

## THE SECOND RESURRECTION

The 2nd resurrection will involve the rest of mankind who did not merit the “*higher-calling*.” They are not the *bride*, but are the *great harvest*, different from the “first-fruits.” They will face the judgment at the Great White Throne, and will enter eternal life *only* if their names appear in the Scroll of Life. The rest will be sent to the *lake of fire* where the *beast* and *false prophet* are. This will also be the time the dragon and those malakim that followed him will enter the lake of fire and face utter annihilation forever. They will inhabit the “*outer darkness*,” an idiom for non-existence. Those who face this loss will weep and chatter their teeth as they grope with the horrifying prospect ahead of them. Many believe they will be tormented *for all eternity*, but for that they would have to receive immortal bodies to endure the suffering. They face a second death, and that death is eternal (without end). They are destroyed (laid waste).

In Yahusha’s illustration, notice the term “*grave*.” He used the Hebrew word “sheol”: “And it came to be that the beggar died, and was carried by the messengers to the *bosom of Abraham*. And the rich man also died and was buried. And while suffering tortures in the *grave*, having lifted up his eyes, he saw Abraham far away, and Alazar in his *bosom*.” - Luke 16:22, 23

The Pharisees believed in the resurrection from the dead, and that belief is solidly based on many references in the TaNaK. When a person died, it was said they were “gathered” or “slept.” Gen / Barashith 25:8: “And Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, aged and satisfied, and was *gathered to his people*.”

This is an *idiomatic* description of death. Idiomatic expressions apply themselves to specific conversational applications familiar only to a native group or period. Look at how our English language receives new words due to culture and technology.

Yahusha used the colloquial expression, “*bosom of Abraham*,” to bring attention to the huge *gap* between the life of a rich man and a poor man. The rich man would not help the poor man during his life, knowing he needed help. In Yahusha’s illustration, the poor man was comforted, and *gathered to his people*.

The rich man was presented as one experiencing extreme shame for the way he ignored Alazar, and this is brought out as a reference to “*heat*.” We can relate this to how we feel blood rush to our face when we are embarrassed, causing our face to become hot and blood-red.

This is very much like the idiom “*coals of fire*” heaped on someone’s head used in this verse:

“Beloved, do not revenge yourselves, but give place to the wrath, for it has been written, “Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay,” says Yahuah. Instead, if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink, for in so doing you shall *heap coals of fire on his head*.” - Romans 12:19, 20  
By *misunderstanding* idioms, people can leap to bizarre conclusions. We should *look before we leap*.

LAKE OF FIRE - *annihilation or eternal torture?*

The *lake of fire* is an idiomatic expression for a place of utter destruction, and is the second *death*, not eternal life. In Yahusha’s time it was referred to as “Gehenna.” Tartarus is another term for the bound spirits awaiting judgment. At this time, Gehenna is not “occupied” by anyone, meaning Yahuah has not yet annihilated anyone. There are spirits held in Tartarus. The first annihilated will be the beast and false prophet, at Yahusha’s coming. We are to *fear not* those who can kill the body, but rather the ONE Who can destroy BOTH being (nefesh) and body:

“*And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in Gehenna.*” - Mt. 10:28. Here we see the word “destroy” used.

Without knowing about idioms, someone could claim the Scriptures contradict themselves. Because most people are taught doctrines based on misunderstood idioms, Yahuah’s true character is not known. Many pastors teach that Yahuah is an angry, terrible, unforgiving “GOD” of the “Old Testament.” When they learn that He is the “*same yesterday, today, and forever*,” and learn how great His love for us truly is, *kings will shut their mouths*. (Isa 52)

## YAHUAH HIMSELF BECAME A SERVANT

“. . . being in the form of Alahim, did not regard equality with Alahim a matter to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and *came to be in the likeness of men*. And having been found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to death, death even of a stake.” Php. 2:7, 8

That helps explain why the Name “Yahusha” means:

“*Yahuah is our Deliverer.*”

Literally it means “*I am your Deliverer.*”  
You can believe this literally; it’s not an idiom.

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# HEBREW IDIOMS

## UNLOCKING THEIR MEANING

## A GRAVE SITUATION: FIGURES OF SPEECH

Languages have from dozens to hundreds of idioms. A widely-known Hebrew idiom, *Bosom Of Abraham*, is one of them that is commonly missed, and taken literally; is it a real place, or an *idiom* for the *grave*?

