

## What is Baptism of Fire?



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We are using the Hebrew Name of our <u>Heavenly Father Yahweh</u> and His <u>Son Yahshua</u> in this document as shown below.

- 1. Elohim Creator
- 2. Yahweh Heavenly Father
- 3. Yahshua Moshiach (Messiah)
- 4. Ruach HaKodesh Yahweh's Set-Apart Spirit (Holy Spirit)
- 5. \* My reference markers
- 6. All of Yahshua's Words are in red

All words in blue are to help in explaining the verses as they are written.

**Acts 2:1** And when the <u>moed</u> (feast or appointed time) of <u>Shavuot</u> (Pentecost) was fully counted by the omer, they were all with one accord in one place.

- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from the shamayim (Heavens) as of a groaning Ruach (groaning Spirit), and it filled all the Bayit (House -Temple) where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared to them <u>divided tongues like as of fire</u>, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Ruach Hakodesh (Set apart Spirit), and began to speak with other tongues, as the Ruach Hakodesh (Set apart Spirit) gave them the utterance.

This is the same verse as above from the <u>Institute of Scripture Research</u> Acts 2:1 And when the Day of the <u>Festival of Weeks</u> (Pentecost) had come, they were all with one mind (one accord) in one place. **ISR** 

When I was first converted at the age of 27, I was in the charismatic movement from 1968 to 1979. I was taught that this was the <u>baptism of fire</u> that we must seek and ask for.

Most people do not understand what the meaning of "<u>baptism of fire</u>" is. Therefore we will attempt to explain it in this document.

**Mathew 3:7** But when he saw many of the Prushim (Pharisees) and Tzadukim (Sadducees) come to his mikvah (baptism), he said to them, <u>O generation of vipers</u>, who has warned you to flee from the **wrath to come?** 

John (The Baptizer) called the Pharisees and Sadducees, vipers and said, "who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come"? John is speaking about the wrath that Yahshua will pour out on this evil and adulteress generation at His coming.

- 8 Bring forth therefore fruits of perfect teshuvah (repentance):
- 9 And think not within yourselves, we have Avraham as our abba (Father): for I say to you that יהוה (Yahweh) is able of these stones to raise up children for Avraham.
- 10 Behold also the axe is laid to the root of the eytzim (trees): therefore every eytz (tree), which brings not forth tov (good) fruit, is cut down, and cast into the fire.

This 8<sup>th</sup> verse is telling people to be truly converted. The 9<sup>th</sup> verse is very plain, Yahweh has risen up mankind from the dust of the earth Gen. 2:7.

The 10<sup>th</sup> verse states: the axe (meaning at death) the person is cut down. Then at the Resurrection, that person that <a href="https://has.not.been.a.fruitful servant">has not been a fruitful servant</a>\*will be <a href="cast into the Lake">cast into the Lake</a> of Fire. \* (a fruitful person is one that gained souls by sowing the True Seed the Truth) Luke 8:11

11 I indeed mikvah (baptize) you with the mayim (water) of teshuvah (repentance): but He that comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear: He shall mikvah (baptize) you with the fire of the Ruach Hakodesh (Set Apart Spirit),

In this verse John is speaking of receiving the infilling of the Set Apart Spirit from Yahshua or being total submersed, baptized in the Spirit.

12 Whose fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor and gather His **wheat** into the storehouse; but He will **burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.** 

In this 12<sup>th</sup> verse, John is stating that Yahshua will gather His Saints into His storehouse (The Millennial Kingdom), but He will burn up the <u>chaff with unquenchable fire</u>.

This is the baptism that John warned the Pharisees and Sadducees about; you do not want to be the chaff an unfruitful servant, that will be baptized in the Lake of Fire (Gehenna Second Death).

## **Second witness**

Luke 3:15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men wondered in their levim (hearts) about Yochanan (John), whether he were the Moshiach (Messiah), or not;

16 Yochanan (John) answered, saying to them all, I indeed mikvah (baptize) you with mayim (water); but one mightier than I is coming, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to unloose: He shall mikvah (baptize) you with the Ruach Hakodesh (Set Apart Spirit) and with fire:

17 Whose winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor, and will gather the wheat into His storehouse; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.

