

Peter and the pattern of 3 times

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Introduction

I see a pattern of threes with Peter and his relationship with Yeshua like in Acts 10 where Peter has this famous vision. Peter, the apostle to the Jews,^A didn't understand the meaning of his vision with the picnic blanket covered with unclean things.^B You have to wonder about Peter's wisdom as he makes statements when he should be asking questions thereby acting like a debtor instead of a creditor^C.

My working thesis is that Peter symbolizes the Jews and struggles with the salvific work which is meant for the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel. I'm suggesting that Peter is like the stay at home son (unlike his prodigal brother Ephraim) and is slow to understand the salvific work being specific to the House of Israel / Ephraim.^D If you can accept my understanding of salvation and who was the target audience, you might see that Peter, by denying Yeshua three times is symbolically denying the intent and purpose of the salvation. Jews don't need to be saved, certainly not like Ephraim for the simple reason that the legal status between the two is different (radically different). Both have serious short comings before YHVH, but only one was divorced and this is an utmost serious problem. Peter, representing Judah, when denying the Messiah (i.e. his specific work) is a witness against Ephraim overcoming the Bill of Divorce.

Act 10:9-17 | Peter, after denying 3 times to eat unclean things, is confused by his vision

⁹ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour: ¹⁰ And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, ¹¹ And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: ¹² Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the

^A Gal 2:8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:)

^B As a Jew he definitely knew it was a violation of Torah not to eat these things, but, unfortunately this is a common place where Churchianity tries to argue that Jesus died so that antinomian types and eat swine's flesh guilt free. *oy vey*.

^C I've commented before on this, see The-Temple-Tax-Mat-17-24-to-27 article #[1401](#).

^D See Salvation-the-Three-Questions-of, article #[1402](#).

earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. ¹³ And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat. ¹⁴ But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean. ¹⁵ And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common. ¹⁶ This was done thrice:^E and the vessel was received up again into heaven. ¹⁷ Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

Act 10:28 ²⁸ And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Act 10:33-35

³³ Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. ³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: ³⁵ But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Peter foretold he will deny Yeshua 3 times

Mat 26:31-35	Mar 14:27-31	Luk 22:31-38	Joh 13:31-38
<p>³¹ Then said Jesus to them, All you shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.</p> <p>³² But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee.</p> <p>³³ Peter answered and said to him, Though all men</p>	<p>²⁷ And Jesus said to them, All you shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered.</p> <p>²⁸ But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee.</p> <p>²⁹ But Peter said to him, Although all shall be offended, yet will not I.</p>	<p>³¹ And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:</p> <p>³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you are converted, strengthen your brothers.</p> <p>³³ And he said to him, Lord, I am ready to go with you, both into prison, and to death.</p> <p>³⁴ And he said, I tell you, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that you shall <u>thrice deny that you know me</u>.</p> <p>³⁵ And he said to them, When I sent you without purse, and</p>	<p>³¹ Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him.</p> <p>³² If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him.</p> <p>³³ Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek me: and as I said to the Jews, Where I go, you cannot come; so now I say to you.</p> <p>³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, That you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.</p>

^E Three times Peter makes a statement (not unlike a debtor) instead of asking (like a creditor) why do you keep tempting me to do this unclean thing. Maybe if he had done that, the Lord would have told him the meaning.

<p>shall be offended because of you, yet will I never be offended.</p> <p>³⁴ Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, That this night, before the cock crow, you shall deny me thrice.</p> <p>³⁵ Peter said to him, Though I should die with you, yet will I not deny you. Likewise also said all the disciples.</p>	<p>³⁰ And Jesus said to him, Truly I say to you, That this day, even in this night, before the cock crow twice, you shall deny me thrice.</p> <p>³¹ But he spoke the more vehemently, If I should die with you, I will not deny you in any wise. Likewise also said they all.</p>	<p>money, and shoes, lacked you any thing? And they said, Nothing.</p> <p>³⁶ Then said he to them, But now, he that has a purse, let him take it, and likewise his money: and he that has no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one.</p> <p>³⁷ For I say to you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end.</p> <p>³⁸ And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said to them, It is enough.</p>	<p>³⁵ By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love one to another.</p> <p>³⁶ Simon Peter said to him, Lord, where go you? Jesus answered him, Where I go, you can not follow me now; but you shall follow me afterwards.</p> <p>³⁷ Peter said to him, Lord, why cannot I follow you now? I will lay down my life for your sake.</p> <p>³⁸ Jesus answered him, Will you lay down your life for my sake? Truly, truly, I say to you, The cock shall not crow, till you have denied me thrice.</p>
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Peter thrice denies His Lord

