

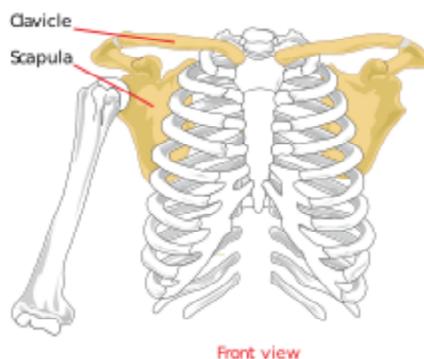
# PECTORAL GIRDLE

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The Pectoral Girdle is composed of two scapulae and two clavicles, one on each side of the body in order to form two shoulders. It is on the shoulders that we carry burdens and thus the principle the Pectoral Girdle illustrates is that of *'take my yoke upon you'* and this is what we will expound upon in this study.

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## THE PECTORAL GIRDLE



### The Purpose of the Pectoral Girdle

The purpose of the pectoral girdle is to provide a point where the upper extremity, the arms<sup>1</sup>, attach to the axial skeleton, and it also provides attachment points for many muscles that move these limbs.

It is with our upper limbs that we do work, and thus they represent the principle of service. It is on the shoulders that a yoke is carried. When oxen are yoked together by

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<sup>1</sup> Our upper extremities are commonly called arms. However, the upper extremity is theoretically divided into three sections, the arm, forearm and hand. Our upper extremities are the instruments Father has given us in order to do our work. Thus, they represent our service unto YaHWaH. The bones of the arm, forearm and hand collectively show us the principles required to serve YaHWaH for His glory.

their master for labour they can do their service effectively. So too has our Master placed a yoke upon us so that we may labour effectively for Him and with ease;

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In studying the bones that form the shoulder we will find out the principles that provide the foundation of our service on this earth.

Of vital importance is that the pectoral girdle is attached, by the sternoclavicular joint (connection between the sternum and clavicle), to the axial skeleton. As you will recall, the axial skeleton represents the first four commandments which tell of our relationship with YaHWaH. Therefore our relationship with YaHWaH forms the key to our very ability to serve. It is this connection which is spoken of in Matthew - to take HIS yoke upon you and learn of HIM.

The other side of the pectoral girdle attaches to our upper limbs, which represent the principle of service. The upper limbs are part of the appendicular skeleton which relates to the last six commandments telling of our relationship with man. It is only possible to use these limbs when our pectoral girdle is connected with the axial skeleton. This therefore illustrates that we serve our fellow man with our upper limbs and yet the serving finds its foundation and strength in our relationship with YaHWaH.

Thus the above verse in Matthew illustrates the function of the Pectoral Girdle. The burden of service is heavy when we do not have the proper foundation and strength received from our relationship with YaHWaH. Once this relationship is restored to how it was in the beginning, our burden of service becomes light and easy to bear as the joint is complete and working optimally.

### **You are Not Your Own**

When we look in the Scriptures we find that the love and serving of self brings unrest and death, whilst in Yahshua we find rest and life.

*Romans 6:6; 'Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.'*

This is one of the keys to understanding what it means to 'take His yoke upon you', namely that, in seeing the illusion of 'self', Father unveils within our hearts our true identity in Him and in 'seeing' Him we are bringing death to our flesh resulting in our coming under the shadow of His wings, under His yoke, so that we serve Him and no longer serve the illusion of sin/flesh. And all this is only made possible to us through our Saviour, Yahshua, who died and was risen again to be united with YaHWaH.

It is YaHWaH who has given, and continues to give, us life. He is our Creator and Sustainer, and so it is to Him that we owe each and every moment of our existence. We are accountable to Him. In His infinite love for us He is leading us to that point of our being totally submitted to Him, from the heart, where He dwells, so that He may be glorified. This, in essence is the very reason for our existence.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20; *'What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of Elohim, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify Elohim in your body, and in your spirit, which are Elohim's.'*

When a yoke is placed upon you, you are connected to the master of that yoke. Thus, we are intimately connected to YaHWaH when we find rest under His yoke... we are not our own, but we belong to Him;

Romans 6:16; *'Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?'*

### **Jacob, Esau and the Yoke**

In the Scriptures, we read of some passages which involve yokes. The blessing given unto Esau is one of these.

Genesis 27:39-40; *'And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.'*

Esau was to serve his brother, but there would be a time that he would break this yoke from off him. Esau was obviously not very happy with this blessing as in the very next verse Esau desired revenge.

Genesis 27:41; *'And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob.'*

Jacob sinned against his brother by stealing Esau's blessing. In thus sinning, Jacob became indebted to his brother. The penalty of sin is death, and this is exactly what Esau desired for his brother... his death. But neither brother realised the great spiritual purpose this experience would mean to both of them.

