

# Mat 27:1-66 chiastic structure

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**1A) 27:1** When the morning was come, all the **CHIEF PRIESTS** and **ELDERS** of the people **TOOK COUNSEL** against Yeshua to put Him to death;

**1B) 27:2-10** **YESHUA BOUND** for trial/ Potter's field for the **BURIAL OF STRANGERS**;

**1a) 27:2** And when they had bound Him, they led *Him* away, and **delivered Him to Pontius Pilate** the governor;

**central axis) 27:3a** Then Judas, who had betrayed Him;

**2a) 27:3b-10** When he saw that **He was condemned**, repented;

**1a) 27:3b** When he saw that He was condemned, repented, and brought back the **thirty pieces of silver** to the chief priests and elders;

**1b) 27:4** Saying: I have sinned in that I have betrayed **innocent blood**. And they said: What is *that* to us? See *to that* yourself;

**1c) 27:5a** And he cast down the **pieces of silver** in the temple;

**central axis) 27:5b** And departed, and went and hanged himself;

**2c) 27:6a** And the chief priests took the **silver pieces**;

**2b) 27:6b-8** And said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, because it is **the price of blood**. **7** And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, in which to bury strangers. **8** Therefore that field was called, The field of blood, to this day;

**2a) 27:9-10** Then it was fulfilled which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: 'And they took the **thirty pieces of silver**, the price of Him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value; **10** and gave them for the potter's field, as YHVH appointed me;' (Jer 19:1-13, 32:6-9)

**1C) 27:11A** And **YESHUA STOOD BEFORE** the governor;

**1D) 27:11B** And the governor asked Him, saying: Are You **THE KING OF THE JEWS**? And Yeshua said to him: So you say;

**1E) 27:12-14** And when **HE WAS ACCUSED BY THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND ELDERS**, He answered nothing. **13** Then Pilate said to Him: Do You not hear how many things they witness against You? **14** And He answered him not a word; so that the governor marvelled greatly;

**1F) 27:15-24** They cried for the **RELEASE OF BARABBAS** and the **CRUCIFIXION OF YESHUA**;

**1a) 27:15-17** Now at that feast the governor was used to release to the people a prisoner, whomever they would. **16** And they had then a notorious prisoner, called Barabbas. **17** Therefore when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them: **Whom do you**

**will that I release to you? Barabbas, or Yeshua who is called Messiah?**

**central axis) 27:18 For he knew that it was because of envy that they had delivered Him up;**

**2a) 27:19-24** Which of the two **do you will that I release to you?** They said: **Barabbas**. Pilate said to them: What shall I do then with **Yeshua who is called Messiah?** They all said to him: Let Him be crucified;

**1a) 27:19** When he sat down on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying: Have nothing to do with that **just Man**; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of Him;

**1b) 27:20** But the chief priests and elders **persuaded the multitude** that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Yeshua;

**1c) 27:21-22** The governor answered and said to them: Which of the two do you will that I release to you? They said: Barabbas. **22** Pilate said to them: What shall I do then with Yeshua who is called Messiah? They all said to him: **Let Him be crucified;**

**central axis) 27:23a And the governor said: Why, what evil has He done?**

**2c) 27:23b** But they cried out the more, saying: **Let Him be crucified;**

**2b) 27:24a** When Pilate saw that he could not prevail, but that rather **a tumult had begun;**

**2a) 27:24b** He took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying: I am innocent of the blood of this **just Person**: see to it yourselves;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 27:25 THEN ANSWERED ALL THE PEOPLE, AND SAID: HIS BLOOD BE ON US, AND ON OUR CHILDREN;**

**2F) 27:26** Then he **RELEASED BARABBAS** to them, and when he had flogged Yeshua, **HE DELIVERED HIM TO BE CRUCIFIED;**

**2E) 27:27-36** The Roman soldiers **MOCK + CRUCIFY JESUS;**

**1a) 27:27-31b** The soldiers **stripped Him of His garments;**

**1a) 27:27-28a** Then the soldiers of the governor took Yeshua into the common hall, and gathered to Him the whole band of soldiers. **28** And **they stripped Him;**

**1b) 27:28b** And **put on Him a scarlet robe;**

**1c) 27:29a** And when they had braided a crown of thorns, they put it **on His head;**

**1d) 27:29b** And **a reed** in His right hand;

**central axis) 27:29c-30a** And they bowed the knee before Him, and mocked Him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews!  
**30** And they spit on Him;

