

# GREEK ACTS OF PHILIP

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*When he came out of Galilyl and raised the dead man.*

<sup>1</sup> When he was come out of Galilyl, a widow was carrying out her only son to burial. Philip asked her about her grief: I have spent in vain much money on the elohiym, Ares, Apollo, Hermes, Artemis, Zeus, Athena, the Sun, and Moon, and I think they are asleep as far as I am concerned. And I consulted a diviner to no purpose.

<sup>2</sup> The apostle said: You hast suffered nothing strange, Mother, for thus doth the devil deceive men. Assuage your grief and I will raise your son in the name of Yahusha.

<sup>3</sup> She said: It seems it were better for me not to marry, and to eat nothing but bread and water.

Philip: You are right. Chastity is especially dear to Elohiym.

<sup>4</sup> She said: I believe in Yahusha whom you preach.

He raised her son, who sat up and said: Whence is this light? and how comes it that an angel came and opened the prison of judgement where I was shut up? where I saw such torments as the tongue of man cannot describe.

<sup>5</sup> So all were baptized. And the youth followed the apostle.

*When he went unto Greece of Athens*

<sup>6</sup> When he entered into the city of Athens which is called Hellas, 300 philosophers gathered and said: Let us go and see what his wisdom is, for they say of the wise men of Asia that their wisdom is great. For they supposed Philip to be a philosopher: he travelled only in a cloak and an undergarment. So, they assembled and looked into their books, lest he should get the better of them.

<sup>7</sup> They said: If you have anything new to tell us, let us hear it, for we need nothing else but only to hear some new thing.

<sup>8</sup> Philip: Then you must cast away the old man. Adonai said: You cannot put new wine into old bottles. I am glad to hear that you desire something new, for my Adonai's teaching is new.

<sup>9</sup> The philosophers: Who is your Adonai?

Philip: Yahusha HaMashiach.

<sup>10</sup> They: This is a new name to us. Give us three days to look into it.

<sup>11</sup> They consulted and said: Perhaps it will be best to send for the High Priest of the Yahudiym to discuss it with him.

<sup>12</sup> So they wrote: The philosophers of Greece to Ananias the great High Priest of the Yahudiym at Yerushalayim and stated the case.

<sup>13</sup> On reading the letter Ananias tore his clothes and said: Is that deceiver in Athens also? And Mastema, that is, Satan entered into him. And he consulted with the lawyers and Parashiym, and they said: Arm thyself and take 500 men and go and at all costs destroy Philip.

<sup>14</sup> So he came in the high-priestly garments with great pomp and he and the philosophers went to Philip's lodging, and he came out, and Ananias said: You sorcerer and wizard, I know thee, that your master the deceiver at Yerushalayim called thee, son of thunder; did not Judaea suffice you, but must you come here to deceive? Philip said: May the veil of unbelief be taken from thee, and you learn who is the deceiver, you or I.

<sup>15</sup> Ananias' address: how Yahusha destroyed the Torah and allowed all meats. was crucified, the Talmidiym stole his body, and did many wonders, and were cast out of Yerushalayim, and now go all about the world deceiving everyone, like this Philip. But I will take him to Yerushalayim, for the king Archelaus seeks him to kill him.

<sup>16</sup> The people were not moved. Philip said: I will appeal to my Elohiym.

<sup>17</sup> Ananias ran at him to smite him, his hand withered, and he was blinded, and so were his five hundred men. They cursed him, and prayed Philip for help.

<sup>18</sup> Philip's prayer: O weak nature ...O bitter sea. Come, Yahusha, the holy light you overlooks us not when we cry to thee....

<sup>19</sup> Ananias to Philip: Think you to turn us from the traditions of our fathers, and the Elohiym of the manna in the wilderness, and Moshe, to follow the Natsarim, Yahusha?

Philip: I will ask my Elohiym to manifest himself to you and to these. Perchance you will believe: but if not, a wonder shall befall thee. And he prayed Elohiym to send his Son.

<sup>20</sup> The heavens opened and Yahusha appeared in glory, his face seven times brighter than the sun, and his raiment whiter than snow. All the idols of Athens fell, and the devils in them fled crying out. Philip said: Hear you not the devils, and believes you not him that is here?

Ananias: I have no Elohiym save him that gave the manna in the wilderness.

