

BOLIM Discipleship Training
TRACK 1: The Biblical Basis for

- ✓ Salvation
- ✓ Deliverance
- ✓ Indwelling of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ **Water Immersion**

Water Immersion – Part 2
Wednesday, September 14, 2022

Today, we will continue our journey to understanding Water Immersion: AN ACT OF THE WILL!



You may hear the term “mikveh” or “mikvah” to refer to the place of washing to be ceremonially cleaned in scripture. We see this word in Genesis (Bereshith) 1:10:

GENESIS (BERĔSHITH) 1:10

And Elohim called the dry land ‘earth,’ and the **collection** of the waters He called ‘seas.’ And Elohim saw that it was good.

Mikveh

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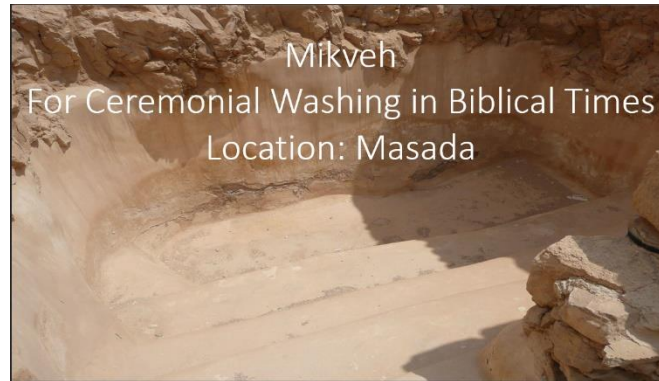
Transliteration: miqvê

Pronunciation: mik-veh'

Hope

- a) ground of hope
- b) things hoped for, outcome
- 2. collection, collected mass

Here's a photo of a Mikveh in Israel (at Masada) that was built thousands of years ago and still stands. It was sourced by a natural water source to be filled up for people to cleanse themselves to prepare to come before Yahweh!



Let's take a look in Leviticus about the instructions for cleansing for lepers:

LEVITICUS (WAYYIQRA) 14:1-8

1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

2 "This shall be the Torah of the leper for the day of his cleansing: He shall be brought to the priest,
3 and the priest shall go out of the camp, and the priest shall look and see, if the leprosy is healed in the leper,
4 then the priest shall command, and he shall take for him who is to be cleansed two live and clean birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop.

5 "And the priest shall command, and he shall slay one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water.

6 "Let him take the live bird and the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the running water.

7 "And he shall sprinkle it seven times on him who is to be cleansed from the leprosy, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the live bird loose in the open field.

8 "And he who is to be cleansed shall wash his garments, and shall shave off all his hair and wash himself in water, and shall be clean. Then after that he comes into the camp, but shall stay outside his tent seven days.

Now, let's see what happens in the Renewed Covenant and what Yeshua did when there was need for a cleansing of a leper:

MARK (MARQOS) 1:40-44 40 And a leper came to Him, calling upon Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You desire, You are able to make me clean." 41 And יהושע, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I desire it. Be cleansed." 42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And having strictly warned him, He immediately sent him away, 44 and said to him, "See, say none at all to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Mosheh ordered, as a witness to them."

Do you see the thread that connects the two scriptures? When Father gave us the instructions to cleanse ourselves, He gave instructions to have a witness to the cleansing. Since this is the case, you will now have to re-think what you have come to know as Water Baptism / Immersion. Instead of the Western way of someone basically dunking us under the water, consider the actual way these were done in scripture – that the person decided that they would cleanse themselves by going done in the water themselves. How powerful is this – GLORY TO YAH!

And yes, even our Lord and Savior, required a witness as He went down in the water. Yes, Yohanán the Immerser served as a witness; let's see who else served as a witness.

I JOHN (YOHANAN ALEPH) 5:5-6

5 Who is the one who overcomes the world but he who believes that יהושע is the Son of Elohim?

6 This is the One that came by water and blood: יהושע Messiah, not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the Truth.

Yes, the Spirit Himself bore witness to the Immersion of Yeshua! We see this in Luke (Luqas) 3:21-22:

21 And it came to be, when all the people were immersed, יהושע also being immersed, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 and the Set-apart Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven saying, "You are My Son, the Beloved, in You I did delight."
