

Stone Her With Stones!

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One might ask: ‘Just how far removed is the present understanding of the Holy Bibles from the original text message?’ In digging through the scriptures, the English translations where the translator referring to ‘stoning her with stones,’ alerted this writer as to some serious problems with the current English translations. Starting with the story of *Achan* where the story details his disobedience regarding the direct commands of GOD יהוה Almighty in keeping the things that were accursed. The plagues that fell upon the nation were from one man’s sin yet the entire nation suffered under the affliction. The word came to Joshua with the understanding that there had been a breaking of the Covenant and sinned before the LORD יהוה by taking a cursed thing, also stolen, and also deceived and put it among their things.¹ The instructions were given to the people to take the cursed thing and burn it with fire. There are a few things that the English translations missed. The word for burn in the Hebrew language is ‘*sharaf*.’ The dictionary term indicates this ‘burning’ figurative of ignominious shame or disgrace red-faced embarrassment. The solution is given to the ‘making bricks’ and burning of the red heifer (cleansing ashes of purification) to be burnt up and gone.² The red heifer ceremony was well known to the leader Joshua for the ceremony that would remove evil from the camp of the Israelites. However, first the issue would need confronted.

After the identification of the issue to guilty Achan, he confessed his sin. Achan also said a unique phrase twice: ‘*kehzaht kehzaht*’ which translators weakly placed the phrase omitting the critical letters ‘keh’ to deduce to ‘zaht zaht’ meaning ‘this or that.’³ The ‘this that’ emphasis indicates *maintaining the cause* as to his doing this action to cause a divorce.⁴ Could it be that his confession was not sincere but with excuses? The examination of the text however revealed a NOT translated set of words. Every letter, every jot and tittle (Hebrew marks) make a difference. The translators have historically decided that the Hebrew letter ‘cof’ was to be ignored. The critical understanding of the Hebrew word ‘*kehzaht*’ is its meaning of ‘an alkali for cleansing, olives, abundant outflow, and especially the vessel and vessel of wine.’⁵ The rabbinical commentary states “it is with playful etymology ‘like this’ give us a drink from the pottery’ continuing, the measurement must be ¼ of a log.” The association of the oil vessel in the Temple having the shape of a large wine cup is also linked by the rabbinical commentary to the vessel of purification ‘*cad*.’⁶ After this confession and appeal for purification and cleansing was received from Achan, Joshua sends quickly the messengers to Achans’ personal tent to find the forbidden items. There was evidence of ‘cursed things:’ a Babylonian garment, silver and a gold bar that they retrieved and brought back to Joshua.⁷ The immediate tent and belongings were marked as an ‘infected (haunted) house’ according to the Laws of Moses⁸ and removed to ‘outside the camp’ status in the Valley of Grief.⁹

¹ Joshua 7:11

² BDBG page 976-977 #8313-14

³ Joshua 7:20

⁴ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page

⁵ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow page 628, 397, 618,

⁶ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow page 618

⁷ Joshua 7:23

⁸ Leviticus 14:33-53

The Rabbinical commentary regarding the issue of the ‘Babylonian garment’ is most interesting. Understanding the laws of forbidden idolatry practices (Devarim/Deuteronomy 18:10-11) the sages warn us that the star worshipping pagans wore black and especially on Saturday. Could it be that this particular garment that Achan coveted and stole was entirely black? The evidence appears to be so. Within the literature of the Jewish community of *Kabbalistic* sages, the warnings are very blunt. Rabbi Ariel Bar Tzadok writes “This is considered a sin in the eyes of Heaven if one wears black subsequently (due to the sin) the light of the human aura ‘*Ohr haMakif*’ darkens.”¹⁰ The appeal of this rabbi is for the community to stop wearing black and start wearing holy white garments especially for Sabbath. He identifies the lack of spiritual energy with those wearing black. The research of these authors utilizing modern testing of black garments identified that the black garments, black accessories (sunglasses) severely weaken the individual wearing it and likewise the individual viewing the black garment. The wearing of black is linked to commencing of disease. Black is a man made color and when forced upon a fabric and worn or used in decoration, will bring the beneficial electromagnetic energy down within a room. The black color is widely used within the occult and is also used by artists to depict the darkness of witchcraft. The silver and gold of the gentile nations would have been expected to have had an imprint of the deity. The coveting of the Gentile (pagan nation) money brought a man and his entire innocent family to an act of civil disobedience. The matter had to be taken care of within the courts of the Sanctuary. What was done?

