In Search Of The Rechabites

(You will need to read this at least twice in order to more fully grasp it.)

One of the most mysterious and interesting groups in the entire Bible is the Kenites, from whom come the Rechabites. And what we find is that they are filled with wonder and great fulfilling hope! What do you know about them? The first great mystery is their lineage. The name “Kenite” or “Kainite” is derived from the Hebrew Qayin, which is the name "Cain." So actually, the Kenites are indeed Cainites, or descendants of Cain. Well, this is indeed a great mystery, and a great puzzlement to Biblical “scholars.” One is left asking: How could descendants of Cain survive the great flood? The answer is: In the three-part trinity of the Scriptures, their first and foremost purpose is prophecy. The next is moral virtue and finally history. So, prophecy trumps history. And the descendants of Cain clearly prophesy!

So what then do we find? It is the same pattern that is repeated over and over throughout the Scriptures:

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From henceforward we will use the accepted name of Kenites. But for now, keep this pattern in mind. And let me say, all of this information presented here is to show, demonstrate, and confirm the consistency of what the Father is doing. We take truth that we already know, and will see it repeated over and again in clear and very revealing ways.

Of course this Cain is the one who in the very beginning killed his brother, Abel. And for this murder he was cursed by Yahweh: “When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth” (Genesis 4:12). Cain’s reply was: “Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me” (vs. 14). Things are not looking good for the descendants of Cain, the Kenites. And when it says, “When you cultivate the ground,” do not think natural. I ask you, what are these bodies of ours made of? God made these bodies from the dust of the ground. So now think spiritual, which is the true fulfillment. In other words: “When you cultivate these bodies.” Thus, as written from the beginning and seen in Cain: “When you cultivate these earthly bodies,” these bodies of flesh-man who comes from the ground, “it will no longer yield its strength to you.” What man truly needs can never come as long as he is in these cursed earthly “ground” bodies. “Cursed is the ground because of you” (Genesis 3:17).

Do you understand this? The fact is, for six thousand years, Cain has killed Abel, whose offerings were acceptable to Yahweh. For six thousand years, man’s offerings as “ground” men have not been acceptable. Why? Again, because of this flesh. The
ONLY way man’s works can be acceptable is to put off the earthly and put on the heavenly. It’s just that simple. We must be born from above. I have noted before that the Garden was and is a seed testimony for all of mankind for a duration of six thousand years, and even seven thousand years if Yahweh did not cut time short. Of course this is equally the three days cut short to two days. The outcome is the same. Remember, Adam and Eve were in the original Garden for seven years.

Furthermore, we can now be assured of the same as that seen in the account of Cain and Abel. Both of these testify to what takes place with mankind during this period when man lives in bodies made from the cursed dust of the ground, and there is only one solution. We must be carried up into heaven and be born from above, born from the heavenly, in order for man to bring forth the true Abel fruitfulness. We must become “Abel-bodied.” “Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And Yahweh had regard for Abel and for his offering.” This was of course in contrast to Cain’s offering: “So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to Yahweh of the fruit of the ground” (Genesis 4:3-4). Again, his offering was from the cursed ground, from which man was created. But most importantly, Abel’s offering was not fruit of the ground!

Keeping this in mind, what do we find relative to these descendants of cursed Cain who somehow passed through the breach, the flood? Frankly, and quite encouragingly, and maybe at first even perplexing, we find a redeemed people who speak of the Bride today—we who are on the other side of our own breach and death-effecting flood of two thousand years of Christianity. Let us now look at some of these consistent and most hopeful, revealing, and encouraging testimonies relative to these Kenites as they clearly now reveal the Bride.

One of the most dramatic and hope-filled testimonies of the Bride which “kills” Satan is Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite (Judges 4:17-22). Judges 4:3 tells us that Sisera “oppressed the sons of Israel severely for twenty years,” a clear type of Satan who has oppressed the sons of God severely for two thousand years! Satan Sisera was fleeing from Barak’s army and Jael invited him to come into her tent and hid him with a blanket. Once he was asleep, she took a tent peg and with a hammer drove it into his temple, and it went through into the ground. As seen in Africa, there are two blows that Satan receives to his head. The first Remnant crushes his head (lit. of Genesis 3:15), and the Jael second Remnant drives the tent peg through his head. Thus we see our first Kenite testimony regarding the female Bride.

