





Mikvah (מקווה) Revisited



Mikvah

Most forms of ritual impurity can be purified through immersion in any natural collection of water. This requires "living or running water", such as springs or groundwater wells.



Mikvah

Living water has the further advantage of being able to purify even while flowing, as opposed to rainwater which must be stationary in order to purify. The *mikveh* is designed to simplify this requirement, by providing a facility that remains in contact with a natural source of water.



Mikvah

“The Greek word for baptism is baptizo meaning to immerse or dip a cloth into a vat of dye. The word is derived from an industry of dyeing cloth in Lebanon. The vats used to hold the different colors of dye, and the process of placing the cloth into the vats was called baptizo.



Mikvah

The ritual purity process of immersion, in the Torah and time of Yahshua, was known as Mikvah.



Mikvah

The Hebrew word for immersion is tevilah and means literally immersing in a ritual bath known as a mikvah



Mikvah

Immersion is the act of washing, performed to correct a condition of ritual impurity and restore the impure to a state of ritual purity. It is never for the purpose of cleaning or bathing the body.



Mikvah

The mikvah was of great importance to the first century Jew. It was understood that if a community or village had only enough money for a synagogue or a mikvah, the mikvah would be built first.



Mikvah

The Torah speaks of numerous things that make a person Tomeh (ritually unclean), and a number of processes of purification. The one act required in all purification processes was immersion in the mikvah.



Mikvah

Life for the average Jew, in the average village, depended on access to the mikvah. A man from the tribe of Levi, a son of Aaron could not assume his office as priest until he had gone through a mikvah.



Mikvah

Before a person could be tahor (ritually clean) to enter the grounds of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, he must be immersed in the mikvah.



Mikvah

The severest punishment was imposed on a person for entering the Temple area in the state of tomeah (ritual impurity).



Mikvah

A woman in her monthly cycle was required to wear special clothing so all would know that she was in a state of niddah (ritually unclean due to monthly cycle). She would not be tahor (ritually clean) until after entering the mikvah.



Mikvah

Immersion in a mikvah is an integral part of conversion to Judaism. Without immersion conversion is not valid. There are many more times an immersion in a mikvah is customary.



Mikvah

**The Mikvah is a ritual bath,
the Hebrew word mikvah
means a "pool" or
"gathering" of water.**



Mikvah

Leviticus 11:36

36" Only a spring and a pit, a gathering (Mikvah) of water, shall be clean..."



Was Yahshua Baptized Or Mikvah?

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Baptism (mikvah) is done by complete immersion in water only. This is the only method found in the Bible, and therefore is the only legitimate one with God. The first proof is that people were traveling to bodies of water to be baptized.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Now if they were baptizing by sprinkling or pouring water on them, why would then have been traveling to bodies of water when they could have just used some water from their well or cistern? Because it was a mikvah, not a baptism.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Baptism was not a religious rite in the Old Testament or the Gospels – one was Mikvah

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Yohannan Ben Zechariah was performing the mikvah in the Jordan River:

Matthew 3:6

⁶And were baptized (*mikvah*) of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Mark 1:5

⁵And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized (*mikvah*) of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

**Yahshua was mikvah in the
Jordan River by Yohannan Ben
Zechariah**

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

(Mark 1:9)

⁹At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized (*mikvah*) by John in the Jordan.



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Yahshua's mikvah was by immersion



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Matthew 3:16

¹⁶“he went up straightway out of the water”.

Yahshua had been under the water.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Another reason why immersion is the only valid method is because it is the only one that portrays the death and resurrection of our Yahshua. The submersion under the water symbolizes both death and burial.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Romans 6:4

4“Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (*mikvah*) into death...”



Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Nothing about sprinkling or pouring symbolizes death. Immersion also is the only one that portrays a resurrection from the dead. Just as Yahshua rose from the dead, you rise out of the water.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Colossians 2:12

¹²“Buried with him in baptism (*mikvah*), wherein also ye are risen with [him] through the faith of the operation of Yahovah, who hath raised him from the dead”.

The background is a collage of several images showing archaeological excavations of stone structures, likely mikvahs. The images are semi-transparent and arranged in a grid-like fashion. The text is overlaid on top of these images.

Was Yahshua Baptized or Mikvah?

Immersion is the only acceptable method of Mikvah because it is the only one used in the Bible, and it is the only one that symbolizes Yahshua's death and resurrection



Six Reasons For Mikvah



Six Reasons For Mikvah

**Purification
Repentance
Identification
Spirit
Fire
Suffering**

Six Reasons - Purification

Purification

**You are contaminated by the world
and the mikvah will wash away the
uncleanliness and leave it behind
you**

Six Reasons- Purification

Acts 21:26

²⁶The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

Six Reasons- Purification

John 11:55

55 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover.

Six Reasons- Purification

You would go to the Temple with your sin offering (a sacrificial animal) – disrobe – enter the mikvah pool, totally immerse yourself – allow the moving water to wash over you removing any uncleanness allowing it to wash away with the water, never to come back.

