

One Word at a Time Series || Part 1 Country

Genesis 12:1 – “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee.”

1. The word country here is connected to Abram.
2. This is the first time it is used (country).

Country: Strong’s #776 ‘erets עֶרֶץ means the earth, land. It refers to the whole earth under God’s dominion (Gen. 1:1, 14:19). Yahweh gave Abraham and his descendants the land of Canaan – the “Promised Land”.

In the New Testament: Matthew 2:12 – “And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.”

1. The word country here is connected to Wise Men.
2. This is the first it is used (country)

Country: Strong’s #5561 hora χώρα means a country, land, region, province. Wise men (astronomers) who, having discovered by the rising of a remarkable star that the Messiah had been born, came to Jerusalem to worship him.

Note: In both the New Testament and Old Testament Yahweh is moving from one country to the next country with no restrictions. Yahweh is speaking like a father who plans His children’s life on a day to day basis. Whether you accept those plans or not is up to you.

Before we begin with the study of the word country, I wanted to address some of the problems that Yahshua was faced with. Starting first in Mark 4:35 when Yahshua says: Let us pass over unto the other side.

Mark 4:35-40 – “And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.

And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships.

And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.

And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?"

1. Let us pass over: Strong's #1330 dierchomai (dee er ko ma ee) διέρχομαι means to go through, pass through, to go, walk, pass through a place; from Strong's #1223 deeah διά means through, to travel through

From Strong's #2064 erkomae eρχομαι means to come, to come from one place to another, and used both of persons arriving and of those returning.

There are three Hebrew words that are listed here that's connected to the word pass over.

1. Bo' (#935) בוא come, to go, to bring
2. Yalak (#3212) ילך from #1980 halak הלך to come, to walk, to go
3. 'Atah (#857) אתה to come, to arrive; from Strong's #225 'ot אוט to consent, agree; first time used in Gen. 34:15

Genesis 34:15 – “But in this will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we be, that every male of you be circumcised.”

It is used by Jacob's sons to lure the sons of Shechem to be circumcised.

Problem 1 - Circumcise

*They all consent to go to the other side. Joshua had to deal with this problem and circumcise Israel!

2. And there arose a great storm of wind

Great: Strong's #3173 megas μέγας large, great in size, or of persons meaning full grown

Hebrews 11:24 – “By faith Moses, when he was come to years refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter.” Years is megas, full grown! (#3173)

Note: This great storm is full grown now and just like Moses, is fully capable of doing what its sent out to do. To destroy the ships and the people in them.

We have to look at the word great in the Hebrew language. We'll have a better description of what is being shown to us. In Hebrew it's rav (Strong's #7227) רב means many, great, much, long, mighty; chief, captain, high official. It indicates that someone or something is of great importance. It indicates the leader, the chief of a group.

Joshua 5:13 – “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?”

Joshua 5:14 – “And he said, Nay: but as captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my Lord unto his servant?”

Adversaries: Strong's #6862 tsar צר narrow, tight, adversary, or enemy. It has the same two letter root as Egypt. Mitzrayim (Strong's #4714) מצרים Egypt was Israel's enemy, and Joshua was full grown now and willing to fight!

1 Peter 5:8 – “Be sober, be vigilant: because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

Problem 2 – Becoming Full Grown

Mark 4:38 – “And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?”

Master: Strong's #1320 didaskalos διδάσκαλος to teach, instructor, master, teacher; one who teaches concerning the things of God and the duties of man. It is meant as a name of respect as given to the Jewish scribes as was the custom of the time. (Luke 2:46) Yahshua assumed the absolute title of being called the Ha didaskalos “The Teacher” “The Master” (Matt. 26:18)

John 1:38 – “Then Yahshua turned, and saw them following and saith unto them, what seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master) where dwellest thou?”

Rabbi comes from the Hebrew word Rav Strong's #7227, here it is used as teacher or master and its also connected to great.

Problem 3 – Not being concerned with the things of Yahweh

Mark 4:40 – “And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.”

Wind: Strong’s #417 anemos άνεμος agitation, a very strong wind; from Strong’s #109 aer άνήρ means air. It signifies the ruler of the powers in the air, the devil the prince of the demons.

