

## THE HANGING CHAD IS BACK – THIS TIME AS A HERESY

I was reflecting the other day, thinking that there haven't been any new falsehoods to address. I remember thinking, "what a boring day." Then, heresies came in like a flood.

I was looking at Facebook (where I hear or see most of the latest heresies) and found the following doozy of a heresy. The following is from a guy that obviously isn't going to paradise after he dies because he has no advocate:

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First, Chad plainly states that Yeshua didn't die for us. After reading through his dissertation we come to the knowledge that Chad asserts that Yeshua died for the saints that lived and died before his first advent, his first coming. Chad states that those people were under a curse that, after the death of Jesus didn't exist anymore. Chad states that the death of Yeshua was to atone for the death of the Jewish forefathers who were under the curse of their forefathers. Okay, so is he asserting that those who died before the atoning death of Yeshua who weren't of the stock of Abraham were not under the curse that those who followed the Torah were under? This would totally negate the words of John the Baptist who declared that Yeshua came as the Lamb of Yahweh that came to take away the sins of the WORLD.

The Greek word for "world" in this scripture is "kosmos" and it is amazing. It means a variety of things:

*an apt and harmonious arrangement or constitution, order, government*

*ornament, decoration, adornment, i.e. the arrangement of the stars, 'the heavenly hosts', as the ornament of the heavens. 1 Pet. 3:3*

*the world, the universe*

*the circle of the earth, the earth*

*the inhabitants of the earth, men, the human family*

*the ungodly multitude; the whole mass of men alienated from God, and therefore hostile to the cause of Christ*

*world affairs, the aggregate of things earthly*

*the whole circle of earthly goods, endowments riches, advantages, pleasures, etc, which although hollow and frail and fleeting, stir desire, seduce from God and are obstacles to the cause of Christ*

*any aggregate or general collection of particulars of any sort*

*the Gentiles as contrasted to the Jews (Rom. 11:12 etc.)*

In the first chapter of John, when John the Baptist refers to Yeshua taking away the sins of the world, there is no delineation of time or a time frame mentioned nor is there any mention of it in the Greek meaning of the word for “world.” It means that he’s not only taking away the sins of a specific time, but for the entire time/space continuum; past, present and future.

In essence, Chad falls into the same error that many Christians fall into. Many tend to place time restrictions on Yahweh, placing Him and His plans for mankind on the space/time linear line of looking at things. For instance, where Yeshua’s sacrifice is concerned, we learn from The Revelation:

*And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:7-8*

So, if the sacrifice of Yeshua was planned from the foundation of Heaven and Earth, the planning was conducted outside of the space/time timeline it could be effective throughout eternity and can be implemented whenever Yahweh desires, not when mankind dictates or history exhibits. It is the same with Torah (the Law) in that it has always been in the ideals of Yahweh that murder, adultery, covetousness, idolatry and all offenses against Yahweh have and

always will be offenses against Yahweh, so much so, that Yahweh has written them on our hearts. It is of dire importance that we remember what is written in scripture about Yeshua Ha Mashiach:

*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein. Hebrews 13:8-9*

I find it interesting that verse 9 follows verse 8. It is almost as if Yahweh knew that people like Chad, who cannot realize that Yeshua (and his atonement) is the same, yesterday, today and forever.

Now we have to look at something else that will show the flaw in Chad's thinking. Seems that there was a resurrection of the Old Testament Saints right after Yeshua rose from the dead:

*Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Matthew 27:50-53*

And why did this happen? We find that in Ephesians:

*Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) Ephesians 4:8-10*

He descended in order to lead those in Paradise (Abraham's Bosom) out of the grave and into Heaven. Now this presents Chad with a problem. If he went into Paradise to empty it out and lead all of the faithful saints (including the prophets) into heaven, then that would have ended the mission of Yeshua, right, I mean according to Chad's heresy, right?

