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Brid Hadasha Series: The One Savior – Isaiah 43:11

Destroying and causing chaos is easy. Anyone can do it. Many are attracted to it because it is so easy.

What is more difficult, is applying discernment. Adequate discernment is quickly becoming a fading trait today. You know it and you see it.

In today’s fast paced one-liner world of information, stockpiling and disseminating a quick list of attacks is all that is needed to overwhelm an individual and shake their world. As already said, it is easier to destroy and create chaos, and certainly now more than ever before.

Some people truly believe they have discernment, when in reality they are just suspicious. Many in Hebrew Roots, having just questioned core beliefs and consequently removed themselves from much of Christianity’s understanding pertaining to the Torah, are already predisposed to now be suspicious of any faith-based doctrine. They are now easy targets, and anti-missionaries know it. Discernment is not the same as being suspicious. Discernment is the ability to make careful judgments because one has researched and examined all available information.

Suspicion is confused as discernment. One-sided arguments are confused with adequate research.

One of the first things we should learn from our teachers is discernment: the ability to tell truth from fiction, to know when we have lost our center and how to find it again. Sadly, discernment is one of the last things we often learn. Motivation and time are necessary ingredients to employ proper discernment, and how many today are ending their busy day with ample time to spare?

Anti-missionaries, those who passionately engage in attacking the legitimacy of Yeshua our Messiah and the New Testament (or the Brit Hadasha), have a long list of simple one liners that each in isolation are easily addressable, if one puts in the time, but overwhelming for most when presented in quick succession.

To illustrate our point, in this teaching, we are going to look at one of these “one-liners” intended to destroy YHWH’s gift of Yeshua.

Examine how cleverly it is written:

Did YHWH ever tell us he'd send another Savior?

Isaiah 43:11 "I, I am YHWH, and besides Me there is no savior."

So no, He didn't - unless we can't trust His word.

It is simple. It is concise. Just this one statement is effective. The idea is that YHWH said He is the only savior, yet the witness accounts of Yeshua define him also as a savior. Since there cannot be any other savior, then the witness accounts of Yeshua must be wrong, at least from their perspective.

Now imagine being presented with about 100 statements just like this, intended for the same end, to shake up what you believe you know about Messiah Yeshua.

We cannot place all of the blame on those regurgitating statements like this and then presenting it before mass audiences. 119 Ministries, needs to do a better job of addressing some of the criticisms of Yeshua and the New Testament.

Yes, the Brit Hadasha series is intended for the purpose such as this, but it is slow going. On average, it often takes about 6-8 hours of collective work on our end for each one minute of video teaching we produce. That is not an excuse, but it is a reality. 119 Ministries is committing more time and effort to build this series to better serve you, in hopes it will protect you from those who are intentionally, or even unknowingly, causing chaos and destruction.

So, let's look at Isaiah 43:11 again.

Isaiah 43:11

*I, I am the Lord (YHWH),
and besides me there is no savior (yasa).*

There are more than several examples in the Brit Hadasha that refer to Yeshua being a savior, or in Hebrew, *yasa*. Here are just a couple examples.

Luke 2:11

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

1 John 4:14

And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world.

Some will immediately respond by saying that there is no problem here, Yeshua is YHWH, not a new savior, and thus does not conflict with Isaiah 43:11 in the least.

That solution may work for some, however, the Yeshua is YHWH is a debate in and of itself. Understandably, it is a confusing topic and that debate is not the nature of this teaching. Interestingly enough, if one surveys those that consider themselves to be in Hebrew Roots, about half say Yeshua is YHWH and about half do not. More importantly, we need to address this criticism from an anti-missionary perspective, and they would certainly not consider Yeshua to be YHWH.

There is an easier answer here that does not even require solving the is Yeshua/YHWH debate.

If anyone else in the TANAKH, or Old Testament, is called a savior, a *yasa*, then how can it be a problem if Yeshua is called a savior?

Do you understand that point? An anti-missionary agrees with the validity of the TANAKH. If an anti-missionary is stating that no one can be called a savior except YHWH and then use that to discredit Yeshua, then it is only fair to employ the same hermeneutic to the TANAKH.

