

## Immersion

Mark 16:16 proclaims “He who has believed and has been immersed, shall be saved, but he who has not believed shall be condemned.”

Hebrews 6 - Immersion is a Foundational Doctrine. “<sup>1</sup> Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Messiah, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward Elohim, <sup>2</sup> Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. <sup>3</sup> And this will we do, if Elohim permit.” So what is the doctrine of Immersions?

Immersion is not something new nor is it a one time event - It is very Hebrew act.

Hebrew is a person in Covenant. Hebrew means "cross over" so every Hebrew must immerse.

Abram was the first to cross over. Even before he was circumcised he believed and he crossed over. He left Babylon and went into the Covenant Land where he later entered into the Covenant of circumcision. This is the Covenant pattern and our relationship with YHWH involves walking this Covenant path..

Immersion takes place in a “mikveh” which means running water so we are immersed in running/ moving water. Tevila is the act of immersion.

### Different immersions of the Covenant

**Immersion of Purification** example Acts 21. This is the immersion which symbolically cleanses us before we meet with YHWH. Described in Torah. Not a final or complete immersion. Water only can clean what it touches. It is something done repeatedly as a means of going from unclean to clean. Consecrate, dedicate something or someone to YHWH

**Immersion of Yahanan** (Immersion of Repentance) Prepares the way for Messiah.

Mattityahu 3:11. I immerse you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He shall immerse you in the Set Apart Spirit and with fire.

Acts 1:5. Yahushua said “Yahanan truly immersed in water but you shall be immersed in the Set Apart Spirit.”

Yahushua was immersed with this Immersion so we, as His Talmudim follow His example.

**Immersion in the Name of Yahushua** (Immersion of Identification)

We immerse in the Name of Yahushua in preparation for His Immersion. Name = Authority

By immersing in the Name of Yahushua we recognize His authority to forgive sins after we repent. In Matthew 28:18 Yahushua proclaimed “All authority has been given to Me in the Heavens and on Earth.”

There is a question of what the rest of the text says. In many texts Matthew 28:19 continues “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations immersing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Set Apart Spirit.”

Eusibius quoted Matthew 28:19 over 20 times. “*Go ye and make disciples of all the nations in My Name, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I commanded you.*”

In the Hebrew Shem Tov verse 19 it simply says “Go” and then Verse 20 continues with “teaching them to guard all that I have commanded you. And see I am with you always, until the end of the age.” These renderings are consistent with the text and the fact that ALL authority was given to Yahushua

Further, it is consistent with the Acts of the Disciples. Throughout the Book of Acts they Immersed in the Name of Yahushua

Acts 2:36-39 Kepha speaking. <sup>36</sup> Therefore let all the house of Yisrael know for certain that YHWH has made this Yahushua, whom you impaled, both Master and Mashiach <sup>37</sup> and having heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kepha and the rest of the emissaries "Men, brothers, what shall we do? <sup>38</sup> And Kepha said to them Repent and let each one of you be immersed in the Name of Yahushua the Messiah for the forgiveness of sins and you shall receive the gift of the set apart spirit <sup>39</sup> For the promise is to you and your children and to all who are far off, as many as YHWH our Elohim shall call."

Acts 10:43 and 48 <sup>43</sup> to this One (Yahushua) all the Prophets bear witness that through His Name everyone believing in Him receives forgiveness of sins . . . <sup>48</sup> and he commanded them to be immersed in the Name of Yahushua the Messiah."

**Immersion of the Set Apart Spirit and Fire** - Only Yahushua can accomplish this immersion.

He will fill us with the Set Apart Spirit, empower us and purify us with His fire.

### **Conclusion**

So the Doctrine of Immersions reveals the Covenant path back to YHWH. Pattern in Torah.

Noah was in Covenant with YHWH, protected from the waters of judgment.

Abram, while uncircumcised believed and crossed over. The immersion is a Covenant event.

Yisrael immersed in the Red Sea – Believe the Promises, delivered by the blood of the lamb, freed from slavery. Yisrael passed through the same waters used to judge Egypt.

Yisraelites immersed at Sinai - purified for marriage/ join in Covenant relationship. Yisrael, as the Bride, needed to be cleansed before she could receive the Torah and join YHWH.

Again at the Jordan. Yisrael immersed, while uncircumcised, before entry to the land – Enter His House, the Covenant Land. They were then circumcised by Yahushua. This was a pattern for Yahushua the Messiah as we immerse in His Name. He then, by His Spirit, circumcises our hearts and by doing so He puts His Torah inside us – our hearts and minds.

