

Why our Name and Logo?



Why did Jesus send the blind man to wash in the pool of Siloam so as to receive his sight? (St John's Gospel Chapter 9 Verse 1-7).

Well, the pool of Siloam was fed by a conduit made by Hezekiah, King of Judah (726-697 BC) in order to bring water into Jerusalem from outside the Holy City. These waters, called "the waters of Shiloah", ran quietly and unseen, and as such they formed a "type" of Immanuel Whose unceasing flow of love and power had been the unseen source of Israel's strength from the beginning.

But in Isaiah we read - "Inasmuch as these people refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's son; now therefore, behold, the Lord brings up over them the waters of the River, strong and mighty - the king of Assyria and all his glory; he will go up over all his channels and go over all his banks. He will pass through Judah, he will overflow and pass over, he will reach up to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings will fill the breadth of your land, O Immanuel." (Isaiah 8.6-8).

In other words, Israel, instead of trusting in Immanuel and His unseen but ever present power, preferred to trust in an alliance between their king (Pekah, son of Remaliah) and the king of Syria (Rezin).

So Jesus' act, in causing the blind man to wash in the Pool of Siloam before he could receive his sight, is not only a wonderful act of physical healing. It is also a sign to every Israelite down the ages, and especially today that, when the nation refused Hezekiah's invitation to return to the God of their fathers, they were in fact refusing Immanuel Whom Hezekiah represented and typified.

By washing in the pool of Siloam the blind man, (a "type" of Israel), signified that he no longer refused the "waters of Shiloah" which speak of Immanuel's power.

Directly he had washed there, he received physical sight. But not only so, for the veil fell from his heart and he instantly received spiritual sight too, and stood in bold defence of the One Who had healed him
- Yeshua, Jesus, the Messiah, Immanuel, "God with us".

So the "waters of Shiloah" are all about Israel's acceptance - surely now imminent - of Jesus as their Messiah.

Our hope is that the contents of our website, by God's grace, can play their small part in bringing that acceptance to pass.

