

Psalm 22:16

Confirming the Crucifixion of Yeshua?

Part 2

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Review

- Christians believe Psalm 22 is a prophecy about Jesus' crucifixion whereas Judaism teaches that it's simply a story about David fleeing from Saul
 - The source of the Christian belief is the Septuagint
- Judaism teaches that the Christians 'tampered' with the text to derive the pierced hands and feet reading
- Judaism relies on the Masoretic Text for their belief
 - Claiming it to be the original Hebrew
 - There are no remaining copies of the original Hebrew

... as we continue

- The intent the Masoretic Text
- Recent evidence from the Dead Sea Scrolls
- Other Jewish arguments
- Either way - IT WORKS!

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^{KJV} **Isaiah 38:13** I reckoned till morning, *that, as a lion,* so will he break all my bones: from day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.

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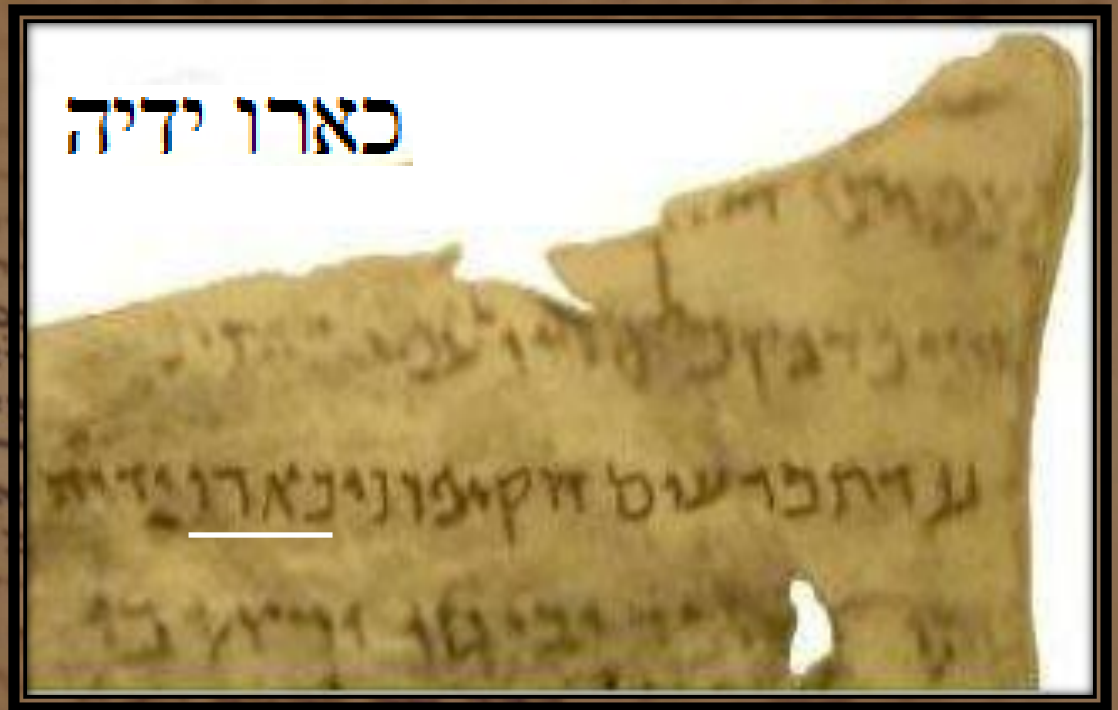
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The correct interpretation of the verse must be based on the elliptical style of this particular psalm. The text should read, in effect: “Like a lion [they are gnawing at] my hands and my feet.” Ellipsis (the omission of words) is an apt rhetorical device for a composition in which suffering and agony is described. A person in agony does not usually express his feelings in complete round sentences. Such a person is capable of exclaiming only the most critical words of his thoughts and feelings. In this case: “Like a lion . . . my hands and my feet!” Similarly, in verse 1 we find broken phrases rather than whole sentences: “Far from helping me . . . the words of my roaring.”

