

The Book of Epimetheus

Preface

Many men have declared not only what they have witnessed but what they believe. And have asked for a scribe to expound upon them the origin of their beloved city. Having a true understanding of this because of my careful studies, being near to the light of the candle, I, your brother and companion in travels, write to instruct the most excellent Epimetheus of Haullingwood, for if thou shalt confess with thy mouth in the hidden Lord Jesus, though shalt be whole, having gained permission for the better or for the worse.

Chapter I

Now, in the dawn of the 21st century, after the death of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ, piracy was on the rise. Aye, many pirates were burned alive. And there lived a little pirate prince whose name was John, the son of Randy-Achmetha from the family of Benjamin. And Randy was the husband of Mary and Elizabeth. And Randy's brother in law was Adami from the family of Menasseh.

Now, John had been punished to life in prison by the people of Ajalon who lived in the East. But John was a righteous man, a follower of Jesus Christ, and John walked with God, so that every treasure that John stole was for the Kingdom of God. And his laws were those of nature, which the people were not taught. So the people also declared that John was guilty of murder. Aye, his head was to be dead from his body the morning of the next day. So, John prayed to the Lord, for at this time it was night, and the moon was John's only light, and a candle, his only clock in Ajalon.

And it came to pass that there was also a stranger inside the prison who wore an Ephod with a hood, which is worn by the Captain of the guard. And this stranger walked near to John's chains having the only key that could save him. And by the moon, the stranger appeared to be the guard for the cause of the hood.

And the stranger said to John, "Are you guilty of thievery?"

And John understood and said, "true, and thus is my slavery."

And the stranger said, "Are you guilty of murder?"

And John declared, "Some say yes, some say no. Outside, this prison, please let me freely go," for the language of Ajalon had become confused and unnatural. And names and words had changed to meaninglessness. Aye, the people could not differentiate tomorrow from today, or punishment from prize, or one color from a different color wrapper. But to John, the lion of God, the words and names were not a confusion, nor had they changed, for John knew a thousand languages, and he roared them in the sight of all the people of Ajalon, so they hid him inside the prison for death.

So the stranger said to the pirate, "I will free you from death if you say my name. But, if you say a different man's name, then allow that man to free you from prison. Which name do you say?"

Immediately, John knew who the hooded stranger was who had traveled inside the border of his prison. And he said, "There is only one who has the keys to save me from death, and his name is my lord Jesus Christ."

Then the stranger uncovered his hood. And behold, it was Jesus, the resurrected, the heavenly man. And Jesus gave John one fruit. And that fruit was his light. And that fruit was his by law. And having found John, Jesus freed him from the prison of the earth according to his word.

Chapter II

That very same night, the Lord God of Jacob found John in Shaveh. And he came to him. And he whispered to him in a dream. And he said, "John."

And John said, "Here I am."

And the Lord said, "Escape outside of Ajalon. Travel 84 days on a pirate ship and go to the island of Debir, which is in the wilderness of Tara, and teach the evil people of Debir three lessons: two which are true, and one which is false."

Now, Tara was John's home. Aye, for John was born near the city of dogs. And the people of Tara were many in number, with many governments, and many challenges.

And the Lord said to John, "If the sons and daughters of Debir will allow your performance, create a trading route from Ajalon to Debir by way of tunnel, and bid them a yearly festival for films. But if they forbid you, then give Ajalon to a people who is better, even to Elhanan of Judah, which family wishes for trade. And also, if they mock you, then burn Debir and all her things to desolation." And this was allowed because of the laws of Tara which justified God.

So John the pirate arose and traveled to tara.

And it came to pass that, in Tara, John came to Canine and saw his righteous brother Josh conspiring with his older neighbor Peter.

Now, in Tara, there was no king of kings or conquerer of lords. In hindsight, there were no houses because all of the families had become one. So there was only wilderness. But Tara was divided into 12 districts. And each country had a Lord, and a people, and a government, and allowances, and restrictions.

The first anointed ruler was Josh, who was the older brother of John, the afterthought of Simeon. And Josh ruled the closed country of Canine where there is young children, and they burry their treasure.