## WHAT IS AN IDIOM?

An idiom is an expression of a concept, feeling, idea, circumstance, or thing, used in a *figurative* sense. An idiomatic expression should *never* be interpreted *literally*. It is very closely related to a *maxim* and a *parable*.

## WHAT IS A MAXIM?

A maxim is a brief expression of a general truth or rule of conduct. An example of a maxim is: “*The pen is mightier than the sword.*”

Idioms, maxims, and parables have been very useful teaching tools, especially in mainly *oral cultures*.

## WHAT IS A PARABLE?

A parable is a short *allegorical* story intended to illustrate (or teach) some truth, religious principle, or moral lesson. Yahusha used *parables* and *figures of speech* many times. At Luke 16 He uses the Hebrew idiom, “*bosom of Abraham*.”

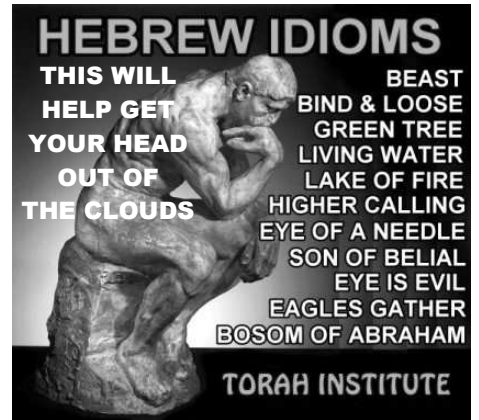
This was a figure of speech they readily understood, and Yahusha used it to make His point about a very rich man and a desperately poor man. His point was that riches, pleasure, possessions, and position can be a “*stumbling block*” to us.

He wanted to convey how important it is that we evaluate our behavior, and how it will factor into our final destination. Our hearts are corrupt, and lack compassion for our fellow human beings. The rich man lacked compassion, and was extremely selfish. He had the “*evil eye*,” and idiom meaning he was *stingy, miserly, and self-centered*.

Yahusha was not teaching us about the literal details of the “here-after,” but rather figuratively used the idiom, “*bosom of Abraham*” to teach the principle of generosity, hospitality, and kindness. He was also giving us a glimpse of how He sees our treatment of one another.

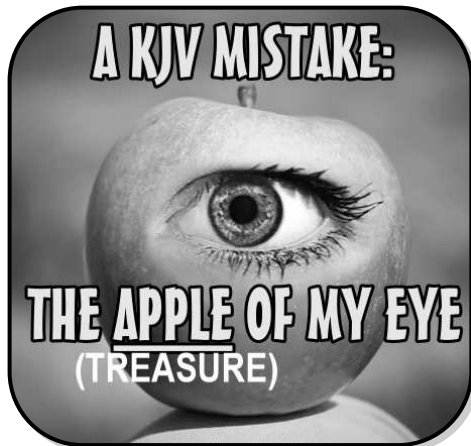
Yahusha used many idioms. His Natsarim followers knew He used them, and in one place they pointed this out: “*His taught ones said to Him, ‘See, now You are speaking plainly, and not using figure of speech!’”* - Yn. 16:29

These *figures of speech* refer to the use of *idioms*. Cultural idioms can easily be *misunderstood* when translated *literally*. They vary in transparency. Some familiar to us are:



*bat out of hell* (or *hell out of Dodge*; leaving with extreme haste); *feeling under the weather* (an illness); *in the same boat* (in the same situation together); *woke up on the wrong side of the bed* (cranky); *bats in the belfry* (mentally disturbed); *graveyard shift* (working the late shift, past midnight); *silver lining* (unforeseen good aspect of a bad situation); *if we play our cards right* (be careful); *raining cats and dogs* (a torrential downpour); *red herring* (distracting or misleading clue); *red hot* (exciting); *red-handed* (in the act of doing something wrong); *have a bone to pick* (dispute between people); *heap coals of fire on his head* (shaming them); *raking over the coals* (openly shaming someone); *thrown under the bus* (exploiting a situation causing blame to fall on an innocent person); *kick the bucket, croak, bite the dust, bought the farm* (die) . . . and so on.