These 3 verses are a second witness to the Baptism of Fire. Look at the 17<sup>th</sup> verse, Yahshua is showing a separation of the chaff and the wheat. The wheat (people, fruitful servants) goes into His storehouse (the Millennial Kingdom) the chaff (people, unfruitful servants) are cast into the Fire (baptized).

Mathew 7:13-19 Enter in at the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in that gate.

The way to Eternal Life is only by Yahshua and The Truth. The way to Destruction is through false doctrine and false religion.

14 Because narrow is the gate, and difficult is the way, that leads to chayim (life), and few there be that find it.

Yahshua stated that few would find Eternal Life. To find the Truth of the Word is to find Life. Peter speaking to Yahshua in John 6:68 states "thou hast the words of eternal life".

In John 6:63 It is the Ruach (Spirit) that makes alive; the flesh profits nothing: <u>the words that I speak to you, they are Ruach (Spirit)</u>, and they are chayim (life).

Yahshua said The Words that I speak to you, They are Spirit, and They are Life. (Meaning if you have the doctrinal truth and keep His Ccommandments you will have Life).

15 Beware of false neviim (Prophets), who come to you in lamb's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Yahshua warns about false Prophets teaching a false gospel, leading people away from the Truth of the Word.

16 You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles?

We as Yahweh's people, must know the Truth of the Word, to know when a person is teaching a True doctrine or not. You cannot gather fruit from a thistle tree, which is a false teacher.

17 Even so every tov (good) eytz (tree) brings forth tov (good) fruit; but a corrupt eytz (tree) brings forth evil fruit.

When a person teaches The Truth, and a soul is converted to The Truth, that person (teacher) becomes a fruitful tree or soul winner. But a person <u>teaching false doctrine</u> is producing <u>evil fruit</u> (tares or chaff), and that person will be lost). He is teaching rebellion against Yahweh's Word.

18 A tov (good) eytz (tree) cannot bring forth evil fruit; neither can a corrupt eytz (tree) bring forth tov (good) fruit.

A person sowing Truth will produce good fruit; but the person sowing false doctrine cannot produce good fruit. All seed bears fruit after it's own kind.

19 Every eytz (tree) that brings not forth tov (good) fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire.

The people that are not able to bring forth good fruit are the ones that will be <u>baptized</u> in the Lake of Fire (Gehenna Second Death).

Because narrow is the gate that leads to life and <u>few</u> there be that find it, wide is the gate that leads to destruction and <u>many</u> will go in at that gate? Mathew 22:14

As you can see these verses are warning people that are supposed to know The Truth and that are followers of Yahshua. Most of the world is in false worship but they claim to know The Truth, and they claim to be followers of the Messiah, but are they keeping His Commandments? John 14:15

But as John states, you do not want to be the tree (person) that is cut down and baptized in the fire. (At the Resurrection and Judgment) Mathew 10:28

John 15:1 I am the Emet (true) Vine and My Abba (Father) is The Gardener.

- 2 Every branch in Me that bears not fruit He takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, He purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now you are clean through the word that I have spoken to you.
- 4 Remain in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, except it stays in the Vine; neither can you, except you remain in Me.
- 5 I am the Vine, you are the netsarim (branches): He that stays in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.

6 If a man stays <u>not</u> in Me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

A person when converted, who yields to the Word of Yahweh and to the Holy Spirit of our Heavenly Father, will be taught The Truth by the Spirit or by a True Minister of Yahweh.

Yahshua will prune and cleanse His servants, by teaching them The Truth of His Word, that they bring forth more fruit. Ephesians 5:26-27

The way to bear fruit is to know and teach Truth and to stay in the Vine Yahshua.

When people are deceived and get into false worship they become a broken off branch. They dry up and will be baptized in the Fire, when Yahshua comes.

**Mathew 13:28** He said to them, an enemy has done this. The avadim (servants) said to him, Will you then that we go and gather them up?

29 But he said, No; lest while you gather up the <u>tares</u>, you root up also the <u>wheat</u> with them.

30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers\*, Gather together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. \* Angels

The answer to Mathew 13:28-29 verses, is in Mathew13:37-43 the tares are burnt; it also shows the <u>wheat (people</u> being gathered into His <u>barn</u> (eternal life).

