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THE Q'DOSHYM IN SCRIPTURE

The word *Q'doshym* (קדושים) is the plural of the Hebrew word *qadosh* (קדוש) which translates roughly into English as “set-apart,” or “sanctified.” In its plural form and taken contextually, *Q'doshym* is used as a noun and means “set-apart ones.”

In Scripture, this term refers to a very special group of beings. So special, in fact, that the whole of Scripture and its plan for mankind's salvation cannot be properly understood without an understanding of them and their function.

Here, we present each usage of the word *Q'doshym* from Scripture that applies to that group of beings for you to evaluate and consider.

Vayyiqra 11:44-45

“For I am YHWH your Elohim, and you shall set yourselves apart. And you shall be Q'doshym, for I am qadosh. And do not defile yourselves with any swarming – the one creeping on the earth. For I am YHWH who is bringing you up out of the land of Mitzrayim, to be your Elohim. And you shall be Q'doshym, for I am qadosh.”

Vayyiqra 19:2

“Speak to all the congregation of the children of Yisrael, and say to them, ‘Be Q'doshym, for I YHWH your Elohim am qadosh.”

Vayyiqra 20:7

“And you shall set yourselves apart, and shall be Q'doshym, for I am YHWH your Elohim...”

Vayyiqra 20:26

“And you shall be Q'doshym to Me, for I YHWH am qadosh, and have separated you from the peoples to be Mine.”

Vayyiqra 21:6

“They are Q'doshym to their Elohim and do not profane the Name of their Elohim, for they bring the fire of YHWH, and the bread of their Elohim, and shall be qadosh.”

B'midbar 15:39

“And it shall be to you for a tzitzith, and you shall see it, and shall remember all the commands of YHWH and shall do them, and not search after your own heart and your own eyes after which you went whoring, so that you remember, and shall do all My commands, and be Q'doshym unto your Elohim.”

B'midbar 16:3

“And they assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon, and said to them, ‘Enough of you! For the entire congregation are Q'doshym, all of them, and YHWH is in their midst. Why then do you lift up yourselves above the assembly of YHWH?’”

D'varym 33:3

“Indeed, He loves the peoples, all His Q'doshym are in Your hand. And they, they sat down at Your feet, receiving Your Words.”

Hoshea 11:12

“Ephrayim has surrounded Me with lying, and the house of Yisrael with deceit. But Yehudah is still wandering with El, and is true to the Q'doshym.”

Zecharyah 14:5

“And you shall flee to the valley of My mountain – for the valley of the mountain reaches to Atsal. And you shall flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziyah king of Yehudah. And YHWH my Elohim shall come – all the Q’doshym with you.”

Tehilla 16:3

“As for the Q’doshym who are on the earth, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all My delight.”

Tehilla 34:9

“Fear YHWH, you His Q’doshym, for there is no lack to them who fear Him!”

Tehilla 89:5

“And the heavens praise Your wonders, YHWH, Your trustworthiness, too, in the assembly of the Q’doshym.”

Tehilla 89:7

“El is greatly feared in the company of the Q’doshym, and awesome above all those around Him.”

Mishle 9:10

“The fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Q’doshym is understanding.”

Yov 5:1

“Call out, please, is there anyone to answer you? And to which of the Q’doshym would you turn?”

Dani’el 7:18

“The Q’doshym of the Most High shall receive that kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever.”

Dani’el 7:21

“I was looking, and this horn was fighting against the Q’doshym, and was prevailing against them...”

Dani’el 7:22

“...until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the Q’doshym of the Most High, and the time came and the Q’doshym took possession of the kingdom.”

Dani’el 7:25

“...and it speaks words against the Most High, and it wears out the Q’doshym of the Most High, and it intends to change appointed times and law, and they are given into its hand for a time and times and half a time.”

Dani’el 7:27

“And the kingdom, and the rulership, and the greatness of the kingdoms under all the heavens, shall be given to the people, the Q’doshym of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all rulers shall serve and obey Him.”

Dani’el 8:24

“And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power, and he shall destroy incredibly, and shall prosper and thrive, and destroy mighty men and the Q’doshym people.”

