The Zeroah of Yehovah – To Whom is His Arm Revealed?

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The 'Zeroah' of YHWH

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Isaiah 40:1-26 is the first of seven "Haftorahs of Consolation," an ancient sage teaching that coincides with the seven consecutive Shabbats that lead up to Yom Teruah, ["Feast of Trumpets" (Leviticus 23:24)] or also commonly called "Rosh Hashanah." The Haftorahs are taken out of the book of Isaiah and are read along with the Torah portions from the book of Deuteronomy starting in Chapter 3:23 and ending in Chapter 30:20. In the Haftorah reading of Isaiah 40:1-26, commonly called "Shabbat Nachamu," which means the "Sabbath of Consolation/Comfort," we read the following passage:

Isa 40:10 "Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand*, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him."

In the Tanakh it looks like this in the Hebrew:

More on the Hebrew text in a moment... Keying in on the English translation of Isaiah 40:10, let's take a look at the words "the Lord GOD" and "his arm shall rule for him." The Lord GOD in our English Bibles actually comes from the Hebrew words ???? (Adonai = 'Lord') and ???? (the four letter name of the Almighty, which is usually translated as LORD or GOD in English is 'YHWH'='Y'od – 'H'ey – 'V'av – 'H'ey, 'Yahweh'). When it is written as Adonai YHWH, rest assured that this is the name of Our Heavenly Father. Keeping this in mind, let's take a look at the second set of words: "his arm shall rule for him." Breaking down this set of words, and what

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we have learned from the first set, we can see that our Heavenly Father's arm shall rule for him. What does this mean? The Hebrew word for our English word 'arm' in this Scripture is ????? "v'zeroah" which comes from the word ???? ([H2220] 'zeroah.' However, what does it mean? The symbolism here is a picture of strength. The BDB (Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew Lexicon) defines the word 'zeroah' as:

1) arm, forearm, shoulder, strength

1a) arm

1b) arm (as symbol of strength)

- 1c) forces (political and military)
- 1d) shoulder (of animal sacrificed)

If we study out this Hebrew word 'zeroah' at the literal interpretative level of Scripture, the 'arm of YHWH' or 'zeroah' is a metaphor for the power of YHWH. At the hidden level of scripture, it is a metaphor for the Messiah, who is the mediator of the mighty acts of YHWH — creation, judgment, and salvation. The Heavenly Father is the master designer and absolute cause of all things, and the Messiah is the one who mediates the will of the Heavenly Father. At the hidden level of Scripture, statements that YHWH did something with a "strong hand (Hebrew= 'yad') and an outstretched arm ('zeroah')" teaches us that He (YHWH) did it through the Messiah. When we understand this concept, the Tanakh teaches us that Messiah is the mediator of creation, judgment, and salvation. Here are a few interesting Scriptures that this Hebrew word 'zeroah', which is translated into English as 'arm', can be found:

Jer 32:17 Ah Lord GOD (Adonai YHWH) ! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and stretched out arm, *and* there is nothing too hard for thee:

The Scripture above relates to the creation account. YHWH is using His arm or 'zeroah' to create the heaven and the earth. Perhaps this is what the Apostle Paul was commenting on when he said:

Col 1:16 For through him (Messiah Yahshua) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created through him (Yahshua), and for him:

Eph 3:9 And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God (the Father), who created all things through Jesus Christ (Messiah Yahshua):

Continuing on, do we see the 'zeroah' or 'arm' of YHWH performing redemption or salvation?

Exo 6:6 "Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD (YHWH), and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments:"

Psa 77:15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.

Again, the 'arm' or 'zeroah' of YHWH redeems His people, Israel. Is there any Scripture to validate the 'arm' of YHWH judging or punishing the nations or the people of Israel?

Isa 51:5 My righteousness *is* near; my salvation is gone forth, and my arm shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

Isa 30:30 And the LORD (YHWH) shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down (punishment) of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.