The climax of this was reached years later when Jacob returned from his sojourn with his father in law, Laban. At Peniel, when the angel fought with Jacob, we see that Jacob was humbled. The hollow of his thigh was put out of joint. Jacob was brought to his knees in humbleness and submission before the angel. Jacob saw his brother Esau manifested in the angel. He saw YaHWaH in his adversary.

Genesis 33:10; *'And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of Elohim, and thou wast pleased with me.'*

It was the angel that blessed Jacob and changed his name from Jacob, which means 'supplanter', to Israel, which means 'El Rules'. It was here that Jacob died at the hands of Esau, Jacob had now paid the price of his debt towards Esau. It was here that Jacob's carnal flesh was consumed and he came to the realisation of who he really was, namely Spirit, that Father Rules in him.

And the irony of it is, that in 'killing' Jacob, Esau found freedom. The yoke was broken from off his neck. This was Jacob and Esau's personal experience. Similarly, the whole creation is awaiting the manifestation of the Sons of Elohim so that it may be set free;

Romans 8:19; *'For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of Elohim.'*

Furthermore, the Scriptures show us that after the fight, Israel bowed seven times (number of divine perfection) to the ground as he came near his brother Esau. This shows us that Israel was made divinely perfect in respect to this issue, his heart had been unveiled. In bowing, and in giving Esau presents we also see that Israel was now serving his brother, and not Esau serving Israel. In the Scriptures we learn that in order to become kings and priests we must first become servants, just as Yahshua. These are examples for us to follow.

Thus we see in this account, of Jacob and Esau, that it is through death that we find life, and that in coming under the yoke of YaHWaH we find rest to our souls. Jacob, the supplanter, wanted to receive the blessings by his own design and because of this rebellion was led by Father into his 'wilderness' where he worked for Laban. The result of this discipline was that Father unveiled within Jacob the realisation of His sovereignty at Peniel, which allowed Jacob to find rest not only for himself but also for his brother Esau. Similarly, it is when our flesh is killed that we not only find rest for ourselves, but we also enable the creation to be freed. This is what it means to take His yoke upon you... to come to a realisation of your true identity in Him and therein ceasing from your own labours and resting, through Yahshua, in Him.

Therefore are we yoked to the flesh or to the Spirit?

### **Being Unequally Yoked**

When animals are yoked or harnessed together to do any work it is not just a case of putting on the harnesses and then starting. Take for example sled dogs. There are sometimes up to eight dogs required to pull a sled and yet all these dogs have a different personality. Some are leaders, some are persistent workers. When an owner of a team of

dogs needs to find new recruits he very carefully assesses the personality of the dog and sees how well they would work in a team. If the dog has a tendency to wander off or be disobedient it first needs to be trained in obedience before it can enter the team of dogs as if the dog is not submitted to his master it would cause no end of problems on the trail and it will influence the other dogs to be disobedient too.

The same holds true for us, in who we acquaint with. If we associate with people that do not hold to the same principles as we do - namely, finding our foundation in Father - it will affect our walk, we will be led astray just as the sled dogs and then we have to go through a period of Divine discipline in order to 'see' the error of our ways. This is why Father admonishes us not to be unequally yoked with those who do not have the foundation of their very being grounded on Him.

*2 Corinthians 6:14; 'Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?'*

In being thus separated, YaHWaH will receive us and be a Father unto us. He will take us in His protection, He will hide us under the shadow of His wings and lead us in all things just like the farmer leads his oxen or the sled driver his dogs. We thus come under the yoke of our Heavenly Father.

*2 Corinthians 6:17-18; 'Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith YaHWaH, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith YaHWaH the Almighty.'*

Being yoked to Him we are confined to doing His will as He is controlling our movement, just like the farmer controls the movements of his oxen. This shows us that YaHWaH is sovereign in our lives! Sometimes, when thus yoked, we have to go through rough times, but we know that YaHWaH does all things for our good and He is leading us into righteousness - that is our end goal and His promise to us!

*Psalms 85:13; 'Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.'*

*Proverbs 8:20; 'I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment.'*

It is interesting to note that here we see illustrated the connection between the pectoral girdle and the sternum. In resting under YaHWaH's yoke (girdle) we are led into righteousness (sternum).

It is important to remember that whatever stage of life we find ourselves in, Father has complete sovereignty, whether we are resting under His yoke or whether we are rebelling against Him and doing 'our own things', thus requiring Father to discipline us. This is the whole purpose of our existence namely, that through various rebellions Father shows

us that we cannot 'do' it and we come to 'see' YaHWaH's sovereignty resulting in our resting in His presence and under His yoke, which in essence is the unveiling of our heart so that He, through Yahshua, within us, can do the work.

