

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

A HEBREW SAGE MIGHT SAY. . .

Faith sees the invisible, believes the unbelievable and receives the impossible! [Corrie ten Boom]

ENOUGH!

"Then Israel said — *It is enough. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.*" [Genesis (Bereshith) 45. 28 Tanakh, Torah]

"*It is enough!*" (Hebrew: **rab** – much, great, vast, numerous) is an exclamation of a thing or situation being satisfied, or a need has been fulfilled, or a limit has been reached. This phrase occurs both in the OLD COVENANT and three times in the NEW COVENANT using different Greek terms (**arketos** - suffice, **apechei** - enough, **hikanos** - ample).

In the opening text, Jacob is overcome with thankful emotion at the news that Joseph, his beloved son was still alive, though considered dead for many years. Then the Pharaoh, for a very different reason, cried "**Entreat** (Hebrew: **'athar**— intercede, mediate, negotiate) **the LORD that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for it is enough.**" [Exodus (Shemot) 9. 28 Tanakh, Torah]

When David sinned against the LORD by numbering the people, the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from morning till the appointed time and seventy thousand men of Israel died. And when the ANGEL stretched out HIS hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD relented from the destruction and said to the ANGEL who was destroying the people — "**It is enough now restrain your hand.**" [2 Samuel/Shemuel Bet) 24. 16; 1 Chronicles/Shemuel Bet 21. 15]

Then there was Elijah who thought he could bear no more being exhausted and weary of Ahab and his wife, Jezebel trying to kill him, journeyed into the wilderness and set down under a

broom tree and prayed that he might die, proclaiming, "***It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!***" [1 Kings (Malek Alef) 19. 4 Tanakh, Nevi'im]

On the other hand, Proverbs tell of things that are never satisfied: "***The leech has two daughters — "Give!" and "Give!" Three things are insatiable; Four never say, "Enough!" — The grave, the barren womb, earth that cannot get enough water — and fire never says, "Enough!"***" [Proverbs (Mishle) 30. 15 - 16 Tanakh, Kethuvim]

In the NEW COVENANT, MESSIAH Y'SHUA counseled HIS followers that because of HIM they would be hated, persecuted or even be put to death because "***A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!***" [Matthew 10. 21 - 25] When nearing the time of HIS arrest, the MAN OF SORROWS, said to HIS sleeping disciples, "***It is enough! The hour has come; behold, the SON OF MAN is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.***" [Mark 14. 41]

Earlier, when the MESSIAH sent the disciples out HE advised them to supply their own needs and sell their garments to get a sword if they didn't have one. They replied that they had two swords amongst them and Y'SHUA replied, "***It is enough.***" [Luke 22. 36 - 38] Obviously implying that their mission was to spread the GOOD NEWS, not fight for the MASTER.

There are many different circumstances which can lead one to cry: "***Enough!***" But, "***in the ages to come***" there will never be an end to "***the exceeding riches of HIS grace in HIS kindness toward us in MESSIAH Y'SHUA. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of GOD, not of works, lest anyone should boast.***" [Ephesians 2. 7 - 9] We can never get enough of our WONDERFUL, HOLY, AWESOME LORD GOD; how remarkably rich we are!

**Sha'alu (Pray) for the Shalom (Peace) of Jerusalem and all of Israel!
Redeem Israel, O ELOHIYM, out of all their troubles!**

Our AWESOME CREATOR GOD is worthy of all our praise and worship...remember, hard times cannot erase HIS promises.

Stay alert for such a time as this. . . keep watching and praying.

Praying for the peace of Jerusalem, is praying for the return of our Messiah and Lord and for the Kingdom of God He is bringing when He comes. Then God's Will shall be done on earth as it is in Heaven and the world will experience true godly universal peace which is the fruit of Righteousness.

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