

**“Do you believe in life after death?” The boss asked one of his employees.**

**“Yes, sir,” the new employee replied.**

**“Well, then, that makes everything just fine,” the boss went on. “After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother’s funeral, she stopped in to see you!”**

**The prospective father-in-law asked, “Young man, can you support a family?” The surprised groom-to-be replied, “Well, no. I was just planning to support your daughter. The rest of you will have to fend for yourselves.”**

**When my three-year-old son opened the birthday gift from his grandmother, he discovered a water pistol... He squealed with delight and headed for the nearest sink. I was not so pleased. I turned to mom and said, “I’m surprised at you. Don’t you remember how we used to drive you crazy with water guns?” Mom smiled and then replied...”I remember!!”**

***[Now, transition.***

***Some serious news that I didn’t see in the KC Star, or NY Times, or CNN clips that appear on my screen, unsubscribed.]***

**A heavily Jewish neighborhood in San Antonio was the target of vandals this past Wednesday as over 30 cars and homes were spray-painted with anti-Semitic graffiti that included swastikas, references to the Ku Klux Klan and slurs often accompanied with anti-Semitic attacks, according to local reports.**

**<http://tr.im/v6lwz>**



**Hooligans broke windows and spray painted cars near the San Antonio neighborhood that houses Rodfei Sholom Synagogue, Wed., Aug. 12.**

***[<http://observer.com/2015/08/san-antonio-neighborhood-desecrated-by-anti-semitic-attack/>***

***Note driver’s side window]***



Swastika



Swastika on monument in memorial garden

From Messianic Rabbi Roy Garcia:



Yes, the Orthodox Synagogue is 4 blocks from our congregation. We are in very good terms. I was the first one with Rabbi Sheinberg. He took me into his office and we prayed. Very dear friend for over 30 years. We are two doors down from the Conservative and 4 blocks from the Orthodox.

We all will be stepping up on security. John Hagee was there right away and took a video of the damage. But we are on high alert for attacks. The police dept contacted us to be alert especially during high holy days.

This issue of anti-Semitism has been a far off, rare issue. Almost a fantasy. Most *[Messianic Congs. have people packing. Many places it's the rabbi, among others. If I ever say, "Down" יכ bad actor walking in, do it. We have some who will respond.*

*Above all, be ready for eternity, and in prayer for revival.]*

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*Stern Roman 'officer' transliteration: hekatontarchés, a captain of one hundred men ἑκατοντάρχης, Noun, Masculine*

*hekatón – one hundred can be strictly literal in meaning, or also be symbolic*

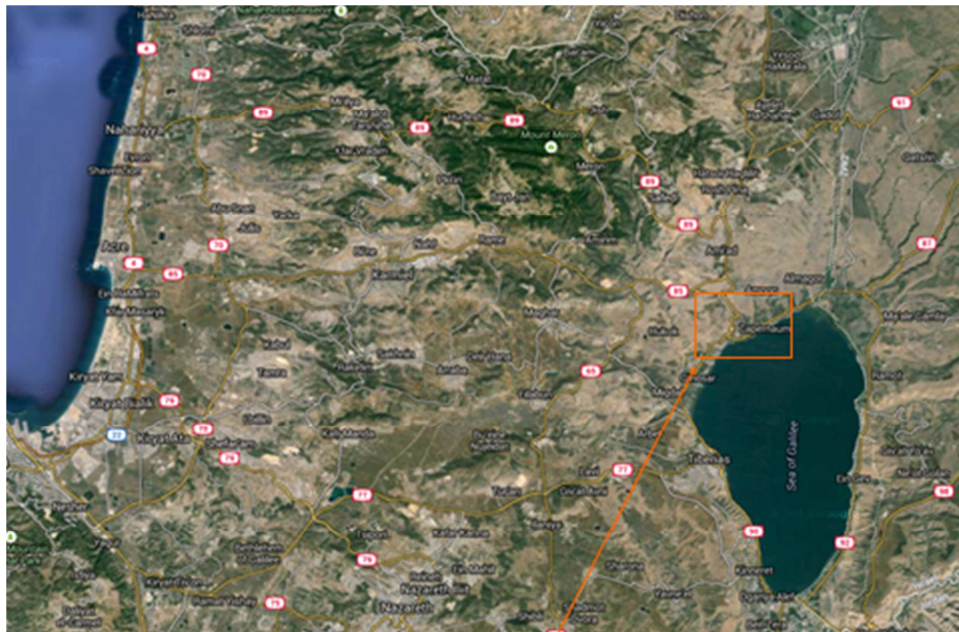
*Ἀρχι Archi a prefix, to designate the one who is placed over the rest (German Ober-, (English arch- (chief-, high)) a centurion*