The second ruler was Caleb. And Caleb was from the family of Judah. And Caleb was the Lord of the district of Debir and her wilderness, together with his sons. And his sons were Jack and Peter who were also Lords of the house of Debir. But Peter was in a conspiracy and had stolen a forbidden property from his father. But his father did not see it. And Peter showed no mercy to the People. And he mocked God. And he did as he thought and as he desired. And Peter's older brother was Jack. But Jack was also evil.

The third Lord of the 12 districts of Tara was John, the son of Randy. But John was raised by Cephas, the son of Jonah, from the family of Simeon. Now John was the Lord of Pandora, the land of trees and also the birch tree. And he created things like clocks, and like wine. And he sold them to Debir and to Canine at the yearly feast. And he taught truth to the good people of Pandora. Aye, he answered their questions and performed at their bidding. But because John had been inside prison, Pandora had changed into a wild wilderness. And the people of Pandora had become dumb. And their knowledge had become false. And hope in Tara was lost as a daughter who had been taken captive by a thief.

And when Peter, the son of Caleb saw this by vision, and saw that the people were not equal, he published a decree in Debir to find John and take him captive. And he published 250 signs. And when John could not be found, Peter falsely declared that he was dead. And Peter took Pandora for himself. And he said, "Pandora is mine." Then, Peter changed the laws. And he arose and cut the shrubbery because he believed the borders of the district were in confusion.

And as he cut to divide the field, he came upon the district of Canine, which belonged to Josh, and he saw that Josh had a pickle jar which hid a dark treasure. And the pickle jar was clothed in the most beautiful red wrapper Peter had ever seen in his life. And this wrapper was more beautiful than any coat of any animal. And on the wrapper was the symbol of Tara which symbol was a circle with 12 numbers. And the symbol had two pointers that moved in a loop. And two loops were engaged to one unit of time, which

is one day, which is one whole. And clothed on the jar with the beautiful red wrapper was the name Pandora. And inside the jar was treasure.

Now, Josh believed that the jar belonged to him because it was inside the property of Canine. But Peter believed it belonged to him because of the name Pandora. And for this confusion were the two neighbors arguing the morning of that year.

And it came to pass that, as Peter was talking to Josh about ownership, Peter rose up against his neighbor and slew him with the cutters in the light of the morning. For he said, "Pandora is not your people." And John had witnessed that Peter had stolen the life of Josh, his neighbor, but no person or guard had seen it.

Now, the Lord Caleb was in Canine on the day of the murder. But he did not see the murder. So, when he asked the two servants who did it, John said, "Peter killed Josh."

But Peter said, "John killed Josh."

So, Caleb forbid John from speaking all words. So, John fled to the kingdom of Shechem, which is inside Canine, and there he hid his face. But Peter, who thought he was justified by law, was taken to prison for trial.

Chapter III

Now, in the wilderness of Debir where the prison was, there were two systems of order. Aye, one was ruled by the Lord Caleb, who was king by an oath. The second government in Debir was moved by those who rebelled against the king and thought themselves the wiser. And they had two judges which were Zachariah and Joshah. And these were the sons of Jezneel.

Now, there was also a woman who was raised in the district of Canine who's name was Zara Gomer, the first daughter of Hosea. And this is the Zara who is the Lord of Achsah, the most excellent, the caregiver of dogs, the lover of gifts. And Zara was the widow of Cephas, but lived with her father Hosea whose left hand had been cut from cutters, and to write he had to dictate words. This same Zara was the mother of Josh who disagreed with his neighbor and was murdered in an open field in Canine.

So, Zara went to the feast of origins, where King Caleb was, and Zara said to him, "Please, let John freely go, for he is the one and only living son who belongs to Cephas, for the light of his beloved son has been stolen, and his truth has been dead, and if John is executed in the morning, Cephas will have no person to replace his values and inheritance, and his things will be given to a family that is outside, as though it were stolen."

Therefore, the king gave Zara one golden cucumber fruit from the land of Nahaliel (which is in Pandora). And the king said to the widow Zara, "Plant a vineyard. Live inside the vineyard. Be Lord of the vineyard. Be the treasure of the vineyard. But keep the vineyard closed. And if you stay inside your property boundary, then your son will live according to the law. Now, Zara, join John."

So, John was freed from Shechem for the widow's sake. Then, John traveled to Debir to be a witness against Peter who executed the human, Josh, in his private property and to testify that he believed Peter should be executed publicly.