Ephesians 6:11-12 – “Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, and against powers, against the rulers of the darkness, of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

Problem 4 – No armor on (the devil wants us to be helpless)

Peace: Strong’s #4623 siopao σιωπάω meaning to be silent, hold one’s peace, be calm. That’s why we say every Shabbat – Shabbat Shalom! To be safe or uninjured in mind or body.

Be Still: Strong’s #5392 feemao φιμώω to close the mouth with a muzzle, to stop the mouth, make speechless; put a lid on it, that’s not going to work on the storm.

Fearful: Strong’s #1169 dilos δειλός timid, fearful; timid – easily frightened, or upset, lacking self-confidence, shy, showing fear, hesitant, nervous. Note: Being timid affects our speaking, our ability to communicate. It affects our hearing, our understanding. That’s why we need to learn a second language, it gives you more confidence. The Hebrew language, the Torah, would be my first choice.

Problem 5 – Knowing when to speak, and when to be silent

Yahshua asked a question – How is it that ye have no faith?

No: Strong’s #3756 ού
Matthew 8:26 says O ye of little faith? Trusting too little!

Hebrews 11:6 – “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

Hebrews 11:9 – “By faith he (Abraham) sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country.”

Faith: Strong’s #4102 Pistis πίστις the character of one who can be relied on; faith is a part of the whole armor of God.

Ephesians 6:16 – “Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.”

Armor is also seen with King Saul & David!

1 Samuel 17:38-39 – “And Saul armed David with his armor. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have not proved them. And David put them off of him.”

Proved: Strong’s #5254 nasah נָסָה means testing (the faith and faithfulness of a person);

*Faith without works is dead! If you are faithful in the small things, you be faithful in the larger ones!

If you’re not paying your tithes, then your armor is affected. The same with keeping Shabbat and the Feasts. It affects our armor!

Saul was willing to give his armor up. Why? So when David won the battle he could say it was because of his armor.

Problem 6 – No Faith

We begin here in Mark 5:1 with Yahshua and his disciples and all the little ships arriving on the country of the Gadarenes. What a voyage to live and tell about!

Mark 5:1-10 – “And they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes.

And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit.

Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains.

Because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any man tame him.

And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones.

But when he saw Yahshua afar off, he ran and worshipped him.

And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Yahshua, thou son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.

For he said unto him, Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.

And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered saying, My name is Legion: for we are many.

And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country.

Mark 5:2 – Out of the tombs

Tombs in the Hebrew is Strong's #6913 qever קֶבֶר the grave is a place of grief

Ezekiel prophesied that God would revive the Israelites from their graves, that is from their exile and defilement among idolatrous nations.

Ezekiel 37:13 – “And ye shall know that I am Yahweh when I have opened your graves, O my people and brought you up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.”

All these great nations Yahweh calls them graves! This man lived among the dead things which made him unclean, now whatever he touches is unclean.

*That's why it's so important to know what's clean and what's unclean!

Mark 5:4 – Because that he had been often bound with fetters

Fetters: Strong's #3976 peday πένδη shackle for the feet; but it's from Strong's #4228 pōce πούς meaning of disciples listening to their teacher's instructions are said to be at his feet.

*Question – Who were the teachers trying to shackle him to? Who are you attaching yourself to?

Mark 5:6 – “But when he saw Yahshua afar off, he ran and worshipped him.”

Worshipped: Strong's #4352 proskōoneho προσκυνέω to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead as an expression of reverence; from Strong's #2965 koo-on κύων a dog, like a dog licking his master's hand

The word for dog in Hebrew is kelev (Strong's #3611) כֶּלֶב -when I saw this I was so excited!

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Luke 16:19 – “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen.”

Luke 16:20 – “And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate full of sores.

*The rich man dies

Luke 16:23 – “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.”

Purple and fine linen is connected to kings! It's the duty of the king to write him a copy of the Torah/Law in a book. Why? So he will not cause the people to return to Egypt. He's trying to look the part of a king, but his heart was far from it!