Mat 26:58,69-75	Mar 14:54,66-72	Luk 22:55-62	Joh 18:15-18,25-27
<p>⁵⁸ But Peter followed him afar off to the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants, to see the end.</p> <p>⁶⁹ Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came to him, saying, You also were with Jesus of Galilee.</p> <p>⁷⁰ But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what you say.</p> <p>⁷¹ And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and said to them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of</p>	<p>⁵⁴ And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed himself at the fire.</p> <p>⁶⁶ And as Peter was beneath in the palace, there comes one of the maids of the high priest:</p> <p>⁶⁷ And when she saw Peter warming himself, she looked on him, and said, And you also were with Jesus of Nazareth.</p> <p>⁶⁸ But he denied, saying, I know not, neither understand I what you say. And he went out into the porch; and the cock crew.</p> <p>⁶⁹ And a maid saw him</p>	<p>⁵⁵ And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them.</p> <p>⁵⁶ But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked on him, and said, This man was also with him.</p> <p>⁵⁷ And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not.</p> <p>⁵⁸ And after a little while another saw him, and said, You are also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not.</p> <p>⁵⁹ And about the space</p>	<p>¹⁵ And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple: that disciple was known to the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest.</p> <p>¹⁶ But Peter stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple, which was known to the high priest, and spoke to her that kept the door, and brought in Peter.</p> <p>¹⁷ Then said the damsel that kept the door to Peter, Are not you also one of this man's disciples? He said, I am not.</p> <p>¹⁸ And the servants and officers stood there, who</p>

<p>Nazareth.</p> <p>⁷² And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.</p> <p>⁷³ And after a while came to him they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely you also are one of them; for your speech denudes you.</p> <p>⁷⁴ Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew.</p> <p>⁷⁵ And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said to him, Before the cock crow, you shall deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.</p>	<p>again, and began to say to them that stood by, This is one of them.</p> <p>⁷⁰ And he denied it again. And a little after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely you are one of them: for you are a Galilaean, and your speech agrees thereto.</p> <p>⁷¹ But he began to curse and to swear, saying, I know not this man of whom you speak.</p> <p>⁷² And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said to him, Before the cock crow twice, you shall deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.</p>	<p>of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean.</p> <p>⁶⁰ And Peter said, Man, I know not what you say. And immediately, while he yet spoke, the cock crew.</p> <p>⁶¹ And the Lord turned, and looked on Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, Before the cock crow, you shall deny me thrice.</p> <p>⁶² And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.</p>	<p>had made a fire of coals; for it was cold: and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself.</p> <p>²⁵ And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They said therefore to him, Are not you also one of his disciples? He denied it, and said, I am not.</p> <p>²⁶ One of the servants of the high priest, being his kinsman whose ear Peter cut off, said, Did not I see you in the garden with him?</p> <p>²⁷ Peter then denied again: and immediately the cock crew.</p>
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Joh 21:15-19 | Yeshua asks Peter 3 times about loving him

¹⁵ So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love ^{G5368} thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my lambs.** ¹⁶ He saith to him again the second time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.** ¹⁷ He saith unto him the third time, **Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?** Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.** ¹⁸ **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry**

^F Agape is like between a man and an wife, i.e. the Bride and the Bride Groom. Love vs. Love ..., Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? Vs. He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee.

According to Stan David M. In the Hebrew love is aleph hey vet the fathers love is revealed in ancient Hebrew, there is the Aleph Hey Vav: the first security is revealed. So in Hebrew they are very similar sounding, but completely different in Greek.

G5368 φιλέω phileo.

G25 ἀγαπάω agapao Perhaps from ἄγαν agan (much; or compare [**H5689**]); to love (in a social or moral sense): - (be-) love (-ed). Compare **G5368**.

Also need to check out "Feed" ^{G1006}, as there is also two different Greek words.

thee whither thou wouldst not. ¹⁹ This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, *Follow me.*

Other

In Mat 16:13-20 the revelation of Yeshua as being Messiah is established by Peter. Shortly after that Yeshua foretells his resurrection and being in the grave three days. (Mat 16:21; Mark 8:31; Luke 9:22).

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Mat_26:34, Mat_26:74-75 (2), Mar_14:30, Mar_14:68, Mar_14:72 (2), Luk_22:34, Luk_22:60-61 (2), Joh_13:38, Joh_18:27

147. After the departure of Judas, Jesus warns the disciples (Peter in particular) against desertion, while all protest their loyalty