That's your past, it is over. The uncleanness is gone.

Six Reasons- Repentance



Repentance

Your past sins are separated from you by the mikvah. This provides redemption from your past.

Six Reasons- Repentance

Matthew 3:11

11 I indeed baptize (*mikvah*) you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize (*mikvah*) you with the Holy Spirit, and with fire.

Six Reasons- Repentance

Luke 3:3

³ And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance for the remission of sins;

Six Reasons- Repentance

Mark 1:4

⁴ John did baptize (*mikvah*) in the wilderness, and preach the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance for the remission of sins.

Six Reasons- Repentance

Acts 19:4-5

- 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized (*mikvah*) with the baptism (*mikvah*) of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Yahshua.**
- 5 When they heard this, they were baptized (*mikvah*) in the name of Yahshua.**



Six Reasons - Identification

Identification

**Identifying with Messiah
through His act of burial and
resurrection into a new life.**

Six Reasons - Identification

Acts 2:38

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized (*mikvah*) every one of you in the name of Yahshua for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Six Reasons - Identification

Romans 6:3-4

³ Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized (*mikvah*) into Yahshua were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism (*mikvah*) into death: that like as Yahshua was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

Six Reasons - Identification

Galatians 3:27-29

27 For as many of you as have been baptized (*mikvah*) into Yahshua have put on Yahshua.

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Yahshua. 29 And if ye be Yahshua's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.



Six Reasons - Spirit

Spirit

**Receiving the Holy Spirit;
sealing each Believer for the
day of redemption**

Six Reasons - Spirit

Mark 1:8

**⁸ I indeed have baptized
(*mikvah*) you with water: but he
shall baptize (*mikvah*) you with
the Holy Spirit.**

Six Reasons - Spirit

John 14:26

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, 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.



Six Reasons - Spirit

Acts 11:15

¹⁵ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Six Reasons - Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Six Reasons - Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. ⁸ For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; ⁹ To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

Six Reasons - Spirit

¹⁰To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: ¹¹ But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.



Six Reasons - Fire

Fire

**Being Spirit-filled by holy fire
through His teachings, fruit-
bearing, and gifts**

Six Reasons - Fire

Acts 2:3-4

³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Six Reasons - Fire

Acts 2:17-21

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith Yahovah, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Six Reasons - Fire

19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Yahovah come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Yahovah shall be saved.



Six Reasons - Suffering

Suffering

We learn His ways by laying
down our own self-will

Six Reasons - Suffering

Romans 5:3-5

³ And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; ⁴ And patience, experience; and experience, hope: ⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of Yahovah is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us.

Six Reasons - Suffering

Romans 8:17-18

¹⁷ And if children, then heirs; heirs of Yahovah, and joint-heirs with Yahshua; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. ¹⁸ For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.



Six Reasons - Suffering

2 Timothy 3:12

**¹² Yea, and all that will live
godly in Yahshua shall
suffer persecution.**

Six Reasons

There is so much more to mikvah than that of being immersed completely into water as a new Believer through obedience. It also the immersion of teachings, the fruit-bearing and the gifts that are received from the Holy Spirit; and not to be left unmentioned, our sealing to Yahshua!



Summary

Baptism is not Mikvah



Summary

Mikvah requires "living or running water"



Summary

**Yahshua was mikvah, not
baptized.**



Summary

Raised as a Jew, Yahshua was familiar with mikvah, how it was practiced, and what it meant.

He had never heard of baptism.



Summary

There are six reasons for Mikvah:

**Purification
Repentance
Identification
Spirit
Fire
Suffering**



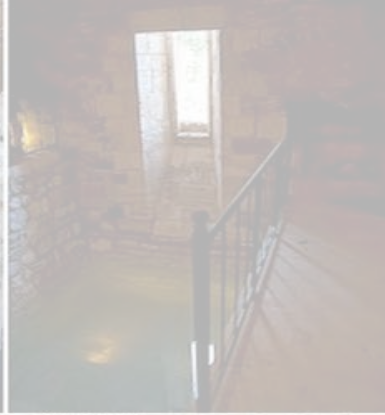
Summary

**There is so much more to
mikvah than being
immersed completely into
water**



Summary

**Prophetically, Yahshua has
Mikvah Israel and all those
who believe in Him.**



BONUS





**Tomorrow,
Messianic Delaware will
conduct it's first Mikvah**



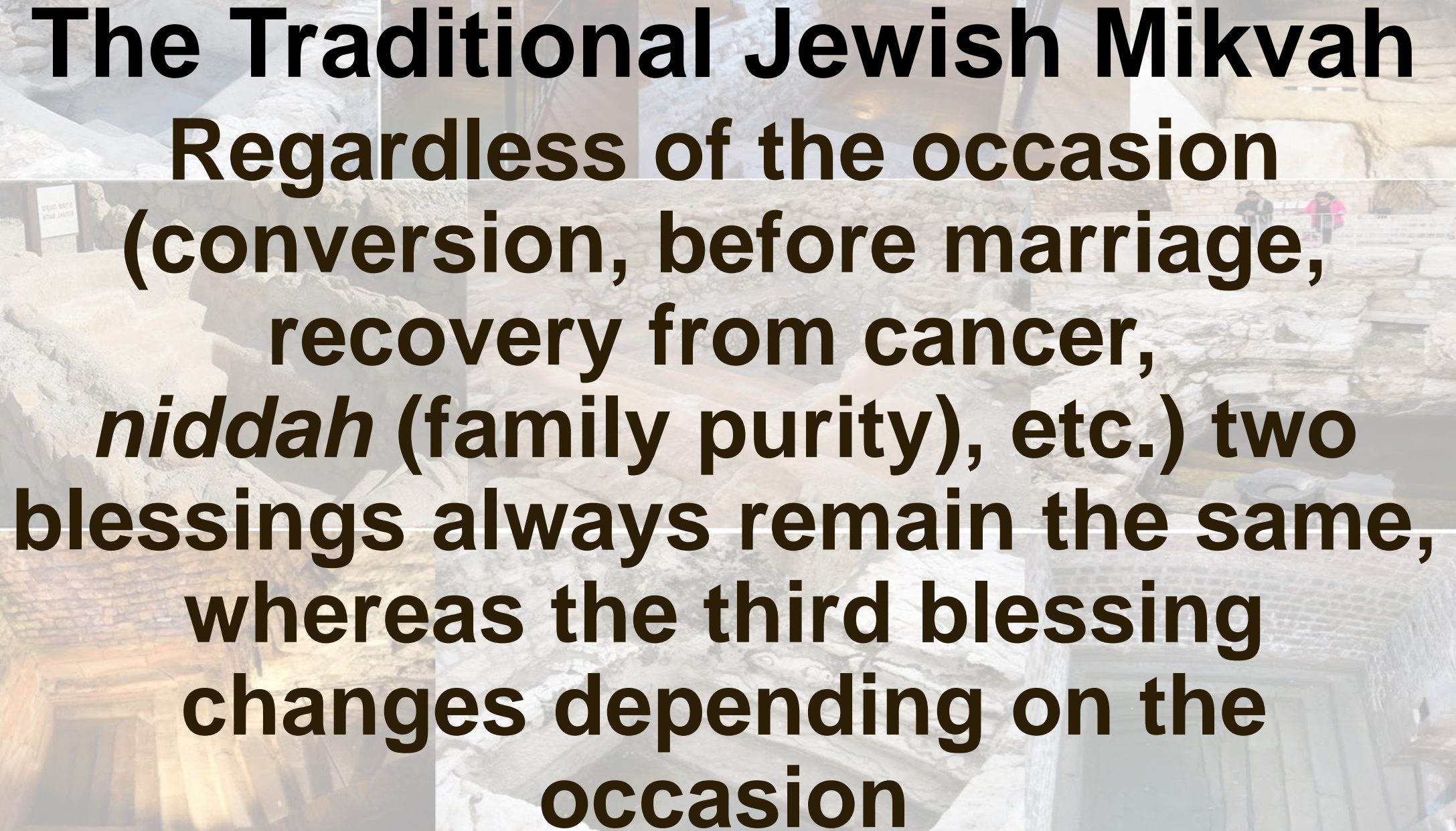
The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

**Men and women would
not Mikvah together.**



The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

When one goes to the mikvah, three blessings are said upon immersing three times.



The Traditional Jewish Mikvah
Regardless of the occasion
(conversion, before marriage,
recovery from cancer,
niddah (family purity), etc.) two
blessings always remain the same,
whereas the third blessing
changes depending on the
occasion

The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

**ENTER MIKVAH, TAKE DEEP
BREATH, IMMERSE COMPLETELY
AND REMAIN UNDER WATER FOR
A FEW MOMENTS.**

**STAND, TAKE A BREATH. AND SAY
THE BLESSING:**

The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ
בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ עַל הַטְּבִילָה

Barukh atah Adonay Eloheynu melekh ha-olam,
asher kidshanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu al ha-
t'vilah.

Blessed are you, Eternal God, ruler of the
universe, who sanctifies us
through mitzvot and has enjoined us
concerning immersion.



The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

IMMERSE A SECOND TIME!

**STAND, TAKE A BREATH,
AND SAY THE BLESSING:**

The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

שְׁהַחֲיֵנוּ וְקִיְמָנוּ, בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם
וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזֶמַן הַזֶּה

Barukh atah Adonay, Eloheynu melekh
ha-olam, shehekheyanu, v'kiy'manu,
v'higianu, la-z'man ha-zeh.

Blessed is the Eternal, the God of all creation,
who has blessed me with life, sustained me,
and enabled me to reach this moment.



The Traditional Jewish Mikvah

The third and final blessing changes depending on the occasion.

