

War Debrief:

“Who is ‘The World’?”

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Traditionally the term, “the world” which is said among Christianity, is understood to be the secular and unsaved world. But in regards to the context of Yeshua’s words in John 15:18-16:4, what does “the world” mean?

We must question what we have been taught, spoon-fed and thus regurgitate when questioned in a knee jerk reaction from Christianity.

“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.” – Yeshua, John 15:18

The world, when someone mentions it in regards to themselves often means, the world as they know it, as it pertains to them and their existence and experience. For toddlers their world usually consists of parents, siblings, the babysitter and perhaps a small group of pre-schoolers. It’s all they know; it is the “known world” to them. A recruit going through boot camp or a career military person, the military and life therein is their world. A convict serving life in prison, prison life is their world; orange jumpsuits, a six by twelve cinderblock cell with a bed and a toilet is their world. When one leaves the military or a prisoner is released they have such a hard time adjusting to secular or civilian life. Why? Because it is a “new world” for them. Before Columbus’ voyage the world was Europe and Spain, until he landed in the Americas. A sheer cliff one could sail off of was considered “the world” and nothing existed outside of that for most Europeans. Therefore, Yeshua’s world was Pharisaical and Sadducean Judaism, Synagogue, the Temple, Jerusalem and places around the Sea of Galilee. So the proper context of “the

world” in John 15:18 is Pharisaical and Sadducean Judaism. China, did not know and therefore could not hate Him. Neither did Brazil, France, India or even the Greco-Roman Philosophical Academies. Clearly the world in reference to Yeshua at least in this passage is Pharisaical and Sadducean Judaism. It was the Judaism of His day that hated Him. To further back up my argument, Yeshua said in John 16:1-4:

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Recall there were no chapter and verse divisions when the Gospels were written.

Yeshua was there initially for Israel (Matt. 15:21-28), though the Gentiles world would come to know and receive Him. So again, His world, or “the world” Yeshua speaks of in John 15 is the Jewish world.

Let’s take a look at the rest of the passage of John 15:18-27.

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

¹⁹ **If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.**

²⁰ **Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.**

²¹ **But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.**

²² If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin.

²³ He that hateth me hateth my Father also.

²⁴ If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father.

²⁵ But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

²⁷ And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

Verse 19, If you were “of the world”, meaning conformed completely to any given Jewish sect apart from Yeshua, they would love and accept you. But because (John 15:16, 19) your Rebbe (Yeshua), you do not fit nor conform completely to the Pharisaical or Sadducean mold and therefore are hated. Yeshua and His Talmidim (Disciples) created the sect called the Natsarim hat those chosen of Yeshua are a part of and therefore they are truly no longer of any other sect, though naturally they will be some commonalities (Acts 23:6).

If they persecuted the Rebbe Yeshua, you as a chosen follower are not exempt from such persecution (John 15:20).

“Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.” – Yeshua, Matt. 5:12

(V. 21-25) If “the world,” meaning in this context, Judaism, truly had an intimate relationship with GOD, they would have recognized Yeshua as Messiah; the unveiling of prophecies (Isa. 53, Daniel 9, etc.) and miracles performed by Him would have clicked and reralized Yeshua and Father GOD are one (John 17). But

they didn't and because they knew the Law and the Prophets like the back of their hand, they are without excuse. As Verse 24 says they are not blameless.

See how clueless they were:

Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. – Matt. 12:22-32

Verse 25 of John 15 refers to Psalm 35:19

But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause. – Psa. 35:19

John 15:26:

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: - John 15:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. – John 14:26

John 15:27:

And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

We are to be unabashed, unashamed and bold examples and witnesses of Natsari Judaism and Messiah Yeshua. We are not to conform, blend in, hide or placate to the sects of Judaism which hate and despise us and our Rebbe.

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. Mark 8:38

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Rom. 12:2

Now, let us touch again on John 16:1-4:

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you.

Again, this confirms that “world” in John 15:18 means Judaism and prior to the conversion of Rav Sha’ul (Apostle Paul) he indeed thought he was doing GOD a service by persecuting and killing believers in Messiah Yeshua (Acts 22:3-4, 26:9-11).

Get a clue folks, we are Natsarim, and will not nor ever will be Orthodox Jews or accepted by them.