But before we proceed from this testimony, let us make a clear and most important observation. What was the curse on the descendants of Cain? Genesis 4:12 states: “you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.” And in verse 20 we read concerning a descendant: “Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock.” This was exactly the lifestyle of Heber and Jael. So let us ask another question: What is the critical work and testimony that Jael provided? Of course it is the essential second-blow death of Satan via a tent peg. So we now ask: Would Heber and Jael have had a tent peg to kill Sisera if they had not been Kenites? The very reason they had that final-blow tent peg was because of the curse on Cain!
Today, at this very time, we as cursed men who live in tents and are the female Bride and wander upon this earth, are thereby given the opportunity and ability to effect the final blow to the head of Sisera Satan. Barack did not kill Sisera. Nor did Heber kill Sisera. Only a female Kenite could effect his death. The Heber Body of Christ cannot kill Satan. Only the Kenite Bride can effect this. Yahweh God uses a female work to put an end to Satan. We saw this very thing in the female Esther as well at the second wine banquet where Haman was revealed, and we now see a second witness to this in Jael. We the Bride kill Satan! This is quite fitting insomuch that Satan is a female, Yahweh’s wife.

Our second Kenite testimony (Judges 1:16) is yet another woman—Moses’s wife, Zipporah. So, what testimony do we see regarding this second female Kenite Bride? In Exodus 4:24-26, we read that when Yahweh initially sent Moses to deliver the sons of Israel out of Egypt, He was actually about to kill him. Why? From the text we do not specifically know why, though Jasher 79:9-12 tells us that it was because he had not circumcised his firstborn son. Thus, Zipporah took a flint and cut off her son’s foreskin and threw it at Moses’s feet and said, “You are indeed a bridegroom of blood to me.” Thereupon, Yahweh spared Moses’s life.

So what could this mean? Relative to the Bride, we must be circumcised of our flesh, circumcised of these fleshly bodies. Here again, we must put off this flesh and be born from above in a heavenly body. If not, as with Moses here, we will surely die! And it is by this circumcision of our flesh that we too will be delivered from death and the wrath of God. Furthermore, Zipporah threw the foreskin at Moses’s feet, which speak of kingdom rights. And if you look at the testimonies of Moses and Elijah—the first and second Remnant—Moses is a type of the first Remnant, and we the second Remnant deliver the first Remnant from the grave/death. And let me give a warning here to women today. The female Bride is a spiritual work, and if a natural woman wants to try to take the kingdom by force she risks being a Jezebel. The Bride is of necessity a spiritual work, and therein keeps Yahweh’s government that the woman cannot exercise the authority of the man, even as Yahshua followed.

Continuing to yet a third and highly significant testimony regarding the Kenites, we find a most hopeful account regarding the offspring of the Kenite, Jonadab. From 1 Samuel 30:29 we read that most of the Kenites forsook the curse of wandering about and instead resided in cities. But there was one Kenite who remained faithful to this—Jonadab, the son of Rechab, and all of his offspring. In fact, they followed two highly prophetic requirements: they could only dwell in tents, and they could not drink wine (Jeremiah 35:8-10). And by the way, this command of not drinking wine testifies to coming under the vital vow of the Nazirite. There was Samson, Samuel, and John who testified to this vow; and here we now find an entire group of people doing so. And in reality, the Bride is the first to enter into that Garden fulfillment, made possible by Yahshua’s death, burial, resurrection, and eight days in heaven (read here).

As a testimony against Judah—or Christianity (Hebrews 7:11-14)—Yahweh spoke to Jeremiah and told him to go to the house of these Rechabites and bring them into the house of Yahweh and give them wine to drink. He did so; but, they refused to drink the wine and obeyed their father’s command. By their faithfulness, Yahweh judged Judah and Jerusalem for their unfaithfulness, and proclaimed concerning the Rechabites:
“Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not lack a man to stand before Me always” (Jeremiah 35:19). Here again we see the Bride being the first to enter into the Garden fulfillment via the Nazirite vow, as we literally stand before Immanuel.