Let's see what we have...

Judges 3:9

But when the people of Israel cried out to the LORD (YHWH), the LORD (YHWH) raised up a **deliverer** (*yasa*) for the people of Israel, who **saved them**, Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother.

Othniel saved Israel from the King of Mesopotamia after Israel cried out to YHWH. Othniel is called a savior (*yasa*) and was raised up and sent by YHWH for this purpose.

2 Kings 13:5

Then Jehoahaz sought the favor of the Lord (YHWH), and the Lord listened to him, for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. (Therefore the LORD (YHWH) gave Israel a savior (*yasa*), so that they escaped from the hand of the Syrians, and the people of Israel lived in their homes as formerly.

Jehoahaz was also given to Israel as a savior (*yasa*), to save Israel from the Syrians.

Nehemiah 9:27

Therefore you gave them into the hand of their enemies, who made them suffer. And in the time of their suffering they cried out to you and you heard them from heaven, and according to your great mercies you gave them **saviors** (*yasa*) who saved them from the hand of their enemies.

Nehemiah mentions that YHWH gave Israel multiple saviors.

So, if there are other saviors beside YHWH, how do we make sense of Isaiah 44:11?

Isaiah 43:11

I, I am the Lord (YHWH),
and **besides me there is no savior** (*yasa*).

In all of these instances of there being saviors of Israel, who sent them? Who raised them up? Who caused them to be a savior?

The answer? YHWH did.

So, in that sense, YHWH is the true and only savior, as all of the other saviors would not have existed if YHWH did not send them. That is the pattern that YHWH established for Israel.

The same is true of Yeshua.

Moses, Joshua, Deborah, Esther, etc., all were instruments used by YHWH to save his people. These people saved Israel, in different ways, but only as an arm of YHWH.

In the past, YHWH has stated that He would punish Israel in His wrath, and He did. He allowed Babylon and Assyria to invade Israel. Babylon and Assyria were the tools or vehicles used.

YHWH uses people or groups of people to accomplish His will. Moses and Joshua command a lot of respect because of what they did, but does not all credit and glory go up to YHWH?

Likewise, Yeshua was sent by the Father to do the Father's will, to become a savior, the greatest savior yet.

Acts 5:31

[God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.](#)

This specific topic we just reviewed is a top anti-missionary argument. Anti-missionaries have dozens of examples, just like this, intended to persuade others that the historical Yeshua contradicts the Old Testament, the TANAKH.

All it took was a little bit of effort to examine their problem statement, expose its absurdity, and systematically address it. Mind you, the anti-missionary will tell you, "Oh, I have done my research. There is no way Yeshua is valid. I have tested everything. It is a done deal and you will see it too." We have no doubt that they have convinced themselves of that, they really believe they have done the research leading to their misguided position. Sadly, many others will also believe it.

As just witnessed, it did not take much work or effort to dismantle their argument and prove it to be ridiculous.

They did the research? They tested everything? Really? Such a statement is an absolute embarrassment to the person making such claims.

Anyone with a Bible and a concordance could have done that work, but not everyone does.

Put in the time. Put in the effort. Do the labor. The ones who don't, end up being a valuable tool for the anti-missionary agenda and embarrassing themselves. Destroying and causing chaos is easy. Anyone can do it.

Nothing attracts a crowd like chaos and destruction, and that is what they want, a crowd. There is nothing easier than creating a list of dozens of supposed contradictions, creating a video or a document, and launching it off in Internet land like a strategic laser-guided doctrinal bomb.

Doing the work of the adversary is simple, all one has to do is destroy and cause chaos, all under the guise of doing YHWH's work. Doing the real work of YHWH is the more noble and honorable work, and to such disappointment, becoming more rare than gold.

Matthew 9:27-38

["The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the](#)

harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

Pray that all will invest the work to enable others to employ discernment. 119 Ministries owns this workload as well, and as part of our service to the Body, our efforts, Yah willing, will continue. In the meantime, realize that wolves are not only increasing in number, but they are hungry.

Slow down, exercise discernment, do the work, and maintain prayer.

We pray that this teaching has blessed you, and remember, continue to test everything.

Shalom!

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