

The First Book of Achee

Chapter 8

Note to Reader: The following chapters are particularly delightful as they concern the life of Christ and they come from a point of view that is seen through the eyes of an ancient man who was viewed as a wild man by his contemporaries because of his close walk with the Eerkodeshoi. They afford a glimpse of Messiah in two unique ways: first, from the perspective of the Eerkodeshoi and, second, from the Urim and Thummim, which adds an element of reality that is often lost in man's attempts to romanticize the life of Messiah. This writing calls us to surmount our alienation from our Messiah and the Eerkodeshoi.

- 1 Now it came to pass
that on the fifth day after Messiah was born of His mother
the Men of Renown hastened themselves²⁹⁶
and they selected seven of the their most learned and diligent men
four of whom were High Priests after the Order of Melchizedek
and they prepared themselves
and selected the ruins of an old settlement on top of a large hill
just south of Bethlehem to dwell in
and it was called Netophah
which means *to speak by inspiration*
it is also associated with dew
and morning mist
and birthing ceremonies²⁹⁷

- 2 And there they entered into a period lasting four years
when they instructed all the Eerkodeshoi concerning the life of Messiah
and they did this at each sunrise and sunset²⁹⁸
and these were called by them
the birthing prayers for Messiah

²⁹⁶See Dupont-Sommer, op. cit., p. 108, lines 8-11. Here is an example of rules for the Men of Renown.

²⁹⁷See Strongs #5199 and 5197.

²⁹⁸See Dupont-Sommer, op. cit., p. 50, refers to morning prayers.

for whenever a human soul is born upon the earth
in whatsoever land they be in
Messiah prays for them
and He instructs all the Eerkodeshoi in their behalf
for the first four days of their life after their first breath
and on the fifth day thereafter
that child is presented by Him unto all the Eerkodeshoi
as a new living soul who is now in element in their midst
and they are to view that child
according to the manner of all His instructions
this is called *the vision of the created purpose* of this child
and it is of a certainty that Messiah has performed this act
for every child that has entered the world in the flesh
of every land
language
or religion
starting with Adam and Eve when they were cast out of the garden
even down until the very last human to be born upon the earth
who finds breath

- 3 And these men knew
that Messiah would have been the only human soul born upon the earth
having no one to perform this in His behalf
and in this thing it was altogether fitting that it should be so
for this task by Messiah was His first gift to His Father in Jeshurun
when He gave you unto His Father
- 4 And thus it was seven men
including four High Priests
who in turn gave the Father the one who is called
the Son of Man
and these men represented
and spoke in behalf of all the righteous in the course of the earth
- 5 And it came to pass
that they determined that they must labor one year for each day
to accomplish this for Messiah
and thus they began to instruct all the Eerkodeshoi with all diligence

and once a week on a preparation day²⁹⁹
young girls would bring food to them for the week

6 And the instructions of the Men of Renown to the Eerkodeshoi
and their prayers
were after this manner

7 **The first year** they rehearsed unto them all His Vision
that they knew from their sacred writings
and they kindled a sacred fire
and burnt upon it wood from the Bacca tree
and they prayed that He would be victorious
in all the undertakings of His vision
and they instructed Debariel and all her host inscribed under her
to draw near unto Him in His worship all His days
insomuch that His prayers would be triumphant over every obstacle
and over every act accomplished in darkness
and they used the strength of Harari upon the coals in His behalf
and they directed Debariel to always walk with Him
and they declared that
even the sunrise was told He will melt the shame of sin
like the sun does the dew
for He was to be the Light of the World
and He was to be the Light of Truth
that proceeded forth from the face of God
to fill the immensity of created life
and to light every soul upon the earth.

8 And **the second year** they instructed Sarahiel
and all her host inscribed under her
that they would be His companions
and that all the waters would love Him and teach Him of their love
and that they should comfort Him in all His trials and cares
insomuch that He would never feel alone or forsaken
and they instructed all the waters that they should give Him the love of life

²⁹⁹See Mark 15:42, John 19:31 KJV, also see Dupont-Sommer p. 152, line 22.

seeing He was the Living Water
and they carefully instructed the Eerkodeshoi that they should guard to see that in all
things in this life He could know the Father
and of all His desire fully in each and every need that Messiah would face
and they asked Kayal and Pawnel to obey Him in all things
and they prayed for Him using the tree as element upon the coals
from whence came the fruit Eve fed to Adam
and they asked that Messiah would always be able to believe in Himself
that He could do all things whatsoever His Father should desire

- 9 And **the third year** they instructed Rachatsel and her host inscribed under her
that the bread of life was come
and He would be a brother to the thunder and to the serpent of Eve
to see that all things were done according to the will of His Father
and they instructed the grass of the field
that they should feed His body of flesh and obey Him
and multiply themselves according to His word
for He is a living feast to all the souls of the penitent
for He has come to cleanse and purify all mankind who will
from their sins and corruptions
and they reminded them that the God of Shabuot has come into the world
and accordingly all the Eerkodeshoi and their hosts
must be diligent to speak the Language of Repentance
and the Language of Glory
and they instructed Malakiel when they viewed Mount Pethach
that repentance had taken on flesh
and now walks in the midst of the proud
therefore they should prepare themselves to sustain Him
- 10 And in **the fourth year** they called the rocks to remembrance
and every rock of witness stood forth to declare Him
and the love of the Father for Him
and these rocks were instructed that they
should all carry their message of the Fathers love for the Son
into all the earth
and they requested that the Rock of Witness for Israel in Bethel
should in the life of Messiah
show forth Jeshurun before the eyes of all the people
and the rock of Abraham

where he established the offering of the firstlings of his heart
was informed by them that the firstling of God was come

