II PETER

Today I am going to discuss Peter’s validation of Saul of Tarsus.

I covered this subject at the end of the Paul, Pt. 2 video but I keep getting questions concerning this subject so I was led to do a separate video covering it.

In those early videos I was talking so fast anyway I wish that I could redo them all.

And, if time allowed for it I would, but my Father is building on them so I have to keep moving forward with what He is giving.

The verses that people use to defend that Saul was teaching the truth are found in II Peter 3:15-16;

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15 **And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given to him has written to you;**

16 **As also in all of his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things that are hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures to their own destruction.**

I have heard that some believe that Peter did not actually write the two letters that most accredit to him.

They say that these two books were forgeries written by Saul’s followers but whether this is the case or not is irrelevant because our Messiah prophesied what would befall Peter when he got older.

Before getting into this prophesy I want to discuss a statement that Yehshua spoke the night before His murder.

He was praying to His Father;

John 17:12

12 **While I was among them, I kept them in your name: I have guarded them that you gave me and did not lose one of them, but the son of perdition so that the scripture would be filled.**

People want to use this verse to say that He will not lose one that is given to Him to uphold their false doctrines.

This is not what this verse is saying.

To say that it is would be saying that He contradicted the rest of His teachings.

This verse says what it says. He is praying for them and He said that while He was among them He did not lose one of them.

He is praying for them for when He would leave them because He knew that He was leaving them.

He goes on in these verses to pray to His father that He would keep them from evil as well.

If they could not go astray afterwards, why would He be praying for them in the first place?

He said that many are called but few are chosen.

If all that were called could not go astray, why would only a few be chosen?

He taught that His sheep can go astray, as a matter of fact, His Father even scattered them abroad because of their rebellion to Him.

He says that if you will remain in Him or continue in Him, then He will remain or continue in you and statements like this.

He said things like be careful that no man takes our crown.

Why would He say this unless one could take our crown?

It is not His Father’s will that He would lose one sheep, yet He does not force us to come to His flock either, nor does He force us to stay in it.

We were given free will.

It is our choice to remain in Him and under His umbrella of protection.

This is why we have life here in the flesh; it is a test until we reach a point where we are sealed into His family.

Was Peter already sealed into His Father’s family that night before Yehshua’s murder?

Well, let’s look at what Yehshua had to say to him after He was resurrected.

This prophesy is His last recorded words that were recorded by the eye witness John.

It is found in;

John 21:14-24

14 **This is now the third time that Yehshua showed himself to His disciples after He was raised from the dead.**

Yehshua had just given them the miracle of bringing them the 153 fish.

This was foretelling that there will only be 153 who are still alive of the 144,000 first fruits when He returns to harvest them.

**15 And when they had dined, Yehshua said to Simon Peter,** **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me more than these?**

**He said to Him, Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.**

**He said to him,** **FEED MY LAMBS.**

Why is He asking Peter this question?

As we go on, you will see that He is admonishing Him.

16 **He said to him again the second time,** **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?**

**He said to him,** **Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.**

**He said to him,** **FEED MY SHEEP.**

17 **He said to him the third time,** **Simon, son of Jonas, do you love me?**

**Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “do you love me?” And he said to Him,** **Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.**

**Yehshua said to him,** **FEED MY SHEEP.**

He is pounding Peter with this question three times.

Some want to say that this is because Peter denied Him three times the night of His murder.

Why would He be hammering Peter about feeding His sheep because of something that Peter was already broken about?

Do you think that Peter was not remorseful for denying Him three times that night?

Scripture says that he wept bitterly.

He was broken about that night and he was forgiven for it, so why the admonishment at this time which was right before Yehshua went to be at the right hand of His Father?

This is the last time that is recorded that Yehshua is speaking to Peter in the flesh.

Why does Peter need this admonishment?

It is because just as Peter denied Him that night three times, He knew that He would falter again.

He used the three times to hammer this home with Him.

He goes on to give Peter the prophesy;

18 **Truly, Truly I say to you Peter, when you were young, you girded yourself (or bound yourself as with a belt), and walked where you chose: but when you wax old, you will stretch forth your hands and another will gird you, and carry you to where you chose not.**

Most believe that this prophesy refers to what type of physical death would befall Peter because of the next verse;

19 **He spoke this indicating what sort of death “he should” glorify Elohiym. And after he had spoken this, he said to him,** “**FOLLOW ME”**

Why would Yehshua immediately admonish Peter again by telling Him to follow Him if He was referring to what type of physical death would befall him?

