

WISDOM OF SOLOMON PART 3B

(Is Redemption and refinement even after death).

VS 1

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of ELOHIM, and there shall no torment touch them.

VS 2

In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die: and their departure is taken for misery

VS 3

And their going from us to be to be utter destruction: but they are in peace.

VS 4

For though they be punished in the sight of men, yet is their hope full of immortality.

VS 5

And having been a little chastised, they shall be greatly reward: for ELOHIM proved them, and found them worthy for himself.

VS 6

As gold in the furnace has he tried them, and received them as a burnt offering.

VS 7

And in the time of their visit they shall shine, and run to and fro like sparks among the stubble.

VS 8

They shall judge the nations, and have dominion over the people, and their Yahuah shall reign forever.

VS 9

They that put their trust in him shall understand the Truth: and such as be faithful in love shall abide with him: for grace and mercy is to his qodeshiym, and he has care for his elect.

VS 10

But the wicked shall be punished according to their own imaginations, which

have neglected the righteous, and forsaken YAHUAH.

VS 11

For whoso despises wisdom and nurture, he is miserable, and their hope is vain, their labour unfruitful, and their works unprofitable:

VS 12

Their women are foolish, and their children wicked

VS 13

Their offspring is cursed, Wherefore blesses is the barren that is undefiled, which has not known the sinful bed: she shall have fruit in the visitation of souls.

VS 14

And blessed is the eunuch, which with his hands has wrought no iniquity, nor imagined wicked things against ELOHIM: for unto him shall be given the special gift of belief, and an inheritance in the Temple of YAHUAH more acceptable to his mind.

VS 15

For glorious is the fruit of good labour: and the root of wisdom shall never fall away.

VS 16

As for the children of the breakers of Wedlock, they shall not come to their perfection, and the seed of an unrighteous bed shall be rooted out.

VS 17

For thought they live long, yet shall they be nothing regarded: and their last age shall be without honor.

VS 18

Or, if they die quickly, they have not hope, neither comfort in the day of trial.

VS 19

For horrible is the end of the unrighteous generation.

Hebrews 9:27

And as it is pointed unto man once to die, but after this the judgement. (**What is the purpose of Yahuah's judgement? A refiners fire?**).

- There is a certainty of death and judgment. I don't think this verse (**Hebrews**

9:21), actually precludes the possibility of post mortem refinement.

- There can still be refinement after death. There is a possibility for transformation.
- Scripture shows that Yahuah's judgement can lead to purification and there is a process of refinement. It is spoken a lot in the scriptures. It's more than just condemnation. **His mercy is new each morning.** He loves his creation.

2 Thessalonians 1:4-10 (It describes the punishment for the unrighteous. What is key is the greek word "**AIONOIS**" which means an age, an indeterminate amount of time not necessarily mean an internal punishment.)

For sure there is retribution for those who don't know or obey the gospels. There are opportunities for repentance and return to his kingdom.

SIDE NOTE: Yahusha said that not one will be lost. He goes after that one out of 99. We see the law of first mentioned with Moses and the burning bush. Then again with Yahusha in the book of John.

1 Timothy 2:4

Who will have all men be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth.

John 6:39

And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, **but raise them up at the last day.**

2 Peter 3:9

Adonai is not slack concerning His promise, as some meant count slackness, but is long-suffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish**, but that **ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE.**

Matthew 10:28

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

There is a divine openness to redeem. When bad things happen to good people. (Sometimes it's just the biblical verse in 2 Corinthians 7:8...."though I cause you sorrow, I cause you sorrow to the point of repentance").

- Yahuah has ultimate authority over the soul.
- There is actually a warning over the potential destruction of both body and soul in hell.
- But it also implies that the soul's journey continues beyond physical death.
- This leads room for transformation and reconciliation.

Matthew 17:1-9 (Read on your own time) These verses are presented as a vision

- However, the appearance of Moses and Elijah shows the the continuity of Yahuah's plan and the connection between the Torah, the Nevi'im and Yahusha.
- This passage is showing that those who have passed are not beyond Yahuah's reach.
- Why? Because the Son has conquered death.

SIDE NOTE: We see many religions praying for the dead. Especially the Catholic church who believe that if we pray for the dead Yah will give them a second change. They are in purgatory a place of waiting/holding. It is not a place of finality. Our Job is to do an Isaiah 59:16).

Also, we must not forget that Satan will tell us 1,000 lies to get us to believe that one truth. The Catholic church has some truths but twists it into their own meanings. They show us a glimpse of truth but then take it in another direction.