11 And those seven men carefully commissioned all the hosts of Ebedel
that He had been born in a rock
and He would be buried in a rock
and they were charged to see that all the doings of Messiah
would conclude with happy endings
that Messiah would be the rock at the end of every trail of every man
both rich and poor
small and great
wicked and righteous
sorcerer and holy man
even insomuch that in the end every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess the justice of God in Messiah
and they prayed that Messiah would find peace
and indeed be even the Prince of Peace

12 And many things did they call forth
and instruct
and pray for Messiah during these four years
and they prayed mightily that Messiah could all His days
be one with the Eerkodeshoi
for they knew that which was written concerning His marriage
in the Law of the Temple

13 Now the marriage of Joseph and Mary in its purity
was the element for joining of Messiah with the Eerkodeshoi
even according to the word of Enoch
and this joining was unto the vision of His created purpose
for it was the practice of the Church
but not so much in Israel
that there could be a time when a man could marry his wife
and keep her a virgin until she was to take the Covenant
or refrain for other reasons according to the Rule of the Community³⁰⁰

³⁰⁰Dupont-Sommer, p. 105 and 137.

- 14 Whenever this act of utter chastity and purity and discipline was accomplished
it was of such a holy nature
that it became a very powerful element
to perform the joining of children in righteousness
unto all the Eerkodeshoi
- 15 And thus it was that Mary became with child
while her husband was keeping her a virgin for some time
and Joseph knew he was not the father to the child³⁰¹
and he encountered the angel of God in his struggles
- 16 But Messiah more than any man needed to be joined unto the Eerkodeshoi
even in the likeness of marriage
the earth being the embodiment of His feelings in Shabuot
or that is to say
His rib
and the purity between Joseph and his wife
was to be very powerful element of righteousness
brought to bear in His behalf
- 17 And it came to pass
that Achee beheld the honor Joseph had in heaven in this matter
and Enoch rejoiced
and Achee marveled in his heart that God could accomplish such great things
and he beheld
that Mary was the rib of Joseph in the eyes of all the Eerkodeshoi
- 18 And it came to pass that these men could view from where they were at Netophah
the regions of Bethlehem and Jerusalem
and all the land of Israel
even unto Mount Pethach
and they could see the Salt Sea

³⁰¹The Bible gives evidence of this arrangement in their marriage, as it uses the phrase, "put her away privately," which is always in reference to divorce, but not breaking engagements. . Also, the terms "husband" and "wife" are used in relation to them at the time they first found out she was pregnant. See Matthew 1:19-20 KJV.

and the Great Sea unto the west of the land of Israel
and on a clear day they could see the blue haze
of the land of the far country
and these men worshiped all during the time of the flight of Messiah there
and after His return
but all these profound things did not sway them away from their task
and they were exceedingly diligent
and rehearsed their prayers and instructing words each sunrise
in all weather every day of the year
and they would not be disturbed in their purpose
and they saw to it that Messiah received the same love and care
that He so willingly bestowed upon all the children of men
upon their entry into the world

19 And Achee praised the Lord for the diligence of these men
and the Lord said unto him
Even so shall the same four years that are in the same likeness
be performed in my behalf in the end of days
when I return in the flesh again
And it shall be performed by many
And it will be the first four years
of my thousand year reign upon the earth

20 And it came to pass
that Achee beheld Messiah when His *little feet* learned to walk
and all the Eerkodeshoi rejoiced and were made glad
and they trembled with excitement for their Very Creator
the One they covenanted to love and obey in Shabuot
was now walking upon the earth in their midst
and they could feel His *little feet* upon the ground
and they praised God that they could be a world to hold them
and never had the earth and all the Eerkodeshoi
felt such great joy from the day of their creation
and it seemed to them that the feet of men going about the tasks of war
and sorrow
and corruption
and sorcery
and wickedness was become for them unbearable
and the *little feet* gave them new life

and a new hope and joy in their creation
and the wind was aware of Him
and discovered wherever He was and blew there to give Him breath
and all the waters of the earth were filled with wonder
and they gave Him to drink and bathed Him
and all the Eerkodeshoi offered the life in themselves
as an offering to their Creator who was now in the flesh among them
for they had only known giving their offerings to the image of God
and in that they found joy
but now they gave of their life to the Giver of Life
and their joy was full

21 And it came to pass
that the news of His *little feet* spread among all the Eerkodeshoi of the earth
but man in his blindness did not perceive it
only the righteous upon any quarter of the earth
wherever they were found
could know of the change in the hearts of the Eerkodeshoi

22 And it came to pass that by the great wickedness of men
the *little feet* were obliged to flee for their life
into the land of a far country
and they were gone from Israel
and all the longings of the Eerkodeshoi for the vision of Israel
was before their eyes
and the rocks cried out
and the rock of witness at the gate of heaven in Bethel
proclaimed great things concerning Messiah to all the earth
and the alarm spread that the *little feet of Messiah*
were not in the land of Israel