<sup>21</sup> Yahusha went up into heaven, and there was a great earthquake, and the people fled to the apostle, crying for mercy.

<sup>22</sup> Philip: There is no envy in us, and the grace of Mashiach shall restore your sight, but first let the high priest see.

A voice from heaven: Philip, once son of thunder but now of meekness whatsoever you ask my Father, he will do for thee. The people were afraid at the voice.

In the name of Mashiach, Philip made Ananias see. He said: How great is the art magic of Yahusha! this Philip in a moment (or for a little) blinded me and in a moment restored my sight! I cannot be convinced by witchcraft. The five hundred asked Philip to give back their sight that they might slay the unbelieving Ananias.

<sup>23</sup> Philip: Render not evil for evil. To Ananias: There shall be a great sign shown in thee.

Ananias: I know that you are a sorcerer and Talmiyd of Yahusha; you cannot bewitch me.

Philip to Yahusha: *Zabarthan, sabathabat, bramanouch*, come quickly!

The earth opened and swallowed Ananias to the knees. He cried: This is real magic, that the earth clave when Philip threatened it in Hebrew, and there are hooks below pulling at my legs to make me believe, but I will not, for I know his witchcraft from Yerushalayim.

<sup>24</sup> Philip, to the earth: Take him to the middle. And he sank further and said: One foot is frozen and the other hot, but I will not believe it. The people wanted to stone him, but Philip checked them: This is for your salvation. If he repent, I will bring him up, but if not, he shall be swallowed into the deep.

25 He spread out his hand in the air over the five hundred, and their eyes were opened, and they praised Elohiym. Philip, to Ananias: Confess now with a pure heart that Yahusha is Adonai, that you may be saved like these. But he laughed at him.

<sup>26</sup> Seeing him obstinate, Philip said to the earth: Open and swallow him to the neck. <sup>27</sup> And one of the first men of the city came and said: A devil has attacked my son, saying: As you have let a stranger come to the city, who destroys our idols, what can I do but kill your only son? and he has suffocated him help me, for I also believe.

<sup>28</sup> Bring me your son. And he ran, calling to his son, and bade the servants bring him: he was twenty-three years old. Philip, seeing him grieved, said to Ananias: This is through your folly: If I raise him, will you believe?

Ananias: I know you will raise him by your magic, but I will not believe.

Philip was wroth and said: Catathema (*cursed thing*), go down into the abyss in the sight of all. And he was swallowed up: but the high-priestly robe flew away from him, and therefore no man knows where it is from that day.

Philip raised the lad and drove away the devil.

<sup>29</sup> The people cried out, believing in Elohiym, and the five hundred were baptized. And Philip stayed two years at Athens, and founded a church and ordained a bishop and a presbyter and departed to Parthia to preach.

*Done in Parthia by Philip.*

<sup>80</sup> When Philip came to Parthia he found in a city the apostle Kepha with disciples, and said: I pray you strengthen me, that I may go and preach like you. <sup>31</sup> And they prayed for him.

<sup>32</sup> And John was there also and said to Philip: Andrai is gone to Achaia and Thrace, and Ta'om to India and the wicked flesh-eaters, and Mattithyahu to the savage troglodytes. And do you not be slack, for Yahusha is with thee. And they let him depart.

<sup>33</sup> And he came to the sea in the borders of the Candaci and found a ship going to Azotus and agreed with the sailors for four starters and sailed. A great wind came, and they began to cast out the tackle and say farewell to each other and lament.

<sup>34</sup> Philip consoled them: Not even the ship shall be lost. He went up on the prow and said: Sea, sea, Yahusha HaMashiach by me his servant bids

thee still your wrath. There was calm, and the sailors thanked him and asked to become servants of Yahusha. <sup>35</sup> And he instructed them to forsake the cares of this life. <sup>36</sup> And they believed, and Philip landed and baptized them all.

*Of the daughter of Nicocleides, whom he healed at Azotus.*

<sup>37</sup> There was great commotion in Azotus because of Philip's miracles, and many came and were healed, and devils were cast out and cried out against him. And people said diverse things of him, some that he was good, and others that he was a wizard, and separated husbands and wives and preached chastity.

<sup>38</sup> Evening came on and all dispersed. Philip sought a lodging, and went to the warehouses of one Nicocleides, a recorder, friend of the king, where many strangers lodged.