This is another witness showing a separation of the <u>tares (people)</u> the unfruitful servants that are <u>baptized</u> in the fire.

Mathew 24:50 The Master of that eved (servant) shall come in a day when he looks not for Him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,

51 And shall cut him in pieces, and appoint him a portion with the hypocrites: and there shall then be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Unprofitable Servant will not be ready at death\*; therefore at the Resurrection, Yahshua The Judge of the Whole Earth, will judge them, and then the tares will be cast into the Lake of Fire. (Baptized in fire).\* People can cut their time short by disobedience

2 Thessalonians1:6 Seeing it is a righteous thing with יהוה (Yahweh) to repay tribulation to them that trouble you;

7 And to you who are undergoing tribulation rest with us, when the Master (Yahshua) shall be revealed from the shamayim (heavens) with His mighty heavenly malachim (Angels),

- 8 In <u>flaming fire</u> taking vengeance on them that know not יהושל (Yahweh), <u>and that obey</u> not the Besorah (gospel) of our Master יהושע (Yahshua) ha Moshiach (Messiah):
- 9 Who shall be punished with **everlasting destruction** away from the presence of יהוה (Yahweh), and from the tifereth (Glory) of His power;
- 10 When He shall come to be esteemed in His Yisraelite kidushim (Israelites Saints), and to be admired by all those who believe in that Yom (Day), because our testimony among you was believed.

People that belong to Yahweh, are suffering tribulations today. They will be avenged when Yahshua comes in Flaming Fire, taking vengeance on them that obey not the gospel (Truth). The people that have had an opportunity to receive the Messiah and have not, will be taken away (die) just like in Noah's Day Mathew 24:37-41. At the coming of Yahshua, His servants will be Judged, then those that are found to be unfruitful servants will be baptized in the Lake of Fire. Mathew 25:14-30

- 2 Peter 3:10 But the day of the Master יהוה (Yahweh) will come as a thief in the night; in which the shamayim (heavens) shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are in it shall be burned up.
- 11 Seeing then that all **these things shall be dissolved**, what manner of persons should you be in all kadosh (Holy) conduct and **Shabbat-guarding piety**,
- 12 Looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the Yom (Day) יהוה (Yahweh), in which the <u>shamayim (heavens) being on fire shall be dissolved</u>, and the <u>elements shall melt with</u> fervent heat!
- 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for renewed shamayim (heaven) and a renewed olam (earth), where tzedakah (righteousness) dwells.

Peter is warning of a day such as has never been. The <u>heavens being on fire shall be dissolved</u> and the <u>elements shall melt with fervent heat!</u> The earth was baptized in water during the flood, this time the earth will be baptized in fire. Peter said " what manner of a person should you be"?

The First Resurrection and the First Judgment, will be a time for rejoicing for those that are ready. But for those that is judged and found <u>not ready</u>, it will be a dreadful time, for anyone that is <u>not ready</u>, will be <u>baptized in the Lake of Fire</u> (Gehenna Second Death).

Who are some of those that will not be ready? We have listed four references. Each person must be a wise Virgin and to understand that they <u>are not in one of the four groups</u>. In these four groups of people, they were servants at one time of Yahshua. Look how the Scriptures read in these chapters:

- 1. The one that did not have the wedding garment on. Mathew 22:11-14
- 2. The five foolish Virgins. Mathew 25:1-13

- 3. The one that buried his talent. Mathew 25:14-30
- 4. Also the goats listed in Mathew 25:31-46

These will all be cast away as the Scriptures teach.

Revelations 19:20 And the <u>beast</u> was taken, and with him the <u>navi sheker (False Prophet)</u> that performed nisim (miracles) before him, with which he deceived those that had received the <u>mark of the beast</u>, and <u>those that worshipped his image</u>. These both were cast alive into a <u>Lake of Fire burning with brimstone</u>.

Yahshua through His servant John, states in Revelation that there is a <u>beast</u> system in the world. There are false prophets performing <u>deceiving miracles</u> to deceive the people into <u>image worship</u>. Image worship is any worship that is not centered in The Truth of the Word of Yahweh. People that are in <u>false worship</u> (which is unbelief) will not enter into the Promised Land\*but will be cast into the Lake of Fire. Revelation 21:8

\*The Millennial Kingdom

Revelations 20:14 And death and Sheol (grave) were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.