Chapter IV

Now, on his travels, after three hours and a half an hour, John came to the village of Galeed, which is inside the district of Joshua, and he saw the monument of rebellion, even Jehovah-nissi. And there was an eagle which executed a lion and was picking and eating the lions insides. And John was hungry and thought himself justified because of what he had witnessed that the eagle had done. So, John raise his two

hands to capture the eagle, and to kill him, and to eat him.

But the eagle said, "Please, let me freely go."

So John said, "Tell me one reason why I should allow you to freely go."

So, the eagle organizes two meals for John. The first meal was 1/3 of the lions liver, but buried inside the liver, as a key, was bile which could not be seen. The second meal was 1/3 of the lions bone, which cannot be eaten. It is unnatural. But the 1/3 of the bone was hollow, and planted inside the bone, as a key, was honey, which could not be seen.

And the eagle said, "Choose you one meal of the two different meals, and eat to your desire. But if your hunger survives, then choose between me or the bones to eat. And if you pick me, then you will find me the morning of the next day inside the sign of this monument of 50 units. And I will crawl inside the center of your mouth and you can eat me whole."

Then John picked the liver. But when he had eaten, behold, there was bile inside of how mouth, and his mouth was bitter. And John thought to take revenge on the Eagle for justice sake, and to execute him, for he thought that the eagle was a devil because the eagle cause John to be confused on his traverse.

And John said, "It is better for me to die than to live," for John would never have eaten the liver if he knew what was inside, and if he had been shown. But then, John remembered the bone. But John thought, *the bone should not be eaten*, because he did not know the center, and never before had a bone been eaten. But because of the confusion, John knew that the bone could be eaten, and he was free to eat and survive, for this same eagle had given John permission to switch and to eat the lions bone, which the eagle had saved for him. So, John chose the bone. And when he ate, inside the bone, behold, he found honey. And he knew that the eagle of Galeed was from the Lord. So, he did not touch the eagle. And for this cause John chose not to demolish the eagle who stole the life of his brother the lion.

Then, John continued journeying West to the district of Debir to face Peter and testify because of the jar with the valuables. But the Eagle lived.

Chapter V

And it came to pass that, when it was the afternoon, John found his mother Zara inside Beersheba, which is inside one of the seven veils of Pandora. And, having returned to the vineyard, John and Zara buried their seed together in the center of the earth, as the king allowed.

And John praised the Lord God who is everlasting and sang the song of silence and said:

My eyes have longed to see his face. Yea, my tears wet my pillow in the dark of night because I miss my friend and his whispers, yea, and his one voice. And I know he is Lord of lords and conquerer of kings. And he is my treasure. And I will fight his enemies. Through him, I will do miracles and change the word. He brings into existence that which exists. Space is his paper and time is his pen. And he writes Yesh, for language is his song. And we love him, for he is our father and has taught us how to live forever so the people of Tara have hope. Selah.

So we will sing, and commune, and laugh, for there is no death, for I am married to live, and he is mine, and she is equal with me across the line. So, we shall not fear, nor despair, nor dissolve, nor die.

Through our living God, the rock that is earth has permanents, and her inhabitation have life. So, we will shout, "Ayin!" for his name is mystery, but his children have learned his name, and we children will shout his truth, for his name is *the word*.

But though shalt not say his name. Therefore, his name is *replacer*, and his land is peace, and I am his neighbor, and he knows me by name. And he knows a thousand languages, for the word is his masterpiece. And he hears dark sayings, even the whispers of the night. And he tells them to his servants, and apostles, and prophets, and those who serve him, for we are his support, and he is our joy. And I will see my friend again, yea, I will find him. Therefore, I will wait for my Lord. I will listen for his silence. I will crave his name forever.

Then John and Zara named the garden in Tara Habaiah. But the name changed. And, today, it is called Achsah.

And when the afternoon had passed, John separated from Zara and her body. But first, John fixed

the well and promised to return to his mother in seven days. Then he continued to travel to show his face in Debir and reveal the truth of the jar.

Chapter VI

Now, in Debir, there was a law that stated that, if a man steals a treasure from his neighbor, the neighbor may kill the man for the thievery, for in that district, they could not differentiate between their left hand and their right hand. Therefore Peter, in his thoughts, was justified for his choice to murder Josh. And he was allowed to touch the jar that had the name Pandora because it belonged to Peter, so he thought.

