

Is Yochanan the Beloved Still Alive?

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Mattiyahu/Matthew. 16:27, 28 *Truly I say to you, There are some standing here, who shall not taste of death, until they see the Ben Adam coming in His malchut.*

Mattiyahu 17:1 And after six days Yahshua took Kepha, Yaakov, and Yochanan

Here's how history confirmed that Yochanan/John the sholiach escaped natural death. Then we'll look closer at the Word itself!

History teaches us that Yaakov was murdered and that Kepha was impaled upside down! That leaves only 1 talmid/disciple that was a candidate to temporarily escape death, as promised by Yahshua in Mattiyahu/Matt 16:27-28. Yochanan was exiled to the island of Patmos in the Mediterranean Sea, where he was supposedly left to live out the rest of his mortal life.

“Emperor Dometian imprisoned Yochanan in Romiyah, and had him beaten poisoned, and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil 3 times. Yochanan stepped out unharmed and was banished to the island of Patmos instead.”

But what happened to him on Patmos? After Keepha's/Peter's death (traditionally dated about A.D. 67), John would have been the senior and presiding sholiach. Many sources state that years later John lived at Ephesus, was exiled to Patmos (C. E. 90) by the Emperor Domitian, and returned to Ephesus during the reign of Nerva (C.E. 96-98), Domitian's successor. HE NEVER DIED ON PATMOS. Just the opposite!

From Church fathers book Acts of John-“ And gazing towards heaven, he glorified Eloah; and having sealed himself altogether, he stood and said to us, Peace and grace be with you, brethren! And sent the brethren away. And when they went on the morrow they did not find him, but his sandals, and a fountain welling up. And after that they remembered what had been said to Peter by the Lord about him: For what does it concern thee if I should wish him to remain until I come? And they glorified Eloah for the miracle that had happened. And having thus believed, they retired praising and blessing the benignant Eloah; because to Him is due glory now and ever, and to ages of ages. Amen.”

He was exiled to Patmos for about 4 years and after Gilyahna/Revelation was written he returned to Ephesus. Gilyahna/Rev 1: 10 says “ I was in the Ruach on Yom YHWH, and heard behind me a great voice, as of shofars.... Yochanan was fast forwarded to a time

known as the 70th week of Yisrael, which includes the Great Tribulation. He did not receive the Gilyahna/Revelation on a Sunday!

It is from this book, Gilyahna (Revelation) that we learn there will be “2 witnesses” who will/must and have been ordained to prophesy in the last days. Yochanan reports to us that he was told while he was still alive in Gilyahna/Revelation 10:11 “And he said to me, You must prophesy again before many peoples and nations and tongues and melechim.”

Mattiyahu 16: 27 For the Ben Adam shall come in the tifereth of His Abba with His heavenly malachim; and then He shall reward every man according to his mitzvoth.

28 Truly I say to you, There are some standing here, who shall not taste of death, until they see the Ben Adam coming in His malchut.

Now in the remez, or hint application we see this fulfilled just 6 days later in Mattiyahu 17:1-3

1 And after six days Yahshua took Kepha, Yaakov, and Yochanan his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain alone to make tefillah,

2 And while He was making tefillah He was transformed before them: and His face did shine as the sun, and His clothing was white as the light.

3 And, see, there appeared to them Moshe and Eli-Yahu talking with Him about what would happen to Him in Yahrushalayim.

Yochanan saw the kingdom in a vision without dying first! That is true! But this is not the pashat/literal application and the literal must always take precedence over the remez or sod. So literally one of those 3 talmidim would not die until the Kingdom arrived. He would die however after prophesying and giving witness for a second time! Since it is appointed unto all me to die and then the judgment. Ivrim/Hebrews 9:27...

And as it is appointed to men once to die, but after this the mishpat. So Yochanan must die. The only question remains when?

In Yochanan 21:18, Yahshua tells Kepha what kind of **death** he will have to endure, **then Kepha asks Yahshua about Yochanan concerning this same topic, Yochanan's death.** Yochanan. 21:20

Yochanan 21:20-Then Kepha, turning around, saw the talmid whom Yahshua loved following; who also was the one that leaned on His breast at supper, who said, Master-Yah, who is he that betrays You?

21 Kepha seeing him said to, Yahshua Master-Yah, and what about him?

22 Yahshua said to him, *If I desire that he lives until I come, what is that to you? You just follow Me.*

23 Then this saying went around among the Yisraelite brothers, that this talmid would not die: yet Yahshua said not to him, you shall not die; but, *If I choose that he remains alive until I come, what is that to you?*

In other words He was saying Yochanan will die, but at My coming; not now. Yahshua never said that Yochanan would not die. That was a false report! The true report was that his death would be postponed.

Yochanan 21: 24-This is the talmid who testifies of these things, and wrote these things; and we know that his testimony is emet. In context what THINGS are true and what THINGS does he swear by? Not Yahshua's resurrection, since that had become an established fact! They had already seen Him! NO! He was testifying that his own death would occur later than the others at the time of the second coming. Yochanan himself swore "as YHWH lives" that he himself would remain alive until the Great Tribulation. And Yochanan says these things are true, as he is the very one who was to remain alive, until he prophesied again during the Great tribulation!! Gilyahna 10:11!

Yochanan went on to clarify that Yahshua didn't say he wouldn't die, but rather said "*If I wish him to remain until I come, what is that to you?*" **In other words Yochanan will die, BUT NOT BEFORE HIS JOB IS FULFILLED to prepare the return and the Kingdom. When does he die? Before the second coming towards the end of the Great Tribulation as seen in Revelation 11:3..... And I will **give power to My two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth.**

7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, **and kill them.**

Both Eliyahu/Elijah and Yochanan will die now for the first time, so that Ivrim 9:27 can be fulfilled. The 2 witnesses are Efrayim and Judah collectively, but Eliyahu (House of Efrayim) and Yochanan the Lewite (House of Judah) individually.

Close- Yochanan will die, but not until his second witness is complete.

Thank; to my brother Lew White for opening my eye; to thi; amazing truth!