23 Now the knowledge of the people of the Church concerning Messiah
was after this manner
the Men of Renown at Secacah knew day by day concerning all his doings
and circumstances
for they were kept informed in order to direct the prayers of their Watch
the rest of the Merari knew He was come
and those who had rendered service at Secacah
knew more of the circumstances of His doings

but while they were out among the people of the Church they used discretion
and kept Him on their minds
but their knowledge of His daily circumstances was with them
the same way it would be for any child in the Church
and the rest of the people of the Church
for the first few years
knew He was a son of Mary
and were exceedingly diligent with their discretion with the truth
but in their hearts there dwelt an excitement
with the knowledge that Messiah was now in the flesh among them

24 And it came to pass that the new High Priest of Shabuot in those days
was called Zabdee³⁰²
which means *Given of God*³⁰³
and his wife who was the younger sister of Joseph
was called Shalom³⁰⁴
and it was the policy of the Church
that no one should interfere with the life of the family of Joseph and Mary
but that they would discretely cause some
who were inscribed in the book of the Merari
to quietly dwell at all times near unto Messiah
in whatsoever settlement of Nazareth He should be found
and because of this
men of the inscription accompanied them
when they were led unto the land of the far country

25 And it came to pass that word was sent quickly unto Secacah
even before the sun was set
that Messiah was fled for his little life
and Zabdee had been a High Priest for only three months
and he was faced with this crisis

³⁰²“Zebedee” in Greek.

³⁰³See Strong’s #2067.

³⁰⁴Which means to be well, happy and safe, i.e., at peace. See Strong’s #7965.

26 And it came to pass that Zabdee consulted the Lord with Urim
 in the midst of the Men of Renown in Secacah
 and the word of the Lord came to him
 and the Lord said that in their Watch they should ask all the Eerkodeshoi
 to withdraw their support from the king
 who was called Herod
 which means *to behold the hero*³⁰⁵
 and because of the absence of the *little feet*
 all the Eerkodeshoi were urgent to obey them
 and there immediately fell upon the king great and loathsome humiliations
 and scourges
 and sufferings
 and the air he breathed was against him
 insomuch that his lungs began to shrivel
 and the water was against him
 insomuch that when he would bathe great scabs
 and a loathsome itch came upon his body
 and the food he ate rebelled to give him life
 and his bowels decayed within his belly
 and his private parts became putrefied upon him

27 And it came to pass
 that it was as if all the Eerkodeshoi spewed him out of their mouths³⁰⁶
 and in those days Herod died
 and it was said by those who were close to him
 that he was the living dead
 and all the people in Israel engaged in great speculations
 as to which of his many sins had brought these scourges upon him
 but the people of the Church knew which sin it was
 and they were urgent before the God in heaven and the Eerkodeshoi
 and when he was dead the Merari brought word to Joseph
 and he returned with the *little feet* into the land of Israel

³⁰⁵See Strong's #2264 and #1491 in the Greek dictionary.

³⁰⁶See "Aid to Bible Understanding" by Watchtower, p. 757 under heading "His Sickness and Death")

and once again took up his life among the settlements of Nazareth³⁰⁷
and Regel was heard to sing songs of *little feet*

28 Now it was during these times
that the Merari presided over the Council of the Community³⁰⁸
in all the land of Israel³⁰⁹
and they were exceeding diligent in all their judgments
and in considering carefully each one who would come
to enter into the Covenant of the Community

29 And in Israel it was only the male children of the rich and powerful
who received formal learning in education
with regards to reading and writing
and stone tablets had ceased in Israel with the passing of Moses
but within the Community of the Church the Heavenly Tablets
were used for instruction since the days of Goker Harim I
and the Church greatly encouraged all the people
that they should be learned
insomuch that everyone male and female could have the advantage
in their visions
and in their virtue
and in their pursuit of holiness
that they might come to understanding
and thereby better keep the Law
and they all were taught a knowledge of the truth
and an understanding of His council³¹⁰

³⁰⁷See Dupont-Sommer, op cit. P. 156-159, for regulations that these various settlements followed.

³⁰⁸See Dupont-Sommer op. cit. P. 86, lines 12-14 and p. 107, lines 26-27 and col. II, for mention of the Council of the Community.

³⁰⁹This according to the Temple Scroll instructions.

³¹⁰Community Rule required education for all children and youth. See Dupont-Sommer, op cit. P. 105, line 7 and 8 and also see footnote 3.

- 30 And it came to pass
that young Messiah began his learning under the hand of his parents
until the age of seven
and they taught Him as any parents would
who have sons and daughters in the class for children
- 31 And it came to pass
that when Messiah was about to pass out of the class for children
into the youth class
which was from eight to eighteen years of age³¹¹
the Men of Renown selected learned men
who would instruct Messiah and His companions
and it was determined that they each in their turn would instruct Him
during these ten years
and these men all felt the importance of the honor
that was entrusted into their hands
in instructing the Messiah of Israel in the Religion of Shabuot
and they made their plans and prepared themselves with all diligence
- 32 And it came to pass
that one day as these things were getting underway
and Messiah and His mother were passing by the way
they heard the shouts of a multitude
and little Messiah broke away from the side of His mother
and ran into the midst of the multitude to discover the cause of the shouts
and when His mother came upon Him
He was witnessing the stoning of a woman
and He heard a man say
This is for the Law which says
when he threw his stone
and the bruised and broken body of the woman lay upon the ground
and he viewed her as her groanings had ceased
and Mary taking Him by the hand
hastened Him away from the place

³¹¹The name of this classification varies somewhat from the Dead Sea Scrolls.