If we compare this with the sled dogs and their master we can see that it is only when the 'will' of the dog is broken that he will be submissive and obedient, even unto death, to his master. So too, when our flesh 'will' (which is an illusion) is broken by YaHWaH, our heart is unveiled and His glory will shine forth and be manifested in our service.

## **The Clavicle**

The Clavicle is commonly known as the collar-bone. The word 'clavicle' means 'key'. The principle the clavicle represents is that of 'responsibility'.

It is Father that takes responsibility for everything in our existence. He is responsible for bringing us into this world, He is responsible for the time we spend here and He is responsible for taking us out of this world.

The fact that YaHWaH is responsible is illustrated in the articulation of the clavicle with the sternum which represents righteousness. We must remember that the purpose of our sojourn on this earth is to lead us into righteousness and only YaHWaH is righteous so He is the only One that can lead us therein. With this in mind, let's continue.

The clavicle attaches to the manubrium (the handle) of the sternum, just above the articulation of the first rib with the sternum. As we learned in the study on the sternum, it is by the handle that the sword is held and becomes a useful instrument and that it is Elohim that is in control of our being, He is taking the responsibility (clavicle) of leading us into righteousness (sternum).

This truly is the 'key' to our realisation that we are a 'holy people'. That it is Father that is responsible for leading, moulding and teaching us in righteousness. It is not something that we can do on our own. People have tried to become righteous by their own efforts and yet, Father states in the Scriptures, that our becoming clean by our own efforts is impossible and our righteousness is as filthy rags.

*Isaiah 64:6; 'But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.'*

It is as Father leads us to the realisation that in laying aside our own carnal efforts and coming under His yoke, that we see that His yoke is light as we do not have to 'do' anything. Father, through Yahshua, is doing the work within us, purifying us and leading us into righteousness.

It is then that the law, which embodies righteousness, is established within us. As a

result, YaHWaH is unveiled within us.

Psalm 119:172; *'My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.'*

Solomon, the wisest, richest and most influential king in Israel's history came to this very conclusion, namely that all the efforts of man is vanity and vexation of spirit and that realising YaHWaH's sovereignty brings true rest and happiness.

Ecclesiastes 12:13; *'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.'*

So we see these two bones, the clavicle and sternum, are intimately linked and teach us the principle of YaHWaH's responsibility over us.

The only bony connection of the girdle to the axial skeleton is by way of this sterno-clavicular joint (articulation of the sternum and clavicle). This shows us firstly, that Father is the only one responsible for leading us into a correct relationship with Him, and secondly, that Father is the one that is responsible for the work that we do with our upper limbs as if the clavicle is broken we can not use our upper limbs (principle of service) at all.

Psalm 143:10; *'Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my Elohim: thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.'*

## **Isaiah 22 and the Clavicle**

Isaiah 22:22; *'And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.'*

This is an interesting verse as herein is spoken of the 'key' (clavicle) of the house of David which is laid upon his shoulder.

In the study on the facial bones we looked into the 'key of David' as connected to Psalm 51 (see page 43 of The Skull - Part 2). Herein we saw that true repentance is the key to coming to see YaHWaH face to face and we saw how all the facial bones were represented in the account given in Psalm 51.

With what we have studied in this present paper we can get a deeper meaning to this 'key' theme as the word 'clavicle' means 'key'. So the principle of 'responsibility', as represented by the clavicle, is worthy of investigation.

Is not, in essence, true repentance the returning to the original order of things, namely our dwelling in unity with the Father? We repent of wrong doing, of rebellion towards YaHWaH. If there was no rebellion there would be no need for repentance. As we have seen, rebellion is the rejection of YaHWaH's responsibility over us. Thus through seeing YaHWaH's responsibility over us we come to true repentance - these two principles of

responsibility and repentance are therefore intimately linked.

Realising YaHWaH's responsibility over us and repentance are 'keys' that will enable us to enter again, through the door (Yahshua), into the garden and into His presence, coming under His yoke and being re-united with Him.

### **The Broken Clavicle**

The clavicle is a bone that can be felt throughout its entire surface. Its shape is also quite visible as it is curved and lies close to the surface of the skin. This therefore serves as a constant reminder to us of the responsibility YaHWaH has over us.

The clavicle is the most frequently broken of any of the single bones in our body. When a bone is broken, it illustrates the breaking of the principle it represents. Thus it shows that of all the principles, the rejection of the responsibility that YaHWaH has over us (ie. seeing His sovereignty in our lives) is the hardest one for us to overcome.

It is interesting to note that it was this responsibility that Adam and Eve rejected when they fell - they wanted to be as Elohim, thus they rejected YaHWaH's responsibility over them, they rebelled and thus moved out from under the shadow of His wings and trusted in their 'own'.