<sup>39</sup> He stood in a corner and prayed for blessing and healing on the house.

<sup>40</sup> Charitine, daughter of Nicocleides, heard him and wept all night. She had a sore disease in her eye. In the morning she went to her father and said: I can no longer bear the taunts of my companions about my eye.

He said: What can I do? have I not called in Leucius the king's physician and Elides the queen's eunuch and Solgia her attendant.

She: I know it, but there is a strange physician who came here last night. Call him.

<sup>41</sup> He went to the warehouses and found Philip: Are you the physician lately come?

Philip: Yahusha is my physician. I will come with thee.

They found the daughter weeping. <sup>42</sup> After reassuring words she fell at his feet: I sprinkle my chamber with pure water and lay my linen garments under your feet, help me, for I know you can. To her father: Let us bring him in and let him see my disease.

<sup>43</sup> Philip comforted and instructed them and bade her rise and put her right hand on her face and say: In the name of Yahusha HaMashiach let my eye be healed. And it was. <sup>44</sup> And both believed and were baptized, and a number of servants. And Charitine put on male attire and followed Philip.

*Done in the city Nicatera; and of Ireus.*

<sup>45</sup> Philip had in mind to go to Nicaterra, a city of Greece, and many disciples accompanied him, and he taught continually. <sup>46</sup> And when he arrived there was great stir: What shall we do for his teaching will prevail ...he separates husbands and wives. Let us cast him out before he begins to preach, and our wives are deceived.

<sup>17</sup> There were Yahudiym, too, who spoke against him; but a chief of them, Ireus, said: Do not use force; let us test his teaching.

<sup>48</sup> Ireus was wealthy. He was a just man and desired quietly to foil their counsel. He went to Philip and greeted him. And Philip saw there was no guile in him, and promised him salvation, for having stood up for him. <sup>49</sup> Ireus was surprised at his knowing this. Philip exhorted him to faith and constancy.

<sup>50</sup> Ireus: Lodge at my house.

Philip: First cleanse it.

Ireus: How?

Philip: Do no wrong and leave your wife. And he went home.

<sup>51</sup> His wife said: I hear you foiled the counsel of the Yahudiym about a strange sorcerer.

Ireus: Would that we might be worthy to have him lodge here.

She: I will not have him here, for he separates husbands and wives. I will go home to my parents and take my dowry and servants; for four years I have been your wife and never contradicted you.

<sup>52</sup> Ireus mildly: Have patience, and you also will believe.

She: Rise, eat, drink and be merry, for you cannot deceive me.

Ireus: How can I eat while the man of Elohiym is hungry? Put away this folly. He is a man of Elohiym, of mildness and grace.

<sup>53</sup> She: Is his Elohiym like those of this city, of gold, fixed in the temple?

Ireus: No, but in heaven, Almighty. The elohiym of this city are made by unrighteous men.

She: Bring him, that I may see the elohiym in him.

<sup>54</sup> He went to meet Philip, who told him what had passed, and Ireus was amazed at his knowledge, but asked him not to publish the reproach of

his wife. <sup>55</sup> Philip's companions urged him to accept the refuge provided: and Ireus was glad. Philip consented to come and followed Ireus. <sup>56</sup> The rulers and people saw it and determined not to allow it. Ireus arriving at his gate cried to the porter to open. Philip entered saying: Peace be to this house. Ireus found that his wife was in her chamber and went and asked her to come and put off her gay robes. But she was angry and said: No one of the house has ever seen my face, and shall I show it to a stranger?

<sup>57</sup> So he went out and set fine gilt chairs for Philip and the rest. But he said: Take them away.

Ireus: Do not grieve me.

Philip: I grieve no one, but I have no use for gold, which passes away.

<sup>58</sup> Ireus: Can I be saved? for my former sins trouble me.

Philip: Yes, Yahusha is able to save you. And what of your wife who just now said to you: Depart from me?

Ireus, surprised went to his wife and said: Come and see a man who has told me what passed between you and me.

She was scornful, and said: What is to become of our children if we have to give up all our worldly wealth?

<sup>59</sup> Artemela his daughter was listening, and said: If my father and mother are to enter a new life, may I not share it?

She was very beautiful. Her mother Nerkela told her to rise and take off her gold-woven dress. Ireus said to Nerkela: Let us go out and see Philip.