33 And Messiah was greatly moved
and when they reached their home He asked His mother
Mother
By what law did they do thus unto the woman
and she said
They have many laws by which they accomplish such things
against the lives of people
But I know not which of the Laws of Aaron they used
to justify that which you witnessed this day
and she comforted Him
and He said
Mother
What was her sin
and she shrank back from disclosing unto Him
the manner of fornication in Israel
and from that day on the lad became intent on learning the Law of Aaron
which thing was not the custom of the people of the Church
and he became determined to know of the sins of men
at first his instructors supposed Him to be distracted
by His witnessing the stoning
but a year went by in this way
and he was not satisfied to learn of Shabuot

34 And it came to pass that He went across the way one day
and there He encountered a man who dwelt nearby
and He inquired of him concerning the Law of Aaron
and the man lent him some writings which contained the Law of Aaron
and he brought them home
and he desired of his instructor that he might study them
and the instructor was horrified
and he inquired of the Elders of Nazareth in Chinnereth
as to how he should proceed
and he informed them of the firm determination of Messiah
to study the Law of Aaron
and it was decided that Messiah should be separated out
from the rest of his class for a time
inasmuch as the parents of the other children
did not want their children to learn such things
and the man began to instruct Messiah in the Law of Aaron

- 35 And the Men of Renown were notified in Secacah
that Messiah was being instructed in the Law of Aaron
and Zabdee said
Better that we should teach Him than the priests of the temple
humor Him awhile and the thing will pass
but Messiah could think of nothing else
but to learn of the Law of Aaron and of the sins of the people
and His instructor stumbled in his attempt
for he had never been taught in the Law of Aaron
and in the diligence of his preparation he had thought
only to shield Messiah from such things
and it came to pass that Messiah continually wanted to know more of the sins
and corruptions of the people
and He asked to visit prisoners to inquire of them concerning their sins
and He would ask often to visit the temple when they were in Jerusalem
so He could view the sins of the place
and his mother forbid Him
- 36 But He persisted until one day Joseph took Him to the temple³¹²
and it was toward the end of His ninth year
and there He spoke with the money changers
and the merchants of the offerings
and He asked them questions to see if He could discover their sins
and He openly inquired of the scribes concerning their sins
and they were irritated at Him
and He remained all that day watching the priests of the temple
and asking questions of His father
- 37 Now it was the custom
among those who practiced the temple religion under the Law of Aaron
that they would gather on their Sabbath in reading houses
to read from their writings
and Messiah was determined to go there to discover the sins of the people
and it was not according to the Law of the Community Rule

³¹²It was apparently acceptable for a man of the church to go into the temple.

that a person of the Church should do so³¹³
but He persisted in His questioning
until His mother took Him there on one of their Sabbaths³¹⁴
and He listened intently
and when they left
He asked His mother concerning all the sins of the people

38 And it came to pass
that the thing became of concern unto His parents
and those in His settlement
for the people of the Church were of a mind to shield Him from such things
so that He could be holy and unspotted by association
with the things of the world

39 Then one day in His tenth year
Mary found Him talking with a merchant in the street
concerning harlots in the regions of the Gentiles
and His mother snatched Him away from the man
and His parents began to be alarmed
and they requested the assistance of Zabdee in Secacah
and the second to the High Priest³¹⁵ was sent unto Nazareth in Chinnereth
but before he arrived the news was heard by Mary
that the warriors of the Kittim were bringing one bound
along through the streets
and all the mothers made haste to gather up their children out of their sight
and when Mary sought Messiah
He could not be found
and her neighbor said
He is upon my housetop for to see the Kittim with their prisoner

³¹³See Dupont-Sommer, op. cit. p 95, 96, lines 17-21 and p. 153, lines 14-17.

³¹⁴See Dupont-Sommer, op. cit p. 153, lines 14-17. Men were not allowed to go to the worships of other religions but apparently it was acceptable for women.

³¹⁵Dupont-Sommer, p. 172, col. II, Line I.

And He seeks occasion to speak with them
and Mary ran across the way and got herself upon the housetop
and there she found Him viewing the Kittim as they passed by beneath them

40 And when they were gone she scolded Him
and said

My Son restrain yourself and only learn of the sins of Israel
and as they were passing on the stairway to enter the house below

He was weeping and turned to His mother
and said

But mother

If I learn only of the sins of Israel

Who will learn of the sins of all the people of the nations

for my Father in heaven

and His mother embraced Him and wept

and a foreboding entered into her heart

and she thought

Is it fair that my child should be burdened with the sins of all people

Are not the sins of Israel sufficient

at that moment the second to the High Priest arrived from Secacah

and Joseph told him concerning the merchant in the street

and Mary told him concerning Messiah upon the house top

and she rehearsed unto him the words of Messiah upon the staircase

and after he had been informed concerning all these things

he returned unto Secacah

and many there considered these things with alarm

41 And it came to pass that Zabdee inquired of the Lord by Urim
and the Lord spoke to him and told him that in these things be comforted
for Messiah will not go astray to follow after the Law of Aaron
nor after sin
but His Father in heaven was declaring great things unto Him
in His heart