But John knew how to differentiate. So John said, "The jar, which is Pandora, was inside the door to the property of Lord Josh. Therefore, the true owner of the jar is Josh."

But Peter said, "Josh separated me from my property. The jar is my property because of the name. So, Josh is dead by execution."

Then, John remembered the liver that he ate. So, John traveled to Carcas (which belonged to Pandora) and there, he unburied a rock and wrote on the rock the name Peter. Then he said, "Peter, open this jar."

But the man said, "I cannot, for the jar is a rock, and it does not appear to have a door, and there is no seeded thing inside."

So, John showed the judge the jar (which was different from the rock that he unburied.) And John said, "Pandora has a door, which is a lid, and, on the lid, there is a combination lock with four seals, which are letters, so the lid cannot be opened." And he said, "I argue that, in Debir, names have become meaningless. Words have become invalid. Our bodies have become as the unknowing animals that we eat. However, the true owner of the jar is the human who closed the combination lock, and therefore, the true owner of the jar is the human who opens the jar with the combination word."

To this the judge agreed with John and allowed the jar to Peter and said, "Brother, open the door. Take the property you wish."

But Peter had never seen a combination before that time in his life. And in that hour he could not open the lid. The Peter realized the property was not his by nature because of the lock. And his neighbor, who he disagreed with, had spoken the truth. And he knew he was guilty of murder and would arise the morning of the next day and be executed in the center for the whole village to see.

But Jack, Peter's brother, was evil, and the devil had captured him, and the devil whispered one word into Jack's ear, and jack whispered one word into peter's ear.

Then peter rebelled and said, "I will not open the jar, for there is treasure inside. And if I show the treasure to witnesses, for what purpose is there a lock? Does the judge not value privacy? Is all of Debir to be made public? But, if a different man can open the jar, a man of order, then that man is the true owner of the jar and the treasure or whatever seeded thing is inside, and I am guilty of thievery." But Peter did this because he believed Josh to be the owner of the jar. And Josh did not survive. Nor did he have one widow. So, he thought, the lock could not be opened, and therefore, Peter had inherited the jar because Pandora had come inside the property of Debir. And therefore, if a man did open the jar, Peter could have that man executed for thievery, and then Peter would take the gold that was inside the pickle jar.

But the Lord God of Jacob knew the heart of Peter and that it had changed to evil and was clothed in darkness because he murdered the one who is Josh. So, God told the prince what to say in Debir.

So, John said, "I know the combination word, but do I have permission to open this pickle jar, which is to my right?" for John knew that if an owner gives a man permission then that man is justified by law. Aye, and that neighbor is not a thief. And, if he is careful, he could not only come in but also go out.

To this, Peter was frightened, and he said, "John is crazy! Shut his mouth!"

And the judge closed John's lips. And no person would listen to John and the words of his heart. So, John was silent as his brother Josh. Aye, John's voice had been stolen. And that is why John speaks nothing, to this day, to the people born of Debir. And in time, people forgot about the looping symbol on the jar. And they forgot the name John. And they forgot all the valuable treasure that he owned. And John was sad. But Peter did not forget his name because Peter knew that Pandora was inside his property. And Peter knew that John was not crazy because of the mystery of the jar.

But because no man or woman could open the jar with their word, the judge agreed and allowed Peter to freely go. Then the judge put the jar in the center of the wilderness of Debir at mile marker 125 between two distances. And it is a day and a half into Artemesia and also 42 minutes to the East of Ocran, which system belongs, as a refuge, to the family of Benjamin. But no person could open the jar.

Chapter VII

And it came to pass, after three years, in the fourth year after the trial, at that time, that Philadelphia-Loammi, the third daughter that belonged to Elhanan, had come of age. And to Elhanan, Philadelphia was a treasure.

And this was the Philadelphia that performed for Selah in the open garden. And Selah was the Captain of the guard. And Philadelphia bare her triplets even though Selah was also a woman. But Selah's first child died at birth. And they named him Gob-Sepharvaim and buried him inside a scarlet coat in the earth. Therefore, their second-first child was Haullingwood from which was born the wise people of Haullingwood of whom this letter is purposed, who, having permission, migrated to refuge inside the beautiful woods of Pandora where there is treasure and fruit of many colors, even 200 colors. And Philadelphia's second child was Nathaniel.