*Genesis 3:5; 'For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as Elohim, knowing good and evil.'*

When the clavicle breaks the whole shoulder collapses. As we know, it is prophesied of Yahshua, that the government shall be upon His shoulder. As we have seen in the life of Yahshua, He was fully under the responsibility of His Heavenly Father. He came and did only the will of His Father and desired nothing for or of Himself. It is this being abandoned to Father that is the key to a successful government.

As we look in the present and past governments of our nation Israel we can see whether they have collapsed or been upheld by this one principle of YaHWaH's responsibility over them. One comparison is seen between the governments of Saul and David. Saul relied on his own strength and wanted to do things according to how he saw fit. This resulted in the failing of his government.

*1 Samuel 15:23; 'For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of YaHWaH, he hath also rejected thee from being king.'*

On the other hand David's life was characterised by the realisation of YaHWaH's responsibility over him, and it is therefore this government that will always remain. When David was anointed king by Samuel, Samuel was commanded not to look at the outward appearance as YaHWaH looked on the heart. Father looks at the inward man, at the Spirit, not the carnal flesh.

1 Samuel 16:7; *'But YaHWaH said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him (David's brother): for YaHWaH seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but YaHWaH looketh on the heart.'*

From the outset, David lived under the responsibility of Father. David longed to glorify Father and to do His will. This is most wonderfully illustrated in his introduction into the Scriptures, namely his experience with Goliath;

1 Samuel 17:36-37; *'Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living Elohim. David said moreover, YaHWaH that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and YaHWaH be with thee.'*

This realisation of YaHWaH's responsibility over him was the basis of David's reign. Yes, he too, like us all, made mistakes, but he always repented and rested in YaHWaH's responsibility over him and for this reason his government will never fail. Yahshua was born from his line and this throne will remain forever and ever.

Isaiah 9:7; *'Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of YaHWaH of hosts will perform this.'*

So before we can be worthy to be reunited as one with Father in His Kingdom, partakers of His perfect government, we must retrace our steps back into the garden and have unveiled within us these most powerful lessons of the Pectoral Girdle.

### **Muscle Attachments to the Clavicle**

The clavicle has attached to it six muscles. Bullinger has the following to say about the number six;

*'Six is the number stamped on all that is connected with human labour. We see it stamped upon his measures which he uses his labour, and on the time during which he labours (six days). And we see this from the very beginning.'*

Seeing as we have two clavicles, we have a total of twelve muscles attached to our clavicles in our body. Bullinger has the following to say of the number twelve;

*'Twelve is a perfect number, signifying perfection of government, or of governmental perfection.'*

When I read about these numbers my mind went straight back to my school days. I had a backpack which I carted to and from school each day. Some days the back pack was very heavy and other days less so, but either way it was a lot easier to carry the pack using both shoulder straps rather than using just the one. If I used just the one it would not be long

before it would become heavy and uncomfortable to bear. Also, in just using the one strap my walk was hampered as I was leaning to the one side. I am sure you all have similar experiences in your school days.

The same is therefore true for our sojourn here on this earth. If we rely on our own human labour (6), as separate from YaHWaH, we will soon notice our burden getting heavy and our walk hampered. However, if we use both shoulders thus coming fully under the yoke and responsibility of our Heavenly Father (12), our burden will become light. We will be able to do the work He sent us to do effectively and easily and above all we will then be worthy to be part of His perfect government. We will be in His service, for His glory!

This is illustrated for us in the life of Yahshua. There are many times in the Scriptures that Yahshua said, 'I come not to do my will, but the will of the Father'. Thus He was not concerned with 'human labour', but rather he was fully under the yoke of our Heavenly Father. He rested in knowing that He was doing the work of Father.

*John 5:30; 'I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.'*

So we see there was no rebellion in Yahshua towards His Heavenly Father, He sought only to glorify Him. Thus the government could be placed upon His shoulder.

*Isaiah 9:6; 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty Elohim, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.'*

## **The Scapula**

The scapulae have no direct bony connection to the axial skeleton. The scapulae are secured by a number of muscles that reach out from them to anchor onto different parts of the axial skeleton. It is these muscles that give the scapulae great mobility over our back area.

When you look at the scapula, you can see that they look like two wings which sit over our back. To me, this brings to mind the following verse;

*Psalm 91:4; 'He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.'*

The principle the scapula illustrates is 'help from heaven'.

*Psalm 121:2; 'My help cometh from YaHWaH, which made heaven and earth.'*

This principle is wonderfully illustrated in the story of Ruth.