The original Hebrew word ‘*Acour*’ with a unique indication as a place for stirring up. This was not meaning to stir up their short comings but *to cover them up*.¹¹ The emphasis of ‘*acour*’ within the rabbinical commentaries is that the individual was changed from a turbulent (punishment) troublesome event but would not be troubled again with the emphasis that honor had been redeemed (for the family name).¹² The word ‘*Acour*’ also means the stirring up of earthen clay within the vessel¹³ and stirring up of the wine and the olive oil.¹⁴ The immediate recognition of the requirement to fulfill the Law of GOD יהוה Almighty as given to Moses regarding an ‘unfaithful wife’,¹⁵ was to ‘vessel the exiled friend’ and be given a meal to partake of the wine and required barley cakes.¹⁶ The infected house of and as well the entire family of Achan was to be cleansed.¹⁷ The purification and cleansing required the ceremony of anointing with a log of olive oil and partaking of the bread and pure grape juice.¹⁸ Within the ‘stirring’ of clay and ashes and specific cedarwood and hyssop¹⁹ herbals listed in the beneficial recipe of purification, a healing day was commenced. This pattern of ‘earthen vessel rescue’ is indeed identified within the close examination of this original text. The full details are

⁹ Joshua 7:25

¹⁰ www.koshertorah.com

¹¹ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1078

¹² Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1079

¹³ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1079

¹⁴ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1078

¹⁵ Numbers 5: 11-31

¹⁶ Numbers 5:15

¹⁷ Leviticus 14:2, 55

¹⁸ Leviticus 14:10,

¹⁹ Leviticus 14:6, 49-50

there including the lifting up of the sanctuary 'great' stone vessel as a great witness²⁰ against the enemy and the legal rescue of each penitent individual.

Many have asked if Achan and his family were put to death at this point. From the original text, the enemy Satan was to be removed and healing was provided for the penitent. If Achan and his family were at this point found still guilty of the Law of Jealousy of being a harlot still in sin and harboring that sin, the consequences of their stubborn harlotry refusing to be restored to the faith would cause them to 'rot'²¹ and subsequently perish in an incurable disease. With the appeal of Achan for the restoration meal of the Sanctuary, the anointing, the bride vessel stone ceremony, the evidence was that he requested full healing. The family and animals were spared and the earthen vessels of the nation of Israel were piled up in a memorial of Israel to not repeat that error again. This imagery is given at every Jewish wedding where upon partaking of the bread and the wine, the cup is smashed as a witness forever that the couple are now a holy covenant marriage. The entire nation viewed Achan and his family restored and subsequently a faithful wife to the Creator. Modern day adventurers Jim and Penny Caldwell testified to us that millions of pottery shards were seen in their travels through out the peninsula of Saudi Arabia where the ancient camp of Israel has been positively identified. The beautiful message of a wedding restoration partaking of a joyful cup of pure grape juice and healing indeed is a better view than 'stone him with stones to death!' The close investigation's much improved conclusion is that the story of Achan had a 'happily married ever after' restoration within his community of faith.

