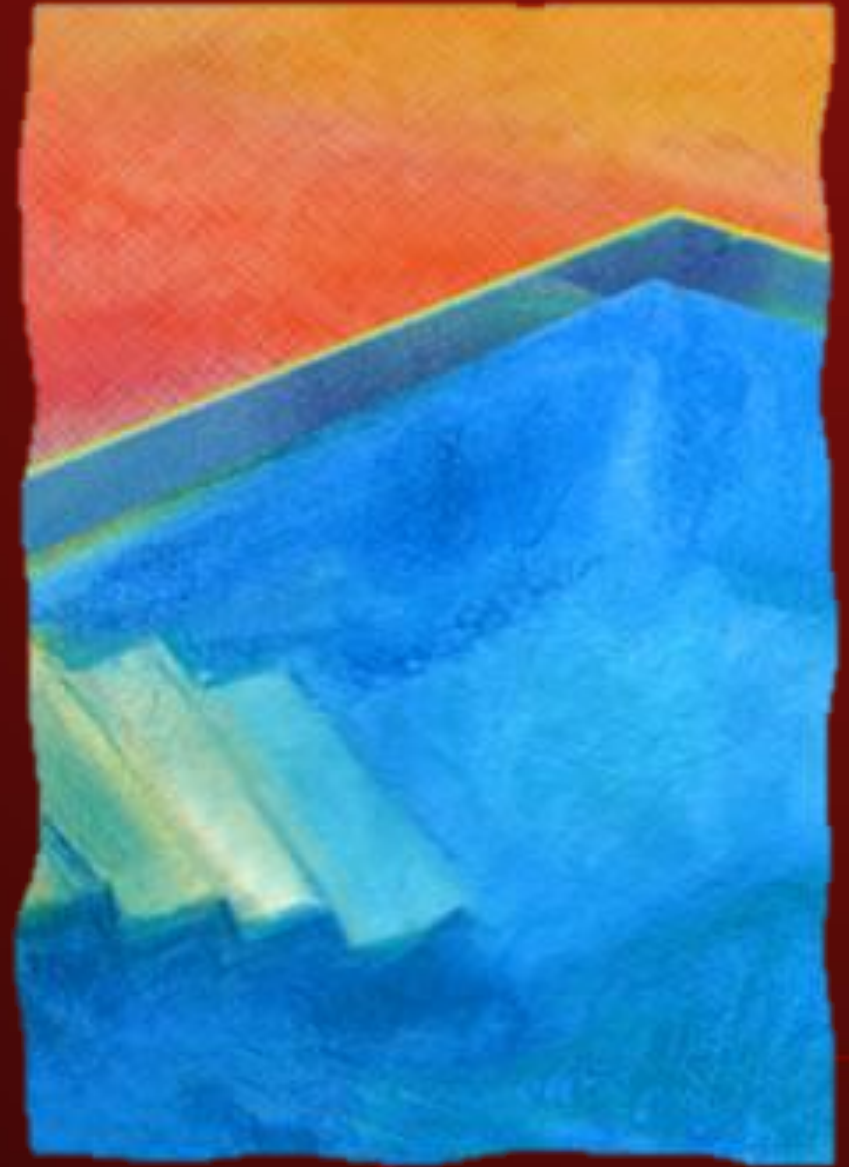


the Message of the Mikvah

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- Elul
 - To “search”
 - 6th month
 - Follows “Tammuz” (Golden Calf)
 - Follows “Av” (refusal to enter the land)
- precedes the “Chevlei ha Mashiach”
 - the Birthpains of the Messiah
 - Tribulation

Teshuva

- 40 day time of repentance
- Concludes on Yom Kippur
- תשובה – “to repent”

^{ESV} **Ezekiel 18:21** "But if a wicked person turns away from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all my statutes and does what is just and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die."

- Acts of Teshuva
 - David's psalms of repentance
 - Josiah rends his garments
 - Jewish people coming to the Jordan

^{NKJ} **Malachi 4:5** Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.

^{NKJ} **Matthew 3:1-6** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'"
" . . . ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him ⁶ and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins.

NKJ **Matthew 3:7** But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"



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Baptism

In this study:

- Endurance
- Hope
- Strength

Baptism

- *baptizo* (Strong's #907)
 - “to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge”
- Hebrew *taval* (טָבַל - Strong's #2881)
 - “to dip or plunge”

^{NKJ} Exodus 12:22 "And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, *dip* it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

Baptism



Mikvah

- Mikvah - מִקְוָה – Strong’s 4725
 - “reservoir”, a “collection”, or a “collected mass”
- Mikveh - מִקְוָה – Strong’s 4723
 - “a collection, a gathering”

^{NKJ} **Genesis 1:10** And God called the dry *land* Earth, and the **gathering** together of the waters He called Seas. And God saw that *it was good*.