This is speaking of the Judgment at the end of the Millennial Reign, the 8<sup>th</sup> day\*. Some will be lost; some will put on Eternal Life. \* A shadow picture is the 8<sup>th</sup> day of The Feast of Tabernacles called, "The Last Great Day" it is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of the 7<sup>th</sup> month. The Perfect Age will start when this Judgment is over, and going into Eternity.

## **To Summarize**

Do not allow people to tell you that you need to be <u>baptized in fire</u> when they are quoting from Mathew 3:6-12 Luke 3:15-17. John is telling the Pharisees and Sadducees that this is what will happen to the people that do not <u>produce fruit</u>, <u>which is Doctrinal Truth</u> in order to bring souls to the Kingdom; they will be <u>baptized</u> in the <u>Lake of Fire</u>.

Mathew 23:1 Then spoke יהושע (Yahshua) to the multitude, and to His talmidim (disciples), 2 Saying, The Sophrim (Pharisees) and the Prushim (Sadducees) sit in Moshe's kesay (Seat): 3 All therefore that Moshe's kesay (seat) will invite you to observe, that observe and do; but do not do after their mitzvoth (commandments): for they say, and do not.

When the Pharisees were reading from the Scrolls, you were to do what the Scrolls (Tanach) taught, but when they spoke from the Oral Law, you had better check up on what they were saying. This is what Yahshua said in Mathew 15:9 that they were teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, which is vain worship.

John called the Pharisees and Sadducees vipers, because of their false teaching, when they taught from the Oral Law.

- 1. Do you know that the Pharisees and Sadducees have changed their names today?
- 2. Would you know a Pharisees or a Sadducees when you have heard them speak?
- 3. To produce fruit, a man must speak Doctrinal Truths of The Word.

John 4:23 But the hour comes, and now is, when the emet (true) worshippers shall worship the Abba (Father) in Ruach (Spirit) and in Emet (truth): for the Abba (Father) seeks such to worship Him.

24 אלהא (Elohim) is Ruach (Spirit): and they that worship Him must worship Him in Ruach (Spirit) and in Emet (truth).

Yahshua told the woman at the well, that the hour had come that the Father seeks the people to worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

- 1. Pilate asked Yahshua "what is truth"? John 18:38
- 2. How can people worship Yahweh in Spirit and Truth, if they don't know The Truth?
- 3. Yahshua was The Truth veiled in flesh.

We must know and keep Yahweh Commandments. Then He will teach us more Truths of His Word. When we know and do His Word, then we will be able to worship Him in Spirit and Truth.

In John 8:31 Then said יהושע (Yahshua) to those Yahudim (Jews) who believed on Him, If you continue in My word, then are you My talmidim (disciples) indeed; In order to continue in the word we must know the truth of the word (Yahweh Modems, precepts, statutes and judgments).

32 And you shall know the emet (truth), and the emet (truth) shall make you free. We must know Doctrinal Truths of Yahweh's Word, in order to stay free.

36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

Yahshua sets us free when He forgives us. But here, I believe Yahshua is speaking about us being set free from any false teaching that we were in at one time. When Yahshua taught us The Truth, we were set free from the false teaching that we were in, therefore we are free indeed.

## In closing

I pray for every soul that is truly seeking Yahshua, that wants to be filled with His Holy Spirit as it states in Acts 2, and to be used with the Gifts of The Spirit 1 Corinthians 12:1-31. I pray that souls will understand what the "baptized of fire is" that John is speaking about in Mathew 3:12 Luke 3:17 where the chaff is burnt up.

I pray that I have explained what the baptizing of fire is, so that other precious souls will understand what baptizing of fire means, and that they would pray for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, not the fire!

I pray that lost souls will hear of the death, burial and the resurrection of Yahshua that they can have life through His blood, if they will only repent and accept Yahshua and keep His Commandments.

I pray for all believers, that there will be harmony in the Body of Yahshua, so we all will grow in Spirit and in Truth in Yahshua's Name. Amein

Shalom (peace) in Yahshua's Name

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