THE DEATH OF JAMES THE JUST from Hegesippus (edited)

Now some belonging to the seven sects [of Hebrews] asked him: "What is the door of Yahshua?"

(John 10:9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. 10 The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.)

Ya'aqov replied that He was the One Who Saves. In response to this, some believed that Yahshua is the Anointed One. But the sects did not believe either in a resurrection or in the coming of One to repay everyone in accordance to his works; but those who did believed because of Ya'aqov. So, when many even of the ruling class believed, there was a disruption among the Jews, scribes and Pharisees who said: "A little more of this, and we will have everyone looking to Yahshua as the Anointed One.

So they came in one mass to Ya'aqov and said: "We are asking you to hold back the people: for they have gone astray in their opinions about Yahshua, as though he were the Anointed One. We beg you to persuade all who have come here for the passover about Yahshua. We all listen to your arguments; and since we and the people testify that you are just, and show favor to nobody. Do then persuade the people not to entertain erroneous opinions about Yahshua: for everyone listens to your evidence. Take a stand upon the lower wall of the temple. From thet higher place you may be clearly seen, and your words may be plainly heard by everyone. All the tribes have congregated here for the passover, and even some of the Gentiles."

The scribes and Pharisees then set Ya'aqov on the top of the lower wall of the temple, and cried aloud to him: “O just one, whom we all promise to obey, since the people are in error by following the crucified Yahshua, tell us, What is the door of the crucified Yahshua?” And Ya'aqov answered loudly: "Why do you ask ye me about Yahshua the Son of man? For you all know that He is sitting in heaven, at the right hand of El Elyon, and will be coming on the clouds."

When many were fully convinced, they offered praise for the testimony of Ya'aqov, and they cried, "Hosanna to the son of David!" Then the Pharisees and scribes said to one another, "We have poorly in getting this testimony to Yahshua. So let's go up there and throw him down so they may be terrified and not believe him." They cried out loud saying: "Oh! oh! the just one is wrong!" So then they fulfilled the Scripture of Isaiah: "Let us away with the just man, because he is troublesome to us: therefore shall they eat the fruit of their doings" (Is 3:10). So up they went an cast down the just one, saying to one another: "Now let's stone Ya'aqov the Just." And they began to stone him: for he was not killed by the fall. Yet he turned himself, and kneeling said: "I beg you, YHWH the Elohim our Abba, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing."

As they were stoning him, one of the priests of the Rechabim (of whom Jeremiah prophesies) began to cry aloud, saying: "Stop! Stop! What are you doing while the just man is praying for us?" But one among them, a fuller, took the club he used to beat rugs and hurled it at the head of the just man.

And so Ya'aqov suffered martyrdom; and they buried him right on the spot where a pillar erected to his memory still remains right beside the temple. This man was a true witness to both Jews and Greeks that Yahshua is the Anointed One. Soon after this Vespasian besieged Judaea, taking them all captive.