

Jesus Taught Torah!
**Are You *Blind*
by Choice?**
Mark 8 When People choose
not to see Yeshua
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YESHUA FEEDS 4000

- In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, (Mark 8:1) "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. (Mark 8:2) "And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar." (Mark 8:3)

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THE DISCIPLES STILL DON'T GET WHO YESHUA IS

- Then His disciples answered Him, "How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?" (Mark 8:4) He asked them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven." (Mark 8:5) So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. (Mark 8:6) They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them. (Mark 8:7) So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments. (Mark 8:8)

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NO SIGN FOR A GENERATION THAT WON'T BELIEVE

- Now those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away, (Mark 8:9) immediately got into the boat with His disciples, and came to the region of Dalmanutha. (Mark 8:10) Then the Pharisees came out and began to dispute with Him, seeking from Him a sign from heaven, testing Him. (Mark 8:11) But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and said, "Why does this generation seek a sign? Assuredly, I say to you, no sign shall be given to this generation." (Mark 8:12) And He left them, and getting into the boat again, departed to the other side. (Mark 8:13)
- Behold, your God will come ... He will come and save you." (Isa 35:4) Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. (Isa 35:5) Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. (Isa 35:6)
- Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, And princes will rule with justice. (Isa 32:1) The eyes of those who see will not be dim, And the ears of those who hear will listen. (Isa 32:3)
- The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. (Ps 146:8)

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THE ANCIENTS HAD THE SAME SPIRIT AS THE PHARISEES

- “How long will these people reject Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them? (Num 14:11)...“all these men who have seen My glory and the signs which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have put Me to the test now these ten times, and have not heeded My voice, (Num 14:22) “they certainly shall not see the land of which I swore to their fathers, nor shall any of those who rejected Me see it. (Num 14:23)
- For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? (Heb 3:16) And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? (Heb 3:18) So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. (Heb 3:19) Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. (Heb 4:1) For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. (Heb 4:2)

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THE PHARISEES WOULD NOT BELIEVE THE SIGNS

- Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. (Mark 8:14) Then He charged them, saying, “Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.” (Mark 8:15) And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have no bread.” (Mark 8:16) But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened? (Mark 8:17) “Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember? (Mark 8:18) “When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up?” They said to Him, “Twelve.” (Mark 8:19) “Also, when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up?” And they said, “Seven.” (Mark 8:20) So He said to them, “How is it you do not understand?” (Mark 8:21)
- Then they understood that He did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (Matt 16:12)

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MEN LIKE TREES

- Then He came to Bethsaida; and they brought a blind man to Him, and begged Him to touch him. (Mark 8:22) So He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the town. And when He had spit on his eyes and put His hands on him, He asked him if he saw anything. (Mark 8:23) And he looked up and said, "I see men like trees, walking." (Mark 8:24) Then He put His hands on his eyes again and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everyone clearly. (Mark 8:25) Then He sent him away to his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell anyone in the town." (Mark 8:26)

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YOU ARE THE MASHIACH!

- Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, "Who do men say that I am?" (Mark 8:27) So they answered, "John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." (Mark 8:28) He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered and said to Him, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8:29) Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him. (Mark 8:30)

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YESHUA REBUKED PETER

- And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. (Mark 8:31) He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. (Mark 8:32) But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (Mark 8:33)

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- The Rabbis said: His name is "the leper scholar," as it is written, Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him a leper, smitten of God, and afflicted. [Isaiah 53:4].4
- Ruth Rabbah 5:6: The fifth interpretation [of Ruth 2:14] makes it refer to the Messiah. Come hither: approach to royal state. And eat of the BREAD refers to the bread of royalty; AND DIP THY MORSEL IN THE VINEGAR refers to his sufferings, as it is said, But he was wounded because of our transgressions. (Isa. LIII, 5).5

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THE KARAITE YEFETH BEN ALI (10TH C.)

- By the words "surely he hath carried our sicknesses," they mean that the pains and sickness which he fell into were merited by them, but that he bore them instead. . . . And here I think it necessary to pause for a few moments, in order to explain why God caused these sicknesses to attach themselves to the Messiah for the sake of Israel. . . . The nation deserved from God greater punishment than that which actually came upon them, but not being strong enough to bear it. . . God appoints his servant to carry their sins, and by doing so lighten their punishment in order that Israel might not be completely exterminated.⁷

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NACHMANIDES (R. MOSHE BEN NACHMAN)(13TH C.)

- a different opinion, however, is adopted by the Midrash, which refers it to the Messiah, it is necessary for us to explain it in conformity with the view there maintained. The prophet says, The Messiah, the son of David of whom the text speaks, will never be conquered or perish by the hands of his enemies. And, in fact the text teaches this clearly. . . .
- And by his stripes we were healed -- because the stripes by which he is vexed and distressed will heal us; God will pardon us for his righteousness, and we shall be healed both from our own transgressions and from the iniquities of our fathers.¹³

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A TRUE DISCIPLE DIES TO HIMSELF

- When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. (Mark 8:34) “For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. (Mark 8:35) “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? (Mark 8:36) “Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:37) “For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.” (Mark 8:38)

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AARONIC BLESSING

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה
 וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ:
 יֵאָר יְהוָה פָּנָיו
 אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּחַנֶּךָ:
 יִשָּׂא יְהוָה פָּנָיו
 אֵלֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ
 שְׁלוֹם:

“The LORD will bless you
 and keep you;
 The LORD will make His face
 shine upon you, And will be
 gracious to you; The LORD
 will lift up His countenance
 upon you, and will give you
 peace.” Num 6:24-26

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