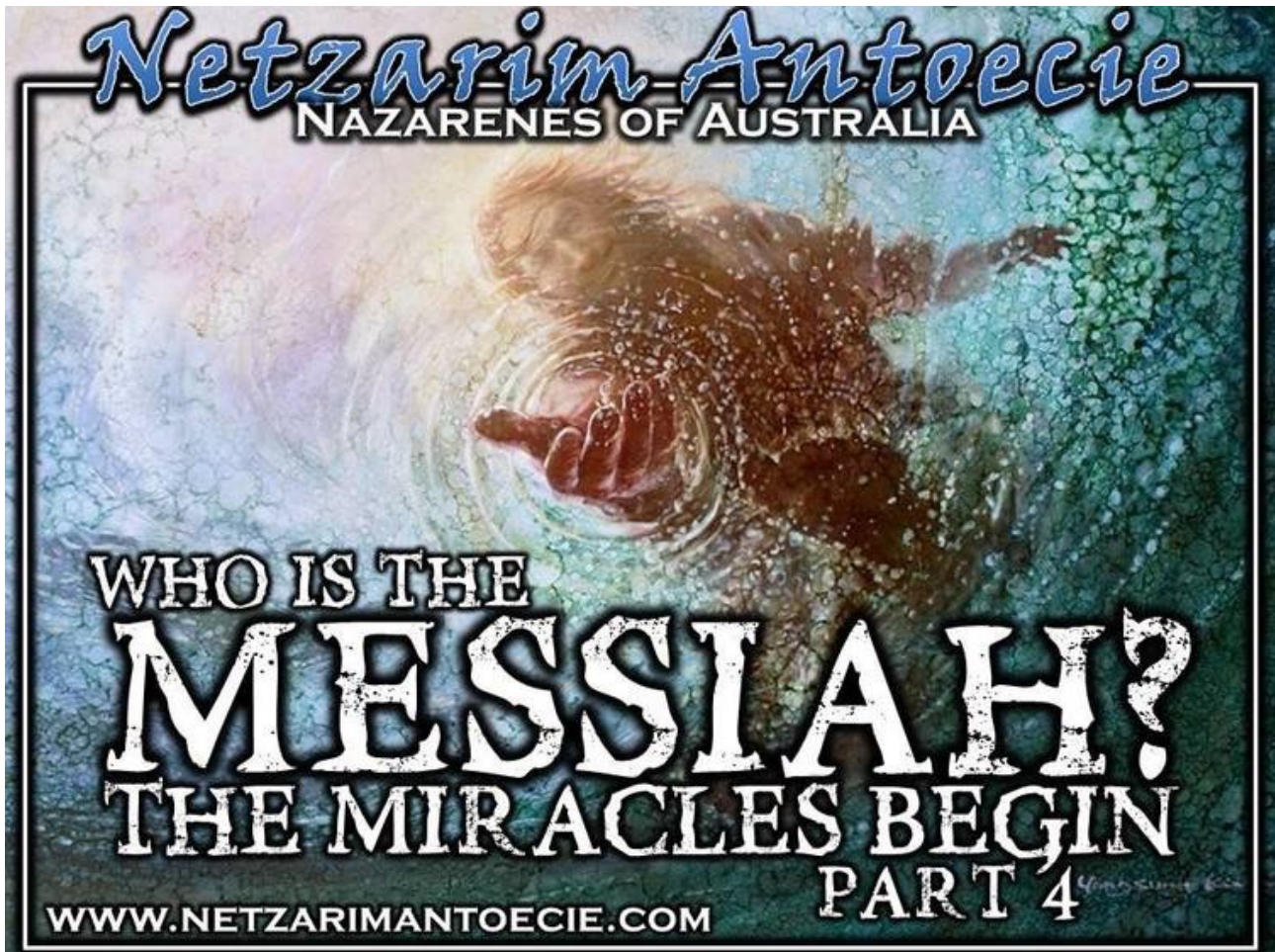


# Who Is the Messiah?

## The Miracles Begin - Part 4




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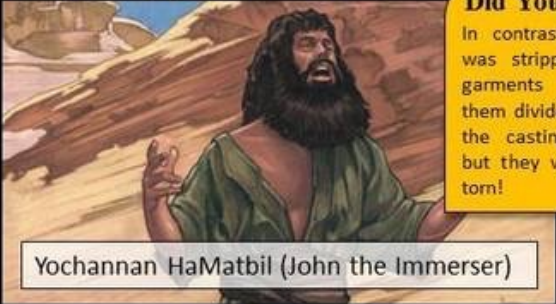
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From this point, Yahshua became our High Priest, having being publically consecrated to assume office. When the Ruach fell, much later, this symbolised the Father's acceptance of his office through the shedding of his blood.

