

# Moist Bones

## “Being Born Again of The Water”

### I. SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:11 NKJV – “YAHUAH [the LORD] will guide you continually, and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”

### II. BEING BORN AGAIN OF WATER

Last night, as I was pondering what message that YAHUAH [God] would have me pass on to you today, I was led to John 3. Yeah, that’s where we find those famous words **“for YAH [God] so loved that world, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”**<sup>1</sup> For many, these are the words that YAHUSHA [Jesus] spoke that endear us to Him and YAHUAH [God] the Father more than any other in the entire Scripture. But yet, most don’t know that YAHUSHA [Jesus] spoke these beautiful words of His Father’s love only after telling Nicodemus that he, Nicodemus, a highly respected church leader, was not destined for eternally damnation, and that he would not see nor enter the kingdom of the same YAHUAH [God] Who loved the world so much.... *unless* he was first born again of water and the RUACH [Spirit]. I pray today, that by the end of our message today, that you and I will truly know what it means to be born again of the RUACH [Holy] and of the water.

One thing that I find remarkable about YAHUSHA [Jesus] and His life on earth was how well He understood the old testament Scripture and could He could make their words come to life in an entirely new way. So, as I read again about Nicodemus, new meaning came to me in the text that says that YAHUSHA [Jesus] answered Nicodemus when He said, **‘most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the RUACH [Spirit], he cannot enter the kingdom of YAHUAH [God]’.**<sup>2</sup> Last evening, from this text in John 3, the RUACH HA’QODESH [Holy Spirit] led me back to Ezekiel 36, where I believe YAHUSHA [Jesus] was directing Nicodemus. These are the mighty words of our mighty YAHUAH [God] in verses 16 through 31:

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<sup>1</sup> John 3:16.

<sup>2</sup> John 3:5.

**“Moreover, the word of YAHUAH [the LORD] came to me, saying: ‘Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own ways and deeds; to Me their way was like the uncleanness of a woman in her customary impurity (menstruation). Therefore, I poured out My fury on them for the blood they had shed on the land, and for their idols with which they had defiled it. So, I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed throughout the countries; I judged them according to their ways and their deeds. (When they came to the nations, wherever they went, they profaned My holy name—when they said of them, “These are the people of YAHUAH [the LORD], and yet they have gone out of His land”. But I had concern for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations wherever they went.)””<sup>3</sup>**

**“Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new ruach [spirit] within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My [holy] RUACH [Spirit] within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your ELOHIYM [God]. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. (I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations.) *Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe [hate] yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*””<sup>4</sup>**

### **III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF NICODEMUS AS “FILTHY RAGS”**

In the very first verse of John 3, Nicodemus is referred to as “a ruler of the Jews”. He was a member of the Jewish governing body called the Sanhedrin. Back then, most Jewish biblical scholars like Nicodemus would have committed most of the old testament scripture to memory. When YAHUSHA [Jesus] told Ezekiel that he must be **“born again of water and the RUACH [Spirit]”** to “enter the kingdom of YAHUAH [God], Nicodemus should have caught it right away, but either he didn’t get it or he didn’t want to admit it. You see, Nicodemus came to YAHUSHA [Jesus] “by night”<sup>5</sup>, which in the book of John carries a symbolism of spiritual darkness (in 9:4, 11:10, and

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<sup>3</sup> Ezek. 36:16-18.

<sup>4</sup> Ezek. 36:25-29a; 31.

<sup>5</sup> John 3:2.