Ecclesiastes 9:5 under the sun. (Is about this actual world in which we live). Under the Sun.....

For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they anymore a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

- This verse can be tricky. This is Solomon's perspective on the finality of death and not the actual correct way people die. This perspective is limited to this realm and it speaks to the perceived meaninglessness of life when viewed solely through human effort and the understanding that we gain in this realm.
- It is a perspective confined to an earthly existence.
- Solomon is considering human endeavors and experiences without explicit reference to the afterlife or spiritual realms beyond our immediate world.
- He is not addressing that.
- For example **Ecclesiastes 1:3.....**

Ecclesiastes 1:3

- **What profit has a man of all his labour which he toils under the sun?**
- The question reflects on the seeming futility this human world in which we live.
- Human labor it's futile when we view it from an earthly standpoint.
- Ecclesiastes then doesn't actually extensively address the specifics of the afterlife.
- Solomon's focus in Ecclesiastes is on the temporal aspect of this life but other biblical passages actually offer perspectives that can show us a lot more

about the understanding of salvation beyond just this earthly realm.

Luke 16:19 (The parable of the rich man and Lazarus) read the story on your own.

- It actually depicts a conscious existence of death. It is a little bit more nuance. Understanding that we start to get of the afterlife that we shouldn't just dismiss it.
- We should explore it because that's what Solomon is all about. He was a man of exploration.
- Ecclesiastes limited to this world but in the wisdom of Solomon. We are going into the afterlife. We are going into the deep mysterious thing. There is young Solomon and older Solomon etc.

Let's think about this concept of post death refinement. Refinement after death aligns more with biblical themes of purification.

1 Peter 1:7 (The genueness of faith being tested by fire).

These trials are so that the true metal of your faith (far more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire) may come to light in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Messiah Yeshua.

1 Corinthians 3:15

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

- This suggests that post death there is a process of purification for believers. We are not done yet.
- It seems like purgatory, but it's not and we must distinguish between the two. **(THE CATHOLIC CHURCH'S PURGATORY GIVES MANKIND A WAY OUT. LIVE A LIFE OF DEBAUCHERY AND YOU CAN PAY FOR IT IN PURGATORY AND GET YOUR "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARD" EVENTUALLY. YOUR BUDDY WILL PRAY YOU OUT ON SUNDAY).**
- The bible emphasizes that salvation is through faith in Yahusha alone.
Ephesians 2:8
- Any post purification is not a second chance but a reflection of Yahuah's mercy in Yahusha alone and his desire to purify his creation.
- They are not one and the same.

Let's look at the assurance that comes with salvation and the final judgement. This assurance that believers can have confidence in their salvation.

1 John 5:13 (But it also warns of a final judgment when deeds are evaluated)

Rev. 20

- This judgement is not solely about condemnation. It is about rewards, rewarding faithfulness and refining character.
- Is it possible as we explore that the bible could be presenting an Elohim who is both just and merciful?
- An Elohim that desires that none should perish but all should come to repentance. **(2 Peter 3:9)**
- If that's true, then the idea of post death refinement is about a second chance not like purgatory, but it's about acknowledging Yahuah's on going work of purification and transformation.
- He is not limited by this realm. When you think he is done, he is not done. He is working behind the scenes even after death.
- The death, the loss of something He is still there.
- Love doesn't fail.

1 Corinthians 13:8

Love never fails-but where there are prophecies, they will pass away; where there are tongues, they will cease; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

Romans 8:39

Nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of Yahuah that is in Messiah Yahusha Ha'mashiach.

1 John 4:16

And we have known and believed the love that Yahuah has for us. YAHUAH is love; and he that dwells in love dwells in YAHUAH, and YAHUAH in him.

Psalms 136

Oh give thanks unto YAHUAH; for he is good: for **His mercy endures forever.**

Jeremiah 31:3

YAHUAH has appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you.

- Yahuah's eternal love for his creation his love has no end. His love transcend time. We can't lose sight of the eternal and unfailing nature of YAHUAH'S love.
- It's a love he extends to all because it's not merely a characteristic of him, from his 13 attributes of course, it's his very essence.
- Thus, I see this steadfast unbroken chain from creation through his direct love for humanity that was accomplished at the tree at Calvary.
- Whether by acceptance or none acceptance **his love never fails.**

Those who passed are not beyond Yahuah's reach. The Son has conquered death because of the Son. The appearance of Moses and Elijah show the connection between the Torah, the prophets, and Yahusha.