Divre haYamim Beyth 35:3

“And he set the kohanym in their duties and strengthened them for the service of the house of YHWH, said to the Leviym who were teaching all Yisrael, who were Q’doshym to YHWH, “Put the qadosh ark in the house which Sh’lomo ben Dawid, king of Yisrael, built.”

Mattithyahu 27:52

“...and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the Q’doshym who had fallen asleep were raised.”

Ma’asei 9:13

“And Chananyah answered, ‘Master, I have heard from many about this man, how many evils he did to Your Q’doshym in Yerushalayim...’”

Ma'asei 9:32

"And it came to be, as Kepha was passing through all, that he also came down to the Q'doshym who were dwelling at Lod."

Ma'asei 9:41

"And giving her his hand, he lifted her up. And calling the Q'doshym and widows, he presented her alive."

Ma'asei 26:10

"...which also I did in Yerushalayim, and I shut up many of the Q'doshym in prison, having received authority from the kohanym. And when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them."

Ma'asei 26:18

"...to open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light, and the authority of Satan to Elohyim, in order for them to receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are Q'doshym by faith in Me."

Romiyim 1:7

"To all who are in Rome, beloved of Elohyim, called, Q'doshym; grace to you and shalom from Elohyim our Father and the master Yehoshua Messiah."

Romiyim 8:27

"And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Ruach is, because he makes intercession for the Q'doshym according to Elohyim."

Romiyim 12:13

"...imparting to the needs of the Q'doshym, pursuing kindness toward strangers."

Romiyim 15:25

"But now I am going to Yerushalayim to serve the Q'doshym."

Romiyim 15:26

"For it pleased those from Makedonia and Achaia to make some contribution for the poor among the Q'doshym who are in Yerushalayim."

Romiyim 15:31

"...that I might be delivered from those in Yehudah who do not believe, and that my service for Yerushalayim be well-received by the Q'doshym..."

Romiyim 16:2

"...that you receive her in YHWH, worthy of the Q'doshym, and assist her in whatever matter she has need of you. For she has been a great help to many, including me."

Qorintiyim Aleph 1:2

"...to the assembly of Elohyim which is at Corinth, to those who are set-apart in Messiah Yehoshua, called Q'doshym, with all those calling on the Name of Yehoshua Messiah our master in every place, theirs and ours..."

Qorintiyim Aleph 6:1

"Should any of you, holding a matter against another, go to be judged before the unrighteous, and not before the Q'doshym?"

Qorintiyim Aleph 14:33

"For Elohyim is not of disorder but of shalom, as in all the assemblies of the Q'doshym."

Qorintiyim Beyth 1:1

"Sha'ul, an emissary of Yehoshua Messiah, by the desire of Elohyim, and Timotiyos the brother, to the assembly of Elohyim, that is at Corinth, with all the Q'doshym who are in all Achaia..."

Qorintiyim Beyth 8:4

"...begging us with much urgency for the grace of taking part in this service to the Q'doshym."

Qorintiyim Beyth 9:1

"Indeed, concerning the service to the Q'doshym, it is unnecessary for me to write to you..."

Qorintiyim Beyth 9:12

“Because the rendering of this service not only supplies the needs of the Q’doshym, but also is overflowing through many thanksgivings to Elohim.”

Qorintiyim Beyth 13:13

“Greet one another with a qadosh kiss. All the Q’doshym greet you.”

Eph’siyim 1:1

“Sha’ul, an emissary of Yehoshua Messiah by the desire of Elohim, to the Q’doshym who are in Eph’siyim, and true to Messiah Yehoshua...”

Eph’siyim 1:15

“For this reason I too, having heard of your faith in the master Yehoshua and your love for all the Q’doshym...”

Eph’siyim 1:18

“...the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, so that you know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the esteem of his inheritance in the Q’doshym.”

Eph’siyim 2:19

“So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the Q’doshym and members of the household of Elohim...”

Eph’siyim 3:8

“To me, the very least of all the Q’doshym, this grace was given, to bring excellent news of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations...”

Eph’siyim 3:18

“...in order that you might be strengthened to firmly grasp, with all the Q’doshym, what is the width and length and depth and height, of the love of Messiah.”