Reviewing the laws of rescue when one makes a mistake to steal, to covet, to lie, to cause injury to others: The LORD spoke unto Moses as to specific details in using an earthen vessel and ashes of 'ophir' red heifer ashes with the testing of an adulterous wife as the nation of Israel and also for those individuals that are accused of being unfaithful to their husband. Joshua had the first test case in his leadership to make sure that the entire protocol as written down by the prophet Moses was carried out fully. It is very important to recognize that capital punishment requiring the people of Israel to physically pick up a stone to kill the guilty Achan and his innocent family and the Achan family animals are not in the original. Cleansing, rescuing, purifying them in mercy and compassion was written in the original text. Standing before the Holy One of Israel blessed be He, with the immense consequences of sin remaining because of one not being truly penitent, would be severe. The evidence of the original text was that Achan and his family being not truly penitent as a direct consequence of their own attitude perished. When any individual is offered full 'purification for sin' rescue remedy, there must be Divine judgment; either a Divorce or Marriage Redemption. This is where the good news of the New Covenant witness arrives for this generation. Will spiritual inattention as to critical instructions continue to be ignored or will the modern believer seek to understand what the original states? Let us be searching the scriptures daily,²² whether those things are so.

²⁰ Joshua 7:25-26

²¹ Numbers 5:21

²² John 5:39

Would the research of ‘stoning’ meaning ‘vesseling’ be confirmed in the New Testament witness? Yes. When Yahshuah Messiah went to the Temple, the record states that he sat down at the gate entrance where the citizens’ rights were discussed among the elders of Judah. It was in this position that Yahshuah taught the people that came to him. In this fashion, he was ‘sitting in the seat of Moses,’ a highly significant position of instruction. There was brought to discussion, a woman ‘charged with adultery.’ In the midst of this scene of the east gate entrance, the laws of Moses were quoted ‘that such should **be stoned**’ but what sayest thou?’²³ In close examination of the Greek words, the scholars left a segment not translated of the phrase that is a clue to the ‘kill her’ understanding. The phrase that they used was **throw stone (with) intent and purpose to perish (for) death.**

John 8:5 ‘be stoned’	λιθοβολ <u>είσθαι</u>
Strong’s Greek # 3036 throw stone	λιθοβολέω
Strong’s Greek #1519 intent and purpose to perish	είς
Strong’s’ Greek #2348 death	θάνω

The Hebrew place of cure and healing and testing of the Adulterous woman would have used a phrase of the Stone bride vessel to cure or heal. The healing right hand offered to the people by GOD יהוה Almighty through the writings of the prophet Moses required a stone; a hollow stone earthen vessel patterned after the first Covenant stone given at Mount Sinai. In Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22 there are specific laws as to adultery. Why would throwing stones be their own stumbling-stone? Their culture had accepted the confused capital punishment departing from the instructions of Moses. Mercy comes from the judgment words of the sitting Judge Yahshuah that bowed down himself to write. Did Judge Yahshuah write a death sentence or did Judge Yahshuah write the instructions that were given to Israel by the hand of Moses? What about Islam’s view of stoning of women?

The Stoning of Adulterous Women or Rescue Vesseled?

In the eyes of GOD יהוה Almighty, world history has had an established ‘women bashing’ since the time of Eve in the Garden of Eden. The impassioned plea from an anonymous Muslim regarding the formation of democracy though the ideals of Islam, is in his strong opinion impossible without the required union of religious expression and civil state management. A notorious example of ‘stoning women’ originated not in the religious book of the Muslims, the *Quran*, but in the virulent misogyny of Umar, one of Islam’s first recorded converts. The hatred of women dedicated to intolerance and totalitarian beliefs evolved into religious fanaticism to carry out the whims of cruel individuals. ‘No god but GOD’ is the religion of Islam yet the stoning of women is unquestionably fabricated by individuals who sought to legitimize their own beliefs and practices by the book of Hadith or traditions. Traditions of man are often an appropriate established set of beliefs and correct practices and the words of Yahshuah are specific as to this matter: “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