^{NKJ} **Exodus 7:19** Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to Aaron, 'Take your rod and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, over their ponds, and over all their **pools** of water, that they may become blood ...'"

Kavah

- kavah - קָוָה – Strong’s 6960

- “to collect” or “to gather”

^{NKJ} **Genesis 1:9** Then God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be **gathered together** into one place, and let the dry *land* appear"; and it was so.

- “to wait” or “to look” (45 out of 49 times)

^{NKJ} **Genesis 49:18** I have waited for your salvation, O LORD!

Kavah

^{NKJ} **Psalm 25:3** Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause.

^{ESV} **Psalm 25:5** Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

^{NKJ} **Psalm 145:13** Your kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.

Tikvah

- tikvah - תִּקְוָה – Strong' 8615 – “hope”

^{NKJ} **Psalm 62:5** My soul, wait silently for God alone, For my expectation *is* from Him.

^{NKJ} **Psalm 71:5** For You are my hope, O Lord GOD; *You are* my trust from my youth.

^{NKJ} **Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

^{NKJ} **Ezekiel 37:11** 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!'

Tikvah

- tikvah - תִּקְוָה – Strong’ 8615 – “a cord”

^{ESV} **Joshua 2:18, 21** Behold, when we come into the land, you shall tie this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and you shall gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your father's household . . . ²¹ And she said, "According to your words, so be it." Then she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

– underlying meaning of “kavah” = “twisting”, “stretching”, and “tension”

– “qav-qav” – קָו-קָו – Strong’s 6978 – “strength”

Mikvah

- Wait (kavah)
- Hope (tikvah)
- Strength (tikvah)

Baptism . . .

Ticket to the Promised Land?

NKJ 1 Corinthians 10:1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness.

NKJ 1 Corinthians 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

Why Baptism ?

- Baptized into Messiah Yeshua

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:26-27** ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

– “put on” - Greek “enduo” (Strong’s 1746) - to “clothe yourself”, to “sink into (His) clothing”.

Why Baptism ?

- We die with Him, resurrected to a new life

^{NKJ} **Romans 6:3-5** ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together (KJV “planted together) in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection . . .

– “planted together” = sumphutos

- From “phuo” – Strong’s 5453 – “sprung up”

Why Baptism ?

- Parable of the Sower –
 - A lot of seed is sown
 - Much of it springs up
 - Only that which lands on fertile ground endured and made it to the Kingdom

^{NKJ} **Luke 8:15** "But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.

- Patience = hupomone” (Strong’s 5281)
 - LXX – “tikvah, mikvah, kavah”

Why Baptism ?

NKJ **1 Chronicles 29:15** For we *are* aliens and pilgrims before You, As *were* all our fathers; Our days on earth *are* as a shadow, And without hope (**mikveh**)

NKJ **Psalms 9:18** For the needy shall not always be forgotten; The expectation (**tikvah**) of the poor shall *not* perish forever.

NKJ **Psalms 39:7** "And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My hope (**kavah**) *is* in You.

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NKJ **Jeremiah 14:8** O the Hope (**mikveh**) of Israel, his Savior in time of trouble, Why should You be like a stranger in the land, And like a traveler *who* turns aside to tarry for a night?

NKJ **Jeremiah 17:13** O LORD, the hope (**mikveh**) of Israel, All who forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those who depart from Me Shall be written in the earth, Because they have forsaken the LORD, The fountain of living waters."

Why Baptism ?

Endurance, Hope, Strength

Endurance and Hope –

^{NKJ} **Romans 8:23-25** ³ . . . we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. ²⁴ For we were saved in this hope (**Gr. - elpis; Heb. – tikvah**), but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait (**Gr.- hupomone; Heb.- tikvah**) for *it* with perseverance

^{ESV} **Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (**Gr. - elpis; Heb. – tikvah**).

Why Baptism ?

Endurance, Hope, Strength

Strength –

^{NKJ} **Psalm 27:14** Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!

^{NKJ} **Philippians 4:13** I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

The Message of the Mikvah

Endurance, Hope, Strength

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NKJ Psalm 27:14

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Shalom Alechim

Peace be Unto You