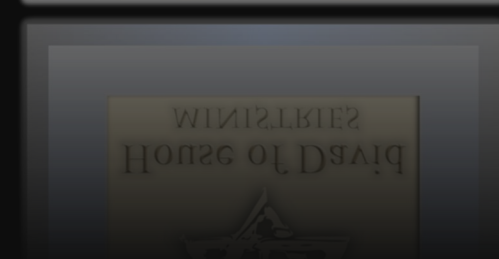
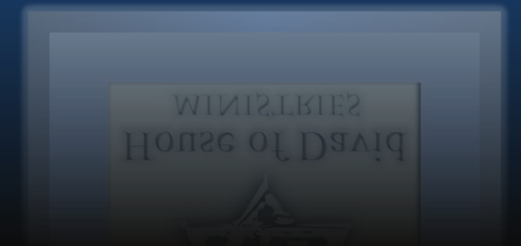


Jesus and The Water Libation

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Part 1
The Water Libation



The Water Libation



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- ❖ Although not explicitly mentioned in the Old Testament, the water libation ceremony observed in the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles (*Sukkot*) was an oral tradition believed to have been received at Mount Sinai when the Torah was given to Israel (*Halachah l'Moshe mi-Sinai*).

All Burnt Offerings



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- ❖ All burnt sacrifices in the Temple were accompanied by a flour offering and pouring of wine on the altar.
- ❖ These represented the blood of the covenant.

The Temple Mikvah



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❖ During the libation ceremony, water taken from the Temple *mikvah* was poured on the altar as a libation that accompanied the daily morning sacrifice.

Up To Jerusalem



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- ❖ Jesus went up secretly to Jerusalem.
- ❖ On the last day of the feast of *Sukkot*, He entered the Temple and cried out:
- ❖ “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water” (John 7:38).

Water and Blood



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- ❖ There is an interesting correlation in scripture between water and blood.
- ❖ “This is He who came by water and blood— Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood” (1 John 5:6).

Purifying Lepers



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- ❖ As part of the covenant, the Lord prescribed a priestly ritual for cleansing and purifying lepers and their homes.

The Fixing Bird



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❖ “As for the living bird, he [the priest] shall take it, the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water” (Leviticus 14:6).

The Redeemer's Disease



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- ❖ The Talmud and other writings of the sages, refer to leprosy as “the redeemer’s disease” and reference by name, the future Messiah as “the leper of the house of Rabbi (*chivara devei Rabbi*).”

Carried Our Sorrows



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❖ “Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted” (Isaiah 53:4).

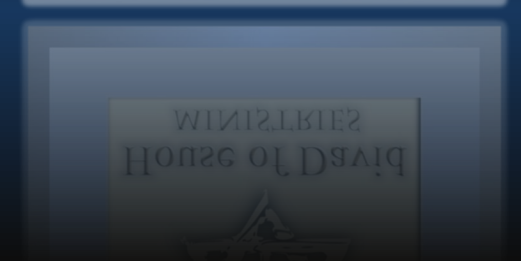
The New Covenant



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- ❖ We see water and blood connected to the fulfillment of the New Covenant.
- ❖ “One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out” (John 19:34).

Part 2
Living Water



Hovering Spirit



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- ❖ “And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2).
- ❖ The sages expound that the hovering Spirit is that of the Messiah, the soul of creation itself, for they tell us the Messianic era is the full realization of the world that God envisioned at the time of creation.

The Mikvah



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- ❖ God gave Israel a purification ritual through water immersion, called a *mikvah* (which is an immersion pool).
- ❖ The *mikvah* was symbolic for the coming redemption of the Messiah.

A Gift of Purity



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- ❖ The *mikvah* offered a remarkable gift of purity and holiness, even if only temporary, until Christ would come and fulfill the Law of Moses.

The Temple Ritual



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- ❖ After the construction of the Tabernacle and then the Temple in Jerusalem, the priests and any Jewish person desiring to enter the house of God were required to immerse themselves in a *mikvah*.

The Mikvah Today



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❖ Today, the *mikvah* is an integral part of a conversion to Judaism, purification before burial, purification of a bride and groom before their wedding, and most significantly, for monthly purification of women and after childbirth.

The Circle of Life



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- ❖ It brings us full circle—from our birth to our marriage and eventual death.
- ❖ “The *mikvah* personifies both the womb and the grave; the portals to life and afterlife. In both, the person is stripped of all power and prowess”
(Slonim, Rivkah. *The Mikvah*. Chabad.org).

A Symbol of Rebirth



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❖ “The immersing Jew signals a desire to achieve oneness with the source of all life, to return to a primeval unity with God. In keeping with this theme, immersion in the *mikvah* is described not only in terms of purification, revitalization, and rejuvenation but also, and perhaps primarily, as rebirth”
(Slonim, Rivkah. *The Mikvah*. Chabad.org).

The Mystery Revealed



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- ❖ The mystery is revealed to us is Christ, the fulfillment of our rebirth in Him—a new creation.
- ❖ “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water” (John 4:10).

Our Baptism



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- ❖ The Word of God comes to life when we understand that Yeshua's reference to "living water" directly correlates to His redemptive gift and the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ He was speaking of our baptism.

Christ is Our Mikvah



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- ❖ Therefore, Christ is our *mikvah* and our baptism, the “living water” of God and the Spirit.
- ❖ Yeshua promised to live within and eternally flow out of the believer like fountains of living water.

Rivers of Living Water



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❖ Flowing in for our healing and flowing out for the healing of the nations.

Its Waters Healed



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❖ “This water flows toward the eastern region, goes down into the valley, and enters the sea. When it reaches the sea, its waters are healed... Along the bank of the river... will grow all kinds of trees... They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine. (Ezekiel 47:8-9 & 12).

Healing of The Nations



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❖ “In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations” (Revelation 22:2).

We Are the Branches



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❖ “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

The Tree of Life

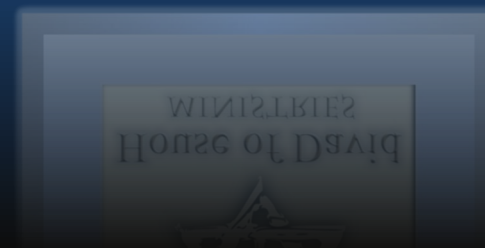


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❖ Yeshua is the tree of life in the midst of His city, and we are the branches that bear the leaves for the healing of the nations—the fruit of our labor.

❖ Amen!

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