As we know from this story, both Ruth and Orpah's husbands had died and as Naomi was

planning to return to Bethlehem both Ruth and Orpah accompanied her. Naomi admonished her daughters-in-law to return back to their people as she had no more sons to give to them. Naomi knew that if her daughters-in-law returned to their people, the judges of that area would take up their case and provide for them husbands from their own people. Orpah turned back, but Ruth clave unto her mother-in-law. This shows that Orpah put her trust in man, whilst Ruth, knowing that her mother-in-law could not physically produce any more sons, put her trust in Father, that He would look after her. This principle comes to a climax in the following verse;

Ruth 2:12; *'YaHWaH recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of YaHWaH Elohim of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.'*

As a result of trusting in YaHWaH, Ruth happened upon the field of Boaz, to glean there and, as you can read in the account, she was looked after very well as she found grace in the sight of Boaz. One could say that in trusting Father, her yoke was made light.

In time, Naomi desired to find rest for her daughter-in-law and this led to Ruth being given in marriage to Boaz.

Ruth 3:1; *'Then Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?'*

The result of this marriage was the bringing forth of a man child Obed, whose name means 'serving'. So we see in this story that through killing the flesh YaHWaH unveiled Ruth's heart desire to dwell under His wings. In relying on Him and not man, she was enabled to 'serve' Him for His glory, as pictured by the birth of her son Obed. This illustrates the connection of the scapula (help from heaven) with the upper limbs (service).

Obed was a restorer of life to Naomi. So too will each of us experience this restoration of life, dwelling with Him in righteousness (sternum) when we bring forth the Man Child, the unveiling of our true identity, for His Glory and service. The Man Child cannot be unveiled within us, and our life cannot be restored, if we put our trust in the flesh. Thus in order to do service unto Him, through the bringing forth of the man child, all parts of the pectoral girdle must be in place.

So the story of Ruth has just taught us that, in coming under the shadow of His wings and thus relying on the 'help from heaven' (scapula) and accepting Father's, not man's, responsibility over us (clavicle), our true identity will be unveiled within us in righteousness (sternum) and then we will be of service (upper limbs) to YaHWaH for His glory. Is it not wonderful to see this illustrated within our very own anatomy?

How glorious it is to abide under the shadow of the Almighty's wings! Some time ago we received an email which further illustrates this principle and so I like to share it with you;

## YaHWaH's Wings

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided an interesting picture of YaHWaH's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings.

The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast.

Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings would live.

“He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge.”  
Psalm 91:4.

Being loved this much should make a difference in your life. Remember the One who loves you, and then be different because of it.

So, just like Ruth who gave birth to a man child who was a restorer of life to Naomi, so too did the little chicks find life, and what did both stories have in common... both abided under the shadow of the wings, Ruth under those of her heavenly Father and the chicks under their mother's wings. Just as the mother of the chicks had been willing to die in order to give life to her babies, so too has Father sent down His only begotten Son, Yahshua, to die for us so that we may find life eternal in righteousness where the carnal ways have no power over us. Without Yahshua we cannot come into Life. If either Ruth or the chicks had been only slightly outside the protection of the wings, they would not have found life. So is it true of us today... are we under His wings?

Psalm 37:40; *‘And YaHWaH shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.’*

As we search deeper into the Scriptures we find that even Yahshua walked through these same principles when He sojourned on this earth. It was after the Baptism of Yahshua, picturing His personal Passover experience, that He was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tried of the devil/human nature/carnality. This forty day wilderness

experience was Yahshua's personal Pentecost experience. It was after this time that Yahshua was tried three times. It is the third time of trying that I would like to expound upon here. Let's read the account as given by Matthew;

*Matthew 4:8-11; 'Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Yahshua unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship YaHWaH thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.'*

In these verses we see that Yahshua heard the adversary and thus realised that he was there but straightway said 'Get thee hence'. He gave the adversary no foothold in His life and thus He gave the adversary no power over Him. Herein we see the principle of hiding under the shadow of YaHWaH's wings, He relied on the help from heaven (scapula).

The adversary desired Yahshua to fall down and worship him, as it is then that he would have power over Him. This is true in each of our lives, when we let human nature have its way with us it has power over us and puts us in bondage to it, this is true of every sin that we commit. Thus it is the working of human nature that binds us. However, Yahshua was not to fall for such a trap. He said, 'Thou shalt worship YaHWaH thy Elohim, and him only shalt thou serve'. This is a confirmation of the very first commandment (the first rib pair).

In this whole exercise Yahshua is showing that Father is responsible for Him and He will answer only to His Heavenly Father. He does not take upon Himself anything that does not belong to Him. The adversary tried Him by saying, 'all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them... will I give thee', Yahshua did not desire to procure this on His own strength, even though of Him it is prophesied that 'the government shall be on his shoulder'. Yahshua recognised that all things was the responsibility of His Heavenly Father (clavicle).