Again, we have seen from just a few selected Scriptures how our Heavenly Father uses His 'arm' or 'zeroah' to execute judgment, to bring forth redemption, or to bring creation into being. Interestingly enough, there is much to be said about the 'zeroah' within the first feast of YHWH – Pesach (Passover). In the annual Passover Seder, one of the components of the Seder is the shank bone of a lamb. The shank bone commemorates the lamb that was slain during the original Passover when the Israelites left Egypt. This shank bone is also called the 'zeroah', and because of this, the Passover lamb is equated to the 'zeroah'. Remembering that the definition of 'zeroah' meant arm (as a symbol of strength), what can we conclude from the following passage from the prophet Isaiah?

Isa 53:1-6 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Who is the "he" or "him" in the Isaiah passage? It appears that the 'zeroah' is more than just a literal arm. Let's take this same Scripture and fill it up with deeper meaning:

Isa 53:1-6 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm ('zeroah') of the LORD (YHWH) revealed? For he (Messiah Yahshua) shall grow up before him (YHWH) as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he (Yahshua) hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him (Yahshua), there is no beauty that we should desire him (Yahshua). He (Yahshua) is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him (Yahshua); he (Yahshua) was despised, and we esteemed him (Yahshua) not. Surely he (Yahshua) hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him (Yahshua) stricken, smitten of God (YHWH), and afflicted. But he (Yahshua) was wounded for our transgressions, he (Yahshua) was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him (Yahshua); and with his (Yahshua) stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD (YHWH) hath laid on him (Yahshua) the iniquity of us all.

Even the sages of old agree that the 'zeroah', or "Arm" of YHWH, speaks uniquely of the Messiah. What they do not agree on, however, is just who the Messiah is. For those of us whom the Father has revealed this passage to, we can see that the 'arm' of our Heavenly Father is His Son, Messiah Yahshua. Our Heavenly Father laid on His only begotten Son, Messiah Yahshua, the iniquity of us all. Perhaps this is what Isaiah meant when he said:

Isa 52:10 The LORD (YHWH) hath made bare (revealed) his holy arm ('zeroah' = The Messiah) in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation (Yeshua) of our God (Elohim).

John, the disciple of Messiah Yahshua, had similar words to say in this passage:

Joh 12:37-41 But though he had done so many miracles before them, yet they believed not on him: That the saying of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spoke, YHWH, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord (YHWH) been revealed [Isa 53:1]? Therefore they could not believe, because that Isaiah said again, He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. These things said Isaiah, when he saw his glory, and spake of him.

According to John, the disciple of Messiah Yahshua, Isaiah SAW the glory of YHWH – that being His Son, Messiah Yahshua! Isaiah did speak of Messiah Yahshua as we have just read Isaiah 53 which was written well before Messiah came to fulfill this prophecy. Turning back to our original Scripture (Isa 40:10) and keying in on what we have learned, we can conclude the following: That our Heavenly Father will send His Son, Messiah Yahshua, who will bring the reward of the Father with him and Messiah Yahshua has been given the authority from the Father to rule and reign. Does this statement line up with the following Scriptures?

Mat 2:6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

[Matthew is quoting a scripture from Micah 5:2]

Eze 20:33-34 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.

(This is a prophecy concerning the second coming of Messiah.)

Rev 19:15 And out of his (Yahshua) mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he (Yahshua) should smite the nations: and he (Yahshua) shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he (Yahshua) treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God (Our Heavenly Father).

Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I (Yahshua) received (rulership) of my Father.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God (the Father) and of Christ (Messiah), and shall reign with him (Messiah Yahshua) a thousand years.

1Co 15:24-28 Then *cometh* the end, when he (Yahshua) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he (Yahshua) shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he (Yahshua) must reign, till he (Yahshua) hath put all enemies under his (Yahshua's) feet. The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him, it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him (Yahshua), then shall the Son

(Yahshua) also himself be subject unto him (Heavenly Father) that put all things under him (Yahshua), that God (Heavenly Father) may be all in all.

(Messiah will rule and reign for a set time until all enemies are under his feet (Psalm 110); then he will be subject to the rule and reign of the Heavenly Father)

The underlying theme in this Haftorah passage is clear: Chad's Version (CVB)

Isa 40:10 "Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand,* and his Son, Messiah Yahshua shall rule for his Heavenly Father- Almighty YHWH (Rev 20:4): behold, the Heavenly Father's reward (or payment) *is* with his Son, Messiah Yahshua (Rev 22:12), and his work before him." (CVB)

Our Heavenly Father will send his Son Messiah Yeshua, a second time, to console and redeem Israel. He will return as Moshiach Ben David – executing judgment and justice on the ungodly (Jude 1:14-16) and bringing the reward of salvation unto those who believe and practice righteousness (Rev 14:12). These are comforting words to those who love and embrace our Heavenly Father – His Word and His Son, Messiah Yahshua, who is the 'zeroah' of YHWH!