in 13:30). When Nicodemus greets YAHUSHA [Jesus], he says “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from ELOHIYM [God]: for no man can do these miracles that you do, except ELOHIYM [God] be with him.”<sup>6</sup> I’m PRETTY sure that these words spoken by Nicodemus were meant to flatter YAHUSHA [Jesus], but YAHUSHA [Jesus] was having nothing to do with it. By referring Nicodemus back to Ezekiel 36, YAHUSHA [Jesus] was speaking to him as one of the rulers of the house of Israel, who had defiled their own ancestral land “by their own ways and deeds, [that] to [YAHUAH] were like the uncleanness of a woman in her [menstruation]”.<sup>7</sup> But then, YAHUAH [God] because of the concern He had for His own Name (and not because of their name), “then [YAHUAH (God)] would sprinkle clean water on him, and he would be clean” and YAHUAH (God) would promise to “put His RUACH [Spirit] within him and cause him to walk in His way, and will give him a new heart and put a new ruach [spirit] within him.” And YAHUAH [God]’s promise continues, “I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My [holy] RUACH [Spirit] within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your ELOHIYM [God]. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.” And as a sign that you are actually getting it, you will then look at yourselves, and “then, you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and *you will hate yourselves in your own sight, [because of] your iniquities and your abominations.*” (Comment of the condition of one’s heart once they see YAHUAH [God] and His righteousness.)

And as His conversation continues with Nicodemus, John 3 verse 13-14, YAHUSHA [Jesus] told Nicodemus very plainly that He was the Son of Man Who had descended from heaven, that would be lifted up so that whoever, including Nicodemus... *whosoever* believes in Him as YAHUAH [God]’s only begotten Son, would not perish but have eternal life. And so, Nicodemus should have been put in his place, for YAHUSHA [Jesus] was much more than just a “teacher sent from ELOHIYM [God]”. Do you think that by the end of his conversation with MESSIAH [Christ], that Nicodemus who came under the guise of darkness to visit the “teacher”, might have started to sense that his life wasn’t right in the presence of the Most Righteous Son of YAHUAH [God]?

In verse 16, YAHUSHA [Jesus] continues to tell Nicodemus that YAHUAH [God] did not send Him into the world to condemn him and all of us, but that the world

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<sup>6</sup> John 3:2.

<sup>7</sup> Ezek. 36:17.

through Him might be saved. We, too, pick up on this as a beautiful promise of assurance, and we fail to pick up on what YAHUSHA [Jesus] says next... that He doesn't need to condemn us, but you and I have already condemned ourselves. For although we say that we believe in the name of the only begotten Son of YAHUAH [God], and so it is then that these words that we endear so much of "that whosoever believes has eternal life" becomes the crux of our problem. The true meaning to this promise in context is that we can't just *say* the words that if we believe that YAHUSHA [Jesus] is the Son of YAHUAH [God], and that He is even [YAHUAH [God] Himself, that we will be saved. For YAHUSHA [Jesus] own brother James explains that we "do well [if] you believe that there is one YAH [God], [but] even the demons believe—and tremble!"<sup>8</sup>

So, the crux of the situation about whether one is to be condemned has nothing to do with YAHUSHA [Jesus] or YAHUAH [God], for they so loved you that you should not perish, but that when YAHUSHA [Jesus] has come into the world as He has, it is [that you and I] loved darkness rather than light, because [our] deeds [are] evil."<sup>9</sup>

So, the crux of this amazing gift of grace for whosoever wants it is that you can only accept it, the most amazing gift, if you leave your darkness behind you! For as YAHUSHA [Jesus] says "everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest their works be exposed. But, whoever does what is true, comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his or her works have been carried out IN YAHUAH [God] (and that means IN His RUACH [Spirit]). For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been wrought in YAHUAH [God]."<sup>10</sup>

#### IV. BEING BORN AGAIN OF YAHUSHA [Jesus], THE LIVING WATER

And so, if you have not figured it out yet, YAHUSHA [Jesus] was trying to tell Nicodemus that He was the water of which Nicodemus would have to be born again *into*, together with the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit], in order to enter the kingdom of His Father YAHUAH [God]. And if you doubt what I am saying, then I ask you to just read ahead one more chapter in the book of John to chapter 4, where you will find YAHUSHA [Jesus] taking again about water.

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<sup>8</sup> Jas 2:19.

<sup>9</sup> John 3:19.

<sup>10</sup> John 3:20-21

At first, in verse one, John says “now when YAHUSHA [Jesus] learned that the Pharisees had heard that YAHUSHA [Jesus] was making and baptizing more disciples than John [the Baptist] (although YAHUSHA [Jesus] Himself did not baptize, but only His disciples), He left Judea and departed again for Galilee” passing through Samaria. So we have the purification of the water of baptism mentioned; we have Jesus through His disciples recorded as baptizing, immersing people according to the baptism, immersing of John the Baptist.