What happened as a result of rejecting these 'temptations' is most astounding. The devil left Him and the angels ministered unto Him! This is an amazing illustration for us today! We, like Yahshua, will be led by Father into the wilderness and tried. Unlike Yahshua, who was sinless, we have sinned and find ourselves in bondage and chains. And it is for this very reason that we need Yahshua in order to be restored into unity with Him and the Father. It is through Yahshua that the chains of our sins are broken as He died for us! Our burden, as a result, becomes light as we are freed from our darkness and chains and can walk in His marvellous light! Thus when Father causes us to submit to Him fully we give the devil/human nature no more power over us. In other words, as we come, through Yahshua, to a realisation of our true identity as Spirit, His Spirit within us, the devil/human nature will depart from us and in it's place Elohim's angels will minister unto us!

James 4:7; *'Submit yourselves therefore to Elohim. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.'*

Thus our human nature becomes a non-issue, just as it did with Yahshua. And in place of human nature, the angels ministered unto Yahshua and will minister unto us also. Who are these angels? They are the messengers from Elohim sent to minister unto us, as the heirs of salvation, the voice of Elohim.

Psalm 103:20; *'Bless YaHWaH, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.'*

Hebrews 1:14; *'Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?'*

It was after this time of trying that Yahshua was ready to begin His ministry here on this earth. So too, when we have completed our time of trying successfully are we ready to serve (as represented in our upper limbs) YaHWaH and our brethren efficiently and for His glory!

Matthew 4:17; *'From that time Yahshua began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

And what was it that Yahshua preached? *'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand'*. He preached repentance, in other words a turning back. A turning back to what? A turning back to our origins in our Heavenly Father, a realising of His Sovereignty, a pathway made clear for us through Yahshua, so that we too may serve Him and our fellow man for His glory just as Yahshua did!

Peter, in his life, actually experienced this breaking of the bondage of chains when he was miraculously released from prison. Please read the whole account in Acts 12 as I will only pick out a few verses to illustrate the point. In the first two verses we read that Herod, the king of that time, vexed the children of the church and as a result he killed James with the sword and put Peter in prison. The death of James represented Yahshua's first work, namely His death work on the Cross, and as we will see, Peter represented Yahshua's second work, namely His life work coming into the Light and unity of His Heavenly Father.

Peter was placed in the prison and bound with chains and it is important to note that at the time of his deliverance he was **sleeping** whilst without the prison much prayer was made for him.

Acts 12:5-6; *'Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto Elohim for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.'*

The fact that Peter was sleeping shows us that he could not effect his own release, but

rather that deliverance comes from on High as evidenced in the following verse;

*Acts 12:7; 'And, behold, the angel of YaHWaH came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands.'*

So too, in our lives, has Yahshua come, as a ray of light into our world of sin and darkness, in order to set us free from the bondage and chains that hold us in captivity. Just as Peter could not deliver himself, we also can not deliver ourselves from the bondage to the flesh. The fact that Peter had nothing personally to do with his deliverance is further illustrated in the fact that he thought he saw a vision;

*Acts 12:9; 'And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.'*

Peter, in this event, illustrated that YaHWaH is sovereign and that in resting in Him, under His wings, He will deliver. This too is our destiny, Father will release our burden and chains and we will come into His light. This is not achieved by anything we 'do' but rather by Father leading us to rest under the shadow of His wings and allowing Him to do the work in us!

*Acts 12:11; 'And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that YaHWaH hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.'*

*Isaiah 42:7; 'To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.'*

So just as Yahshua and Peter, we all will be delivered from the burden and chains of our carnal existence through coming under the shadow of YaHWaH's wings and seeing His responsibility over us. Our burden will be light as we shine forth His glory! This is the purpose of the Pectoral Girdle.

*Psalms 142:7; 'Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.'*

### **The Comforter and the Scapula**

After the death, resurrection and ascension of Yahshua, the Comforter was made available to us. This is our 'help from heaven', the Holy Spirit, revealed within us which calls to remembrance that which was spoken to us. It reminds us of the yoke Father has sent us to carry.

*John 14:26; 'But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.'*

Also, and most importantly, it is through the Comforter, our help from heaven (scapula), made available by the Messiah, that we can accomplish our work (principle of service -

upper limb) here on earth, not by our carnal efforts.

Philippians 4:13; *'I can do all things through Messiah which strengtheneth me.'*

So here we see that the clavicle, scapula and the bones of the upper limb are intimately united. By receiving the help from heaven (scapula) we recognise YaHWaH's responsibility over us (clavicle) and as a result His will is revealed within us and we serve Him (upper limb) in the time we have been given to walk on this earth. In serving Father we are, in essence, shining forth His very being which has been unveiled within us. This can not be accomplished if we do not have the help from heaven, as the carnal ways are not His ways.

