

[28] These events took place in Beit-Anyah (Bethany), beyond the Yarden River, which Yochanan was using as a mikveh mayim in which to administer the tevilah.

[29] On the next day, Yochanan sees Yehoshua coming to him, and Yochanan says, Hinei! The Seh HaElohim (Gn 22:8; Ex 12:5-13; Isa 53:7), the one carrying away the avonot HaOlam Hazeh (sins of this world *i.e.*, as the *sa'ir l'Azazel kapporah*, Isa 53:6 7,12; Lv 16:22).

[30] This is he about whom I said, After me comes an ISH (ZECHARYAH 6:12) who is really before me in priority, because, before I came to be, he was (Yochanan 8:58).

[31] And I did not recognize him, but that he might be manifested to Klal Yisroel, I came, therefore, administering the mikveh mayim's tevilah.

[32] And Yochanan gave solemn edut, I have seen the Ruach Hakodesh descending like a yonah out of Shomayim and remaining upon him. (YESHAYAH 11:2)

[33] And I did not recognize him, but the One who sent me to give the mikveh mayim's tevilah said to me, Upon whomever you see the Ruach Hakodesh descending and remaining, this is the One giving the tevilah in the Ruach Hakodesh. [YOEL 3:1 (2:28)]

[34] And I have seen and I have given solemn edut (testimony) that this One is the Ben HaElohim. [2Sm 7:14; Ps 2:7; 1Ch 17:10-14; Prov 8:30; 30:4]

[35] On the next day, Yochanan was standing with two of his talmidim.

[36] And as Yochanan watched Yehoshua walking by, Yochanan says, Hinei the Seh HaElohim! (Gn 22:8; Ex 12:5-13; Isa 53:7)

[37] And the two talmidim

heard Yochanan speaking, and they followed after him.

[38] When he turned and saw them following, he says to them, Mah tevakkeshun? (What do you seek?) And they said to him, Rebbe (which means, being translated, my Master Moreh [teacher]), where is your mekom megurim (dwelling place)?

[39] And he says to them, Bo'u u're'u! (Come and see!) They went, therefore, and saw his mekom megurim, and remained with him that day. The hour was about the tenth (four o'clock in the afternoon).

[40] One of the two was the achi Shimon Kefa. His name was Andrew. He was one of the two who heard Yochanan and followed him.

[41] Andrew first finds his own achi Shimon Kefa and says to him, We have found the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach!—the word, being translated, means 'Messiah'. [DANIEL 9:25; TEHILLIM 2:2; SHMUEL ALEF 2:10]

[42] Andrew led Shimon to Yehoshua. When Yehoshua gazed at Shimon, he said, You are Shimon Bar Yonah. You will be called Kefa, which is translated Petros [Rock]. [BERESHIS 17:5,15; 32:28; 35:10]

[43] On the next day he wanted to go out into the Galil, and he finds Philippos, and says to Philippos, Follow me [*as my talmid*]. [MELACHIM ALEF 19:19]

[44] Now Philippos was from Beit Tzaidah, the shtetl of Andrew and Kefa.

[45] Philippos finds Natan'el and says to him, He whom Moshe [Rabbeinu] wrote of in the Sefer Torah, he whom the Nevi'im also wrote of—Yehoshua ben Yosef [*ben Dovid*], from Natzeret we have found! [DEVARIM 18:18; YESHAYAH 7:14;

9:5[6]; YECHEZKEL 34:23]

[46] And Natan'el said to Philippos, Can anything good come out of Natzeret? [7:41; YESHAYAH 11:1; ZECHARYAH 6:11 12]

Philippos says to Natan'el, Bo'u u're'u! (Come and see!) [MELACHIM BAIS 6:13]

[47] Yehoshua saw Natan'el coming to him, and he says, Hinei a genuine Ben Yisroel, in whom is no MIRMAH (deceit). [TEHILLIM 32:2; TZEFAANYAH 3:13; YESHAYAH 53:9]

[48] Natan'el says to him, How do you have da'as of me? In reply, Yehoshua said to him, Before you received your kri'ah (call) from Philippos, while you were beneath the etz hate'enah (fig tree, MICHOH 4:4; ZECHARYAH 3:10), I watched you.

[49] In reply, Natan'el said to him, Rebbe, you are the Ben HaElohim [SHMUEL BAIS 7:14; TEHILLIM 2:7;89:26-27], the Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach of Yisroel.

[50] In reply, Yehoshua said to Natan'el, Because I told you that I watched you beneath the etz hate'enah, do you have emunah (faith)? Greater than these things you will see.

[51] And he says to Natan'el, Omein, omein, I say to you, you will see Shomayim having been opened and malachim (angels) of Hashem ascending and descending on the Ben HaAdam [*i.e.*, *Moshiach*] DANIEL 7:13-14; TZEFAANYAH 3:15; BERESHIS 28:12].

**2** On Yom HaShelishi, there was a Chasunoh (Wedding Feast) in Kanah in the Galil; and the Em (Mother) of Rebbe, Melech HaMoshiach was there.

[2] He and his talmidim were also invited to the Chasunoh (Wedding Feast).