<sup>60</sup> The women changed their attire for a sober one, and they all went out. And when they saw Philip, he shone with a great light, so that they were afraid. <sup>61</sup> But he saw it and returned to his former likeness: and Nerkela asked pardon of him and made him welcome. <sup>62-63</sup> And they professed belief and were instructed and baptized.

*In Nicatera, a city of Greece.*

<sup>64</sup> The Yahudiym and heathens were displeased at Ireus' conversion, <sup>65</sup> and sent seven men to his house. A handmaid told him of them; he came out smiling and asked regarding their errand. 'The whole city wishes to see you.' He followed them. <sup>66</sup> And the assembly were surprised at his modest garb. One Onesimus asked him to explain about the sorcerer Philip.

<sup>67</sup> Ireus: Why am I examined thus? do not trouble Philip.

<sup>68</sup> But they said: Away with him. And Ireus went home and met Philip, who said: Are you afraid?

No, he said.

<sup>69</sup> The people now came with staves, crying out: Give us the deceiver.

<sup>70</sup> Philip came forth and they took him to the assembly to scourge him and said: Bind him hand and foot.

<sup>71</sup> Ireus ran up the steps and cried: You shall not. But they would not hear, and Ireus pulled Philip away from them.

<sup>72</sup> Philip said: If I choose, I can blind you.

Aristarchus, son of Plegenes, a chief of the Yahudiym, said: Do not be in a hurry to blind us. I know you can. but let us discuss. I am powerful, and if I let the people, they will stone you. <sup>73</sup> And he caught Philip by the beard.

He was rather angry, because of the people, and said: Your hand and your ears and your right eye shall suffer for threatening me and insulting Elohiym.

<sup>74</sup> His eye became hollow as if absent, his ears pained him, his right hand dangled useless. He cried out for mercy. <sup>75</sup> They all said: Heal our chief.

<sup>76</sup> Philip told Ireus to go sign him with the cross and heal him in Yahusha's name, which was done, and he asked pardon and indulgence and leave to discuss the matter. And the people said: We will judge it.

<sup>77</sup> Philip smiled and bade him speak first. He said: Do you receive the prophets or not?

Philip: Because of your unbelief there is need of the prophets.

Aristarchus: It is written: Who shall declare your might, O Elohiym? and, No man can know your glory; and Your glory has filled the earth; and, Adonai is judge of quick and dead; and Elohiym is a consuming fire and shall burn up his enemies on every side; and, One Elohiym has made all these things. How then say you that Mariyam bore Yahusha? But you will say that he is the power and wisdom of Elohiym who was with him when he made the world. I do not deny that the first Scripture says: Let us make man.

<sup>78</sup> Philip smiled and said: Hearken all: Yesha'yahu said, Behold my servant (child) whom I have chosen. And of the cross: He was led as a sheep to the slaughter. And again: I gave my back to the scourger. And another: I



spread out my hands to a disobedient people. And I was found of them that sought me not. And David saith: You art my son. And of his resurrection and Yahudah: Adonai, why are they increased that trouble me. And again David: I foresaw Adonai always before me. But David is dead. Take also of the twelve prophets: Say unto the daughter of Tsiyon. And: Out of Egypt have I called my son.

<sup>79</sup> Aristarchus said: This Yahusha is called Mashiach. Yesha'yahu: Thus, saith Adonai unto Mashiach my Adonai.

The Yahudiyim said: You are arguing for Mashiach. The people and rulers acclaimed Philip and said he should be received.

<sup>80</sup> A bier was brought with a dead man, only son of a rich man: and with it ten slaves who were to be burnt with the corpse. The people said: Here is a great contest for the Christians. If theirs be Elohiym, he will raise him and we will believe, and burn our idols.

<sup>81</sup> Philip said to the parents: What will you do if I raise him?

'What you will.' The slaves made signs to him to remember them. There was this evil law of burning slaves, and sometimes even men's wives.

<sup>82</sup> Philip said: Give me these slaves.

'Yes, and anymore that you will.'

He said to Aristarchus: Come, O Yahudiyim, raise him. And he touched his face and spat much on him and pulled his hand: in vain and retired in confusion.

<sup>83</sup> Nereus the father said: Raise my son and I will fight the Yahudiyim.

Philip: If you promise not to hurt them, I will not raise him.

Nerus: As you will.