The immersion of Messiah encompasses all of them. (Read Psalm 51). We believe and our Immersion is the act of faith, our crossing over, which makes us Hebrews. We still need to deal with the sin from the garden so we Repent, we are delivered from the bondage of sin, purified and saved from judgment through immersion of Yahushua. We completely enter and submerge into the waters that can both cleanse and cause death. We arise out of those waters alive, a symbol of our passage through judgment to life by the authority of Yahushua who will then immerse with the Spirit and with fire. We arise as new creations now ready to experience the resurrection from the dead.

“<sup>10</sup> And you are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power: <sup>11</sup> In whom also you are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Messiah: <sup>12</sup> Buried with Him in baptism (immersion), wherein also you are risen with *Him* through the faith of the operation of Elohim, Who hath raised Him from the dead.” Colossians 2:10-12.

## **The Immersion Procedure**

The person being immersed immerses himself and goes forward under the water. He does not lean backward relying upon anyone. Mikvah is a picture of a number of things:

(1) First, the proper Mikvah shows that the immersion is totally the decision of the person who immerses himself. No one makes him do it and no one helps him do it. It is totally his choice and each person is responsible for his own immersion.

(2) Second, the Mikvah shows complete repentance. Not only does the person immerse, but the water is supposed to touch every part of the body. With the exception of concerns for basic modesty, the person immersing himself removes as much clothing as possible.

(3) Third, whenever possible, the Mikvah is “witnessed” by a person who goes into the water with the one who is immersing himself. The job of the witness is to insure that the person was totally immersed and that even their hair went totally under the water. The witness is the person who usually says the appropriate blessing at the beginning and at the conclusion of the three immersions.

(4) Fourth, mikvah is not a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This is the first of a lifetime of immersions.

## **Mikveh Brachot**

(Walk in Water)

**Shehecheyanu:** (upon walking to the Mikveh)

Baruch Atah **YHWH ELOHEINU** Melech ha Olam  
shehecheyanu w'kiy' manu w'higianu Iazman hazeh...Ahmeen

Blessed are you **YHWH** our **ELOHIM** King of the universe who  
has kept us alive and strong and brought us to this day...Ahmeen

**Mikveh Bracha:** (before immersing)

Baruch Atah **YHWH ELOHEINU** Melech haOlam Asher kidshanu  
b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al hat v'ilah....Ahmeen

Blessed are you **YHWH** our **ELOHIM** King of the universe  
who sanctifies with your Torah and has given us the responsibility  
to immerse in the Mikveh...Ahmeen

## **3 Questions/ Immersions**

Immerse in the Name (Authority) of Yahushua Ha Moshiach

**Question 1) Do you repent of your transgressions and desire to live a life in obedience to Elohim?**

**FIRST IMMERSION** (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

**Question 2) Do you Believe that Yahushua Ha Moshiach is the Son of Elohim and agree to follow Him as your Teacher, Master and Savior?**

**SECOND IMMERSION** (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

**Question 3) Do you believe that Yahushua died and rose on the Third day that Yahushua has the authority to forgive our sins?**

**THIRD IMMERSION** (Immerse forward without touching – complete immersion)

**Shema:**

(after immersing 3 times on resurfacing)

Shema Yisrael **YHWH ELOHEINU YHWH** echad  
Hear O' Yisrael **YHWH** our **ELOHIM YHWH** is one...Ahmeen

(Walk out of Water)

**Mee Kamocha** (Song of the Sea)  
(on the bank or the side of the Mikveh)

Mee kh'mok-hah ba'ay-leem **YHWH** Mee kh'-mok-hah ne dar ba-kodesh  
nor-ah t'heelot oseh felehx2

Who is like Thee O' **YAH** among the gods Who is like Thee  
YAH there is none else You are awesome in praise doing wonders  
O' **YAH** who is like Thee O'**YAH**

Romans 6:4 “We are therefore buried with Him through immersion unto death, that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the esteem of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life.”

**Showchain Odd** (He who abides forever)

Show-chain-odd marome v'kad-dosh sh'mo  
V'ka-toov ra-na'noo tza-deekeem B'**YHWH**  
La-y'sha-reem na-va t'hee-la B'fee y'sha-reem teet-ha-lahl  
oov'deev-ray tza-dee-keem teet-ba-rahch, oo-veel-shone  
chas-see-deem teet-roe-mahm oov-v'keh-rev k'doe-sheem teet-ka-dahsh

He who abides forever Holy and Exalted is His Name  
And it is written Sing joyfully you righteous to **YHWH**  
it is befitting for the upright to praise Him by the mouth of the  
upright you shall be lauded; by the words of the of the righteous  
you shall be blessed; by the tongue of the pious you shall be Exalted  
and in the midst of the Holy, you shall be sanctified....Ahmeen v' Ahmeen