Hebrews 12:28-29

Wherefore we receiving a Kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve YAHUAH acceptably with reverence and in the fear of YAHUAH: For our YAH is a consuming fire.

Malachi 3:2

But who can endure the day of His coming? Or who can stand when He appears? For He will be like a refiner's fire, and like soap for cleaning raw wool.

- What about the Hell and Hades a place of suffering and judgement?
- In the case of the unrepentant, I come to see a process of refinement continues beyond death, just as **Revelations 20:13** shows us.

Revelations 20:13-14

And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and She'ol delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and She'ol were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

- Even the un-repentance will undergo judgement in Hades before the ultimate purification as they face the second death in the crucible, the lake of fire.
- There is a **final purification** for those who have lived in rebellion and sin against Yahuah.
- That would make Yahuah's judgement a redemptive one.
- Maybe Yahuah's judgement isn't aimed at eternal punishment.
- Is it possible that his judgement is aimed at purification in the crucible?
- Did Paul hint at the process of post mortem refinement?

1 Timothy 2:3-4

For this is good and acceptable in the sight of YAH our Savior; **who will have all men be saved**, and to come unto the knowledge of the Truth. For there is one YAH, and one mediator between YAHUAH and men, the man MASHIACH YAHUSHA; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

- Is it possible that all that YAHUAH'S will is for all to be saved regardless of their previous state?
- When you start to look at a crucible and smelting and refinement and removing impurities it's very easy to see that it's everywhere in the scriptures.

- I think it aligns a lot more with the concept of refinement more with the idea of a universal salvation that's rooted in the mediation and the mediatorial work of Yahusha.
- The work of post mortem redemption has to be rooted in the mediatorial work of Yahusha.
- It's only His crucifixion that reconciles all humanity to Elohim.
- And this then ties in with what we just studied in **Isaiah 66:22** Where Isaiah speaks of a future time of restoration and renewal for all people.
- Where the gates of the kingdom will remain open for those who are redeemed through the blood of Mashiach.
- What about the crucible, the lake of fire, the ultimate purification? The crucible or the lake of fire is the final stage for purification.

Revelations 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

SIDE NOTE: We are outside the camp 7 days for being unclean. Anything to do with fire and cleansing is so we can come back into the camp. Yah washed the earth and people with water the first time, now it's a final cleansing of the earth and mankind. If anyone on this planet goes through that cleansing and still doesn't want to be in the kingdom, then it's a complete destruction of the spirit, soul, body. He is not a cruel Yah. It would be a slap in his face that his mud people made in his image chose Satan over him. He will give everyone a chance with scales removed to choose wisely.

HOW LONG WILL ONE BE IN HADES? THIS IS ONE THEORY.

- A day for a year principle consequence. One year being in the wilderness, they were to spy out the land, and Yah was going to take them into the land. Because of their lack of faith, they had to wonder for another 39 years.
- 40 days they spent spying out the land.
- **A day for a year principle consequence.** They spent 40 days spying out the land. This is the very first time where we get a day for a year principle when Yah brings about judgement for consequences. We see it in Ezekiel, Revelations, and it helps us unlock a lot of end-time prophecies.
- **Numbers 14:34 is the origin of the principle "a day for a year consequences"). For forty years, one year for each of the forty days you explored the land, you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.**

YIKES!!!! ONE YEAR PER DISOBEDIENCE FOR NOT DOING WHAT THE TORAH SAID TO DO. SO IF A MAN DIES AT 88 MINUS 20 YEARS AGE OF KNOWLEDGE,

HE GETS 66 YEARS IN HADES. IT'S BETTER THAN INFINITY THAT SATAN IS GETTING.

ANOTHER THEORY IS 1,000 DAYS TO MAN IS ONE DAY TO YAHUAH PRINCIPLE.

- Is there a purgatorial aspect of refining that's hinted in some Christian traditions?
- Not purgatory, but a purgatorial aspect found in the final purification in the lake of fire that's necessary for those who have not yet been transformed but through this process they will be refined, just as gold is refined in the fire.
- Is there a universal salvation and a second exodus which points to the day when Elohim will restore all things?
- Yes!!! What kind of Yah is He that He would want one single person to be destroyed? He goes after the one lost sheep as we see in both the Tanakh and the Brit Chadashah.
- It is in our sufferings that we start to see clearly. It's the restoration of Israel and the twelve tribes scattered abroad.

