worship you know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. -John 4

When Yahshua said that “salvation is of the Jews,” He revealed that the Savior was to come out of Judah. David descended from Judah (see Matthew 1:1-6).

This is the fulfillment of Jeremiah’s prophecy that the Savior, as a “righteous Branch,” would be raised unto David:

- 5 Behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this *is* his name whereby he shall be called, YAHWEH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. -Jeremiah 23

Peter also testified of David’s prophesy that the Messiah would be his physical descendent:

- 29 Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us unto this day.
30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne; -Acts 2

Salvation is through the name of Yahshua (Jesus):

- 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. -Acts 4

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Therefore, when Yahshua came to the Samaritan woman, He came as her Savior. He offered her, not physical water, but the “gift of God,” which is “living water:”

- 10 Yahshua answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give me to drink; you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water. -John 4

Those that drink physical water will become thirsty again. “Living water,” on the other hand, is eternal. Those that drink of it have the promise of “everlasting life:”

- 13 Yahshua answered and said to her, Whoever drinks of this water shall thirst again:
14 But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. -John 4

Hearing His words, the woman responded in faith:

- 15 The woman said to him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come here to draw. -John 4

This “living water” that the woman asked for is the gift of the Spirit of God, called the Holy Ghost, which is given to those that believe on the name of Yahshua. He explains:’

- 37 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirsts, let him come to me, and drink.
38 He that believes on me, as the scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.
39 (But this spoke he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.) -John 7

The “gift of God” is spiritual rather than physical. Yahshua told the Samaritan woman that God is a Spirit! Therefore, He cannot be worshipped as an image, as did the people of Israel and Samaria. He can only be worshipped in “spirit and in truth:”

- 23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship him.
24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth. -John 4

Yahshua told the woman at the well in Samaria that He is the expected Messiah, who is also called “Christ:”

- 25 The woman said to him, I know that Messiah comes, which is called Christ: when he has come, he will tell us all things.
26 Yahshua said to her, I that speak to you am *he*. -John 4

Once the woman believed on Yahshua, she witnessed to others. Through her witness, they heard His teaching and also believed that He is “the Savior of the world!”

- 42 And said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of your saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Messiah, the Savior of the world. -John 4

By faith, we can also say, “Sir, give me this water!”