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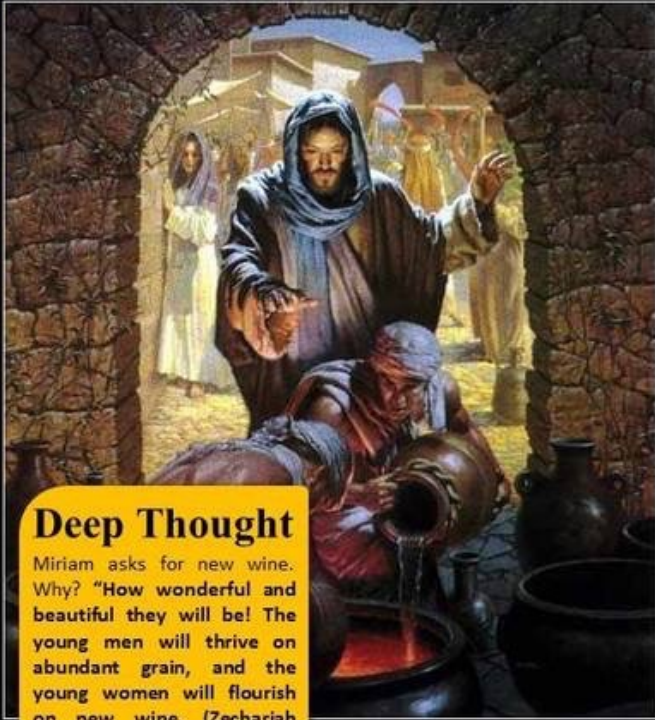
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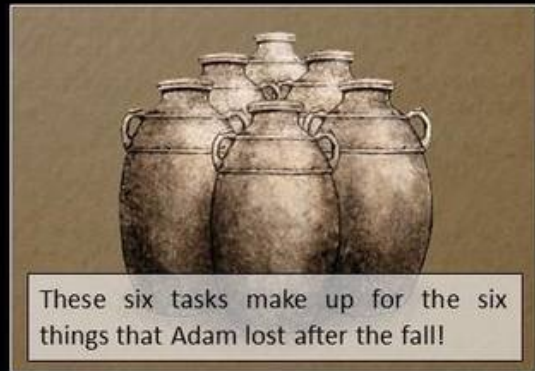


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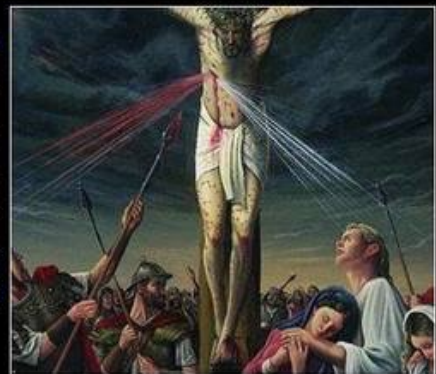
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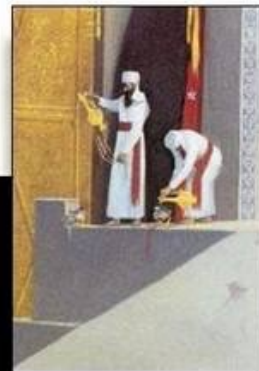
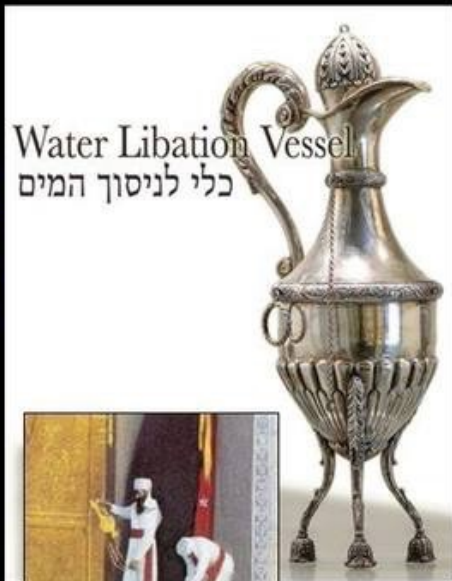
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# Stone

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(Slide) David slew Goliath with a sling and stone. A sling is made out of natural materials that are readily available in the wilderness and the stone is as plentiful as the dust under one’s feet.

We’ll take a moment to watch this short video to see the lethality of the simple stone and sling. Watch carefully at the speed and accuracy of the stone as it is launched from the sling.



(Slide) Where did David hit Goliath? The forehead, the Gulgoleth (Golgotha), the skull! With what? A stone! This alludes to Messiah's victory at the place of the first skull – Adam's skull.

Every attack of the enemy is directed at the mind. It is the enemy's goal to cause us to make a decision against what we know is right, and to make repeated wrong decisions, become comfortable with these wrong decisions and have us repeat them so often that it feels impossible to take another course of action.

We see that Yahweh, with great effect, uses the stone to damage and to preserve.

We must remember that a stone can be used to help or hurt us, wine can be used to relax or inebriate us and water can drown or renew us. It's all in how we use them.

These are just some of the gleanings found in Yahshua's miracle of changing water into wine.

### **Defining Miracles**

Before we go any further, let's look at the concept of miracles. What are miracles?

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# Miracles

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The word miracles comes from the Greek word *dunamis* which means "power and might that multiplies itself." The Gift of the Working of Miracles operates closely with the power gifts of faith and healings to bring authority over the Sitre Ahura (Dark Forces), sickness, sin, and the binding forces of this age.

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## Miracle

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Hebrew: *Nes*

The Hebrew word for “flagpole” is also *nes*.

A miracle is an elevated event. Something extraordinary that happens, allowing us to see Elohim’s hand clearly.

### Deep Thought

Imagine an Israelite child who was born in the desert and saw *manna* rain down from the sky daily. He would not be surprised at all and would think it perfectly normal!

Rabbi Tzvi Ashkenazi (1660-1718) explains that what we refer to as nature is actually miraculous and “unnatural.” It is only because “natural” events happen all the time that we take them for granted.



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