42 And the people of the Church were chastened
for even in the midst of the Church
and with the continual prayers of the Men of Renown
Messiah as a child was alone in His pursuit to fulfill
the will of His Father

- 43 And immediately they all repented before the Lord
and a search was made to find one among the people of the Church
who was learned in the knowledge of the Law of Aaron
and they discovered a man in Jerusalem
who had been a temple priest when he was young
and he had departed away from them and entered into the Covenant
and he had been numbered among the Men of Renown for many years
but at this time he was too old to join in their doings³¹⁶
and his name was Latashah
which means *one who instructs*³¹⁷
and this old man had much knowledge of the Law of Aaron
and of all the sins of Israel
and the woman
who carried the purse in Nazareth of Jerusalem
purchased for Latashah all the writings of the temple religion
that spoke of these things
and she was ashamed in her heart that the substance of wealth
from the storehouse of the Lord
should be given for such things
but she was informed that it was thus decreed by Urim in Secacah
and she was comforted
- 44 And it came to pass that Messiah at this time was ten years old
and for the next four years He was instructed by Latashah
in the Law of Aaron and in all the strayings in Israel
and He and Latashah became fast friends
and he abode near Joseph all the remainder of his days
and Messiah called him master
- 45 Now all these four years were spent in Jerusalem
for the Men of Renown had determined in their repentance
that the family of Joseph should dwell there
for the completion of the learning by Messiah in the temple religion

³¹⁶See Dupont-Sommer, op.cit. P. 106, line 19 for age limit on the Men of Renown.

³¹⁷Strong's #3913.

- 46 And there were prisoners there and Messiah visited them
for He would accompany Joseph when he went to purchase flour
for their bread
and prisoners labored for the high priest of the temple
grinding flour in the mills
and they were chained to the rods of the millstones
when it was time to rest their keeper would remove them
and allow them to sit by a basin of water and eat
- 47 Now the young keeper was called Obed by the children of Israel³¹⁸
and he became accustomed to Joseph and Messiah
coming to visit the prisoners
and they would give them to eat of their fig cakes
and butter
and honey
- 48 And Messiah inquired of them concerning their sins
one had stolen the cow of his neighbor which was reserved for the temple
and he had stolen things many times before
and one had spat
and the wind had carried it upon the garment of the high priest
as he was passing by
and the duration of his time to serve was one year
and he was young
and his name was called Eleazar³¹⁹
and Messiah loved him and prayed for him
and theirs was the bond of friendship
- 49 Now it came to pass that when these studies were completed
His family returned unto Chinnereth
and in those days Semihazah came hard against Joseph
and those with influence in Chinnereth falsely accused him

³¹⁸ Obed, means “to enslave” or “hold in bondage.” See Strong’s # 5654, #5647.

³¹⁹ “Lazarus” in Greek means “one who is helped by God”, see Strong’s Greek # 2976 and Hebrew # 499.

when a portion of a house fell down
and they said it was poor workmanship
that had caused a man the grief of loss
and the men of the Church gave of their substance and their labor
to remedy it for him
but Joseph knew it was Semihazah

50 At this time Mary had six children
and when Joseph had determined that his family was secure
and provided for in Community
he went unto Secacah to serve with the Men of Renown
and to gain strength for the tasks of his life
and in this way the efforts of Semihazah were turned away from his family

51 And the desire of Messiah in His youth to know about sin did not abate
and they taught Him concerning all things
starting with His grandfather Israel
when he established Jeshurun for his people
and commencing down even unto His own time
and they taught Him concerning all the Decadarchoi and their pollutions

52 And it came to pass
that when He was twelve years old He went unto the temple
without the knowledge of His parents when His family was in Jerusalem
and there the men of the place who were very learned
sat about in a public place to seek occasion before all the people
to expound upon their much knowledge
and the people would ask them questions
and they would display their learning with great swellings

53 And on this day they found Messiah before them
and they knew He was of the private sect of the Nazarenes
by His manner and dress
and He began to question them
and they were astonished at Him for He knew of their law
and Messiah was inquiring of them concerning their strayings
and He would cite their law unto them
and ask them why they did not do according to the manner
that it was prescribed in their law

and many of them could not answer Him a word
and they all were much embarrassed before one another because of Him

54 And it came to pass that the next day was a public day
and the men were again assembled
to hear the inquires of the people concerning important matters
but Messiah was again before them
as He had passed the night in the temple
and they were discussing who among them should answer His questions
for a crowd had gathered
and they shrunk back from answering Him before the multitude
and when they were about to despair for who should answer Him
His mother came and got Him
and took Him out of their midst

55 And it came to pass that when He was fourteen
and for the next two years
He learned about the sins of the Kittim
and all the wickedness of the people of the far country

56 And in those days Joseph had a brother in the city of Joppa
which was beside the Great Sea
and there were many merchants and much traffic from the nations
and the brother of Joseph
labored among those who tended the loading of ships
and there were many people of the nations there
and many languages were spoken
and Messiah lived with His uncle for a season in Nazareth of Joppa
and while He was there His eyes beheld the wonders of the world
and the sins of the nations
and His understanding increased before His Father in heaven

57 Now in Jerusalem
the people of the Church could not renew Shabuot year by year
as the people of the temple religion did not keep the same Sabbath day
and the sounding of the Trump of Summons

when it was not their Sabbath³²⁰
would cause a great uproar
so they were obliged to renew Shabuot in Secacah
and also in other various places in Israel
where the people were familiar with the people of the Church
and would accept the sounding of the trump
when it was not their Sabbath Day