²³ John 8:5

You do the deeds of your father... If GOD יהוה were your Father, you would love me...”²⁴
 The traditions of man are also called the ‘doctrines of the Nicolaitanes’ which are warned about twice by the strong words of King Yahshuah.²⁵ The *Nicolaitanes* are referred to as cruel leading conquerors of the houses of worship. Unbelieving leaders and rulers have always brought corruption and cruel heart-break to those individuals that have sought solace through a proper spiritual path. What did Yahshuah Messiah say to those that were seeking to carry out a cruel virulent misogyny ‘doctrine of the *Nicolaitanes*’ with a stoning for the intent that a woman taken in adultery perishes to a certain death? Stated Yahshuah: “He that is without sin among you, let him begin at the former time, cast a less violent thrust of a smooth bride casting stone at her.”²⁶ The original language has a much more profound understanding properly translated as a ‘bride casting stone.’ Yahshuah gave the laws of Moses perfectly *without any misogyny* because he gave a true witness of the bridal covenant earthen stone vessel ceremony. The true witness of the laws of Moses was for the ceremony of healing, the forgotten ‘earthen stone vessel’ of the exiled friend bringing a restoration in the symbols of a happy marriage.

Raising issues with the translation intent of ‘stoned with stones with intent of perishing death’ the original understanding given by the hand of Moses requires careful textual analysis. By the time of Yahshuah, capital punishment had indeed taken to picking up stones and murdering individuals. Yet, Yahshuah talked of this very event. The woman caught in adultery was discussed by him in a test case.²⁷ Yahshuah states “He that is without sin among you, let him *first best²⁸ begin the former (of) the Mosaic pavement stone²⁹ worn smooth basket³⁰ on her behalf³¹ a gentle thrust.*”³² It is important for the reader to understand that the stone vessel of purification used in this ancient ceremony was also called the basket. The Greek language commentaries point out that the word for direct and deliberate hurl³³ is not in this meaning. This direct dynamic translation is the Greek-Hebrew-Aramaic witness of the original words of Moses as to a stone earthen vessel rehearsal of rescue for all those caught in Adultery³⁴ or in the diseases of ‘leprosy.’³⁵ There also was an immediate recognition of the Greek spelling that also reflected a Hebrew word series ‘ballo’³⁶ that refers to anointing and giving provender (herbs), swallowing these herbs to heal their diseases and destroy the devour(er). The good news understanding of the mercy of heaven in anciently providing towns of refuge for those that had committed manslaughter. Was there also the refuge for those caught in sins, transgressions and iniquity (attitudes)? Yes, the message in the original words the command to **rescue them with the earthen vessel** cleansing and purification herbs of restoration at the sanctuary. The two witnesses of the Aramaic

²⁴ John 8:39, 41

²⁵ Revelation 2:6, 15

²⁶ John 8:7 direct translation of Greek Received Text

²⁷ John 8:1-11

²⁸ Strong’s Greek #4413

²⁹ Strong’s Greek #3037

³⁰ Strong’s Greek #1909

³¹ Strong’s Greek #906

³² Strong’s Greek #846

³³ Strong’s Greek #4496

³⁴ Numbers 5:11-31

³⁵ Leviticus 14-15

³⁶ Brown Driver Briggs Gesenius Hebrew and English Lexicon, #1101-1104, page 117-118

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Peshitta Text and the Greek Received Text **confirm a healing message** not a murderous command.

Is the Greek Received Text in harmony with the Aramaic Peshitta Text witness of an earthen vessel ceremony of healing rescue? Yes. The good news is that the instructions of the Peshitta Text detail the use of an earthen vessel with an important key identifying that ‘tradition of the gentile philosophers’ had been teaching to stone with an intent to kill. The translation weaknesses were identified at that time and yet have not been corrected. The role of Yahshuah in the original text is that he is a Judge, a Physician and leader of the Hebrews and those converts to the faith. The translations have given us a very ugly view of the challenges of the Pharisees and the Sadducees/scribes. The original two witness textual translations DO NOT have these emotionally ugly views of the Hebrew people.

Where does one today find healing according to Original Hebrew Medicine? The beautiful healing worship within a prayerful sanctuary included herbal broths and hyssop to cleanse the body. In today’s nature medicine, properly trained professionals understanding the proper balance desired for the body will assist all those seeking healing through the targeted nutrition necessary for the human body to heal and cleanse. The Holy Scripture has specific guidelines for each individual to be ‘rescue vesseled’ and the instructions start with repentance and immediate restoration. The guidelines of the Holy Scriptures in regards to ‘Law of the Leper’ outlines specific guidelines that our modern testing demonstrates to be superior knowledge from our Creator to fully mend all broken lives. This includes the ordinance of specific anointing, partaking of the ordinance of the Messiah’s meal, the ordinance of washing of the spiritual body in foot washing, receiving specific herbal broths and prayer all taught within the Holy Scriptures. Restoration is best back at the wellspring of life, the Bible study circle within the Hebrew foundations of the Sanctuary.