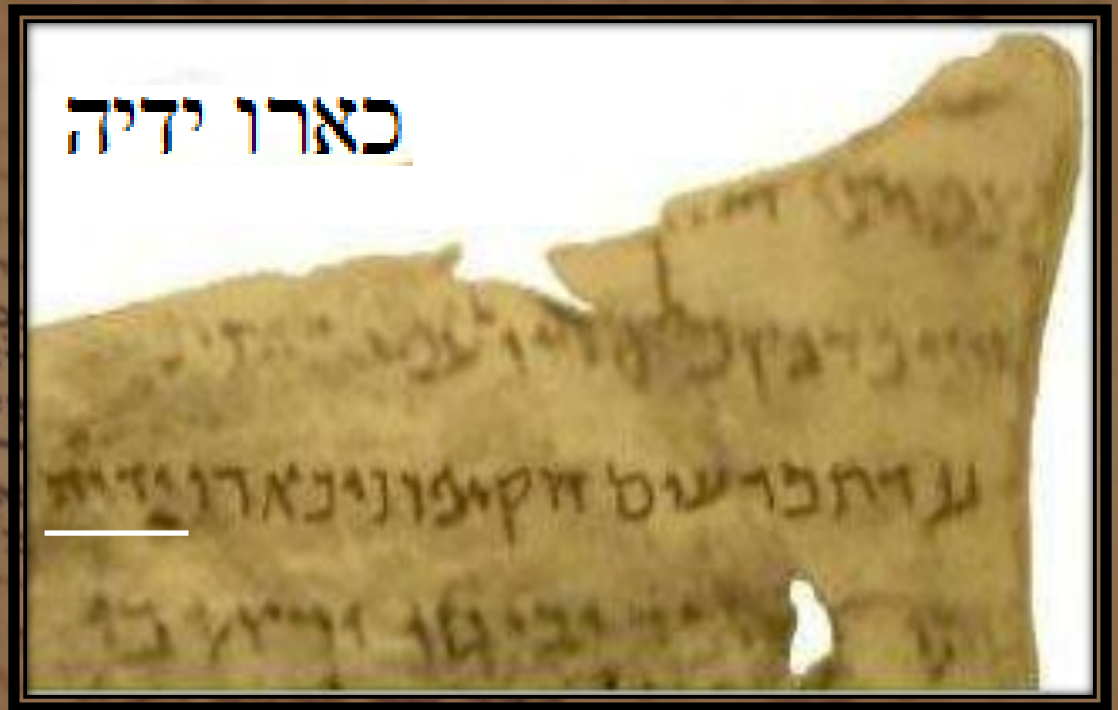
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Psalm 22:16 Not Mentioned in NT

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^{NKJ} **Zechariah 12:4 - 10** "In that day," says the LORD, "I will strike every horse with confusion, and its rider with madness; . . . And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on **Me** whom they **pierced**. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his only son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

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NKJ **John 19:30-34** ³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. ³¹ Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath . . . , the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken . . . ³² Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³ But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

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^{NKJ} **Matthew 20:17-19** ¹⁷ Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples aside on the road and said to them, ¹⁸ "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹ "and deliver Him to the Gentiles to **mock** and to **scourge** and to **crucify**. And the third day He will rise again."

See Matthew 26:2

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^{NKJ} **Mark 10:33-34** ³³ "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and deliver Him to the Gentiles; ³⁴ "and they will **mock** Him, and **scourge** Him, and **spit** on Him, and **kill** Him. And the third day He will rise again."

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^{NKJ} **Luke 18:31-33** ³¹ Then He took the twelve aside and said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of Man will be accomplished. ³² "For He will be delivered to the Gentiles and will be **mocked** and **insulted** and **spit** upon. ³³ "They will **scourge** *Him* and kill Him. And the third day He will rise again."

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^{NKJ} **Psalm 22:17** I can count all My bones. They look *and* stare at Me.

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^{NKJ} **Psalms 22:20** Deliver Me from the sword, My precious *life* from the power of the dog.

Conclusion

- Jewish claims regarding Psalm 22:16 – weak at best
 - No “original” text that verifies the reading “like a lion”
 - “like a lion” without adding a verb makes no sense
 - Jewish sources acknowledge the likelihood that the Masoretic text was tampered with
 - Discovery of actual Hebrew text that agrees with the LXX
 - A lack of reference to vs. 16 is not proof of anything
- Yeshua fulfilled the prophecy either way

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Contrary to Jewish claims . . .

**Psalm 22 in its entirety is a
Messianic Prophecy**

Conclusion

"Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

NKJ Matt 27:46

Conclusion

... "It is finished!"

NKJ John 19:30

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