Eph’siyim 4:12

“...for the perfecting of the Q’doshym, to the work of service to a building up of the body of Messiah...”

Eph’siyim 5:3

“But whoring and all uncleanness, or greed of gain, let it not even be named among you, as is proper among the Q’doshym...”

Eph’siyim 6:18

“...praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication in the Ruach, watching in all perseverance and supplications for all the Q’doshym...”

Philipiyim 1:1

“Sha’ul and Timotiyos, servants of Yehoshua Messiah, to all the Q’doshym in Messiah Yehoshua who are in Philippi...”

Philipiyim 4:22

“All the Q’doshym greet you, but most of all those of Caesar’s household.”

Qolasim 1:2

“...to the Q’doshym in Colosse, and true brothers in Messiah: grace to you and shalom from Elohim our Father and the master Yehoshua Messiah.”

Qolasim 1:4

“...having heard of your faith in Messiah Yehoshua and of your love for all the Q’doshym...”

Qolasim 1:12

“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit to share in the inheritance of the Q’doshym in the light...”

Qolasim 1:26

“...the secret, which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His Q’doshym...”

Tas'loniqim Aleph 3:13

"...to establish your hearts blameless in set-apartness before our Elohim and Father at the coming of our master Yehoshua Messiah with all His Q'doshym!"

Tas'loniqim Beyth 1:10

"When he comes to be esteemed in his Q'doshym and to be admired among all those who believe in That Day, because our witness to you was believed."

Timotiyos Aleph 5:10

"Do not enroll a widow unless she is over sixty years of age, having been the wife of one man, well reported for excellent works, if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the feet of the Q'doshym, if she has assisted the afflicted, if she has closely followed every excellent work."

Pileymon 5

"...hearing of your love and the faith, which you have toward the master Yehoshua and toward all the Q'doshym..."

Pileymon 7

"For we have much joy and encouragement in your love, because the tender affections of the Q'doshym have been refreshed by you, brother."

Ibrym 6:10

"For Elohim is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His Name, in that you have attended to the Q'doshym, and still attend."

Ibrym 13:24

"Greet all those leading you, and all the Q'doshym. Those from Italy greet you."

Yehudah 3

"Beloved ones, making all haste to write to you concerning our common deliverance, I felt the necessity to write to you urging you to earnestly contend for the faith which was once for all delivered to the Q'doshym."

Yehudah 14

"And Chanok, the seventh from Adam, also prophesied of these, saying, 'See, YHWH comes with His myriads of Q'doshym.'"

Chazon 5:8

"And when he took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the Q'doshym."

Chazon 8:3

"And another messenger came and stood at the altar, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the Q'doshym upon the golden altar which was before the throne."

Chazon 8:4

"And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the Q'doshym went up before Elohim from the hand of the messenger."

Chazon 11:18

"And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to the Q'doshym, and to those who fear Your Name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Chazon 13:7

"And it was given to him to fight with the Q'doshym and to overcome them, and authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation."

Chazon 13:10

"...he who brings into captivity shall go into captivity, he who kills with the sword has to be killed with the sword. Here is the endurance and the faith of the Q'doshym."

Chazon 14:12

“Here is the endurance of the Q’doshym, here are those guarding the commands of Elohyim and the faith of Yehoshua.”

Chazon 15:3

“And they sing the song of Moshe the servant of Elohyim, and the song of the Lamb, saying, ‘Great and marvelous are Your works, YHWH El Shaddai! Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the Q’doshym!’”

Chazon 16:6

“Because they have shed the blood of the Q’doshym and prophets, and You have given them blood to drink. For they deserve it.”

Chazon 17:6

“And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the Q’doshym, and with the blood of the witnesses of Yehoshua. And having seen her, I marveled – greatly marveled!”

Chazon 18:24

“And in her was found the blood of the prophets and Q’doshym, and of all who were slain on the earth.”

Chazon 19:8

“And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the Q’doshym.”

Chazon 20:9

“And they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the Q’doshym and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohyim out of the heaven and consumed them.”

There are many other passages in Scripture that directly relate to and describe the *Q’doshym* without specifically naming them. Far too many, in fact, to list in this article. We encourage you to search them out for yourselves and watch for them in your own studies.

B’Shalom,

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