**2d) 27:30b** And took *the reed*;

**2c) 27:30c** And struck Him *on the head*;

**2b) 27:31a** And after they had mocked Him, they *took the robe off from Him*;

**2a) 27:31b** And *put His own clothing on Him*;

**1b) 27:31c-32** And *led Him away to crucify Him*. **32** And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to bear His cross;

**central axis) 27:33-34** And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull, **34** they gave Him vinegar to drink mingled with gall: and when He had tasted it, He would not drink;

**2b) 27:35a** And they *crucified Him*;

**2a) 27:35b-36** And *divided His garments, casting lots*: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. **36** And sitting down they watched Him there;

**2D) 27:37** And set up over His head His accusation written: This is Yeshua **THE KING OF THE JEWS**;

**2C) 27:38-56** **YESHUA STOOD BEFORE** heaven and earth upon the cross;

**1a) 27:38-44** **They mocked**;

**1a) 27:38** Then there were *two thieves crucified with Him*, one on the right hand, and another on the left;

**1b) 27:39-40a** And they that passed by reviled Him, wagging their heads, **40** and saying: You who would destroy the temple, and build it again in three days, save Yourself. If You are *the Son of God*;

**1c) 27:40b** *Come down from the cross*;

**central axis) 27:41-42a** *Likewise also the chief priests mocking Him, with the scribes and elders, said: 42 He saved others; Himself He cannot save*;

**2c) 27:42b** If He is the King of Israel, let Him now *come down from the cross*, and we will believe Him;

**2b) 27:43** He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him now, if He will have Him: for He said, I am *the Son of God*;

**2a) 27:44** *The thieves* also, *who were crucified with Him*, cast the same in His face;

**1b) 27:45-46** Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. **46** And about the ninth hour **Yeshua cried with a**

**loud voice**, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? That is to say, My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

**1c) 27:47** Some of them that stood there, when they heard that, said: **This Man calls for Elijah;**

**central axis) 27:48** And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled *it* with vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave Him to drink;

**2c) 27:49** The rest said: Let Him be; let us see whether **Elijah will come** to save Him;

**2b) 27:50** Yeshua, when **He had cried again with a loud voice**, yielded up His spirit;

**2a) 27:51-56** **They marvelled;**

**1a) 27:51-54a** The **Roman centurion watching Yeshua;**

**1A) 27:51** And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and **THE EARTH QUAKED**, and the rocks rent;

**CENTRAL AXIS) 27:52-53** **AND THE GRAVES WERE OPENED; AND MANY BODIES OF THE SAINTS WHICH SLEPT AROSE, 53 AND CAME OUT OF THE GRAVES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION, AND WENT INTO THE HOLY CITY, AND APPEARED TO MANY;**

**2A) 27:54A** Now when the centurion, and those who were with him, watching Yeshua, saw **THE EARTHQUAKE**, and those things that were done;

**central axis) 27:54b** **They feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God;**

**2a) 27:55-56** And **many women were** there **beholding afar off**, which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: **56** among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children;

**2B) 27:57-61** **HIS BODY BOUND** for burial/ Joseph of Arimathea's tomb for the **BURIAL OF YESHUA;**

**1a) 27:57-60a** When the evening had come, there came a rich man of Arimathea, named Joseph, who was himself also Yeshua's disciple: **58** he went to Pilate, and pleaded for the body of Yeshua. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. **59** And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, **60** and laid it in **his own new tomb**, which he had hewn out in the rock;

**central axis) 27:60b** **And he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed;**

**2a) 27:61** And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against **the sepulchre;**

**2A) 27:62-66** **CHIEF PRIESTS** and **PHARISEES PLOT** to keep Yeshua in the tomb;

- 1a) 27:62** Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the **chief priests and Pharisees came together to Pilate, saying;**
- 1b) 27:63a** Sir, we remember that **that deceiver** said, while He was yet alive;
- 1c) 27:63b** ‘**After three days I will rise again;**’
- central axis) 27:64a** **Command therefore that the sepulchre be made fast until the third day;**
- 2c) 27:64b** Lest His disciples come by night, and steal Him away, and say to the people, ‘**He is risen from the dead;**’
- 2b) 27:64c** So the **last error** shall be worse than the first;
- 2a) 27:65-66 Pilate said to them:** You have a watch: go your way, make it as fast as you can. **66** So they went, and made the sepulchre fast, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.