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Contour of Hebrew Thought

A Time for Meditation

Meditate on the Torah day and night.

Emit a sound, murmur, mutter, and speak in an undertone. It was an outward verbalizing of one's thoughts before God, of the poring over his teachings and works. Meditation is a private pouring out of personal prayers, doubts, or problems. For Hebrews, meditation was praise, the basic token of being alive.

“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” (Josh. 1:8)

“I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.” (Psa. 119:15)



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From an Unlikely Place

Nazareth: an unlikely place for the Deliverer

- Nazareth was small
- Social setting of Galilee (less than literate, agricultural)
- Agrarian: farmers and herders
- Carpenter: craftsman, worked with hands
- Carpenter (Aramaic): (nagger) wise and literate in the Torah, scholar
- Galilee suffered under taxation: heavy taxation up to 50% under occupation
- Uprising and revolts: close to 90% of revolts began in Galilee



His Name shall be Jesus

- Yeshua. (Joshua) Hebrew
 - Jesus. English
 - Iesous. Greek
 - Iesus. Latin
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- Common name given to an uncommon man. (to deliver, to rescue, Yahweh saves)
 - Hebrew names are indicative of the character (identity) of that person.
 - *“She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”*
(Matt. 1:20-21)
 - *“And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.”*
(Luke 1:31)

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Hebrew Messianic Expectations

King & Messiah

- tied to the Davidic Kingship (2 Samuel 7)

Original man & the Messiah

- origin in primitive times (Mic. 5:2)
- mysterious birth (Isa. 7:14)
- milk & honey (Isa. 7:15)
- the peace/restoration of paradise (Isa. 11:6-8)

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Hebrew Messianic Expectations

Yahweh & Messiah

- Talmud is unanimous that the Messiah would be just a human being divinely appointed to carry out an allotted task. The Talmud nowhere indicates a belief in a superhuman Deliverer as the Messiah.
- Coming of Yahweh to complete his dominion
 - ❖ Role of Messiah to complete Yahweh's dominion?
- King-Messiah (Zech. 9:9-10)
 - ❖ In OT, Messiah plays a subordinate role
 - ❖ Effecting salvation is not task of Messiah. He is a representative and instrument of Yahweh (Jer. 23:5)
 - ❖ More of a symbol (Gen. 49:11-12) or gift (Isa. 9:6) of salvation ushered in by Yahweh
 - ❖ King-Messiah would put an end to all wars on earth, make covenant with the righteous, and slay the wicked. The messianic king would rebuild the land and draw all nations to him. Bring about the end of history and the advent of God's kingdom on earth.
 - ❖ Second Temple: Messiah of Joseph (battle and be killed), and Messiah of David (messianic king)

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The Presence of Jesus

They were seized with amazement

- *“And when the demon was driven out, the man who had been mute spoke. The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”*

(Luke 9:33)

- Other passages: Matt. 8:27, Matt. 12:23, Matt 19:25, Mark 2:12, Mark 5:42, Mark 6:51, Mark 10:26, Mark 10:32, Mark 15:5, Luke 9:43, Luke 5: 26

They worshipped Him

- *“Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

(Matt 14:33)

- Other passages: Matt. 28:9, Matt, 28:17, Luke 24:52-53, John 9:38, Luke 7:16, Luke 5:26, Luke 13:13, Luke 18:43, Luke 19:37, Luke 23:47

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a response...*

*Being
overcome by
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The Authority of Jesus

They became silent

- *“Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished.”*
(Luke 2:47-48)
- Other passages: Matt. 7:28, Matt 13:54, Matt 22:33, Mark 1:22, Mark 1:27, Mark 6:2, Mark 11:18, Luke 4:15, Luke 4:22, Luke 4:32, Luke 20:26, John 7:14-15

They fell down before Him

- *“While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, “My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live.”*
(Matt 9:18)
- Other passages: Mark 7:25, Mark 10:17, Luke 5:12, John 11:32, John 18:6, Matt 2:11, Luke 17:16, Luke 5:8, Mark 3:11, Mark 5:6, Mark 5:33

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The Compassion of Jesus

He touched their hand

- *“He reached out his hand and touched the man.”*
(Mark 1:41)
- Other passages: Matt. 20:34, Matt. 8:3, Matt. 8:15, Matt. 9:29, Matt 17:7, Mark 7:33, Mark 8:23, Mark 8:25, Luke 7:14, Luke 22:51

They struck His head

- *“Every day he was teaching at the temple. But the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the leaders among the people were trying to kill him.”*
(Luke 19:47)
- Other passages: Matt. 22:15, John 8:6, Luke 4:28, Mark 3:21, John 7:20, John 8:48, John 8:52, John 10:20, Luke 6:11, Luke 4:29, John 5:18, Mark 3:6, Mark 11:18, Matt. 12:14, Matt 21:46, Matt. 26:4, Mark 14:65, Mark 15:19, Mark 15:20, Luke 22:65, Matt. 27:22, Matt.27:39, Luke 23:36, Matt 27:41, Matt 27:44

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The Call of Jesus

They Brought to Him All the Sick

- *“News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them.”*

(Matt. 4:24)

- Other passages: Matt. 8:16, Luke 6:19, Matt. 14:35, Luke 18:15, Mark 3:10, Mark 5:27-28, Mark 6:54-55, Mark 6:56

They Left Their Nets

- *“At once they left their nets and followed him.”*

(Matt 4:20)

- Other passages: Matt. 4:22, Matt 9:9, John 12:3, Luke 7:38, Luke 19:8

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*Taking
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The response to the entirety of Scripture

*“Then a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **“This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”** And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent, and reported to no one in those days any of the things which they had seen.”*

(Luke 9:35-36)

*“...you shall **listen to him.**”*

(Deut. 18:15, Torah: Law, Teaching, Instruction)

*“...**My chosen one** in whom My soul delights.”*

(Isa. 42:1, Nevi'im: Prophets)

*“...You are **My Son**, Today I have begotten You.”*

(Psa. 2:7, Ketuvim: Writings)

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Messiah God

*¹³ “Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He was asking His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but still others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He *said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.”*

(Matt.16:13-17)

Father-Son relationship in the Ancient Near East

Phil 2: “in very nature”

Col 1: “the image of the invisible God”

Col 1: “all His fullness dwell in him”

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not
King-Messiah*

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