

Achsah

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‘Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water...’ Judges 1:15.

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Judges 1:11-15; 3:5-11

The account of Achsah gives us the blueprint for our deliverance from the fetters of pride/flesh to be free to experience the true support we find in El, leading to Life.

Achsah was the daughter of Caleb. Her name is Strong's 5915 and means 'a fetter', or 'an anklet'. In looking at the Hebrew letters making up her name we see her destiny.

- ע Ayin – to see, know, experience.
- ק Kaf – open.
- ס Samech – support.
- ה Hey – Behold.

Behold, to experience openly the True support.

It is when Achsah has her ankle chains broken that she can behold and openly experience her True support, which is El, and not the pride of the flesh¹.

This process is illustrated in the events occurring in the life of Achsah as documented in the Scriptures. Caleb promised his daughter Achsah to wife to the man who took the city Kirjathsepher as symbolically Achsah's ankle chains would be broken by the taking of that city.

Kirjathsepher is Strong's 7158 and means 'city of writing', 'city of the book'. It is therefore a 'city of learning', a 'city of intelligence'. Our 'intelligence' binds us to the world of pride/flesh and it is when our trust in intelligence/pride/flesh/self is consumed that we come to 'see' YaH. It is for this reason that, after its fall, Kirjathsepher was renamed Debir, which is Strong's 1688 meaning 'the shrine, or innermost part of the sanctuary'... where YaH dwells.

Who therefore is He that can deliver us from this bondage?

Othniel was the man that took Kirjathsepher. Othniel is Strong's 6274 and means 'force of El'. It is Father who will deliver us from our bondage to flesh, it is He who will break our ankle chains, just as He delivered Israel of old from the bondage of Egypt. It is by His strength and His strength alone (Exodus 13:3). In looking at the Hebrew word picture of the name Othniel we come to a deeper revelation of this deliverance.

- ע Ayin – see.
- ת Tav – covenant.
- י Noon – life.
- ד Yood – work/deed, hand closed.

¹ Our legs represent our 'walk'. Our legs are made up of different bones which represent principles by which we can walk. The femur represents the authority of YaH, the patella represents the principle of submission/humility, the tibia and fibula the principles of trusting and obeying, the ankle bones (7 tarsal bones) relates to the spiritual perfection in the way of Yahshua, the soles of the feet are made up of the 5 metatarsal bones indicating that it is by grace that the redeemed can walk, and the phalanges the unified 12 tribes of Israel with the Elohim – 'I and my Father are One'. When we walk according to the 'flesh' we are 'bound' to this world and its limitations. It is when we are freed from this bondage, through our Saviour Yahshua, that we truly walk in the Spirit which is Life. It is as we see the Authority of Father, His Sovereignty, and bow our knee to Him that we will trust and obey and thus by faith walk the road to Spiritual perfection by His grace into Unity.

- ⌘ Aleph – first.
- ↳ Lamed – Authority.

To see the covenant of Life by the power of the First Authority (El).

This is indeed the first step that Father leads us on as He takes us out of our bondage². We, as Achsah, are bound and it is by the strength of El (Othniel) that we are delivered from our reliance/trust on our flesh/intelligence/learning (Kirjathsepher). It is as He dissolves this city within our minds that our fetters are loosed and we can walk freely into His innermost sanctuary (Debir) to be united with Him thus beholding and openly experiencing the true support (destiny of Achsah).

As we have seen, up until her marriage, Achsah was fettered. Up till this point she had been given the ‘south land’. The Hebrew word for ‘south land’ is Negeb, which is Strong’s 5045, meaning ‘to be parched’. In looking at the Hebrew word picture for Negeb we come to a deeper revelation of its significance in the narrative.

- ⌘ Noon – life.
- ↳ Gimel – pride.
- ↳ Bet – house.

The life of the house of pride.

Here we see the confirmation that Achsah was fettered to the ‘south land’, thus she was literally bound to the life of the house of pride, i.e. the ‘flesh’.

The house of pride is indeed a parched land, a land devoid of the Spirit/Water of Life of YaH.

Yet, when Achsah was released from her bondage she did not request for this land given her to be destroyed or given to some other one, rather she asked for a ‘blessing’. The ‘south land’ represents our flesh bodies which is parched and dry until our own fetters of self/pride are broken through the power of YaH... it is then that the covenant of Life, our true support can be realised and this is the blessing...

It is for this reason that Achsah requested of her father Caleb a BLESSING when she was given to Othniel as wife. This blessing is a Divine Blessing, namely Springs of Water...

Being freed of her bondage to pride/intelligence/flesh she was TRANSFORMED by His Water of Life... Her parched land (body) would be watered and be fruitful.

The marriage of Othniel and Achsah pictures the glorified body, the unity of Spirit and flesh, Male and Female. The blessing of this union is Springs of Water – the upper and nether Springs – the water from the heights and the lowermost depths, namely the fullness of the Spirit – this given, by our Father, as a BLESSING to become fruitful for His glory.

By the strength of YaH the fetters of pride/intelligence are broken to reveal His covenant, entering into the innermost sanctuary to be united with Him, filled with the Water of Life for His glory.

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² The book of Judges shows us the pathway of deliverance from bondage. In the end time, YaHWaH will restore the Judges and they will be instrumental in leading the present day Israel into the Kingdom. Isaiah 1:26.