*“A band made two centuries, each of which consisted of an hundred and twenty eight soldiers; whose governor was called an ordinary “centurion” .”*

*Seven lessons from this man, this story.”*

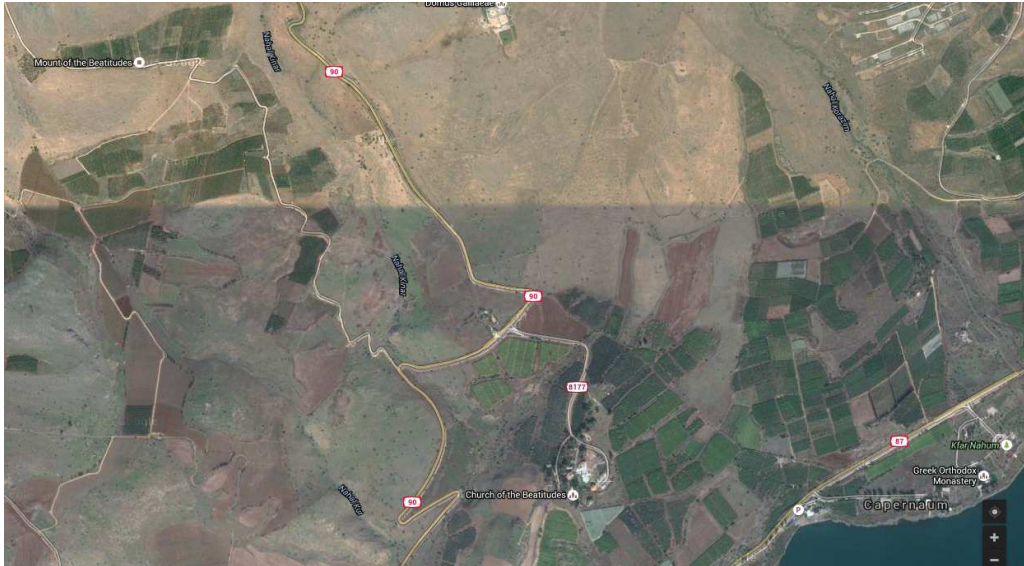
### *Centurions*

- *Served 20 year terms*
- *Not permitted to have legal families during 20 yrs. ~RCMP in Canada, often didn't have time for family.*
- *Had to be Roman citizens*
- *Achieved position from ranks*
- *Participated in pagan oaths to the Emperor*
- *Retired as equestrian knights*
- *At time of writing of Matt, ~ 70 such were hated by Judeans יְבוּסִים destru Jerusalem*



*[Next slide, enlargement of above orange square]*





Last week's message Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ came down from the sermon area and faced a large crowd, and a m'tsora [leper].

*[See switch back road = hill*

*Down to shore of Kinneret = Sea of Galilee*

*Now into town of Kfar Nahum/Capernaum]*

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Lk 7.3-4 Hearing about Yeshua, the officer sent some Jewish elders to him with the request that he come and heal his servant. They came to Yeshua and pleaded earnestly with him, "He really deserves to have you do this, for he loves our people — in fact, he built the synagogue for us!"

*[Could be the same story, told differently, or a similar story to Lk 7.1-9 lessons from there beseeching him, not in person, but by his messengers; see ( Lk. 7.3 ) and the Jews T. Bab. Beracot, fol. 34. 2 say, (ששלוחו של אדם כמותו) , "that a man's messenger is as himself".*

*Lk version remarkable: Sent Jewish elders, who willing to go.*

*Why?*

*1. Practical love to Israel. One of the BEST ways for non-Jews win Jewish people to Messiah: He really deserves... Joseph Project, HaTikvah project. [Jewish outreach!] Most Jewish people think there is a latent Nazi in many non Jews. IF circumstances ripe... ~1930's Germany.*

*2. Humbled himself for another. Hard to ask. Pleaded.]*

Mattityahu/Mtt 8.5-10 "Sir, my orderly is lying at home paralyzed and suffering terribly!" Yeshua said, "I will go and heal him."

