

## The Red-Letter Words of Yeshua ~ Part 8

### Yeshua Meets the Women at the Well ~ Part 1

We pick up our story of **Yeshua's** ministry in Shomron as He **Meets the Women at the Well**. As this a familiar story to most. It covers some thirty-two verses, so I decided to go short to provide the background and **Yeshua's** response.

***<sup>5</sup> He came to a town in Shomron called Sh'khem, near the field Ya'akov had given to his son Yosef. <sup>6</sup> Ya'akov's Well was there; so Yeshua, exhausted from His travel, sat down by the well; it was about noon.***

**Tel-Sh'khem** (the archeological site of **Sh'khem**) is just outside modern **Nablus** in **Shomron**, and **Ya'akov's Well**, not far away, is a tourist site to this day.

As a human being, He experienced human exhaustion; as **Son of God**, He worked continuously (5:17); compare Hebrews 4:15.

***<sup>7</sup> A woman from Shomron came to draw some water, and Yeshua said to her, "Give me a drink of water."***

The standard time to draw water was morning or evening during the cooler hours of the day. This woman is coming to draw water at a time when no one else would usually be at the well.

***<sup>8</sup> (His talmidim had gone into town to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The woman from Shomron said to Him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for water from me, a woman of Shomron?" (For Jews don't associate with people from Shomron.) <sup>10</sup> Yeshua answered her, "If you knew God's gift, that is, who it is saying to you, 'Give me a drink of water,' then you would have asked him; and he would have given you living water."***

**Yeshua** had a way of masterfully reaching the people with whom He shared. To the woman at the well, He spoke of **living water**. To aging Nicodemus, He talked about being born again. To the blind man, He identified Himself as the Light of the world (Yochanan 9:5). To sisters grieving the death of their brother, He was the Resurrection and the Life (Yochanan 11:25). To fishermen, He invited them to become fishers of men (Mattityahu 4:19).<sup>1</sup>

***<sup>11</sup> She said to him, "Sir, you don't have a bucket, and the well is deep; so where do you get this 'living water'?" <sup>12</sup> You aren't greater than our father Ya'akov, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it, and so did his sons and his cattle."***

**You don't have a bucket.** The woman misunderstands **Yeshua** as speaking of literal water; this is reasonable based on the use of **living water** as an idiom for spring water. The woman's identification of **Ya'akov** as her ancestor shows the Samaritans believed themselves to be the rightful descendants of **Ya'akov** and true **Israeli**.

***<sup>13</sup> Yeshua answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty again! On the contrary, the water I give him will become a spring of water inside him, welling up into eternal life!" ~ Yochanan 4:5-14***

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<sup>1</sup> Courson, J. (2003). **Jon Courson's Application Commentary** (p. 466).

In **Hebrew**, *Mayim chayyim* (literally, **living water**) means running water from a stream or spring, contrasting with water stored in a cistern. Figuratively, with **Yeshua**, it means spiritual life; see Yochanan 7:37–39.

Our next post will continue to examine that **Yeshua Meets the Women at the Well ~ Part 2**.