If we don’t understand how to apply idioms, we can easily get “*egg on our face*.” This idiom means “*made to look foolish*.” We may *fly off the handle*, inventing fantasies from misinterpretations – *unreal places* we think may really exist. Catholicism borrowed an idea about the dead from *Buddhism*. The idea of “*Purgatory*” - a fantasy realm – is a *syncretism*. Catholicism exploits the belief in this fantasy realm to collect vast sums of wealth for *indulgences* which are said to reduce or eliminate a fiery torture for what they call “*venial*” sins. No one can be in Purgatory because *it doesn’t exist*. Purgatory appeared for the first time in Christian tradition in the late 12th century, and is *derived from a Buddhist practice of making offerings for the dead*. Misunderstandings create strongholds.



**HEBREW IDIOMS** The KJV uses the word **apple** where the Hebrew text employs an idiom for an object of incomparable desire. Apparently, the translator was hungry, or really, *really* liked apples. There are many Hebrew idioms. If we take them literally, they only confuse us. One of them is the familiar phrase, “the **bride** of Yahusha.” This is an idiomatic expression, since we know there is not a **literal** gender component involved. It’s **like** a marriage, a covenant relationship of selfless love and total commitment.

Another idiom is the idea of **first-fruits**, meaning first-born. Idiomatically the idea applies to those in the first resurrection, the bride that will attend the “wedding feast.” This second idiom, “wedding feast,” is an extension of the “bride” idiom. Other Hebrew idioms are: **heart** (thinking); **eye of a needle** (any task requiring great skill and focus); **uncircumcised ears/hearts** (lack of commitment to Yahuah); **make a wide mouth** (sneer); **slept** (died); **to receive another heart** (change the mind); **lifted up his eyes** (saw); **hate** (avoid, or prefer less than another); **your right eye** (your will, decision, or fixed goals); **stumbling block** (deterrent, obstacle); **throat an open grave** (speak deceitfully); **enlarge space** (set free); **under the ban** (may mean either dedicated only to Yahuah, or be completely destroyed); **stiff neck** (obstinate); **kiss the son** (show loyalty, render pure homage); **bronze forehead** (brutish, unhearing); **remove the foreskin of your heart** (commit yourself); **hard-hearted** (stubborn, unyielding, lacking compassion); **gird up loins** (be ready); **open the womb** (give birth); **kidneys** (guts, inner courage); **flowing with milk & honey** (fertile); **living water** (Torah observing, love); **green tree** (fruitful, righteous, obedient, and loving one);

**dry tree** (rebellious, unfruitful, hateful one); **seed** (offspring, descendants); **bind and loose** (forbid & permit); **bury my father** (collect my inheritance); **evil eye** (stingy, miserly); **poor in spirit** (humble, selfless, or mourning one); **eagles gathered together** (messengers, the weed-reapers at the harvest of the Earth); **right hand** (might, strength); **higher-calling** (those selected as the bride, first-fruits, at the first resurrection); **old wine** (men’s teachings); **new wine** (Truth, freeing a person from men’s teachings). **One cannot serve two masters.**

Other idiomatic expressions include **beast**, **lake of fire**, **mother of harlots**, and **lukewarm**.

In the Hebrew culture, Pharisees understood the “**bosom of Abraham**” as another way to refer to the **grave**, where everyone was in the “same boat.” Although Yahuah never goes into detail about those in **sheol**, we must acknowledge it is an field of little human knowledge. It is Yahusha’s realm, not ours. We may desire to understand the circumstances, but we are to keep to our own estate (realm) and not go on **flights of fancy**. Nicolaitanes like to make people think they know things, but they really don’t because they operate in the realm of “religion” not reality.

#### WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

The dead are in a state that is removed from our realm entirely, but remain in the Mind of Yahusha. They are outside our physical realm of space-time, so time is not passing for them. In this state of being, they are awaiting their resurrection from the dead. Such “heavenly matters” are very misunderstood by the vast majority, and this is quite understandable. The prophet Danial is waiting in a state idiomatically called the **bosom of Abraham** right now, resting until he is raised at Yahusha’s coming: Danial 12:13: **“But you, go your way till the end. And rest, and arise to your lot at the end of the days.”**

The dead are not consciously aware of anything, but resting, or **sleeping**. The dead know nothing. Their next **conscious** thought will be at the time they are in the presence of Yahusha when they are raised. **“We are of good courage, and are well pleased rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Master.”** 2Cor 5:8

This sounds as if it will be immediate as **we** reckon time, but we have to consider that how we perceive reality here in the physical realm needs to be adjusted for the “heavenly matters” over which Yahusha alone is Sovereign. The dead will be in the presence of the Master in one of two events; the **1st** or **2nd** resurrection. Although their flesh has ceased to live, Yahusha stated that all are **alive to Him**. This is explained further at Mt. 22:32.

