

Tehillim/Psalms 22 A Psalm of Messianic Expectations ①

• The Psalm is introduced

"For the choir director; upon Aijeleth Hashshahar. A Psalm of David."

- The words לַבֹּקֶר are transliterated

Note: when Hebrew words are transliterated we need to stop and take note!

↑ the morning      ↑ Doe, hinds, roe

Title: Doe of the Morning?

- Did David write a psalm concerning a Doe?

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• trying to figure out why David began with these words?

- Habbakuk 1:1-3
- Jeremiah 14:9
- Job 19:7
- Psalms 13:1-2

} various prophets who cried out to God and did not get an answer...

Psalms 22:1 "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my Groaning." (NASB)

יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי אֱלֹהֵי לָמָּה עֲזַבְתָּנִי רָחוּק מִלְּמוֹצֵי יָדַי דְּבַר יְשׁוּעָתִי שְׂאֵתִי:

↑  
Yeshua (יהושע)

Eli Eli lamah Azav tanis

Questions

- Where have you heard this scripture?  
- Matthew 27:45-46 (Page 6)
- Was Yeshua questioning why he was on the cross?
- Was Yeshua questioning why God the Father had forsaken him?
- Did God forsake him?

• Is it surprising that Yeshua quoted this psalm?  
→ why? (Matthew 27: 45-46, Mark 15: 33-34)

- the rabbis say in this psalm in the Aramaic Targum that David spoke in the spirit of prophecy.

• In Yeshua's Dying breath, he made a prophetic statement that directs our attention to psalm 22  
- this psalm speaks of who he is and the manner in which the messiah, the Holy One of God, would save His people.

Matthew 27: 45-46 (Page 6) English  
Mark 15: 33-34 Greek.

Note that the Disciples chose to transliterate the Hebrew text into the Greek Language. WHY?

Looking for answers →

- Most commentators say one thing or the other with regard to Yeshua
  - Not knowing what was going on
  - he was crying for help because he was in pain.
  - others simply ask why and say that he didn't know why his Father had forsaken him.

All the commentaries I could find did not adequately answer this question!

Everything I could find on the topic left me wondering and asking questions, this even included leaving a little doubt about Yeshua himself...

The main issue

→ Yeshua is the Son of God, the messiah, the living word of God.

→ throughout his ministry he prophetically proclaimed that the "Son of man" must be put to death in this particular way.

\* why then would Yeshua ask not knowing why he was being forsaken?

→ Lots of inconsistencies regarding others opinion on this topic.

→ I tried to answer these questions...

(i) why the particular choice of words?

(ii) is there a prophetic aspect to his words? (ie. psalm 22)

The words Yeshua used (transliterated)

"My God (אֱלֹהַי), My God (אֱלֹהַי), why (לְמַה) forsaken me (אֲשַׁר יָצַק אֱלֹהִים)"

Questions

1. Are these words particularly difficult to translate?

2. Is there a particular importance to the Hebrew text that needs to be taken into consideration?

→ look at the word "why?"

3. why did yeshua use this word?

why?

הֲיֵי! (hey!)

מַה אֵינוֹ סִיבָּה? ←

לְאֵיזוֹ תַּכְלִית? ←

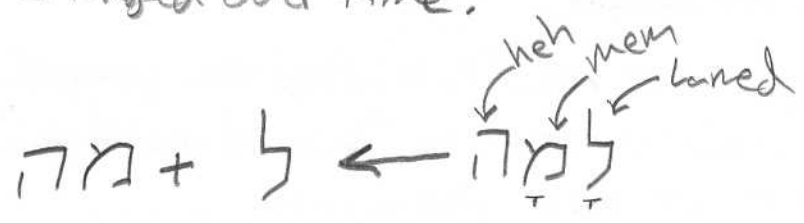
(informal) לְמַה? ←

(formal) מַדְלֹו? ←

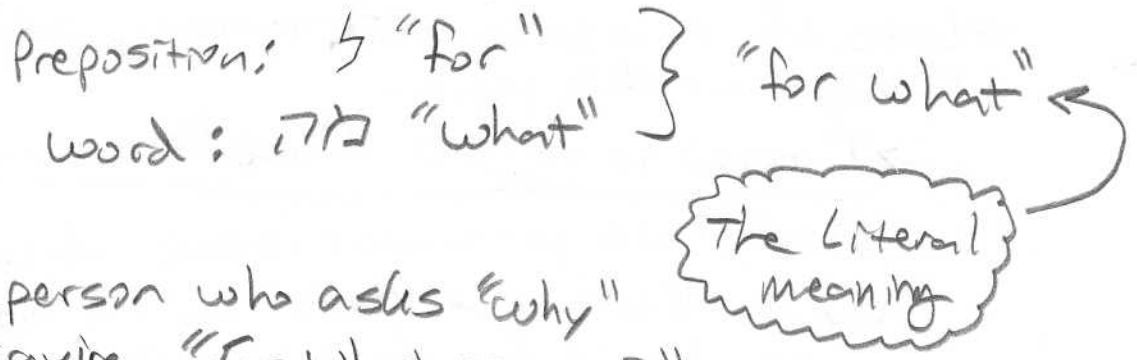
"What reason"

"What purpose"

Etymology: the study of the history of words, their origins, and how their form and meaning have changed over time.



• the word "Lamah" (למה) is a composition of a preposition and a word.



• The person who asks "why" is saying "for what reason?"

what (pronoun) - word used in a question to request more information; which; how much; don't you agree?

(adverb) - word used in a question to begin a prepositional phrase; which; to what extent; how much; a word used in a question to stress a certain situation.

(adjective) - word used in question to request specific information.

(noun) - word used in a question to inquire about a thing.

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→ Based upon this information, was Yeshua asking a question requesting more information? or was he stressing a certain situation?

My God (יְהוָה), My God (יְהוָה), "For what" (לְמַדּוּעַ), have You forsaken me (אֲבַדְתָּנִי)?

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- Reading the literal translation of Yeshua's words reveals the theological significance of his words that he is speaking in his dying breath!

"For what reason" have You forsaken me?

- For the reason of the cross
- Fulfillment of prophecy
- For the sake of all of mankind,
- For bearing the sins of the world.

\* Yeshua was Not doubting the reason he was being crucified, He was stressing and proclaiming the truth of the Torah, that his payment for sin is achieved by bearing our sins upon himself on the cross.

Deuteronomy 21:22-23 - accursed of God when hung upon a tree to die.

\* Yeshua was also directing our attention to Psalm 22. This Psalm speaks specifically and prophetically on how the messiah would die, etc.

Psalm 22:16-18 "For dogs have surrounded me; A band of evildoers has encompassed me; They have pierced my hands and my feet. I can count all my bones. They look and stare at me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots." (NASB)

Summary Psalm 22:16-18

- pierce hands and feet
- Not a bone was broken
  - ↳ usually the legs were broken so the person would suffocate to death.
- cast lots for his cloths.

\* Yeshua made this statement in order to declare the sovereignty of God

- ↳ All knowing
  - ↳ has a plan
  - ↳ in control
  - ↳ prophetic
- } was crucifixion used back in David's days?

- David spoke in the spirit of prophecy
- what is the spirit of prophecy?

Revelation 19:10

"then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brethren who hold the testimony of Jesus; worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." (NASB)

(Aramaic Targum)

- speaks of the "spirit of prophecy" (Psalms 22:27-28)
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• The rabbis say the one who humbles himself and seeks the Lord will praise the Lord in His presence and the "spirit of prophecy" will dwell in the thoughts of his heart forever.