“He should” is written into this translation and this is not what this verse is saying.

John is saying that Yehshua spoke this ahead of time to glorify Elohiym showing us that He knows all things.

He knows what we will choose long in advance yet it is still our free will. It is just that He knows us and what it will take to bring us to Him if we will just hearken to Him.

Yehshua is giving Peter and us a prophesy in verse 18 that is saying that he would gird himself and go where he had chosen to walk when he was young.

He had made a commitment to follow Yehshua because he desired to do so.

But Yehshua is also warning him that later he would let someone else gird him and he would be bound by this person and go where he had not desired to go.

He is warning Peter because He knew that Peter would be led astray.

Peter was right when he told Yehshua that He knew all things.

The rest of this prophesy proves what I am giving you today.

John goes on to add;

20 **Then Peter, turning about, saw the disciple whom Yehshua loved following; which is also he that leaned on His breast at supper (Referring to John himself); and said, Lord, which is he that will betray you?**

21 **Peter seeing him said to Yehshua,** **Lord, but what about this man?**

22 **Yehshua said to him,** **if he chooses to stay or to remain until I come, what is that to you Peter? “YOU FOLLOW ME.”**

He gives yet another admonishment to Peter.

He says, Peter, you have to worry about yourself, this is about you, it is about you following me and not being led astray.

It is about you feeding my sheep the truth.

The King James translated verse 21 to say “If I will that he tarry until I come”

Look up the words. The “I” is not there. The Greek text says he and the word for will is the same word that was used in verse 18 for to choose or to desire or to want.

Even back then the disciples thought that Yehshua was referring to a physical death for Peter from this prophesy that He gave and that John would not die until Yehshua returned as well.

John explains this in the next verse;

23 **Then went this saying abroad among the brethren that this disciple (again, referring to John) would not die: yet Yehshua did not say to him that he would not die; but, He said; “If he desires to tarry (or to remain) until I come, what is that to you Peter?”**

24 **This is the disciple which testifies of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his testimony is true.**

Folks, He is giving a warning to Peter and to all of us.

And it is a prophesy and a parable foretelling the death of Peter’s testimony.

His testimony died because he was bound and led where he had earlier chosen or desired not to walk.

And it is also a prophesy that John’s testimony would remain until He returns which it does.

The truth continued in John’s writings.

He was admonishing Peter to feed His sheep and to follow Him on the path that He gave because He knew that Peter would go astray.

The book of Acts was written by Luke who was not an eye witness and he was a follower of Saul and it has error in it, but Luke was an eye witness to some of Peter’s life.

It certainly is not an inspired book; however it records the strife between Saul and Peter in the early days.

Saul said that he withstood Peter to his face and things like this. And there are other examples of Saul being at odds with Peter.

Obviously, Saul’s persuasive reasoning won over in Peter’s thoughts and he was led into false doctrines.

I say obviously because from Peter’s validating Saul later in His life, somewhere along the line Peter gave into his doctrines.

Did Peter turn back to the shepherd’s voice before he died?

I hope so.

If he did, it might have been recorded somewhere but even if it was, it would have been destroyed by the mother whore as so much was that contradicted the emerging apostate church.

This is not that difficult folks. Satan has been busy deceiving the world.

Why would you marvel that Peter could be taken out even though the warnings are there for all of us to be on guard and such?

Especially when Yehshua is obviously admonishing Peter?

If you are wondering about Yehshua saying to Peter in Matthew 16 “on this rock I will build my called out ones”

If you are thinking that he was referring to Peter, you are crazy.

Just a few verses later, He told Peter to get behind Him and called him satan and told him that he did not have his affection focused on the things of Elohiym.

He said, Peter, you are a stumbling block to me.

He said in Matthew 16; you are Peter. The Greek word for Peter is a small stone.

He then said and on this rock, a different word which means a boulder, I will build my called out ones, referring to Himself.

Look at the context, Peter had just acknowledged that He was the Messiah, the Son of the living Elohiym in the verses preceding this.

He was referring to Himself as the boulder that the called out ones would be built on. He was the chief corner stone that the temple would be built upon.

