

Messiah ben Joseph is a mysterious biblical figure who is prophesied to sacrificially die but then to rise again to rule the nations.



His firstborn bull (shor) has splendor, and horns like those of a wild ox (re'em); he gores all the peoples with them to the ends of the earth. And those are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and those are the thousands of Manasseh." Deuteronomy 33:17

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As I've been studying and preparing for my end times class from the torah and the psalms, I have discovered some fascinating things that I had never seen before. Did you know that in the Tanakh, it speaks of three (some would say four) Messianic figures? Messiah son of David is the one that we are the most familiar with. The Bible also speaks of a prophet/priest that will be raised up. Moses speaks of this prophet in Deuteronomy 18:15-18 who will be divinely raised up to speak for God. Finally, there is an enigmatic Messiah-figure from the tribe of Joseph that the Scriptures speak of.

In Jacob's blessing of his twelve sons, in Genesis 49:24, he prophecies of a coming Shepherd-Rock from the tribe of Joseph. Then Moses goes on to describe this individual in his blessing of the tribe of Joseph in Deuteronomy 33:13-17. He compares this figure to a firstborn servile domestic ox (shor) which would be an ox born to be sacrificed. Then in the same verse Moses links him with the horns of the wild re'em ox which would be a reference to the now extinct aurochs which was a fierce creature and as big as an elephant. This bull would be born to reign and wasn't part of the Mosaic sacrificial system. This coming one is also prophecied to conquer not just the Promised Land but the whole world.

The fascinating point is that Yeshua fulfills all these Messianic prophecies. He is the ruling son of David. He is the prophet/priest described by Moses. But He's also the sacrificed son of the tribe of Joseph Who is returning to reign as the all-conquering re'em who will rule all peoples. Though too complicated to explain in this short blurb, Yeshua's biblical genealogy also indicates that He is a descendant through Mary of all three of these tribes: Judah, Levi, and Joseph. The ramifications of this for us is encouraging. Though our life can be difficult in the here and now, we have a coming King/Conqueror who will rule all peoples and will eradicate injustice and wickedness. We are no fools to live our lives for Him and though He carries we are wise to obediently wait for Him. As we study His story, we can also gain greater confidence in the midst of the waiting.

For those interested in finding out more about the biblical interconnections of this son of Joseph and the coming story, I will share more about this in the upcoming Sunday class. For those wanting to read a bit more in a short article

about this Messiah ben Joseph, you can check out this link to David Mitchell's website where he answers 25 questions related to this mysterious figure. Here's the link: <https://brightmorningstar.org/messiah-son-of-joseph-25-questions-and-answers/>