SIDE NOTE: We see refinement with Daniel's three friends in the fiery furnace. Daniel was already refined so he only needed testing to make sure he was going to stand strong for the testimony of Yah!!!!. (We see that with 10 trials with Abraham, Pharaoh, and with Moses when he went up and down the Mountain ten times).

- **The patterns are all there if one just pays attention. Nothing new under the sun. History is repeated over and over like a broken record in hopes that we mud people get the message loud and clear.**

Matthew 24:31

And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a shofar, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

- So this final restoration is a restoration of Israel. A restoration of Israel and all believers into a redeemed world.
- Once all are cleansed, **(since no one can see the father unclean and live)**, all things are established, where all things are made new, then we go into his kingdom and reign with our creator forever and ever.
- As we delve deeper into Solomon's book of Wisdom, we will begin to see insights into life's trials, metaphors for the purification, and the refining process in the crucible of life.
- That means that the trials that we face they are not without purpose. They are a means to purify our character. **(They say that "Only the good die young")!!!! Maybe their character was already refined paving the way for**

us that are slacking behind and need a little bit more work.

2 Corinthians 7:8-9 (This is the scripture I go to when trials come as an assurance that it's to refine our character to enter the Kingdom of Yahuah). FOR THOUGH I CAUSED YOU SORROW BY MY LETTER, I DO NOT REGRET IT; THOUGH I DID REGRET IT-FOR I SEE THAT THAT LETTER CAUSED YOU SORROW, THOUGH ONLY FOR A WHILE, I NOW REJOICE, NOT THAT YOU WERE MADE SORROWFUL, BUT THAT YOU WERE MADE SORROWFUL TO THE POINT OF REPENTANCE; FOR THAT YOU MIGHT NOT SUFFER LOSS IN ANYTHING THROUGH US. FOR THE SORROW THAT IS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF YAHUAH PRODUCES A REPENTANCE WITHOUT REGRET LEADING TO SALVATION: BUT THE SORROW OF THE WORLD PRODUCES DEATH.

- **THE REFINING FIRE IS A MEANS TO PREPARE US FOR ETERNAL JOY!!!!**
- **THE FIRE IS TO HEAL US FROM OUR PRIOR WOUNDS.**
- **THE FIRE IS A MEANS TO BRING ABOUT REDEMPTION.**
- **THROUGH YAHUSHA'S SACRIFICE IS A GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ENDURE THE HARDSHIP OF THIS LIFE AND TO BE PURIFIED IN THE PROCESS AND ENTER THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM.**
- **THE GATES OF THE KINGDOM OF ELOHIM ARE ALWAYS OPEN EVEN FOR THE MOST UNWORTHY.**

AFTER ALL YAHUSHA DID SAY IN MATTHEW 24:9 THEN SHALL THEY DELIVER YOU UP TO BE AFFLICTED, AND SHALL KILL YOU: AND YOU SHALL BE HATED OF ALL NATIONS FOR MY NAME'S SAKE. We can go through the fire now on earth the narrow road, or we can take the hard road and do it later.

- Should they repent and accept the purification process which is mediated by the Son, the way maker, our exodus from sin and death which He has accomplished it?
- Is it possible that Yahuah's plan of salvation it extends beyond temporal life?
- Is it possible that Yahuah's love is wider and deeper than we could have ever imagined?
- There is a wider and more encompassing view of redemption ultimately leading all creation to a reconciled state in Mashiach Yahusha.
- The ultimate aim of Yahuah isn't eternal separation but the restoration of all things.
- Through His Son, the way maker, crucible of suffering in this life or the after life then is the refining process preparing the soul to be fit for eternal communion with the heavenly Father.
- The scriptures are clear that the new Jerusalem are always open. And that the healings of the nations will bring all people into Elohim's embrace.

- So then that would mean the spiritual journey whether it be this life or next, purification with Yahusha as the mediator guiding all through the fire to the ultimate redemption.
- Yahusha's remediation is key, and He is the way maker of salvation. It is reconciliation by fire rather than by separation and destruction.

1 Timothy 2:5-6

For there is one Yah, and one mediator between YAHUAH and men, the man MASHIACH YAHUSHA; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

- He paid the ransom for all people insuring that humanity is no longer separated from Elohim due to sin.
- Just like humanity was prior to the fall the restoration of all things.

Hebrews 9:15-17

And for this cause he is the Mediator of the **RENEWED COVENANT**, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the **FIRST COVENANT**, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator lives.

Colossians 1:19

For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And having made peace through the blood on the tree, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

- Yahusha is the way maker and has opened the way for all people to be brought back to Elohim.

