

Jesus Taught Torah!

Yeshua Rebukes Satan & the Wind & Waves

Mark 5

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The map shows the Sea of Kinnereth (Galilee) in the center, with the Sea of Yarmuk to the south. To the north is Mt. Hermon. The region is divided into several areas: ARAM to the north, ASHER to the west, NAPHTALI to the west, ZEBULUN to the southwest, ISSACHAR to the southwest, MANASSEH to the south, and EAST to the east. Key locations include Ijon, Dan, Kedesh, Hazor, Merom, Cabul, Golan, Ashtaroth, and Edrei. Rivers shown include the Litani R., Pharpar, Yarmuk R., and Kishon. Mountains shown include Mt. Tabor and Mt. Moreh.

SHADOW LAND OF DEATH

- On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross over to the other side." (Mark 4:35)
- Jesus "came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali" (Matt 4:13). Jesus went to the front line of the war, This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, along the sea road, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles! The people who live in darkness have seen a great light, and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned. From then on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, because the kingdom of heaven has come near!" (Matt 4:14-17).
- Og was King of the Bashan, the land of snake-dragons. his name meant "death", and according to Ugaritic texts, a deified dead king ruled from Ashtaroth and Edrei, headquarters of Og, (Deut 1:4).
- Jesus took the fight to Bashan, the shadowland of death! Destination Gadara, according to ancient writers "was a strong fortress ... the position was one of great strength."
- a physical fortress and spiritual stronghold

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LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

- Isaiah revealed that these people were recommending that everyone “Consult the spirits of the dead and the spiritists who chirp and mutter,” whereas Isaiah rightfully answered, “Shouldn’t a people consult their God? Should they consult the dead on behalf of the living?” (Isa 8:19). He then states how they need to go “to the law and to the testimony” (Isa 8:20a), and further warns:
- If they do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them. They will wander through the land, dejected and hungry. When they are famished, they will become enraged, and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. They will look toward the earth and see only distress, darkness, and the gloom of affliction, and they will be driven into thick darkness (Isa 8:20–22 Holman Standard).
- in the territories of Zebulun and Naphtali, “a light has dawned on those living in the land of darkness” (Isa 9:2).

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LAND OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH

- The people of Zebulun and Naphtali succumbed to the ways of Batios, the snake-dragon. Isaiah’s declaration (reiterated by Matthew) that the people were living in darkness and in the shadowland of death, was no exaggeration—neither was it simply a metaphor for their sinful lifestyle. They had so utterly abandoned God’s ways, His laws and instructions, that they had sided with the enemy whose headquarters were in that very region. Even back as far as when Mt. Hermon served as the meeting place for the angels who descended in the days of Noah, the area was malevolent. Naphtali was geographically in the shadowland of Bashan and Hermon, the headquarters of the kingdom of death. Jesus focused His ministry there, not Jerusalem, because the land of Bashan and Mt. Hermon were the frontline of the battle!
- “The people who live in darkness have seen a great light, and for those living in the shadowland of death, light has dawned” (Matt 4:16). Isaiah warned, “If they do not speak according to this word, there will be no dawn for them” (Isa 8:20 HCSB), and sadly, because of their disobedience, there was no dawn and no light for the next seven centuries. Yet, Jesus’ arrival meant a new dawn had come.

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SATAN'S FORCES TRIED TO STOP JESUS CROSSING OVER

- Now when they had left the multitude, they took Him along in the boat as He was. And other little boats were also with Him. (Mark 4:36) **And a great windstorm arose**, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. (Mark 4:37) But He was in the stern, asleep on a pillow. And they awoke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38)
- When an enemy attempts a frontal attack on a stronghold, defensive measures are enacted
- So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD (Job 1:12)... "The fire of God fell from heaven and burned up the sheep and the servants, and consumed them" (Job 1:16). "and suddenly **a great wind** came from across the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell on the young people, and they are dead" (Job 1:19).
- The Beast and the False Prophet will have Satan's power to make "fire come down from heaven" (Rev 13:13).

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JESUS REBUKED SATAN, THE POWER BEHIND THE WIND

- Then He arose and rebuked [επετιμησε epeitimise] the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm. (Mark 4:39)
- Satan, "Prince of the Power of the Air," "Lord Wind," as the Sumerian Enlil, and the "storm god" as the Canaanite Baal Hermon caused the storm (i.e. not typical and not natural) and was an attempt to kill Jesus and His disciples!
- the word is "to express strong disapproval of someone, rebuke, reprove, censure also speak seriously, warn in order to prevent an action or bring one to an end." If Jesus were merely speaking to air currents, then why would He need to make a warning? How can one warn air molecules? However, the weight of evidence, is that He was rebuking Satan and his demons who were trying to prevent Him from crossing into their territory, and hopefully kill Him.
- But He said to them, "Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith?" (Mark 4:40) And they feared exceedingly, and said to one another, "Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!" (Mark 4:41)