Lazarus: Strong's #2976 Lazaros Λάζαρος Whom God helps; it's the name given to Ezra (Strong's #5830) 'Ezra אֶזְרָא

Ezra's name has both silent letters in it – the 'Ayin and Aleph. You are left with Zayin and Resh – Zer (Strong's #2213) meaning a border around the Ark of the Covenant (Ex. 25:11), the Table of Shewbread (Ex. 25:24), and the Altar of Incense. Also called a crown.

His name means help, he was a scribe and a priest, a teacher of the law of Moses.

Ezra 7:10 – “For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statues and judgments.”

Nehemiah 8:1 – “And all the people gathered themselves together, as one man into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel.”

Water: Strong's #4325 mayim מַיִם refreshment, running water, living water

There isn't much said about the Water Gate, some article said it was the only gate that didn't need repairing, and he (Ezra) read the book of the Law from "dawn to noon".

Back to Lazarus – "full of sores", in Hebrew its Strong's #7822 shichin שִׁיחִין means inflamed spot, leprosy, the boils of Egypt (one of the plagues). The Rabbis teach that leprosy is a result of lashon hara', an evil tongue.

The water gate was a gathering place for the people of Israel to become one man, to hear the Laws and statutes of Yahweh from the Crowned One (Ezra), Yahshua's servant. Could the rich man's gate be the Water Gate? And he (the rich man) had cut the people off from the living water causing his gate to become leprosy!

Isaiah 12:3 – "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation". Salvation – Yeshua! Yahshua is the living water!

Luke 16:23 – "And in hell, he lift up his eyes being in torments."

Jeremiah 12:13 – "And they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD the fountain of living waters."

I couldn't pass this one up – Luke 16:21 – "the dogs came and licked his sores."

Dogs: Strong's #3611 kelev כֶּלֶב like the heart

*Proverbs 17:22 – "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Merry: Strong's #8056 Sameach שִׂמְחָה joyful, merry, gladness; if you rearrange the letters of Sameach you have Mashach which means to anoint, pouring an oil on the head of the priest and the people to anoint them.

To be anointed with gladness doeth the heart good – a medicine! And that's what Ezra and Yahshua were doing!

I want to close with these verses.

Mark 5:7 – "And cried with a loud voice, and said, what have I to do with thee, Yahshua, thou son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."

Mark 5:10 – "And he besought him much that he would not send him away out of the country."

What have I to do with thee?

2 Corinthians 6:14, 15 – “What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?” And what hath Christ with Belial? (Belial is Satan.)”

What have I to do with thee? Nothing! The problem is you are keeping my people from the living water!

Torment me not – torment is connected to hell, ask the rich man. Don't send me to hell.

The Country

Country: Strong's #5561 chora χώρα in Greek, but in the Hebrew it is Medinah (Strong's #4082) מִדְּיָנָה means province, a country, a land

The word medinah is first seen in 1 Kings 20:14. It's the war between Ben-Hadad the King of Syria, and Ahab King of Israel. Ben-Hadad means son of the false god Hadad. Ahab means father's brother.

1 Kings 20:15 – “Then he (Ahab) numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces (country) and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand.”

1. This is all the country under King Ahab's rulership
2. The young men of the princes of the provinces and they were two hundred and thirty two – these are the one's God chose to go into battle.
3. The number 232 is connected to the Hebrew words for my first born, the blessing, and the birthright!
4. And after them he numbered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand – the number seven thousand

1 Kings 19:18 – “Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal and every mouth which hath not kissed him.” (Also Romans 1:1-4) – God's answer to Elijah.

Medinah is from Strong's #1777 din דין to judge, to act as judge, minister judgment, to govern; from Strong's #113 'adon אֲדֹנָי it is often used in place of the divine name Yahweh (Strong's #3068)

Adonai will judge all the false gods in all the country that belongs to Him. And His firstborn sons who haven't bent their knees to Baal, He will reward them with the living water Yahshua!

What about this country? It's called the melting pot where everyone is welcome to come and be "one".

John 17:21 - "That they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

Could this country also be like the rich man, keeping the people from the living water of salvation, Yahshua? A tree that's put in a pot for a long time, the roots go around and around, just like being in the wilderness, not entering the Promised Land!