Now, Philadelphia was first espoused, by an oath, to King Caleb of Debir. But Caleb hated Philadelphia, and silenced her, and divided from her to be alone with his sheep. Having seen this, Elhanan thought not to give her to Caleb, but to give her to a man who is better, who will see Philadelphia as a treasure. But Elhanan also loved to trade. Therefore, when Elhanan saw the pickle jar with the red wrapper he sent a decree and offered his child to the man who could open the jar and give him the treasure.

Now, Peter knew Philadelphia because they had grown together. And she loved his wisdom. And he loved her beauty, but in secret because of the king. But at the father's challenge Peter remembered John and found him buried at the feast of Tabernacles, which is a film festival and a yearly holiday of performance for the people of Tara.

And Peter said to the man, "I will give you permission to use words if you tell me the combination to the jar."

But John said, "If I tell you the combination before Ive opened it, ownership of the property inside will be confused and two men will say that they have captured one treasure. But, if you give me permission to open the jar by allowing me say my combination words, and if you let me take the treasure which is mine by law, then I will give you Philadelphia whom you love," for John had seen Peter openly whisper to Philadelphia at the festival and use signs and words across a distance as though they were scribes across the land. And Peter knew that if John opened the jar, Philadelphia would be John's bride, and Elhanan would give her to John, and John would knowingly give her to Peter as though he were a brother. This is because of John's word which is his oath. So, Peter agreed because he realized that the Lord John's word was Prince Peter's hope. Then John arose and removed the clock with 12 numbers from the jar. And he removed the name Pandora from the jar. And he unveiled the wrapper from the jar. And he found a rock.

And he put the wrapper on the rock. And he wrote the name Philadelphia on the rock. And he put the rock to his right, but the rock was lifeless. Then he returned the name Pandora on the naked jar which belonged to him but was stolen. And he put the jar on his left but the lock on his right hand so he would not forget.

But when Peter saw the wrapper he said, "Why this switch? No person can open a rock, and there is nothing inside."

And John said, "Then no person will have permission to be with Philadelphia. And you, being evil, can steal her in secret. Arr, you can take her captive inside your property and whisper in her ear at night and she will come."

But Peter said, "I do not wish to steal Philadelphia. I want her according to the law." And this was because Peter loved Philadelphia with all his heart.

So John said, "I will teach you three laws. You will observe three lessons. Then I will ask you a question and you will give me only one word. The word is your word. If you answer the question correctly with your word, you will be justified. If your word is valid, Philadelphia, whom you have chosen in time, will be yours according to the law. The first lesson is this: Inside this country, you have the freedom to create any word you praise, but with combination words, letters are restricted. Some letters are said by voice. Different letters are forbidden."

To this lesson, Peter said, "Listen country-man, if I am the creator of the combination name, am I not allowed to say any name I choose? With any letters?"

And John said, "Listen country-man. You are free the first time you choose a name, but the second time you choose a word freely, the combination will sensor you so you cannot use your word. Arr, your word is invalid and barren. So, you have to remember the first name that you chose and only use that word. And if you do not say the first word on the third try, you will lose the treasure that is inside the rock. You will disregard the desire of your heart."

Then John remembered the combination name and was justified by the law to open the jar. And he whispered the name. And he opened it because Peter had given him permission by allowing him to use his words at the festival. And he neared the lock and took the treasure.

At that moment came Caleb to imprison Peter for conspiracy and stealing his father's property. And Peter was shut in prison in Debir to be executed the morning of the next day. But when Caleb saw the rock with the red wrapper his heart did not realize the switch nor the name Philadelphia.

Then John arose and removed the word from the naked jar and ate it. Aye, John kept his word. Then he dreamed the jar a new name. And inside John's jar was fire. And John divided the fire into ten pickle jars, each with a different wrapper. Then he removed them to ten of the districts of Tara to fight and to choose for themselves whether to open the jar. But the people were confused by the mystery and very fearful.

