

BOLIM Discipleship Training
TRACK 1: The Biblical Basis for

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

Water Immersion – Part 1
Wednesday, September 7, 2022
Saturday, September 10, 2022

Today, we begin our journey to understanding Water Immersion! This is usually known as Water Baptism. As we progress in this study, you will come to celebrate that as Disciples of Yeshua, Immersion offers us the honor and privilege to follow in the footsteps of our Messiah!

Is Baptism / Water Immersion mentioned in the Old Testament? Although we don't see specific words for baptism or immersion, we can see how washing oneself or our garments is referenced in the Old Testament:

ISAIAH (YESHAYAH) 1:16 “Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Stop doing evil!

EZEKIEL (YEHEZQĒL) 36:23-27 23 “And I shall set apart My great Name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. And the nations shall know that I am יהוה,” declares the Master יהוה, “when I am set-apart in you before their eyes. 24 “And I shall take you from among the nations, and I shall gather you out of all lands, and I shall bring you into your own land. 25 “And I shall sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean – from all your filthiness and from all your idols I cleanse you. 26 “And I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you. And I shall take the heart of stone out of your flesh, and I shall give you a heart of flesh, 27 and put My Spirit within you. And I shall cause you to walk in My laws and guard My right-rulings and shall do them.

PSALM (TEHILLIM) 51:1-2 1 Show me favour, O Elohim, According to Your loving-commitment; According to the greatness of Your compassion, Blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me completely from my guilt, And cleanse me from my sin.

KEPHA / PETER References the Flood of Noah's time as a type of immersion:

I PETER (KEPHA ALEPH) 3:18-22 18 Because even Messiah once suffered for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to Elohim, having been put to death indeed in flesh but made alive in the Spirit, 19 in which also He went and proclaimed unto the spirits in prison, 20 who were disobedient at one time when the patience of Elohim waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight beings, were saved through water, 21 which figure now also saves us: immersion – not a putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward Elohim – through the resurrection of יהושע Messiah, 22 who, having gone into heaven, is at the right hand of Elohim, messengers and authorities and powers having been subjected to Him

Cleansing by Water in Moses' Time

EXODUS (SHEMOTH) 29:4 “Then you shall bring Aharon and his sons to the door of the Tent of Appointment, and wash them with water.

EXODUS (SHEMOTH) 19:10-11 10 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go to the people and set them apart today and tomorrow. And they shall wash their garments, 11 and shall be prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה shall come down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.

WATER IMMERSION IN THE RENEWED COVENANT

Strong's G907 – baptize βαπτίζω

Transliteration

baptizō

Pronunciation

bäp-tē'-zō

- ✓ to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk)
- ✓ to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one's self, bathe
- ✓ to overwhelm

Definition of IMMERSION (from Oxford Languages)

im·mer·sion

1. the action of immersing someone or something in a liquid.
2. deep mental involvement.
3. a method of teaching a foreign language by the exclusive use of that language, usually at a special school.

YOHANAN THE IMMERSER

LUKE (LUQAS) 1:34-42 34 And Miryam said to the messenger, “How shall this be, since I do not know a man?” 35 And the messenger answering, said to her, “The Set-apart Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you. And for that reason the Set-apart One born of you shall be called: Son of Elohim. 36 “And see, Elisheba your relative, she has also conceived a son in her old age. And this is now the sixth month to her who was called barren, 37 “because with Elohim no matter shall be impossible. 38 And Miryam said, “See the female servant of יהוה! Let it be to me according to your word.” And the messenger went away from her. 39 And Miryam arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Yehudah, 40 and entered into the house of Zeqaryah and greeted Elisheba. 41 And it came to be, when Elisheba heard the greeting of Miryam, that the baby leaped in her womb. And Elisheba was filled with the Set-apart Spirit, 42 and called out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

MATTHEW (MATTITHYAHU) 3:11-17 11 I indeed immerse you in water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to bear. He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit and fire. 12 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He shall thoroughly cleanse His threshing-floor, and gather His wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff He shall burn with unquenchable fire. 13 Then יהושע came from Galil to Yoḥanan at the Yardēn to be immersed by him. 14 But Yoḥanan was hindering Him, saying, “I need to be immersed by You, and You come to me?” 15 But יהושע answering, said to him, “Permit it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fill all righteousness.” Then he permitted Him. 16 And having been immersed, יהושע went up immediately from the water, and see, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove and coming upon Him, 17 and see, a voice out of the heavens, saying, “This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight.”

LUKE (LUQAS) 3:15-17 15 But as the people were in expectation, and all were reasoning in their hearts about Yoḥanan, whether he was the Messiah or not, 16 Yoḥanan answered, saying to them all, “I indeed immerse you in water, but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal straps I am not worthy to loosen. He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit and fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He shall thoroughly cleanse His threshing-floor, and gather the wheat into His storehouse, but the chaff He shall burn with unquenchable fire.

YESHUA’S IMMERSION

MARK (MARQOS) 1:1-12 1 The beginning of the Good News of יהושע Messiah, the Son of Elohim. 2 As it has been written in the Prophets, “See, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You, 3 a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of יהוה, make His paths straight.’ ” 4 Yoḥanan came immersing in the wilderness and proclaiming an immersion of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5 And all the country of Yehuḏah, and those of Yerushalayim, went out to him and were all immersed by him in the Yardēn River, confessing their sins. 6 And Yoḥanan was clothed with camel’s hair and a leather girdle around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey. 7 And he proclaimed, saying, “After me comes One who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen. 8 I indeed did immerse you in water, but He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit. 9 And it came to be in those days that יהושע came from Natsareth of Galil, and was immersed by Yoḥanan in the Yardēn. 10 And immediately, coming up from the water, He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. 11 And a voice came out of the heavens, “You are My Son, the Beloved, in whom I did delight.”

29 On the next day Yoḥanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, “See, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has become before me, for He was before me.’ 31 And I did not know Him, but that He might be revealed to Yisra’ēl, therefore I came immersing in water. 32 And Yoḥanan bore witness, saying, “I have seen the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and remain on Him. 33 “And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to immerse in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit coming down and remaining on Him, this is He who immerses in the Set-apart Spirit.’ 34 “And I have seen and have witnessed that this is the Son of Elohim.”

ABOUT MULTIPLE WATER IMMERSIONS

Did you know that the rule about only being baptized once is a tenet of Catholicism that was apparently adopted and taught by Protestant churches? There are several references available – let’s take one to discuss.

From Catholic.com, a woman asks a question about being baptized again. Please see the question and answer below and note that the reference in the answer (CCC 1262ff.) is the “Catechism of the Catholic Church”

Question: What will be the consequence If I’ll be baptized in A Bible-Christian church to please my husband even if I’m a baptized Catholic?

Answer: First, you can only be baptized once, and you were validly baptized as a Catholic, in which original sin was taken away and also any personal sins you may have committed blotted out, assuming you were baptized after the age of reason (see CCC 1262ff.). As a Catholic, it would be gravely wrong to attempt a re-baptism, because you would be conveying that you don’t think what the Holy Spirit did in your baptism as a Catholic was valid or sufficient—neither of which is true. If you have followed through on attempting re-baptism, please repent and receive God’s merciful absolution in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