<sup>84</sup> Philip went to the bier and prayed, and breath entered into the lad Theophilus, and he opened his eyes and looked on Philip. A second time Philip said: Young man, in the name of Yahusha HaMashiach who was crucified under Pontius Pilate, arise. And he leapt from the bier. All cried: One is the Elohiym of Philip, and the slaves were made free. All believed.

<sup>86</sup> Philip taught, baptized, destroyed idols, ordained, gave canons and rules.

*Of Nerkela and Ireus at Nicatera.*

<sup>87</sup> Nerkela and Artemela were blessed by Philip. <sup>88</sup> Ireus and Nereus consulted about building a church and agreed to build it on Nereus' land. <sup>89</sup> Only the Yahudiym were discontented and decided to withdraw. <sup>90</sup> Philip came to the new building and addressed the people, <sup>91</sup> and made Ireus bishop and prayed over him, and announced that he was going away. <sup>92</sup> All wept, but he consoled them. <sup>93</sup> They loaded camels with provisions and accompanied him twenty stadia. He dismissed them and would only take five loaves. They all saluted him thrice and fell on their faces and prayed for his blessing, and watched him out of sight, and returned to the city.

*Wherein the kid and the leopard in the wilderness believed.*

<sup>94</sup> It came to pass when the Savior divided the apostles and each went forth according to his lot, that it fell to Philip to go to the country of the Greeks: and he thought it hard and wept. And Mariyam his sister (it was she that made ready the bread and salt at the breaking of bread, but Martha was she that ministered to the multitudes and labored much) seeing it, went to Yahusha and said: Adonai, see you not how my brother is vexed? <sup>95</sup> And he said: I know, you chosen among women; but go with him and encourage him, for I know that he is a wrathful and rash man, and if we let him go alone, he will bring many retributions on men. But lo, I will send Bar Talmai and Yochanon to suffer hardships in the same city, because of the much wickedness of them that dwell there; for they worship the viper, the mother of snakes. And do you change your woman's aspect and go with Philip. And to Philip he said: Why art you fearful? for I am always with thee.

<sup>96</sup> So they all set out for the land of the Ophiani; and when they came to the wilderness of dragons, lo, a great leopard came out of a forest on the hill and ran and cast himself at their feet and spoke with human voice: I worship you, servants of the divine greatness and apostles of the only begotten Son of Elohiym; command me to speak perfectly.

<sup>97</sup> And Philip said: In the name of Yahusha HaMashiach, speak.

And the leopard took perfect speech and said: Hear me Philip, groomsman of the divine word. Last night I passed through the flocks of goats over against the mount of the she-dragon, the mother of snakes, and seized a kid, and when I went into the wood to eat, after I had wounded it, it took a human voice and wept like a little child, saying to me: 'O leopard, put off your fierce heart and the beast like part of your

nature, and put on mildness, for the apostles of the divine greatness are about to pass through this desert, to accomplish perfectly the promise of the glory of the only-begotten Son of Elohiym.’ At these words of the kid I was perplexed, and gradually my heart was changed, and my fierceness turned to mildness, and I did not eat it. And as I listened to its words, I lifted up my eyes and saw you coming, and knew that you were the servants of the good Elohiym. So, I left the kid and came to worship you. And now I beseech thee to give me liberty to go with thee everywhere and put off my beastlike nature.

<sup>98</sup> And Philip said: Where is the kid?

And he said: It is cast down under the oak opposite.

Philip said to Bar Talmai: Let us go and see him that was smitten, healed, and healing the smiter. And at Phillip’s bidding the leopard guided them to where the kid lay. <sup>99</sup> Philip and Bar Talmai said: Now know we of a truth that there is none that surpasses your compassion, O Yahusha lover of man; for you prevents us and does convince us by these creatures to believe more and earnestly fulfil our trust. Now therefore, Adonai Yahusha HaMashiach, come and grant life and breath and secure footing to these creatures, that they may forsake their nature of beast and cattle and come unto tameness, and no longer eat flesh, nor the kid the food of cattle; but that men’s hearts may be given them, and they may follow us wherever we go, and eat what we eat, to your glory, and speak after the manner of men, glorifying your name.