58 And in the sixteenth year of Messiah

He heard for the first time on Sabbath morning at sunrise
the sounding of the Trump of Summons for Shabuot
and Messiah was much moved upon at the sound of it
and it pierced Him to His very center
and He cried out and hastened Himself to see
and the thing so moved Him that the elders of the place
when they heard of it
they sent for the Men of Renown in that place
and it was decided that He should go in the company of His fellows
who were His youthful companions
and they should go unto Secacah for the duration of the weeks of Shabuot
and the Men of Renown there could teach Him
and He could learn from Zabdee all things concerning Shabuot

59 And word was sent ahead

that Messiah was coming to Secacah for the renewing of Shabuot
and the men of the place made haste to purify themselves
and set all things in order
and there for the rest of the seven weeks Messiah and all His troop
were instructed in the matters of Shabuot
and they commenced with the War in Heaven
and expounded unto them all things
and the men opened up unto them a knowledge of the City of Enoch
and they rehearsed the establishment of Shabuot
and all the history of that religion with Shem and Sedeqetelebab
and every Sabbath morning

³²⁰ See Dupont-Sommer, op.cit. P.182 for example of the various sounding of the Trump.

Messiah would accompany the trumpeteers at sunrise
and thus the seven weeks passed

60 Now all this time

the men of the place were careful to ascribe Shabuot unto the Son of God
and they durst not mention the Messiah of Israel
and they rehearsed the Covenant of Shem by saying
the Son of God should be in and through all things
and that all the Eerkodeshoi should obey the Son of God
and they chose their words carefully
so as not to burden Him with their expectations of Him
and He observed the renewal of the Covenant of Shabuot
as one of the faces in the multitude who witnessed it
and He watched the dancers of the song of Eve and the blessing of the altar
and His heart was moved
and Zabdee was constrained to alter the words of his proclamation
as a High Priest of the Covenant
to not say the word Messiah
but say the Son of God

61 And after Messiah witnessed all these things and it was over
and they were in the midst of the feast

Messiah said to Zabdee

I go a-walking
and He left alone

and Zabdee seeing Him going off alone

sent two young Men of Renown to follow after Him at a distance
and keep Him in sight
and thus watch for His welfare

62 Now neither Messiah nor the men who followed Him took provisions
and Messiah took His journey with rapid pace for three days
and went beyond Engedi unto the wilderness of Pisgah
and there in a large cleavage in the earth

He dwelt for the space of ten days
while He fasted
and prayed

and pondered all He had beheld in Shabuot
and there was a spring of water down the way

that ran on the way toward the Salt Sea
but it dried up in the sand
and there He would go for water each day
and on the tenth day He came early to water
and found the two men who were sent to watch after His care
and He said to them in surprise
What brings you brethren hither
and they answered
We were sent to watch out for your welfare
And we intended to stay at a distance to not disturb you
But you came upon us here at water
and the Lord said
How do you fare
and they answered
We have had no food now for these thirteen days
But water only
and He gave them bread to eat
and they knew not from whence it came

63 And it came to pass that they returned unto Secacah
the Lord having compassion on them for their fasting
and when they were returned a meal was prepared
and after they bathed they sat down to eat
and Messiah sat by Zabdee
and in the midst of the meal He leaned over to Zabdee and looked upon him
and He said
Master who is the God of Shabuot
and Zabdee was filled with the Holy Ghost and could hardly speak
and he replied
The Messiah of Israel
and Messiah answered him not a word
but when He returned home
His parents declared that He had left a boy and returned a man

64 And thereafter He became serious and sober of mind
and He plunged into His studies of the Religion of Shabuot
with great interest and diligence
and for the next four years He visited many of the settlements of Nazareth

and He spoke with them
and He ate with them³²¹

65 Thus He spent the next twelve years
being active in His studies and ministry in the Church³²²
and after He entered into the Covenant of the Community at age twenty
He did His part and performed ministry in the Church
for He loved to teach those who were preparing to take the Covenant
and those who sought the way to learn the joys of repentance

66 And it came to pass that on His twentieth year
He and John
and a band of youth with whom He was raised
came to Secacah to enter into the Covenant³²³
and these were happy times for Messiah and the people of the Church

67 Now it was in Secacah year by year at Ingathering
that any who would enter into the Covenant must come³²⁴
and Secacah was set aside as the only place in Israel
where a person could enter into the Covenant

68 And in this way every person in the Church
had visited Secacah at least one time in their lives
and the ceremony was performed each year
on the last Sabbath of Ingathering
and all who wished to take the Covenant
must come before the Council of the Community
in full assembly in Secacah to gain permission to enter into the Covenant

³²¹Dupont-Sommer, p.108, line 17-22.

³²²From age 16-28.

³²³See Dupont-Sommer, op.cit. P. 105, line 8 for the age of twenty to take the Covenant.

³²⁴For ceremony of entering the Covenant, see Dupont-Sommer, p.74.