And the jars were sent to Ralph and to Selena. And Selena was the Queen of Habaiah with her sister Halliema. To Christopher and to Levir, the performer. To Jack who had taken the district of Carcas through conspiracy. To Jonathan, the son of Amittai. But Canine had no jar because they had no king for the king had died. So, John sent Canine a lamb. Now, remember, inside Debir there were two jars. And the jars were sent to Paparrazo and Herodotus, the scribe. To Landen and to Rashel. And Rashel was the mother of Landen. And Halliema was his sister, but Rashel was hated and Halliema was loved.

Chapter VIII

Now, when Jack came and saw that Debir had two jars he was confused. And the two jars had no lock and no combination. And the jar to his left was naked and had been opened by a man, but the

treasure inside had been taken to a distant land, and the name on the jar said Baali, and the jar was barren inside. And the jar to his right had a wrapper and the name Philadelphia, and Jack believed it was his because his brother did not lock the jar, and there was no division in Debir between what was jacks on the right and what was Peters on the left, for they had grown together.

So, Jack opened the wrapper. But the jar was a rock with Peter's name, and it did not appear to have a door. Then Jack found the jar from Carcas, and it had Jack's name but a different wrapper, and he unwrapped the jar, and opened the jar, and inside was light. And Jack was fearful that Peter would kill him for the thievery and steal Jack's treasure for his own worse destruction. But Jack was innocent because of the confusion. So, Jack locked the jars with two different combinations words. Then he put the red wrapper on the jar that said Jack and sent it to Canine, and he renamed the empty jar Ishi and clothed it with the other wrapper and buried it in Beersheba. But the two combination words was his oath. And the two thoughts was one truth. Then Jack put Peter's naked rock near a dead deer in Debir for all to see. And he labeled the deer Philadelphia, for that was Peter's prize.

At that same time, Philadelphia was in Canine and she was bitter. The reason was that no man could open the rock and Philadelphia was aging and she was alone. And she entreated God, and she said, "It is better for me to die than to live." So, she silenced her voice in pause, and she organized her death in the morning by choice.

But God told John and John found Philadelphia in the East, in Canine. And John said, "Peace be unto you. Now, go through Gebim to Debir where there is a prison with a lock and find Selah who is captain of the guard. And she is also a woman. And she wears an Ephod with a hood. And in the evening, go to the garden of bird and remove your clothes in the sight of Selah. And Selah will come unto you and bare you children."

But Philadelphia said, "I shall not do this evil thing. For it is against the law of my father. And my father will execute me by fire. And also this thing cannot be done, for it is unnatural."

But John remembered the bones, which were whole with honey, and he remembered his word to Peter, and he realized that Peter had killed the Lord's anointed because Peter was evil, and this wilderness was lawless.

But death is only a pause.

So John told Philadelphia, who he had found, not to fear, for this is the miracle that the Lord will perform in the 21st century. And this, because of the prayer of Philadelphia, so that all the people of Tara may know that the Lord God of Israel listens to the words of their heart.

So, Philadelphia switched from Canine, and she ran to the refuge in Debir. And Philadelphia removed her clothes in the garden to reward Selah. And when Selah saw Philadelphia Selah loved her with all her heart. And Selah uncovered her hood. And Selah followed Philadelphia outside the prison. And Selah knew Philadelphia. And they became one even though they were both women. And they were the same age. And Philadelphia gave birth to twins. And God was the father of the twins, for his name is the great Berodach-baladan. And therefore, Selah changed her name to Sela.

This was Peter's second lesson. And now, the third lesson.

When Jack, Peter's brother, saw that Sela had uncovered her hood, it appeared to him as a gift. So, Jack stole the hood, for Jack was the son of a pirate and the companion of thieves. And he crawled inside the empty hood. And inside the Ephod were the only keys that allowed for Peter's prison, aye, the only keys that could open the gate. And Jack walked near to Peter, and it was night, and Peter was hungry. And when Peter saw him, his memory did not recognize him, and his heart did not realize the switch.

And Jack said, "Listen careful to my warning. Tomorrow is the day of your death. You will be executed by fire according to the law unless you escape free from this prison in Debir. "

And Peter said, "Master, please, allow me to freely go."

And the stranger uncovered his hood, and he showed his face, and it was light, and behold, it was his brother who loved him with all his heart as though he were a treasure. And he said, "I will save you from death if you say my name. But, if you say a different man's name, then let that man save you from death. What name do you say?"

Written for Selena Gomez. Come out.