<sup>100</sup> And in that hour the leopard and kid rose up and lifted up their forefeet and said: We glorify and bless thee that has visited and remembered us in this desert, and changed our beastlike and wild nature into tameness, and granted us the divine word, and put in us a tongue and sense to speak and praise your name, for great is your glory. <sup>101</sup> And they fell and worshipped Philip and Bar Talmai and Mariyam; and all set out together praising Elohiym.

*Of the dragon that was slain.*

<sup>102</sup> They journeyed five days, and one morning after the midnight prayers a sudden wind arose, great and dark, and out of it ran a great smoky dragon, with a black back, and a belly like coals of brass in sparkles of fire, and a body over one-hundred cubits long, and a multitude of snakes and their young followed it, and the desert quaked for a long distance. <sup>103</sup> And Philip said: Now is the time to remember Adonai’s words: Fear nothing,

neither persecution, nor the serpents of that land, nor the dark dragon. Let us stand fast and his power will fail; and pray and sprinkle the air from the cup and the smoke will scatter. <sup>104</sup> So they took the cup and prayed: You that shed dew on all pyres and bridles darkness, putting a bit into the dragon's mouth, bringing to nought his anger, turning back the wickedness of the enemy and plunging him into his own fire, shutting his doors and stopping the exits and buffeting his pride: come and be with us in this desert, for we run by your will and at your bidding. <sup>105</sup> And he said: Now stand and raise your hands, with the cup you hold, and sprinkle the air in the form of the cross. <sup>106</sup> And there was a flash of lightning which blinded the dragon and its brood; and they were withered up; and the rays of the sun entered the holes and broke the eggs. But the apostles closed their eyes, unable to face the lightning, and remained unhurt.

*Out of the Travels of Philip the Apostle: from the fifteenth Act to the end, wherein is the Martyrdom.*

<sup>107</sup> In the days of Trajan, after the Martyrdom of Shi'mon, son of Clopas, bishop of Yerushalayim, successor to Ya'aqov, Philip the apostle was preaching through all the cities of Lydia and Asia. <sup>108</sup> And he came to the city Ophioryme (Snake street), which is called Hierapolis of Asia, and was received by Stachys, a believer. And with him were Bar Talmal, one of the Seventy, and his sister Miryam, and their Talmidiym. And they assembled at Stachys' house. <sup>109</sup> And Miryam sat and listened to Philip discoursing. <sup>110-112</sup> He spoke of the snares of the dragon, who has 'no shape' in creation, and is recognized and shunned by beasts and birds. <sup>113</sup> For the men of the place worshipped the snake and had images of it and called Hierapolis Ophioryme. And many were converted.

<sup>114</sup> And Nicanora the proconsul's wife believed, she was diseased, especially in her eyes, and had been healed. She now came in a silver litter.

<sup>115</sup> And Miryam said in Hebrew: *Alikaman, ikasame, marmari, iachaman, mastranan, achaman*, which means: O daughter of the father, my lady, who was given as a pledge to the serpent, Mashiach is come to thee (and much more).

<sup>116</sup> And Nicanora said: I am a Hebrew, speak to me in my fathers' tongue. I heard of your preaching and was healed.

<sup>117</sup> And they prayed for her. <sup>118</sup> But her tyrant husband came and said: How is this? who has healed you?

<sup>119</sup> And she said: Depart from me and lead a chaste and sober life.

<sup>120</sup> And he dragged her by the hair and threatened to kill her. And the apostles were arrested, <sup>121</sup> and scourged and dragged to the temple, <sup>122</sup> and shut up in it (with the leopard and the kid. *These are omitted in the principal text, but constantly occur in another recension: rightly, of course*). <sup>123</sup> The people and priests came and demanded vengeance on the sorcerers. <sup>124</sup> The proconsul was afraid of his wife, for he had been almost blinded by a wonderful light when he looked through the window at her when praying. <sup>125</sup> They stripped and searched the apostles for charms, and pierced Philip's ankles and thighs and hung him head downward, and Bar Talmi they hung naked by the hair. <sup>126</sup> And they smiled on each other, as if not being tormented. But Miryam on being stripped became like an arc of glass full of light and fire and everyone ran away.

<sup>127</sup> And Philip and Bar Talmi talked in Hebrew, and Philip said: Shall we call down fire from heaven?

<sup>128</sup> And now Yochanon arrived, and asked what was happening, and the people told him. <sup>129</sup> And he was taken to the place.