- 69 And all the people knew Messiah was come with His fellows
and one was heard to jest with another and say
 Should we approve Messiah to enter into the Covenant
and the other replied
 If He is not suited then there is not a man in Israel
 who has entered it worthily
and every man realized that the Messiah of Israel had come
for to enter into the Covenant of the Community
and they all were diligent before the Lord
when it came His time to stand in the line of inscription³²⁵
 He chose to go last behind all the others
- 70 Now it was past the season of rain
 but clouds had gathered that morning
and Zabdee and all those who were assembled beheld Him
 as a lock of His hair was cut
 in preparation for Him to stand alone before the altar
and it was the first of His hair to be cut in His lifetime
 even as it was for all those raised up within the Church
and they all bore record that He stood forth
and witnessed before His Father in heaven
 that He would love Him with all His heart
 might
 mind
 and strength
and He would love Him utterly
and do all things according to His word to Him
and He would do all things that the Father revealed to Him
 according to the desires of His heart
- 71 When He placed His hair upon the coals of the altar
 and as the smoke ascended
lightning split the sky from west to east
 and the thunder shook the earth

³²⁵In the Dead Sea Scrolls there is what is known as “the Order of Inscription” in the Community Rule. See Dupont-Sommer, p. 84, line 23.

and the song Israel sang unto His rock of witness³²⁶
was heard to come from above and beneath
and it filled the ears of all who were present
and some even said who were traveling in the way
that it was heard resounding in the cliffs in the wilderness

72 And the Lord had His sleeves rolled up
as He had been helping in the task of the morning meal
and He had forgotten to roll them down for the ceremony
now each one who attended was very desirous to be proper
for the seriousness of the ceremony
and Mary His mother who looked on
was embarrassed that His sleeves were rolled up

73 At the time Messiah had finished
and the thunder had sounded
Zabdee stood to make his declaration
and to read from the sacred writings
for it was according to their custom
that the High Priest who is inscribed first should speak
after the last one had entered into the Covenant

74 And he chose to read in Isaiah where it said
Who hath believed our report
and to whom is the Arm of the Lord revealed
For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant
and as a root out of a dry ground
He hath no form nor comeliness
And when we shall see Him
there is no beauty that we should desire Him
He is despised and rejected of men
A man of sorrows
and acquainted with grief
and we hid as it were our faces from Him
He was despised
and we esteemed Him not

³²⁶Charlesworth, vol. 2, p. 408 lines 16-20.

Surely He hath borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows
Yet we did esteem Him stricken
smitten of God
and afflicted
But He was wounded for our transgressions
He was bruised for our iniquities
The chastisement of our peace was upon Him
and with his stripes are we healed
All like sheep have gone astray
we have turned every one to his own way
and the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all
He was oppressed
and He was afflicted
yet He opened not his mouth
He is brought as a Lamb to the slaughter
and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb
so He openeth not His mouth
He was taken from prison
and from judgment
and who shall declare His generation
For He was cut off out of the land of the living
for the transgression of My people was He stricken
And He made His grave with the wicked
and with the rich in His death
Because He had done no violence
neither was any deceit in His mouth
yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him
He hath put Him to grief
when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin
He shall see His seed
He shall prolong His days
and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand
He shall see the travail of His soul
and shall be satisfied
By His knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many
for He shall bear their iniquities
Thereafter will I divide Him a portion with the great
and He shall divide the spoil with the strong

Because He hath poured out His soul unto death
and He was numbered with the transgressors
And He bore the sin of many
and made intercession for the transgressors³²⁷

75 And it came to pass
that for those who had ears to hear it could be known
that the Arm of the Lord was in that very day
being made bare before their eyes

76 And Zabdee in this manner
and in his wisdom
sought to prepare the Church
for the task that lay ahead for Messiah and the Church
for many had become complacent
and had begun to expect the ministry of Messiah
would be theirs all His days
and perhaps He should die of old age
the Church having had Him to themselves all His days

77 Thus Zabdee troubled the waters
and called the Church and those on Watch to all diligence
for the Church had called forth the Arm of the Lord
and He was now in their midst
and they all would be subject to the joys and the sorrows of His task
and the people of the Church were shown plainly
the difficulty of the task that lay before their Messiah

78 And it came to pass
that the men on Watch began to gird themselves with righteousness
and they sought stones in the wilderness³²⁸
and Achee greatly marveled
that Zabdee should so plainly unfold by the words of prophesy
the task of Messiah before the eyes of the people

³²⁷ Isaiah, Chapter 53, KJV

³²⁸ See footnote Chapter 10, verse 21.

and all the multitude of the Church began to wait and wonder
as to how all these things might be brought about

79 And it came to pass that in the eight years that followed
Messiah ministered before the face of the Church
as any Man of Renown would
and He preferred to teach those who were preparing to enter into the Covenant
and He healed many by purifications
and in those days Messiah and John dwelt in Secacah
and He would only purify in the pool of Eden³²⁹

80 Now the pool of Eden where the lustral water first entered Secacah
was considered the pool of novices
and when they asked Him why He would not purify in the other pools
He replied that His tasks in those dispensations
would come soon enough
and He desired to rest in the waters of Eden

81 And it came to pass
that His wisdom was great in the eyes of the Church
for He taught and acted with all diligence and care
and in those days
many among the Merari were relieved to see Him firmly in the Covenant and safe
within its confines

82 One day Zabdee approached a group of people
who were discussing the doings of Messiah
and some said He should have learned about Shabuot in His childhood
and about sin as a man
and Zabdee spoke unto them and said
Herein lies the great wisdom and mercy of God
For Messiah learned of the sins of men
when His heart was tender with years
And He beheld with the eyes of a child
For this reason He shall always look upon those who suffer with their sins