Danial and Daud are **not yet** in the presence of Yahusha, note Yn. 3:13: **“And no one has gone up into the heaven except He who came down from the heaven – the Son of Adam.”** [see also Acts 2:34]. No one is in “heaven” or the “lake of fire” yet. You’ll see this in a few minutes.

Two resurrections of the dead are ahead of us. Yahusha will determine if they will be clothed with immortality, or face annihilation in the “**second death**,” the **lake of fire**.

Both the righteous and unrighteous who have died are in a place called the **grave** (Hebrew, **sheol**). They will be called-forth to one of two resurrections from the dead. The first resurrection will occur at Yahusha’s return to reign, and the second will occur at the end of a **Millennium** (1000 years).

#### THE LINCHPIN OF ALL HISTORY:

YAHUSHA’S RETURN TO EARTH

#### THE FIRST RESURRECTION

At the first resurrection, Yahusha will call-forth the **bride of Yahusha**, also known as the **first-fruits**. This is the time of the **Wedding Supper of the Lamb**. These are **all** idioms describing the **chosen ones**. They are a treasured possession to be joined to Yahusha when **all His fullness dwells in them**. At the first resurrection, a “changing of the guard” will occur as the **beast** and the **false prophet** will be the first (and only ones) to enter the **lake of fire**.

#### WHO OR WHAT IS THE BEAST?

The **beast** is an **idiom** for the **reign of Babel**.

The **beast** is the bureaucracy, or hierarchy, of Babel currently reigning in the world. It’s a highly organized authoritarian structure of **teaching authorities** and governments. It includes Babel’s operational control, network, and customary behavior (all witchcraft), assigning the **order** of the world system (clergy-nobility-laity). At Yahusha’s coming, this beastly reign will be **completely wiped out**: **“Babel the great is fallen, is fallen!”** Rev. 18:2

The **beast** is not literally a **person**, and neither is the **false prophet**. These two entities represent the authoritarian control that is “**taken out of the way**,” when Yahusha begins **His** reign. The bureaucracy of Babel, and the authority of the false prophet, never rise again to reign over the Earth. 1000 years pass as Yahusha reigns on the Earth with His bride, the first-fruits group. The first-fruits are His **Natsarim** [branches] connected to Him, the Root of all power and authority. The first two to enter the **lake of fire** are the **beast** and the **false prophet**:

**“And I saw the beast . . .**

(representing the bureaucracy of Babel which

shares power with the false prophet, the clergy or 1<sup>st</sup> estate), **and the sovereigns of the earth . . .** (the nobility, the 2<sup>nd</sup> estate), **and their armies . . .** (the common people, laity, the 3<sup>rd</sup> estate), **gathered together to fight Him who sat on the horse and His army. And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he led astray those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. The two were thrown alive into the lake of fire burning with sulphur.”** Rev 19:19, 20

The **beast** and false prophet are idiomatic **classifications of power**. They are the reigns of all world authority, given to them by the **dragon**. Remember, our enemy in not flesh and blood.

The dragon offered Yahusha **the authority to reign** over the entire **bureaucracy** of Babel: **“Again, the devil took Him up on a very high mountain, and showed Him all the reigns of the world, and their esteem, and said to Him, ‘All these I shall give You if You fall down and worship me.’”** Mt. 4:8, 9

Why are the **beast** and the **false prophet** thrown into the **lake of fire**? If we wrongly interpret the idiom “**lake of fire**” **literally** to be a sea of flames for eternal torture rather than a term meaning utter annihilation, then we have ignored the idiom. We miss the meaning of the **beast**, and the **false prophet** as well. These two idioms stand for **authorities, principalities, and powers** that have to be “**taken out of the way**” at Yahusha’s coming. It’s not the “Holy Spirit” that is taken out of the way: **“And now you know what restrains, for him to be revealed in his time. For the secret of lawlessness is already at work – only until he who now restrains comes out of the midst. And then the lawless one shall be revealed, whom the Master shall consume with the Spirit of His mouth and bring to naught with the manifestation of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of satan, with all power and signs and wonders of falsehood, and with all deceit of unrighteousness in those perishing, because they did not receive the love of the truth, in order for them to be delivered. And for this reason Alahim sends them a working of delusion, for them to believe the falsehood, in order that all should be judged who did not believe the Truth, but have delighted in the unrighteousness.”**

- 2Thess 2:6-12