....And Shall He Stone the Exiled Friend?

The number one excuse world wide expressed to this author has been to not observe the specific health, hygiene, and dietary commands of the Old Testament because this would also require them to *actually stone someone*. The implement of capital punishment has been understood in modern history and even in the times of Yahshuah Messiah in Jerusalem to include physical stones. Indeed there were those that had interpreted the words of scripture that declared: ‘stone him with stones’ meant to kill.³⁷ However, was this ‘stoned with stones’ the original understanding? Looking up the Hebrew lexicon words that they decide and determine to translate as stone is the Hebrew word of ‘ragamah’ רגמה and ***the word is friend***. There are all kinds of question marks within the section as to their professional opinions of admitting to being **‘unsure’** as to the understanding of physical stone throwing. There are meanings of friend, exile, and a crowd of people. The use of the word ‘ragamah’ that they decide with many question marks means to ‘throw at’ they admit it is rare, that it is always associated with the word that our research has proven to be as the altar of אבן earthen molded brick stone vessels. The Biblical curse is upon the false worship and the arch enemy of God YHWH, not the exiled friend. This ‘vesseling’ action of the portable altar would ‘stone’ the devil and his false systems of worship when and only when the modern church and synagogue would be in full obedience to the Law of GOD יהוה. Indeed, the act of throwing a stone from

³⁷ Deuteronomy 13:10, Deuteronomy 21:21, Deuteronomy 22:21

Heaven is GOD יהוה action, to smash the toes of the image of idolatry.³⁸ At another moment, when cleansing an infected house, the earthen vessels are used again³⁹ as specific instructions within the word of GOD יהוה. The people were living in tents and as well, the sanctuary was a tent structure.

The Cry of Moses Fearing Stoning

What about the prophet Moses crying out ‘*they want to stone me!*’ Was this a stoning to harm or to vessel the prophet Moses? In the Exodus wilderness period, the need for water was most acute when they passed through the area of Rephidim. The people murmured against Moses. The response of Moses was to cry unto the LORD: “What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me.”⁴⁰ The response recorded within the Holy Scriptures is to identify the use of this word for ‘stone’ is very different than an earthen vessel. The Hebrew word for execution stoning⁴¹ by pelting ‘to death’ is סִקֵּל ‘Sekel’ which suggests probably an Egyptian style pelting of disfavor. Today when people do not like a speaker or leader, they pelt an individual with rotten eggs, tomatoes and the like. This is an ancient tradition that Moses referred to. The response to the cry of Moses to the God of Israel was to provide water from the rock. The remedy was for the God of Israel to provide a miracle of abundant water⁴² in response to the prayerful cry of Moses.

The Sure Rock in Spiritual War

What about the case of ‘stoning the enemy’ to kill as the shepherd boy David? The Hebrew word for rock is צֶרֶף ‘*tsur*.’ In defense of His people, the Creator’s word for rock is described as having flat surfaces, pebbles, cliffs, quarry rock, an altar block of stone. To treat as foe and with hostility this word is also used in fashioning and delineate. There are for the אֲבֵן ‘*abn*’ to be a smooth clay earthen stone vessel of promise. The division of hurling a ‘*tsur*’ stone of hostility whether smooth or slippery also indicates meaning that the spiritual heart of these faithless individuals has been found divided. This word ‘*tsur*’ also means those that lie, fabricate, empty and seduce with speech. This introduction is to prepare for the understanding of Goliath spelled ‘Galit’ in the original Hebrew text. The question is to be ‘*why* was the translation inserting the word Goliath describing a sword placed wrapped in a mantle behind the holy ephod⁴³ in the holy of holies?’ It is because the vessel of rescue was called ‘Galit’ yet translated ‘Goliath.’ Myth has been placed into the text!

