

What's Written In the Earth?

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Yochanan/John 8: 6 This they said, tempting Him, that they might be able to accuse Him. But יהושע stooped down, and with His finger wrote on the ground, as though He heard them not.

7 So when they continued asking Him, He lifted Himself up, and said to them, *He that is without sin among you, let him be the first to cast a stone at her.*

8 And again He stooped down, and wrote on the ground.¹

Wrote twice, once for both houses of Israel.

This incident takes place on Sheimini Atzereth (Wayiqra/Lev. 23:36) the final day or the closing assembly of Sukkoth/Tabernacles.

There are three popular theories on just what Yahshua was writing in the ground on that final day.

1. Yahshua was writing down their sins.
2. Yahshua was writing down their names.
3. Yahshua was merely scribbling and not making eye contact with His opponents.

We can however understand what Yahshua was writing that day because Devarim/Deuteronomy 29:29 tells us that:

29 The secret things belong to יהוה our Elohim: but those things that are revealed belong to us and to our children le-olam-va-ed, that we may do all the words of this Torah.²

Thus it should not be a secret, as it has been revealed. Lets look at Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah 17:13-14

13 O יהוה, the mikvah of Yisrael, all that forsake You shall be ashamed; and they that depart from Me shall be written in the earth,³ because they have forsaken יהוה, the Fountain of living mayim.⁴

14 Heal me, O יהוה, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for You are my tehilla.

This was clearly a messianic prophecy written some 550 years before Yahshua was born and performed this. Yirmeyahu/Jeremiah predicated that all who forsook the fountain of living waters, or the coming of Yahshua Himself, would have their names written in the earth for their unbelief. Yochanan/John 7:37 confirms that Yahshua is the fountain of life giving water from YHWH. Yahshua is both the Hope and Immerser of the righteous ones of Yisrael. Rejecting this hope caused Yahshua to record their names in the earth, where they would eventually go and not rise in the resurrection of the just.

Verse 14 reminds us that they were rejecting not just a man on a mission, but YHWH who was there to heal, save and give the hope of eternal life. Friends, He is the one that you must not reject, as He is YHWH who saves, heals and delivers. Only YHWH could write these names in the earth making another beautiful confirmation that Yahshua is in fact Almighty YHWH.

¹ He upheld the Torah and the mercy of the Torah, all the while fulfilling prophecy by writing the names of those who were forsaking the living water, into the dust of the earth, as prophesied in Jeremiah 17:13.

² In context, the secret things are the whereabouts of all of Yisrael's exiles.

³ Literally fulfilled by Yahshua in John 8, when the names of all those forsaking Him were written in the earth.

⁴ After rejecting Yahshua's call to drink from the wells of salvation in John 7, their names were recorded in the earth in John 8, and this prophecy was fulfilled.

Close-Believers on the other hand need not look for their names written in the dirt, as our names are written and recorded in heaven in the Lamb's Book of Life sealed by the precious atoning blood of the mikvah/hope of Israel. See: Gilyahna/Revelation 21: 22-27:

22 And I saw no Mishkan in it: for the Master יהוה El-Shaddai and the Lamb are the Mishkan of it.

23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the tifereth of יהוה did brighten it, and the Lamb is the Light of it.

24 And the nations of those that are saved shall walk in the Light of it: and the melechim of the olam do bring their tifereth and honor into it.

25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

26 And they shall bring the tifereth and honor of the nations into it.

27 And there shall by no means enter into it anyone that is unclean, or whoever works abomination,⁵ and or makes up lies: but only those who are written in the Lamb's Sefer Ha Chayim.

⁵ Works Torah-less-ness.