1 Corinthians 2:11; *'For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Elohim knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Elohim.'*

### **Articulations of the Scapula**

The scapulae only articulate with the clavicle and the humerus (bone of the arm).

The clavicle represents the principle of responsibility. It is through the death, resurrection and ascension of Yahshua that we can again return to dwelling under the shadow of Father's wings and receive His help in the form of the Holy Spirit. Our Heavenly Father was responsible for making this pathway back to Him possible to each and every one of us by giving His only begotten Son for us. It is the responsibility of our Father to protect us.

Psalm 32:7; *'Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.'*

As we saw in the beginning of this paper, the upper limbs teach us the principles of service. The upper limbs represent the two divisions of our service, namely teaching and healing and this will be expounded upon in a later study. The humerus itself, being the bone of the arm and articulating with the scapula (help from heaven) represents the Strength of YaHWaH. It is only through His strength (humerus), made available to us through Yahshua in the form of His Holy Spirit (help from heaven - scapula) that we are able to be of service to YaHWaH. Relying on our own strength will get us nowhere in our service to Him. Yahshua also realised this as even He had no strength of His own to accomplish the task YaHWaH had placed before Him. He relied on the help from heaven, the strength of His Father in order to complete the work!

Luke 22:43; *'And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.'*

Thus, when we realise YaHWaH's responsibility over us, His sovereignty (clavicle), trusting in that help from heaven (scapula) and not leaning on our own strength but rather that from Father (humerus), we can accomplish the service (upper limbs) YaHWaH has destined us to do, just as was pictured in the birth of Obed (whose name means service). .

## Muscle Attachments to the Scapula

To the scapula are attached 17 muscles. Bullinger has several interesting things to say about the number 17.

‘It is one of the prime (indivisible) numbers and is therefore important. Seventeen is *seventh* in the list of prime numbers, hence it takes the significance of the number 7 (spiritual perfection), and an intensified expression of it.

Seventeen is the combination or sum of two perfect numbers, *seven* and *ten*. *Seven* being the number of *spiritual* perfection, and *ten* of *ordinal* perfection.

Contrasted together the significance of these two numbers is clear; and when united in the number *seventeen* we have a union of their respected meanings, namely *the perfection of spiritual order.*’

This witnesses to us once again that the perfection of spiritual order is only obtainable by being under the shadow of the Almighty’s wings and relying on His help from heaven. This perfection of spiritual order is not obtainable by relying on our own carnal efforts.

## The Government Shall Be Upon His Shoulders

There are a few places that the shoulders are mentioned in the Scriptures. In each case it talks of a burden or a responsibility. In this way we see that Father places a burden or responsibility on people.

For example, we read that the responsibility of the welfare of the people of Israel was placed on the shoulders of the priest. This was their YaHWaH given burden to carry - this was their yoke.

Exodus 28:9-12; *‘And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be set in ouches of gold. And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before YaHWaH upon his two shoulders for a memorial.’*

Another example is of Moses who was given the responsibility of leading the people of Israel through the wilderness, this was his yoke. We have an important lesson to see here in that Miriam and Aaron coveted the responsibility YaHWaH put on Moses.

Numbers 12:1-2,6; *‘And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath YaHWaH indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And YaHWaH heard it... And he said, Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, I YaHWaH will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.’*

In this coveting, they showed an attitude of rebellion against Father. They wanted their own carnal way. The result was that they were punished, Miriam was made a leper and needed to remain outside the camp for seven days before she could be restored to the congregation.

As the Scriptures say, we are all one body, but as the body is made up of different parts which all have a different function, so do we, as individuals, all have different purposes, which when unveiled within us will benefit the whole body. You may like to read the account in the Scriptures in 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

One of the most well known examples in the Scriptures of a responsibility being placed on someone's shoulders is that of the government which rests upon Yahshua's shoulder.

*Isaiah 9:6; 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty El, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.'*

As we have seen previously in this study, Yahshua was not out to find glory for Himself. If that was the case He would have inclined His ear to the adversary who offered Him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them. No, Yahshua is not after His own glory, but rather that the Father is glorified in Him.

*1 Corinthians 15:28; 'And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that Elohim may be all in all.'*

*John 17:5; 'And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.'*

So we see that there is no selfishness or personal gain to be expected from serving YaHWaH but rather we serve Him in order that He can be glorified in us, through Yahshua.

*John 17:22; 'And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one.'*

This indeed is our destiny and this is the lesson we are learning in the Pectoral Girdle - the principles preparing us for this most wonderful of offices. Like Yahshua, who went before us, we are called to be a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a nation of kings and priests, showing forth the glory of YaHWaH. We can only come to serve in this manner when the principles of the Pectoral Girdle are in place and properly connected to the skeleton as a whole.