Psa 98:1 A Psalm. "O sing unto the LORD (YHWH) a new song; for he hath done marvelous things: his right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory."

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I would like to add a little more to what Chad has shared with you. I want you to understand something. Two weeks ago we shared with you the article *"What is the Gospel?"* In it we showed you how Israel and Judah were married to Yehovah. "Betrothed" is actually a more accurate word here. It means they were engaged; and as such, as good as married.

Yehovah gave Israel a bill of divorce, but not to Judah. Again, this is the parable of the prodigal son. The older brother who was always at home is Judah and the rebellious son who went away whoring around is Israel. This is us. Because we have worshiped other gods we have committed adultery, the same as idolatry. Because of this and because of Yehovah's own law that says a man cannot re-marry his wife if she has gone into another man; once he divorced her, Yehovah could not take us back even though He wanted to.

In the book of Hosea is the story of a man who searches out his adulterous wife and takes her back. It is about Yehovah wanting to take back Israel.

Last year I wrote you an article entitled <u>I am Yehovah and beside me there is no saviour – this</u> <u>is your wake up call.</u> Please, you need to go back and read this again. When we say the Shema, do we believe it or do we make excuses or exceptions?

Deu 6:4 Hear, O, Israel. Jehovah our God *is* one Jehovah. 5 And you shall love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

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<u>The constellation of Aries</u> is pictured by a ram, or lamb, full of vigor and life; not falling in death as CAPRICORNUS is.

In the Denderah Zodiac its name is *Tametouris Ammon*, which means *the reign, dominion*, or *government of Ammon*. The lamb's head is without horns, and is crowned with a circle.

The Hebrew name is *Taleh, the lamb*. The Arabic name is *Al Hamal, the sheep, gentle, merciful*. This name has been mistakenly given by some to the principal star, **a**. The Syriac name is *Amroo*, as in the Syriac New Testament in John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world." The ancient Akkadian name was*Bara-ziggar*. *Bar* means *altar*, or *sacrifice*; and *ziggar* means *right making*; so that the full name would be *the sacrifice of righteousness*.

There are 66 stars in this sign, one being of the 2nd magnitude, two of the 4th, etc.

Its chief star, **a** (in the forehead), is named *El Nath*, or *El Natik*, which means *wounded*, *slain*. The next, **b** (in the left horn), is called *Al Sheratan*, *the bruised*, *the wounded*. The next **g** (near to **b**), is called *Mesarim* (Hebrew),*the bound*.

How is it there is no conflicting voice? How is it that all the stars unite in one harmonious voice in testifying of the Lamb of God, slain, and bruised, but yet living for evermore, singing together, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing" (Rev 5:12)?

The arm (shank) or "Zeroah" of Yehovah is also known as Yehshua. In the constellation of Aries, you see this arm/shank called *Yehshua* reaching out to grasp the two ribbons that hold the two fish. The one fish going up is Israel; the one going East is Judah. The Zeroah, the strong arm of the Lamb, known to us today as *Yehshua*, is all part of the body of Yehovah. They are one and the same.

The constellation of Aries is taking possession of the Two Houses of Israel- away from the Beast, Satan.

Isa 51:9 Awake! awake! Put on strength, O arm (Zeroah) of Jehovah. Awake! as in the days of old, in the generations of old. Was it not You *who* cut Rahab into pieces, piercing the seamonster?

Isa 53:1 Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm (Zeroah) of Jehovah revealed?

The word "Zeroah" means "arm" or "shoulder" and means *strength*. Again, look at the constellation of Aries. Are there two gods there? No there is one; Yehovah is one God.

Do you recall the passage above in Isaiah 53:1 that asks, "...to whom is the arm *(zeroah)* of the Yehovah revealed?"

From this question we understand that the *zeroah* is not readily seen and comprehended, unless it is 'revealed,' that is, unless the Spirit of Yehovah reveals its identity.