But then, by verse 10, YAHUSHA [Jesus] is telling with the Samaritan woman at the well, “If you knew the gift of YAH [God], and Who it is that is saying to you, ‘give me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you ‘living water’.” Then by verse 13, YAHUSHA explains to her, “everyone who drinks of [ordinary] water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

## V. OUR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS AS “OLD BONES”

Today’s scripture promises us that if we choose, that YAHUAH [the LORD] will guide [us] continually, and satisfy [our] soul in drought, and strengthen [our] bones; [and] [we] shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail”. I learned many years ago, as my particular Psalm 32 pointed out to me many times, that unconfessed sin causes our bones to dry up and become old. Verses 1 through 5 of this Psalm contain a wonderful promise to us, and it is this: “blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man to whom YAHUAH [the LORD] does not impute iniquity, and in whose ruach [spirit] there is no deceit. When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was turned into the drought of summer. [But then,] I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to YAHUAH [the LORD],” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”

Then also as YAHUAH [God] promises us through Ezekiel, He says “then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new ruach [spirit] within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My [holy] RUACH [Spirit] within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your ELOHIYM [God]. I

will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations. *Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe [hate] yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations.*”<sup>11</sup>

## VI. IS IT TOO LATE FOR YOU (and Me)?

Is it too late for you and me to have moisture, to have a renewed life again within our old bones? If you doubt where you are today in what YAHUAH [God], what YAHUSHA [Jesus], and what the RUACH HA'QODESH [Holy Spirit] want from you at your particular place in life, if YAHUAH [God] could even ever moisten your old bones again, then let Him answered your question now through the continuing words of Ezekiel, in Chapter 36:

“The hand of YAHUAH [the LORD] came upon me and brought me out in the RUACH YAHUAH [the Spirit of the LORD], and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, ‘Son of man, can these bones live?’” “So, I answered, ‘O Lord GOD, You know.’”

“Again He said to me, ‘prophesy to these bones, and say to them, ‘O dry bones, hear the word of YAHUAH [the LORD]! Thus says ADONAI YAHUAH [the Lord GOD] to these bones: “Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am YAHUAH [the LORD].””

“So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.”

“Also He said to me, ‘prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, “Thus says ADONAI YAHUAH [the Lord GOD]: ‘Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.’” So, I prophesied as He

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<sup>11</sup> Ezek. 36:25-29a; 31.

commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.”

“Then He said to me, ‘Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, “Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!” Therefore prophesy and say to them, “Thus says ADONAI YAHUAH [the Lord God]: ‘Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am YAHUAH [the LORD], when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My RUACH [Spirit] in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that YAHUAH [the LORD], have spoken it and performed it,” says YAHUAH [the LORD]’”””.

Brothers and sister here today, this promise from YAHUAH [God] Almighty is as good to you and me as it was to the house of Israel. For just as most of them have not yet had their graves opened to inherit their promised Canaan land, you and I have not yet entered our promised land of the kingdom of our Father YAHUAH [God], as was also promised to us by our ADONAI YAHUSHA [Lord Jesus]. And yet, today, you and I are waiting for that fulfillment, aren't we?

Do you sometimes wonder as do I about what on this particular Sabbath in November of 2020, what it is that we are supposed to be doing, as our particular calling before YAHUAH [God]? Then join me as I ask our Heavenly Father and our Abundant Well of Living Water to help me remember my evil ways and my deeds that were not good, so that I *will hate myself so much in my own sight, because of my iniquities and my abominations,* that I no longer want anything to do with the dark ways of this dark world, but instead...

I ask YAH [God] for the gift of His Son YAHUSHA [Jesus]. I ask Him now to “please give me a drink,” so that for the rest of my life as your disciple, that I might be a fountain of living water that that in my service to you that “everyone who drinks of it, of You will never be thirsty again. That it will be the Living Waer that will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life in me and the others that I serve.

Amen.