*[3. Affections, Lk "he regarded highly," and desperation. Could be he had no other "family." For 20 years no family. ~RCMP in Canada. Not dismissed כִּי sick, cared for paralyzed, tormented Could have ordered him out. 'You go to this healer.'*

*Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ response, I'll heal him. Cf a doctor, I'll go and see.  
Then again, could be a question, [Craig Keener], כִּי go into house of a Ro officer  
with idols, Acts 10.28.]*

Mattityahu/Mtt 8.5-10 But the officer answered, "Sir, I am unfit to have you come into my home. Rather, if you will only give the command, my orderly will recover.  
*[Inferred it could be a question כִּי response officer. Would be irregular for  
Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ to go to his home with idols.]*

*4. Acknowledged covenantal status. None of us rights before G-d, Jewish or  
Gentile. Only plead mercy. He loves us. Gave his Son as Messiah and  
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Mattityahu/Mtt 8.5-10 For I too am a man under authority. I have soldiers under me, and I say to this one, 'Go!' and he goes; to another, 'Come!' and he comes; to my slave, 'Do this!' and he does it." On hearing this Yeshua was amazed and said to the people following him, "Yes! I tell you, I have not found anyone in Isra'el with such trust!

*[Long distance healing was rare and difficult, according to Jewish  
understanding of the day. [Keener on Matthew p 267]*

Mark 5.22-24 There came to him a synagogue official, Ya'ir by name, who fell at his feet and pleaded desperately with him, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Please! Come and lay your hands on her, so that she will get well and live!" He went with him...

*Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ amazed. **thaumazó**: to marvel, wonder θαυμάζω Verb **thaumazó**  
wonder at, be amazed (marvel), i.e. astonished out of one's senses; awestruck,  
that is, in the human. This Roman idol worshiper understood Word, Messiah's  
authority*

*Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ gives him highest compliment.]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 8.11

וַאֲנִי אֹמֵר לָכֶם, רַבִּים יָבֹאוּ מִמֶּזְרַח וּמִמַּעֲרָב וְיִסְבּוּ עִם אַבְרָהָם וְיִצְחָק וְיַעֲקֹב  
בְּמַלְכוּת הַשָּׁמַיִם,

Moreover, I tell you that many will come from the east and the west, and they will recline at table with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

*[East = Babylon, much of diaspora Jewry*

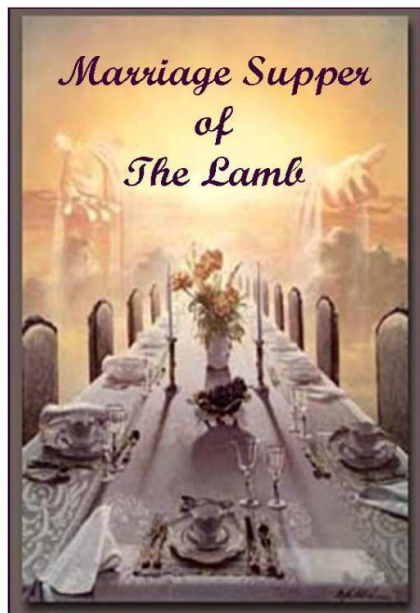
*West = Rome. <sup>Is 56.3-8</sup> "And the foreigners who join themselves to ADONAI to serve him, to love the name of ADONAI, and to be his workers, all who keep Shabbat and do not profane it, and hold fast to my covenant, I will bring them to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples." Adonai ELOHIM says, he who gathers Isra'el's exiles: "There are yet others I will gather, besides those gathered already."*

**RECLINE AT TABLE**

***Big deal. Jewish, Biblical Hebrew Tanakhic thinking, honor, welcome blessings = eating. Explore this a bit. Serious application.]***

Rev 19.9 The angel said to me, “Write: ‘How blessed are those who have been invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb!’” Then he added, “These are God’s very words.”

*[Doesn’t say, “Into His gates, courts, palace.” Meal.]*



***[Kingdom of G-d has always been pictured as a meal]***

Shmot/Ex 24.9-11 Moshe, Aharon, Nadav, Avihu and seventy of the leaders went up; and they saw the God of Isra’el. Under his feet was something like a sapphire stone pavement as clear as the sky itself. He did not reach out his hand against these notables of Isra’el; on the contrary, they saw God, even as they were eating and drinking.

Yeshayahu/Isaiah 25:6-8 On this mountain *Adonai-Tzva’to* will make for all peoples a feast of rich food and superb wines, delicious, rich food and superb, elegant wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil which covers the face of all peoples, the veil enshrouding all the nations. He will swallow up death forever. *Adonai Elohim* will wipe away the tears from every face, and he will remove from all the earth the disgrace his people suffer. For *Adonai* has spoken.

Matthew 26:29 I tell you, I will not drink this ‘fruit of the vine’ again until the day I drink new wine with you in my Father’s Kingdom.”

Luke 14:15-24 On hearing this, one of the people at the table with Yeshua said to him, “How blessed are those who eat bread in the Kingdom of God!” But he replied, “Once a man gave a banquet and invited many people... The master said to the slave, ‘Go out to the country roads and boundary walls, and insistently persuade people to come in, so that my house will be full. I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet!’”