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THE DEMONIAC CONTROLLED BY THE SNAKE-DRAGONS

- Then they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes. (Mark 5:1) And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, (Mark 5:2) “who had his dwelling among the tombs” (Mark 5:3a)
- the demon-possessed man lived in the tombs. He slept, ate and spent his time in the place of the dead. Og, King of Bashan was a chthonic (underworld) deity associated with other underworld gods like Ninurta, Molech, etc. Hence, this man was filled with demons of the kingdom of death and was drawn to places of the dead.
- For the 'Canaanites' of Ugarit, the Bashan region, or a part of it, clearly represented 'Hell', the celestial and infernal abode of their deified dead kings, - Olympus and - Hades at the same time. It is possible that this localization of the Canaanite Hell is linked to the ancient tradition of the place as the ancestral home of their dynasty, the rpum.
- the man had incredible strength
- “and no one could bind him, not even with chains, (Mark 5:3b) because he had often been bound with shackles and chains. And the chains had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces; neither could anyone tame him. (Mark 5:4) And always, night and day, he was in the mountains and in the tombs, crying out and cutting himself with stones. (Mark 5:5)

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LEGION RECOGNIZE YESHUA

- When the demoniac saw Jesus “from afar, he ran and worshiped Him” (Mark 5:6). And he cried out with a loud voice and said, “What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I implore You by God that You do not torment me” (Mark 5:7).
- Then He asked him, “What is your name?” And he answered, saying, “My name is Legion; for we are many.” (Mark 5:9) Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. (Mark 5:10) Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. (Mark 5:11) So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” (Mark 5:12) And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. (Mark 5:13)

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NO CONTEST BETWEEN JESUS AND DEMONS

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- "Have You come here to torment us before the time?" (Matt 8:29). The demons instantly knew who Jesus was, and seemed to know about some impending torment, quite possibly based on the rebuke Jesus had just given them via the wind inhabited.
- For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!" (Mark 5:8) Then He asked him, "What is your name?" And he answered, saying, "My name is Legion; for we are many." (Mark 5:9)
- A legion is between 4,000-6,000 men. There was no contest between Jesus and the many mighty demons who had terrorized the people of the region for centuries. Once God's champion showed up, they groveled before him.

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SWINE IN THE LAND OF BASHAN

- Also he begged Him earnestly that He would not send them out of the country. (Mark 5:10)
- Apparently, it was beneficial to the demons for them to remain in the region of Bashan.
- Indicative of the apostasy of the region, "Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains" (Mark 5:11).
- God had given the land to the children of Israel, and swine was not to be on the menu. Yet, because the people had given themselves to darkness, pig farming was popular.
- All the demons begged Him, saying, "Send us to the swine, that we may enter them. And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea (Mark 5:12-13).

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WHEN ECONOMICS TAKE PRIORITY

- So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. (Mark 5:14) Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. (Mark 5:15) And those who saw it told them how it happened to him who had been demon-possessed, and about the swine. (Mark 5:16) Then they began to plead with Him to depart from their region. (Mark 5:17)

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THE DEMONIAK SHARES HIS TESTIMONY

- And when He got into the boat, he who had been demon-possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. (Mark 5:18) However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, "Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you." (Mark 5:19) And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled. (Mark 5:20)

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JAIRUS REQUESTS JESUS TO HEAL

- Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. (Mark 5:21) And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet (Mark 5:22) and begged Him earnestly, saying, “My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live.” (Mark 5:23) So Jesus went with him, and a great multitude followed Him and thronged Him. (Mark 5:24)

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YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU

- Now a certain woman had a flow of blood for twelve years, (Mark 5:25) and had suffered many things from many physicians. She had spent all that she had and was no better, but rather grew worse. (Mark 5:26) When she heard about Jesus, she came behind Him in the crowd and touched His garment. (Mark 5:27) For she said, “If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well.” (Mark 5:28) Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. (Mark 5:29)
- And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, “Who touched My clothes?” (Mark 5:30) But His disciples said to Him, “You see the multitude thronging You, and You say, ‘Who touched Me?’ ” (Mark 5:31) And He looked around to see her who had done this thing. (Mark 5:32) But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell down before Him and told Him the whole truth. (Mark 5:33) And He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction.” (Mark 5:34)

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DON'T BE AFRAID: ONLY BELIEVE

- While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" (Mark 5:35) As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not be afraid; only believe." (Mark 5:36) And He permitted no one to follow Him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. (Mark 5:37)

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TALITHA CUMI

- Then He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and saw a tumult and those who wept and wailed loudly. (Mark 5:38) When He came in, He said to them, "Why make this commotion and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeping." (Mark 5:39) And they ridiculed Him. But when He had put them all outside, He took the father and the mother of the child, and those who were with Him, and entered where the child was lying. (Mark 5:40)
- Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." (Mark 5:41) Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement. (Mark 5:42) But He commanded them strictly that no one should know it, and said that something should be given her to eat. (Mark 5:43)

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AARONIC BLESSING

יְבָרֶכֶךָ יְהוָה
 וַיִּשְׁמְרֶךָ
 יְאָר יְהוָה פְּנֵי
 אֱלֹהֶיךָ וַיַּחַנְךָ
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 אֱלֹהֶיךָ וַיִּשֶׂם לְךָ
 שָׁלוֹם

“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