³²⁹ See map of Secacah in Appendix. Also called “the pool of Solomon” in the Copper Scroll.

with the tenderness of a little child
 And His compassion
 shall engulf even those who have corrupted their own way
 with false religions and the lust for power
 And the innocence of His charity
 shall exceed all bounds before the eyes of the wicked
 And all men among the wicked
 even kings and rulers shall say
 Alas
 We see no cunning nor malice in him
 And His innocence shall be before even the eyes of His enemies
 And when they do whatsoever they will unto Him
 they are compelled to say
 they unjustly accused one who was without guile
 And His childlike innocence in the face of sin and wickedness
 is that which will empower Him with great power
 Even insomuch that except for the wicked of the temple
 He may turn the whole face of Israel unto their God

83 And it came to pass
 that the years passed by with Him ministering before the Church
 until His twenty-eighth year
 and His ministry could have endured in this manner amidst the Church
 for many years
 but in His twenty-seventh year the conditions set forth in the Law of the King
 that would indicate that it was time for Him to act
 began to manifest themselves³³⁰
 and the Church was faced with a time of decision
 for it could be discerned that the mood of all the people in Israel
 was to search to find the means to return unto the Lord
 and to achieve holiness of heart
 and this was not the condition a few years before Messiah
 nor would it be just a few years after

84 So Zabdee saw that it was time to act
 according to the word of the Lord in the Law of the King

³³⁰Vermes Complete Dead Sea Scrolls in English, p. 214, LIX:1-14.

and these conditions that called for the public ministry of Messiah
were brought on by the oppressions of the Kittim
and the blatant wickedness of those held in esteem by the temple religion
but the high priest in Jerusalem and all his band
were not aware of this change in the hearts of the people
and they sought only to preserve their positions of esteem
and their ability to get gain
and they supposed in their hearts that they would bide their time
until they could throw off the yoke of their oppressors

85 And thus was the way prepared
that Messiah would be a dire threat unto them
for He had the ministry and the opportunity
to answer the needs of a people searching for purity
and should Messiah teach them the way of repentance
and persuade them to love the God of Israel
and embrace all things pure and holy
those in power over them would lose their great positions
and be compelled to change their religion
and the traditions of their fathers
and to labor for their own support
and be humble before all men

86 But Semihazah did not shirk back in the face of it
and he put it into the heart of the high priest of the temple
who was called Caiaphas
whose name means *to be depressed*³³¹
that he should begin to teach and to declare that their Law of Aaron
was indeed their nation and the vision of Israel
and if the people should be persuaded to follow after the love of repentance
and abandon their law
they would lose their nation
and their place as a people to dwell upon the earth

87 Now it came to pass that in the twenty-eighth year of Messiah
Zabdee called for a council in grand assembly

³³¹ Aid to Bible Understanding, p.274.

where the councils of the communities in all of Israel
should be assembled in Secacah
to determine how Messiah should proceed

88 And Joseph began to be old
and at the time of this assembly he was ill
and requested that he be carried unto Secacah to be present for this decision
and there after all things were accomplished in their decision
he died being seventy-five years old
and he was buried in Secacah
and here was the great man
whose marriage had been the element of righteousness
to join the Messiah with all the Eerkodeshoi
and he passed on unto his Maker

89 And it came to pass that John began his ministry at that time
but Messiah remained at Secacah
and He was diligent to keep the Law before His Father in heaven

90 Now there were times
that Messiah would grow weary of the close walls in Secacah
and He would long to be out among his beloved Eerkodeshoi
and He would slip away alone to the alarm of many
and He went beyond Jordan unto the regions of Jabboc
and He prayed in the cave of Elijah and Goker Harim I
and He visited the clay yard of Achab
and discovered the hill where the records were hidden
in the cavity of the rock
and He communed with all the Eerkodeshoi
and they loved each other with a great love

91 And in this manner Messiah would slip out alone
and be gone for many days alone with His beloved Eerkodeshoi
and those charged with His care
were obliged to leave Him in the hands of God
and the Eerkodeshoi taught Him the use of the element of righteousness

92 Now all the people of the Church carried upon their person
the element of righteousness

and when they traveled they carried it
and it was exceeding holy and delightful to all those who loved repentance

93 At first Messiah carried His sacred element upon Him as He traveled
but in these two years that preceded His public ministry
that He largely spent among the Eerkodeshoi
He found that they loved Him so much
and had such a great bond unto Him
that when He needed the element of righteousness
it would come unto Him wherever He was
and if He needed the colored dust of the earth for paint
it would be there for Him
or if He needed the feathers of birds
or plants³³²
or stones
or fish
it would be there for Him according to His needs
and all the Eerkodeshoi would be joined with Him
every moment of His days
and they would nourish Him
and love Him
and speak to Him
and He always knew what the rocks
and wind
and hills were thinking
and they interpreted each present moment for Him
and in this way guided Him in a very beneficial way
and there were many times that they nourished Him and fed Him
much like Adam and Eve were fed in the Garden of Eden
even insomuch that He was heard to say
I have meat and drink that you know not of

³³²See Leviticus 14:4-7, KJV, for an example of birds and plants being used as element of righteousness.