2 Corinthians 5:18

And all things are of **YAHUAH**, who has reconciled us to himself by **YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH**, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation.

- It is total unconditional reconciliation by our Messiah Yahusha.
- He is the way maker, and He has given us the ministry of reconciliation. That is Elohim was in Mashiach reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.
- Yahusha is the means through which the world is reconciled to Elohim.

John 12:32

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw **ALL** men unto me.

- Yahusha's sacrifice draws all people to himself.
- Did Yahusha's sacrifice open the way for all humanity to have the opportunity to be saved and be refined and not destroyed? I think YES!!!

Titus 2:11

For the grace of YAHUAH that brings salvation has appeared to **ALL** men.

- That is a universal offer of salvation made possible through the Son for all men.
- It is available for all if they choose to take it.

1 Peter 1:7

That the trial of your belief, being much more precious than of gold that perishes, though it be tried with fire, might be found into praise and honor and glory at the appearing of YAHUSHA HA'MASHIACH.

- So the testing is a refining fire.
- It is the process not meant for destruction, but for the purification and strengthening of the faith.
- That's because refinement allows us to grow in holiness.
- It allows us to grow in character.
- It's all in preparation for eternal glory.

Malachi 3:2 is very clear. This prophecy is a shadow picture of the refining work that was accomplishment through Yahusha's sacrificial act.

- That would make the refinement of Elohim's people a necessary part of sanctification.
- Because our reconciliation has been made and possible through the blessed Son.

Matthew 3:11

Indeed immerse you with water unto repentance: but he that comes after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall immerse you with the **RUACH HA'QODESH**, and **with fire**. Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with **unquenchable fire**.

- Yes, there is a separation of the righteous and the unrighteous.
- But those who are not in Yahusha will face judgement and destruction the unquenchable fire.
- They will face judgement and refinement and be purified like Wheat.
- It is better to be purified now before He comes back than to go through the

judgement and fire of cleansing.

SIDE NOTE: Matthew 5:17-18 tells us that when mankind does it their own way by getting rid of the instructional manual of life of the Father, they will be the **LEAST IN THE KINGDOM**. Clue #1 they will be there and will be the invited guests only. It's a pattern of Joseph's brothers.

- If one rejects Yahusha in this world, they will be refined through fire.
- The question is how long will that process last?
- Will it be like the many stripes scripture where some had little and some had many?
- Is time allocated according to the stripes they have for not being a Torah Keeper in Yahusha?
- It's too bad mankind didn't read who was saved in **Revelations 12:17**. Those New Testament Christians who believe only in some new covenant missed that verse.

Luke 12:47-48

And that servant, which knew his master's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

1 Corinthians 3:13-15

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he has built thereupon he shall received a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; Yet so as by fire.

- We as believers undergo testing and refinement which of course is symbolized by fire. But we are saved through it.
- The refinement here is not for destruction but for purification.
- Yahuah uses the crucible of life's challenges for ultimate good.
- It is only the mediation of Yahusha that open the way for universal salvation by reconciling all people to Elohim through his death, burial and resurrection.
- It is this reconciliation that allows for the opportunity for refinement not destruction.
- Through the refining fire we are shaken to the likeness of Mashiach. But those who reject this reconciliation, face the ultimate punishment in the lake of fire after judgement. That's the crucible.

- This process of refinement available to all because of the completed work of Yahusha shows that Yahuah's judgement may not possibly be for eternal destruction but purification and transformation of his creation. Because Love does not fail.
- It's through the finished work of the blessed Son, that the possibility of salvation even remains open for all.
- **It's Elohim's consuming fire being the ultimate purifier.**

THOSE WHO ARE HIS THROUGH THE SON IN THIS LIFE GET THE BLESSING TO BE RECIPIENTS OF IT NOW. THIS IS THE NARROW ROAD THAT LEADS TO LIFE AND THE GATES OF THE KINGDOM ARE OPEN.

- There is judgement for those unrepentant that hate Him for an age in the crucible.
- Is it for destruction or refinement?
- How long is an age? (We see a day as a thousand years pattern everywhere). Maybe they will be refined for a thousand years during the millennial period? Food for thought).
- **WE ALSO SEE A DAY FOR A YEAR PRINCIPLE.**
- **WHICH ONE WILL IT BE?**

THESE ARE MYSTERIES TO BE PONDERED!!!! SEEK AND YOU SHALL SURELY FIND!!!!