

בְּרֵאשִׁית - Notes

***Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

***John 10:10** The thief comes only that he might steal and might kill and might destroy. I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly.

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***Daniel 3:25** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

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***I Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

***Genesis 3:15** And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."...

ראש Means head or first.

Colossians 1:15 Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation.

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***John 19:2** And the soldiers twisted together a crown of **thorns** and put it on His **head** and put a purple robe on Him.

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***Deuteronomy 21:22** "And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree.

We know the Messiah was hung on a tree and we know He resurrected from the dead, so He ultimately won.

But what about John the Baptist, he had his head cut off for telling the truth.

Have you ever been lied about with no way to defend yourself?
It feels like Satan won.

Have you ever told the truth and been fired for it?

It feels like Satan won.

Let's read Isaiah 53 to see what the Messiah went through for our salvation.

Who has believed our message
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

² He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.
He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

**3 He was despised and rejected by mankind,
a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.**
Like one from whom people hide their faces
he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

4 Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was **oppressed and afflicted**,
yet he did **not open his mouth**;
he was **led like a lamb to the slaughter**,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so **he did not open his mouth**.

8 By **oppression^[a] and judgment he was taken away.**
Yet who of his generation protested?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.^[b]

9 **He was assigned a grave with the wicked,**
and with the rich in his death,
though **he had done no violence,**
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

10 **Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer,**
and though the Lord makes **his life an offering for sin**,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

11 **After he has suffered,**
he will see the light of life^[d] and be satisfied^[e];
by his knowledge^[e] my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,^[a]

and he will divide the spoils with the strong,^[1]
because **he poured out his life unto death,**
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For **he bore the sin of many,**
and made intercession for the transgressors.

And none of these things stopped Him from being good to all
and from healing and teaching God's truth and showing love in
all the ways God had sent Him to do.

If we are suffering for doing right, we are in good company.

It is not our job to get revenge

It is our duty to be compassionate, kind and benevolent

Why, because when we accept His forgiveness, say He is now
my God.....

It becomes our responsibility to do what He did, regardless of
the cost.

We often have the idea that He did all the painful stuff, and
forget that He warned us that in this world we will have
tribulation.

This is not a downer.....

This is exercising our spiritual muscle, so we grow and become
stronger in our faith.

When we can do this with a smile in our hearts and sing His
praises in spite of the trial, we have won!

We have overcome!

So lift up your head and praise Him with all your might!

And watch Him work on your behalf and do what you could not
imagine.

He never waists our suffering.

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***Luke 22:20** In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you.

***Hebrews 8:6** Now, however, Jesus has received a much more excellent ministry, just as the covenant He mediates is better and is founded on better promises.

In the beginning, G-d wanted a house for His Son. His Son is the Creator. He is the Son of God and He created all. He came to crush and destroy death and the devil. He is the head or first, and on His head would be a crown of thorns. He would hang on a tree and give a gift. The gift is a new covenant - His blood poured out for us!

***Genesis 1:1** In the beginning God = Elohim = plural, but it is used with a singular verb "bara." How can this be?

In the Hebrew word "bara" **בְּרָא** we see God the Father (Aleph), God the Son (Beit) and the Holy Spirit making up this one word and showing that they work as one.

***Genesis 1:26** Let us make man in our image and in our likeness.

***Exodus 34: 6-8** Then Adonai passed before him, and proclaimed, Adonai, Adonai, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth,⁷ showing mercy to a thousand generations, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means leaving the guilty unpunished, but bringing the iniquity of the

fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, to the third and fourth generation.

***Genesis 1:2** The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

***Hebrews 4:12, NLT** For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

***Psalm 119:105, NLT** Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

***Psalm 107:20, ESV** He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.

***Romans 1:16, ESV** For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Ephesians 6:16-17, ESV In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; **and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,**

***Genesis 1:6,7** Then God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. Then God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.

***Genesis 7:11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month, all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened.

***Genesis 2:1-3** Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

***Isaiah 42:5- 7** This is what God the LORD says— **the Creator** of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: "I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

***Luke 4:16-21** So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD. Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.

****Discuss the following accounts as they relate to Luke 4:16-21.**

What insights do you see from each account?

Luke 4:16-30

Matthew 13:54-58

Mark 6:1-6

***John 1:1-4** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Shabbat Shalom!