

Gabriel's Revelation

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At around the year 2000 a stone with an inscription in ink was found near the Dead Sea that is supposed to have some relationship to the Dead Sea Scrolls. On that stone there is a text with "Vision" or "Revelation" of Gabriel. Its interpretation has become highly controversial. It is dated to just a few years before Jesus' birth.

Those who represent the Christian view want in it to see a prophecy by Gabriel about Jesus, his death and resurrection after three days. Those who represent the rabbinic view want to see it quite differently, since they do not accept Jesus as a Messiah.

This especially concerns the passage:

(80) "In three days, live (show up?), I Gabriel com[mand] yo[u],"

(81) prince of the princes, the dung of the rocky crevices []... ..[]"

Here, "command you" is a speculative interpretation by Israel Knohl as a translation of some almost unreadable characters. Instead of "rocky crevices", another translation has "narrow holes(?)" and the "dung" is another personal interpretation by Knohl.

Another passage in the inscription is this:

(19) "... In three days you shall know, that(?)\for(?) He said,"

(20) "(namely,) YHWH the Lord of Hosts (*Yahweh [one of the]Elohim Sabaoth*, יהוה אלהים צבאות), the Lord of Israel: The evil broke (down)"

(21) "before justice. Ask me and I will tell you what this bad plant is,"

Knohl here translates as:

(19) "My holy thing for Israel. By three days you shall know, for thus said"

(20) "the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel, the evil has been broken"

(21) before righteousness. Ask me, and I shall tell you, what is this"

Or: "In three days you will know that evil will be defeated by justice"

Israel Knohl is a Bible researcher at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His faith rejects the idea that Jesus would be Messiah. Therefore, he in the "prince of the princes" wants to see one Simon, who was one of three who led an attempted revolt against the Romans. Josephus tells about him that when escaping up a steep ravine, he became beheaded through a sharp blow. Thus, he fell in "rocky crevices." To me, this looks like a somewhat strained effort to find another interpretation than that this would prophesize about Jesus. Furthermore, there seems to be nothing mentioned about a resurrection of Simon.

In my subjective view, the "evil" could here refer to Jesus and his teachings, from which YHWH felt himself severely threatened, cf. [Jesus' Main Mission](#). The mission of Jesus was, of course, "evil" to YHWH and the murder of Jesus would to him be "justice." Cf. [A Brief History of Christianity](#). Jesus' body was then placed in a cave that was closed with a big stone. This could fit with "rocky crevices."

What is then Gabriel's attitude here? That he, in this interpretation, prophesies Jesus' resurrection can be seen as at least neutral. But if Knohl should be right in his subjective interpretation as "dung in rocky crevices", the attitude is negative. And if Jesus and his teachings are really meant by the "evil defeated by justice", it is again negative, as is calling him a "bad plant."

Thus, Gabriel again makes the impression of a somewhat suspicious entity that has a shadow... Cf. [Babylon, Watchers and Gabriel](#).

Sources:

- [Gabriel's Revelation](#)
- Israel Knohl: "['By Three Days Live', Messiahs, Resurrection and Ascent to Heaven in Hazon Gabriel](#)"
- [Israel Knohl and the Gabriel Revelation](#)
- "[Gabriel's Revelation](#)" with [Comments 1](#) and [Comments 2](#)
- A [translation](#)

ADDENDUM

Knohl has later moderated his view and now appears to admit that this prophecy could have to do with Jesus.

See hereto [this report](#) as well as two PDF documents: [Gabriel's Vision Stone Tablet](#) and [Mysterious Hebrew Stone](#). Furthermore two videos with Israel Knohl: [Video 1](#) und [Video 2 Part 1](#) as well as [Video 2 Part 2](#). And also a video with a [Christian Response](#).

Is it more than a coincidence that this revelation gets attention in these days? Could it be the beginning of a long needed reconsideration of the relationship between the Jewish and Christian religions? And also of a renewal of the Church, which is to day quite alienated from Jesus?