*[Without getting into all the symbolism, it's clear that both Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ and His hearers understood that the Kingdom of God was a banquet. Big food time!]*

Lk 22.14-16 When the time came, Yeshua and the emissaries reclined at the table, and he said to them, "I have really wanted so much to celebrate this *Seder* with you before I die! For I tell you, it is certain that I will not celebrate it again until it is given its full meaning in the Kingdom of God."

Ber/Gen 3.4-6 The serpent said to the woman, "It is not true that you will surely die; because God knows that on the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it had a pleasing appearance and that the tree was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her; and he ate.

Yn 2.1-11 On Tuesday there was a wedding at Kanah in the Galil; and the mother of Yeshua was there. Yeshua too was invited to the wedding, along with his *talmidim*. The wine ran out, and Yeshua's mother said to him, "They have no more wine." ...Yeshua told them, "Fill the jars with water," and they filled them to the brim. He said, "Now draw some out, and take it to the man in charge of the banquet"; and they took it. The man in charge tasted the water; it had now turned into wine!... This, the first of Yeshua's miraculous signs, he did at Kanah in the Galil; he manifested his glory, and his *talmidim* came to trust in him. *[First miracle, relative to eating/drinking.]*

*One of Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ most severe doctrinal statements relative to meal etiquette:]*

Mt. 15.1-18 Then some Pharisees and *Torah* scholars came to *Yeshua* from Jerusalem. They said, "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not do the ritual handwashing when they eat bread." ...But the things that proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and those things make the man unholy. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, and slander. These are the things that make the man unholy; but to eat with unwashed hands does not make the man unholy."

*[What is the application of this?*

*Eating is great time of upbuilding of each other.*

- *Time of honor*
- *Time of energy*
- *Time of communication in atmosphere of warmth and blessing. Big metaphor in scripture.*

*Practical application.*

*We have wonderful teams, call oneg teams for prep of Shabbat meal. 4x/year 5<sup>th</sup> Shabbat no team. Carry in meal [pot luck]. Also YK break the fast, and Sukkot. Coming up. A few regularly contribute. We need to upgrade our culture of caring. From a blog on the topic:]*

**Jody March 29, 2007**

I used to go to a congregation where they have a carry in meal [pot luck] every month. The only problem is, no one ever really brought anything. I mean, a few people did, but not everyone, so the food wasn't enough to feed everyone. Instead of calling this problem to everyone's attention, giving everyone a chance to reflect on this issue, the elders rushed out every time to buy economy sized packages of food, large platters of fried rice and burritos from local restaurants, etc., so that nobody would know there was a lack.

This bothered me because of the lack of transparency and the immediate cover-up. It would have been fine to go in front of the congregation and say, "The elders have gone to buy more food for everyone, using congregational funds. We love having everyone for a carry in meal together, but we ask that more people become involved in bringing something to share."

*[We have done that. People graciously slipped out to cover on Shabbat and purchased at Price Chopper, etc. So, I'm calling attention. upgrade our culture of caring.*

*Two weeks, 5<sup>th</sup> Shabbat change → festival!*

*Etiquette, from blog:*

- 1. Parents are not watching their children load up on food only to waste it while I got two kernels of corn and a half of biscuit.*
- 2. The people in line in front of me are already on their seconds.*
- 3. There are people in line with their plates heaped high, who brought a can of corn.*

*Back to centurion story. He's at the Banquet.]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 8.12

אָבֶל בְּנֵי הַמַּלְכוּת יִגְרְשׁוּ אֶל הַחֹשֶׁךְ הַחִיצוֹן ; שָׁם יִהְיוּ הַיְלָלָה וְחֶרֶק הַשָּׁנִים.

But the sons of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness; in that place will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

*[Not all the Jewish people, but many will miss the invitation. Not replacement, but loss.*

*Invitation to a banquet. All here? Received Yeshua יֵשׁוּעַ*

*Received Ruakh/Holy Spirit?*

*Walking in His joy/Word, prayer /Presence]*

Mattityahu (Matthew) 8.13

וַיֵּשֶׁר-הַמַּאָּה אָמַר יֵשׁוּעַ : "לֵךְ וּכְאֵמוּנָתְךָ כֵּן יִהְיֶה לְךָ." אֹתָהּ שָׁעָה נִרְפָּא נַעֲרֹ.

Then Yeshua said to the centurion, "Go. As you have believed, let it be done for you." And the servant was healed in that same hour.

*[Faith. In time difficulty, trusted. Are we?]*

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7. Received from Yeshua ישוע by trusting.

*[Designated to sit down at heavenly banquet table. For us: bring food to make it a banquet.]*