The historical record describes that there was a pagan nation ‘Philistines’ confronting the Hebrew nation. Who were the *Philisti* (Philistines) of that time? The meaning of ‘*philish*’ means to penetrate and forcing through⁴⁴ the going after extremes.⁴⁵ Was this a description of the neighboring enemy that threatened to capture the Hebrew nation? The pagan nations would come with their standard pagan flags, altars and images

³⁸ Daniel 2:33, 44-45

³⁹ Leviticus 14:40, 42

⁴⁰ Exodus 17:4

⁴¹ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1020

⁴² Exodus 17:6

⁴³ I Samuel 21:9

⁴⁴ Etymological Dictionary of Biblical Hebrew, Matityahu Clark, page 202.

⁴⁵ Sefer Molim Dictionary, Jastrow, page 1185

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of their deities. These idolatrous images would be representing the demons of wicked confrontation that day. As the shepherd boy David, newly anointed to be King of Israel, declared: "...That all the earth may know that there is a GOD יהוה in Israel. And all this assembly shall know that the LORD יהוה saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD יהוה and he will give you into our hands."⁴⁶ Brethren, when this study was undertaken, we learned many things. The clear translation from the interlinear texts is using several details from David's fight with Goliath. The words used in these passages gave direct understanding to the people that THIS BATTLE WAS GOD יהוה. The key words are as follows: "And David hurried and ran to meet the Philistine: and put David his hand into the healing earthen stone 'battle axe' VESSEL 'C*li*'⁴⁷ and from there the earthen 'abn' stone vessel⁴⁸ was hurled forth⁴⁹ and smiting⁵⁰ the Philishti in the forehead and sank the earthen vessel 'abn' stone⁵¹ and he fell on his face to the earth."⁵² The word smiting refers to *make powerless, includes clapping of hands, and beating and bruising him. **The words for a rock are not used in this passage.*** David's heart because of anointing of GOD יהוה, put all his passion into this battle. He fully gave credit to the war being fought by the strict principles of the Sanctuary. The entire series of Hebrew words used in this passage are the Kingdom words confirmed by the prophet Daniel that destroy an idolatrous giant.⁵³ The point of this presentation is to confirm the pattern of victory that GOD had already established for His people. Later in King David's life he wrote in his prayer reminding the children of Israel of their patriarchal fathers and the Covenant blessings: "O Lord GOD יהוה of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the 'Yetzer'⁵⁴ imagination The Potters molded earthen brick vessel Covenant Contract of the thoughts of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee."⁵⁵ The recognition of the earthen vessels of the Master Potter GOD יהוה as Covenant Contracts is important for this generation now.

In a book that describes anything and everything that a Jewish individual would want to know about the Messiah, the author emphasized the Jewishness of vessels. What wedding would there be without the complete cheers of joy at the smashing of the vessel (glass cup for the wine)? The author writes: "When GOD יהוה began to form the world, He created Vessels. However, He formed these vessels in such a fashion as to be incapable of containing His light, and so they shattered. The shattering of the Vessels caused sparks of God's light to be spread all over the world."⁵⁶ The hopeful joy of this knowledge of ancient Hebrew stone healing vessels instead of stones commanded to murder someone should be of great comfort to readers. It is the interest of Heaven that the Holy Scriptures be restored to the proper understanding that healing Shalom (peace) be for all of mankind.

⁴⁶ I Samuel 17:46-47

⁴⁷ BDBG #3627

⁴⁸ BDBG #68-80

⁴⁹ BDBG#7049

⁵⁰ BDBG #5221

⁵¹ BDBG #68-80

⁵² I Samuel 17:49

⁵³ Daniel 2:34, 44-45

⁵⁴ BDBG Hebrew English Lexicon, #3335-6

⁵⁵ I Chronicles 29:18

⁵⁶ Who, What, Why, Where, When Mashiah by Chaim Kramer, Breslov Research Institute Jerusalem, New York, 1994, Page 243-44