So let's summarize what we have seen:

- The *Zeroah* is the *'He'* who was wounded because our transgressions of Torah, according to Isaiah 53:5.
- The *Zeroah* is the *'He'* by whose stripes, or wounds, we are healed and made whole, according to Isaiah 53:5.
- The *Zeroah* is the *'Him'* upon whom Yehovah has laid the iniquity of us all, according to Isaiah 53:6.
- The *Zeroah* is the commemoration 'Remembrance' of the *Passover Lamb*, whose blood on the doorpost brought deliverance from death of the first-born of Israel, according to Exodus 12:1-14, at Passover.
- The Zeroah is the Lamb slain at Passover.
- The *Zeroah* is the Lamb slain as a *Sacrifice*, whose blood effected reconciliation or remission of sins, according to Leviticus 16:15-16 and 2 Chronicles 29:24.
- The Zeroah is the Messiah, according to the sages of old.

Now we ask again: To whom is the arm (zeroah) of Yehovah revealed?

"Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is Yehovah; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation." – Isaiah 25:9

The word for Salvation is H3444 ????????

yesh-oo'-aw

Feminine passive participle of H3467; something saved, that is, (abstractly) deliverance; hence aid, victory, prosperity: – deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

For I am Yehovah your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior... - Isaiah 43:3

"You are My witnesses," says Yehovah, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And understand that I am He. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. I, even I, am Yehovah, And besides Me there is no Savior. – Isaiah 43:1011

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The word Savior here is H3467 ????
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A primitive root; properly to be open, wide or free, that is, (by implication) to be safe; causatively to free or succor: – X at all, avenging, defend, deliver (-er), help, preserve, rescue, be safe, bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory.

Read these verses again. Besides Yehovah THERE IS NO SAVIOR. So who is Yehshua?

Thus says Yehovah: "... They will plead with you, saying: 'Surely God is in you, and there is no other, no god besides Him." Truly, you are a God who hides Himself, O God of Israel, the Savior. All of them are put to shame and confounded; the makers of idols go in confusion together. But Israel is saved by Yehovah with everlasting salvation; you shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity. For thus says Yehovah, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; He did not create it empty, He formed it to be inhabited!): "I am Yehovah, and there is no other. I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I Yehovah speak the truth; I declare what is right. "Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you survivors of the nations! They have no knowledge who carry about their wooden idols, and keep on praying to a god that cannot save. Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, Yehovah? And there is no other god besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides Me. "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By Myself I have sworn; from My mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.' - Isaiah 45:14-23

"Yet I am Yehovah your God ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no God but Me; For there is no Savior besides Me." – Hosea 13:4

To whom will you liken Me and make Me equal, and compare Me, that we may be alike? ...for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, ...I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay; I will put salvation in Zion, for Israel My glory." – Isaiah 46:5,9,13

For My own sake, for My own sake, I do it, for how should My Name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another. "Listen to Me, O Jacob, and Israel, whom I called! I am He; I am the first, and I am the last. – Isaiah 48:11-12

Isa 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also has become my salvation.

"Yehovah is my Salvation" means "Yehovah is my Yehshua."

Yehshua means "Yehovah is Salvation."

It is Yehovah who died for you on the tree at Passover in 31 C.E. Your betrothed husband died so He could rise from the grave and now re-marry you. Yehovah who, by His strength of His arm, His Zeroah, has given His life for you. What did Yehshua say about "no greater love is this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Joh 15:12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

To those who have *believed* the report, the *Zeroah* Of Yehovah reveals Messiah Himself in the Passover seder, as it points to Messiah as Yehovah Himself, who is seen in the Isaiah 53 passages as the Passover Lamb. He is the Sacrificial Lamb whose blood has bought remission of sins, for all who would believe the report, and receive Him.

To those who have not yet believed the report, the *Zeroah* remains in the Passover seder as a memorial of the One who, in a figure, is looking up from the seder plate, continuing to yearn after His people, awaiting the day the lights go on.

Until then, let us continue to keep the Passover. Let us do this in remembrance of Him, the *Zeroah* of Yehovah, the Passover Lamb, whose blood on our own doorpost delivers us from death if we keep the commandments!