Philip said to Bar Talmi in Hebrew: Here is Yochanon the son of Barega (or, he that is in Barek), that is (or, where is) the living water. And Yochanon said: The mystery of him that was hung between the heaven and the earth be with you.

<sup>130</sup> Then Yochanon addressed the people, warning them against the serpent. Inter alia: When all matter was wrought and spread out throughout the system of heaven, the works of Elohiym entreated Elohiym that they might see his glory: and when they saw it, their desire became gall and bitterness, and the earth became the storehouse of that which went astray, and the result and the superfluity of the creation was gathered together and became like an egg: and the serpent was born.

<sup>131</sup> The people said: We took you for a fellow citizen, but you are in league with these men. The priests are going to wring out your blood and mix it with wine and give it to the Viper. When they came to take Yochanon, their hands were paralyzed. Yochanon said to Philip: Let us not render evil for evil.

Philip said: I shall endure it no longer.

<sup>132</sup> The three others dissuaded him; but he said: *Abalo, arimouni, douthael, tharseleen, nachaoth, aeidounaph, teleteloein*, which is (after many invocations

descriptive of Elohiym): let the deep open and swallow these men: yea, Sabaoth.

<sup>133</sup> It opened and the whole place was swallowed, about seven-thousand men, save where the apostles were. And their voices came up, crying for mercy and saying: Lo, the cross enlightens us. And a voice was heard: I will have mercy on you in my cross of light. <sup>134</sup> But Stachys and his house, and Nicanora and fifty others, and one hundred virgins remained safe.

<sup>135</sup> Yahusha appeared and rebuked Philip. <sup>136</sup> But he defended himself. <sup>137</sup> And Adonai said: Since you have been unforgiving and wrathful, you shall indeed die in glory and be taken by angels to paradise, but shall remain outside it forty days, in fear of the flaming sword, and then I will send Miyka'el, and he shall let you in. And Bar Talmai shall go to Lycaonia and be crucified there, and Miryam's body shall be laid up in the river Yordan. And I shall bring back those who have been swallowed up. <sup>138</sup> And he drew a cross in the air, reaching down into the abyss, and it was filled with light, and the cross was like a ladder. And Yahusha called the people, and they all came up, save the proconsul and the Viper. And seeing the apostles they mourned and repented.

<sup>139</sup> And Philip, still hanging, spoke to them and told them of his offense.

<sup>140</sup> And some ran to take him down: but he refused and spoke to them. Be not grieved that I hang thus, for I bear the form of the first man, who was brought upon earth head downwards, and again by the tree of the cross made alive from the death of his transgression. And now, do I fulfil the precept. For Adonai said to me: Unless you make that which is beneath to be above, and the left to be right and the right left, you shall not enter into my kingdom. Be like me in this: for all the world is turned the wrong way, and every soul that is in it.

<sup>141</sup> Further he spoke to them of the incarnation, <sup>142</sup> and bade them loose Bar Talmai, and told him and Miryam of their destiny. Build a church in the place where I die, and let the leopard and kid be there, and let Nicanora look after them till they die, and then bury them at the church gate: and let your shalom be in the house of Stachys: and he exhorted them to purity. Therefore, our brother Kepha fled from every place where a woman was: and further, he had offense given by reason of his own daughter. And he prayed Adonai, and she had a palsy of the side that she might not be led astray. <sup>143</sup> Bury me not in linen like Adonai, but in papyrus, and pray for me forty days. Where my blood is dropping a vine will grow, and you shall use the wine of it for the cup: and partake of it

on the third day. <sup>144</sup> And he prayed Adonai to receive him and protect him against all enemies. 'Let not their dark air cover me, that I may pass the waters of fire and all the abyss. Clothe me in your glorious robe and your seal of light that ever shineth, until I have passed by all the rulers of the world and the evil dragon that opposes us.'

<sup>145</sup> And he died. <sup>146</sup> And they buried him as he directed. And a heavenly voice said he had received the crown.

<sup>147</sup> After three days the vine grew up. And they made the offering daily for forty days and built the church and made Stachys bishop. And all the city believed. <sup>148</sup> And at the end of forty days the Savior appeared in the form of Philip and told Bar Talmi and Miryam that he had entered paradise and bade them go their ways. And Bar Talmi went to Lycaonia and Miryam to Yordan, and Stachys and the brethren abode where they were.