As far as Saul of Tarsus goes, if you simply let your Creator’s word tell you if he was false or not, then you would know that Peter did not validate Saul unless he was himself led astray.

Our Creator’s instructions tell us plainly that if anyone leads anyone else away from His commandments and His statutes and ordinances, that they are false and need to be put to death.

Just this morning I read another e-mail trying to validate Saul by saying that Saul himself kept the Torah.

I use to try to validate Saul as well with the same argument while I was still in the captivity.

Yes, there is evidence that Saul kept the Torah, or at least part of it on a physical plain, but the fact remains that there are over 2 billion people alive today who do not keep it because of Saul’s teachings.

And how many have there been that have been led astray by Saul since he wrote his blasphemes?

How many billions were led away from the Torah by Saul for the last nearly 2,000 years?

The mother whore is who gave credibility to his writings and to the writings of his followers Luke and Mark.

There have been so many false doctrines that have come out of their writings.

I cannot believe how many people quote the thief on the cross story to me.

They quote Luke and say the thief was saved by just turning to Yehshua that day and saying remember me when you get to your kingdom.

Granted, if the thief genuinely had a repented heart, he will get resurrected to a chance to have eternal life in the future at the great white throne of judgment but this is another subject.

Just to prove the error in Luke’s story, he says that Yehshua said; **truly I say to you, this day you will be with me in paradise.**

Did Yehshua go to paradise that day? No, He went to the tomb for 3 days and 3 nights.

How was the thief going to be there with him if He was not there himself?

I know, some of you twist this to say that He said; Truly today or this day I say to you, you will be with me in paradise speaking of a future time but I cannot find any examples of Yehshua saying today or “this day I say to you” regarding any other subject.

It is funny how the eye witnesses did not record this exchange between the thief and Yehshua if it happened.

As a matter of fact, Matthew records that those who passed by reviled him and the chief priests and the scribes did likewise, and then he recorded;

Matt 27:44

44 **The thieves also, which were crucified with him, they taunted Him or railed at Him.**

It sure does not sound like he was pleading with Yehshua in Matthew’s account of the same story.

And people want to say that this is harmonizing the gospels? Whatever!

There are so many contradictions yet man wants to twist the contradictions to say that they are given from a different perspective and such.

It is insanity how far man will go just to uphold what they have been taught by men or what they grew up believing.

I say to you on the authority of ‘EL Shadai that Luke was not my Father’s servant.

At least he was not at the time that he wrote the book of Luke and the book of Acts.

The same goes for Mark’s book and Saul’s writings.

I have been accused of disregarding or manipulating my Father’s word.

This is the furthest thing from the truth.

I am guarding it and hedging my life around it.

We are commanded to keep and to protect His word and to hold fast to it.

This means that we are to root out what is false as He commanded us to.

A kingdom warrior does not try and justify the writings of men just because another man says that they are from Elohiym.

A kingdom warrior upholds that which is true and seeks to destroy that which is false.

I use His word to determine what is true and what is false.

I know that Moses and the other prophets were His servants because Yehshua validated them.

And Yehshua himself prophesied to us that Saul was false.

We are not to just believe something because pagan men who do not have His commandments say it is so.

We are told that anyone who does not have His commandments is not one of His saints.

For all of you who claim that you are saved by grace, it is pure hypocrisy to say that you are cleansed by Yehshua’s blood while living a life apart from why He shed it.

He shed it so that we could enter into a covenant with His Father so that He would write His Torah in our inward parts.

He did not die to get rid of one dotting of an “I” or crossing of a “T” from within His Father’s Torah.

If you want to condemn me for exposing that which my Father’s word already exposes, that is your choice.

You will soon find out that I have spoken on His behalf.

Peter was taken out just as Yehshua prophesied that he would be.

This is why Yehshua admonished him like He did, He was pleading with Him to be on guard.

As I said, my hope is that Peter returned, just as it is my hope that each of you listening to this will turn to that which is true and guard it with all of your being.

My hope is that each of you would stop following the lies of the false doctrines of men and turn to following the logos of Elohiym.

It is not my Father’s desire that one of you would perish but that is your choice.

He gave us free will because there was no other way to accomplish His purpose to mold us in His image.

If His righteous character is to become our character, it has to be a choice on our parts.