Folks, these accounts are far more than history lessons; they are prophecy that is fulfilled in our day. Repeatedly we see the Bride. Not only is she the Kenite Jael who drives the tent peg into Sisera Satan’s temple. Not only is she the Kenite Zipporah who circumcises the foreskin of the first-born son in order to save the life of Moses. But she is the Rechabites who also live in tents and will not drink wine. More specifically, how are these Rechabites the Bride? 2 Corinthians 5:1 equates our natural bodies as being mere tents that have to be replaced by a house that is “eternal in the heavens.” For now the Bride are the Rechabites, wandering around in our tent dwellings. We are Rechabites in that we cannot drink the old wine of Christianity, but wait until the time when we can drink the wine made new in the Father’s kingdom (Matthew 26:29). The wine, the kingdom we have now, is NOT the wine we have to have, and we cannot drink it while in these tents. So yes, once again the Bride is indeed Rechabites. And yes, because of our faithfulness in these last days before the coming of Immanuel, we will see fulfilled the promise to stand before Yahweh/Immanuel always! Halleluyah!

And now let us look at one more final, exciting, and highly relevant testimony regarding the Rechabites. Have you heard of Jehu? He has to be one of the most colorful and dynamic men in the Bible, if not the most. In 2 Kings 9:16f, after being anointed king by the messenger whom Elisha sent to him (vs.1-3), Jehu went to Jezreel to kill King Joram, the son of Ahab, and king of Israel. And when he arrived, he was described by the watchman in this regard: “the driving [of this one] is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives furiously!” King Joram came out to him to inquire of his intentions; and upon finding that they were for his own death, he fled from Jehu who shot him with an arrow and killed him. Next, Jehu furiously drove that same chariot over Jezebel once she was pushed out of her window. And following this, he had the heads of the seventy sons of Ahab brought to Jezreel, and had them placed in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until morning (2 Kings 10). Maybe two thousand years. Jehu cleaned out the house of Ahab and Jezebel! Even so, he was not finished yet. There were still the prophets of Baal to destroy. This is where the Rechabite, Jonadab (here spelled “Jehonadab,” but both names are the son of Rechab), shows up once again as a living prophecy.

In 2 Kings 10:15-16 we read: “Now when he [Jehu] had departed from there, he met Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he greeted him and said to him, ‘Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?’ And Jehonadab answered, ‘It is.’ Jehu said, ‘If it is, give me your hand.’ And he gave him his hand, and he took him up to him into the chariot. He said, ‘Come with me and see my zeal for Yahweh.’ So he made him ride in his chariot.”

Did you notice that qualifier? “Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart?” Brothers and sisters, this is precisely what Immanuel is seeking and asking concerning a bride for Himself. “Is your heart right, as My heart is with your heart?” And if our answer is indeed equally confirming, with total and complete yieldedness and sincerity, then at the sound of the last trumpet Immanuel will extend His hand to us and take us
up to Him into heaven, and we will return with Him back to this earth to see His zeal for Yahweh!

Furthermore regarding this highly prophetic Jehu, he then killed all who remained with Ahab; and consistent with everything up to now, in a most unique way in identifying them, he killed all of the worshipers of Baal and destroyed the house of Baal. Verse 28 tells us that he eradicated Baal out of Israel. But, the man Jehu was yet a flesh man, and from there was not careful to walk in the law of Yahweh.

But will Yahweh fulfill this complete and thorough wrath against Baal Christianity? Not literally, anymore than He will literally destroy the prophets of Baal at Carmel. He will have mercy on them, cut their time short from three thousand to two thousand years, and death will not continue. Furthermore, He will instead “kill” Babylonian Belshazzar Satan, putting most of the guilt on him, becoming his own sacrifice for the sake of others, taking upon himself the sins of man which he/she has propagated. Click here for more on this identification. And most importantly, when Immanuel comes He will establish righteousness on this earth. Amen!

In the opening here we noted this miraculous pattern regarding the descendants of Cain:

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Just as the curse on Cain becomes victory over Satan and thus eternal life, turning evil into good, so the flood that has effected death for two thousand years becomes a flood that brings life. This we saw with the Rechabites, the descendants of cursed Cain. And likewise, these cursed tent bodies man has had from creation that are made from the dust of the ground, will become born-from-above heavenly bodies when Jehu Immanuel extends His hand to us, His bride, and asks, “Is your heart right, as My heart is with your heart?”

Thus we see: Jael, Zipporah, the faithful Rechabites, and of course Jehonadab himself, all reveal the Bride that “kills” Satan and rides victoriously with Jehu Immanuel. Come quickly, Immanuel!

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