We're told in Mark, that Yeshua exhorted his disciples to:

*And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 15:15-16*

We have to however define what the “gospel” actually is before we can proceed. The Greek word for Gospel is “*euaggelion*” and it is translated to mean:

*The glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term comprises also the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for the men in the kingdom of God, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, thence to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God*

Uh Oh, it looks like Chad is walking into a scriptural minefield. The same Yeshua, who led the Old Testament saint’s captive and brought them to heaven just after his resurrection is now telling his disciples go into all the world preaching the Gospel. The Gospel is the good news that men are sinners and that a provision has been made to atone for their sins and they don’t have to atone for their own sins anymore. Chad asserts that the atonement of Jesus isn’t valid to people after the Cross and Resurrection. The scriptures prove him wrong. The scriptures prove that Yeshua did indeed die for not only those before the crucifixion, but for those immediately after it and to those who listened to the preaching that Yeshua’s disciples preached to and to everyone thereafter that believed on what they said. He said that during his prayer for his disciples, as exhibited next:

*Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: John 17:20-22*

We’ve gone on quite a bit, so I think it only appropriate that I insert Chad’s rantings again in order to draw from it. Let’s do a redo of it.

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It is evident that Chad has not studied contemporary Jewish thought about Messiah. When I handed out tracts for a popular Jewish missionary group, I was repelled many times by Jews who didn't want to consider Yeshua. That is understandable for many reasons we won't talk about here, except for one. Many times, when I would refer to Isaiah 53 in regard to Yeshua, I was often yelled at by Jews who would tell me that the suffering servant in those passages referred to Israel. Chad states that we are responsible for atoning for our own sins. Chad, in condemning the scribes and Pharisees is doing what quite a few contemporary Jews believe; that their suffering is their atonement for their sins. The old adage of pointing a finger and having three pointing back at you applies here very well. I guess that Chad never saw the scripture that states that all of our righteousness is as filthy rags.

Another place where Chad errs is stating that the Jews killed John the Baptist and Yeshua. Both the Bible and Josephus the historian both are in accord, stating that it was King Herod (who was a pagan, and not Jewish) that killed John the Baptist. Where Yeshua is concerned, we first have the testimony of Yeshua, stating that he laid down his life and nobody took it from him:

*Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father. John 10:17-18*

Second, the Jews were forbidden by the Romans from carrying out capital punishment. They had to hand Yeshua over to Pilate who found no fault in him. Pilate could have released Yeshua, but he faced an insurrection that would have been whipped up by the Jewish Leaders had he not capitulated. If an insurrection would have occurred and Pilate put it down, he would have been summoned to Rome and would have been relieved of his commission for letting it become an insurrection in the first place. He took the easy way out and offered a choice and the Pharisees incited the people to yell for Barabbas to be freed and Yeshua condemned. Pilate still could have resisted and called in his legions, but he didn't. And as I recall reading in scripture, it was the Romans that flogged Yeshua. It was the Romans that placed the crown of thorns on him and it was the Romans that nailed him to the cross, broke his legs and thrust a spear into his side. Rome killed Yeshua, not the Jews.

Chad's reflections on The Revelation state that he separates Yeshua from Immanuel, stating that He (Yeshua) is standing between the two lampstands, which he equates as John the

Baptist and Immanuel. We know from Scripture that Yeshua came as Immanuel. John the Baptist made it plain that he had to become lesser and Yeshua should grow greater, and there is nothing in scripture that places John the Baptist as one of the lampstands. And the fact that Chad refers to the book as “Revelations” is ignorant too. It is The Revelation (singular) of Yeshua Ha Mashiach. If you write a thesis or dissertation and you can’t even get the title right, most people with discernment will sense that something is wrong right from the start.

Chad is quite mixed up when it comes to scripture and its correct interpretation. His rant comes very close to the denial of the divinity of Yeshua. This, along with referring to Yeshua as only a servant and prophet make me think that Chad is in reality a Muslim troll into our faith. There are many Muslims that are versed in reading scripture, but not understanding it, so they jumble it all around to make it sound like they are scriptural experts. It could also appear that Chad studied the works of the Jehovah’s Witnesses or perhaps those of Herbert W. Armstrong.

If Chad chooses to work out his own sin without the Grace afforded by the blood of Yeshua, then he has that right. However, when he broadcasts his misconceptions and tries to sabotage the work of the Yeshua Ha Mashiach and His Ruach, I have to respond. In a day and age when heresies are being bantered forth left and right en masse they have to be laid to rest before they infect those in the Kingdom of Yahweh, especially the new born babes. Chad is either very confused where scripture is concerned, or he is a deliberate liar. In either case, Chad is promoting a doctrine of demons and he has to be shown for a sower of evil until the day that he takes his own advice and recognizes his sins and repents.