*1 Peter 2:9; 'But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.'*

Revelation 1:6; *'And hath made us kings and priests to His Elohim and Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.'*

Thus we see that it is only in being one with YaHWaH through Yahshua that we can serve Him in His government.

As Father places His yoke upon us we become co-workers with Him in Love. If we are in rebellion against Father we are still under the yoke of our human nature we are led by selfishness which is the opposite of the virtue of Love. When led by selfishness we never find rest as there is always more that we desire, the 'flesh' is never satisfied - more power, more money... In striving daily to get all that we desire, we realise not that if we stop striving and come to a realisation of Father in us that we can have all, as He is all. Thus as Father causes us to lay down our burden, our human nature, we find rest.

How can we rule and reign if we still have selfishness? This is an impossibility. We will rule and reign in Love.

### **The Lost Sheep Carried on His Shoulders**

Have you ever wondered if, at any time in your life, you were a lost sheep? I think if we all look deeply within ourselves we realise we all are lost sheep, desperately in need of a shepherd that will lead and guide us on the safe path.

Isaiah 53:6; *'All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and YaHWaH hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.'*

Yahshua was sent only unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel, that is you and me!

Matthew 15:24; *'But he answered and said, I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'*

When you therefore read the parable of the 'lost sheep' you know that it is talking of Yahshua who is seeking, until He finds, each of His sheep who have gone astray. And what does He do when He finds it?

Luke 15:5; *'And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.'*

He lays it on His shoulders! When we are lost, Yahshua will seek until He finds, and then lay us on His shoulder. Notice that we do not have to 'do' anything to get back into the fold. Even when we are found, we do not even have to walk back ourselves. Human labour, will not get us back into the fold. Yahshua takes the burden of responsibility over us (clavicle), we just have to rest in His arms, being submissive to His authority over us. When we are being carried on His shoulders, we are no longer in rebellion against Him. We know this because at the end of the parable it says that there is joy in heaven because of one sinner that 'repenteth'. When we rest in His arms we have repented of our rebellion.

Luke 15:7; *'I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner*

*that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.'*

This rebellion, as we have seen in this study, found its origins in the fall of Adam and Eve in the garden when they desired to be as Elohim. It is not until this rebellion is reversed that we experience that our burden is light as we are under YaHWaH's authority. And the irony of it is that in giving up all our efforts we gain all, in that we become unto Him a nation of Kings and Priests!

This is the pathway that we all are destined to walk, being lost sheep until we are found resting in His arms.

Let us pray that our Heavenly Father may reveal Himself to us and that we may be restored under His headship.

Hebrews 4:10; *'For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as Elohim did from his.'*

### **The Conclusion of the Matter**

Ecclesiastes 12:13; *'Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear Elohim, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.'*

The above verse shows the connection between the sternum, first rib pair, clavicle and scapula. Just as a jigsaw puzzle, the pieces fit perfectly.

Solomon talks about the conclusion of a matter. What matter is Solomon talking about? He is talking about how to find rest and purpose in life. As Solomon states it is not to be found in any of man's endeavours, but rather that only YaHWaH and His righteousness can fill the void in man's life.

This is the conclusion of the matter, the unveiling of the true righteousness of YaHWaH within us (as pictured by the sternum). And how is this conclusion to be realised? By fearing Elohim<sup>2</sup>, (coming under the shadow of His wings- scapula - and realising His responsibility over us - clavicle) and keeping His commandments (hold in highest degree the commandments with special emphasis of the first - represented by the first rib pair which is attached to the sternum. Note - the first commandment is 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me'. This first commandment shows the absolute sovereignty of Father over all and everything including over man).

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<sup>2</sup> The verb 'to fear' comes from the old Saxon word *færan*, in Dutch *varen*, or in German *fahren*. It describes: *moving to*. When the Scriptures teach us *to fear* Elohim, it teaches us *to move to* Elohim. (For more details on the word 'fear' see Dad's Article titled 'The New Moon Calender', page 4).

Once this is realised, with the pieces all put in the right place, we have become mature sons and daughters and fully radiate the wonderful glory of our Heavenly Father in the work that we do (upper limbs), we have His yoke upon us and have found rest therein!

So we see that these principles are intimately linked both in Scripture and in our human body. And yet, are we able to come to the 'conclusion of the matter' by our own strength? No. Of the flesh/carnality it is impossible to please our Heavenly Father, thus we can only accomplish this most wonderful of destinies through the Holy Spirit, Father's Spirit within us, our help from heaven (scapula), made available through Yahshua. How wonderful it is to see His Sovereign Power at work in each and every one of us for His glory!