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GREET, GREETED, GREETING, GREETINGS, GREETETH

Abraham had a regular practice of **greeting** strangers.

- **Genesis 18:2-4:** "And he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, And said, My LORD, if now I have found favour in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree:"

Abraham did things quickly. He quickly **greeted** strangers then quickly prepared food for them.

- **Genesis 18:6:** "And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes upon the hearth."

It seems that Lot regularly **greeted** those who came to visit Sodom.

- **Genesis 19:1:** "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground;"

In ancient times people **greeted** one another with a kiss.

- **Genesis 29:10-11:** "And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and

the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept."

- **Exodus 4:27:** "And the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him."
- **Romans 16:16:** "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you."
- **1 Corinthians 16:20:** "All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss."
- **2 Corinthians 13:12:** "Greet one another with an holy kiss."
- **1 Peter 5:14:** "Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen."

Jephthah was clear in his vow that he would offer whatever **greeted** him when he returned home to the Lord as a burnt offering. (This was a violation of the Mosaic Law, since the only creatures that could be sacrificed to God as offerings were certain animals that met specific criteria.)

- **Judges 11:31:** "Then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up for a burnt offering."

When the 600 armed men from the tribe of Dan went to Micah's house, they **greeted** him. (They were there to rob him.)

- **Judges 18:11, 15:** "And there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with weapons of war. ... And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and saluted him."

As soon as the lad took Jonathan's equipment into the city, David and Jonathan kissed one another. (In ancient times, this was a standard **greeting**.)

- **1 Samuel 20:41:** "And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded."

David told the ten young men he sent to Carmel to **greet** Nabal in his name. (Nabal treated them badly.)

- **1 Samuel 25:5-6:** "And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name: And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast."

When people bowed down to Absalom, he took them and kissed him. (In the ancient world this was a standard **greeting**.)

- **2 Samuel 15:2, 5-6:** "And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that

when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. ... And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel."

Shimei told David that he was the first one from the house of Joseph to meet him (when David returned after defeating Absalom). However, Shimei was from the tribe of Benjamin, which wasn't part of the house of Joseph. It seems Shimei was **greeting** him before anyone in the tribes of Ephraim or Manasseh.

- **2 Samuel 19:16, 20:** "And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. ... For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

Shimei told David that because he had sinned, he was the first to come and **greet** David (when David returned after defeating Absalom). However, he brought with him 1000 people from his tribe, which was a dangerous armed force. This seems more of a threat than a plea for forgiveness.

- **2 Samuel 19:16-17, 20:** "And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. And there were a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the

servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. ... For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king."

When David crossed over the Jordan river (when he returned after defeating Absalom), he kissed Barzillai. (This was a common **greeting** in the ancient world.)

- **2 Samuel 19:39:** "And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place."

When Joab met Amasa at the great stone in Gibeon, Joab grabbed Amasa's beard by his right hand, as if he was going to kiss Amasa (which was a common **greeting** in the ancient world). Joab then murdered Amasa.

- **2 Samuel 20:9-10:** "And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri."

When Araunah saw David and his servants coming toward him, he went out to **greet** him. (David wanted to build an altar at his threshingfloor to stop a plague.)

- **2 Samuel 24:20-21:** "And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people."

When Jeroboam's wife arrived at the house of Ahijah the prophet, he immediately **greeted** her.

- **1 Kings 14:6:** "And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings."

When Hazael went to Elisha, he referred to Benhadad as the son of Elisha. (It seems this was some sort of polite **greeting**.)

- **2 Kings 8:9:** "So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Benhadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease?"

In ancient times, people **greeted** the scribes and Pharisees in the markets.

- **Matthew 23:7:** "And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi."
- **Mark 12:38:** "And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing,

and love salutations in the marketplaces,"

- **Luke 11:43:** "Woe unto you, Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets."
- **Luke 20:46:** "Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts;"

When Mary entered into the house of Zacharias, she **greeted** Elisabeth.

- **Luke 1:39-40:** "And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth."

When Elisabeth heard Mary's **greeting**, the baby in her womb (John the Baptist) leaped for joy.

- **Luke 1:41:** "And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:"

In ancient times it was customary for hosts to kiss their guests as a **greeting** when they arrived.

- **Luke 7:45:** "Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet."

When Paul and his group reached Ptolemias, they **greeted** the

Christians who lived there.

- **Acts 21:7:** "And when we had finished our course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day."

The chief captain sent his **greetings** to Felix.

- **Acts 23:26:** "Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix sendeth greeting."

The reason King Agrippa came to Caesarea was to **greet** Festus (who had just been made the governor of Judaea).

- **Acts 25:13:** "And after certain days king Agrippa and Bernice came unto Caesarea to salute Festus."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to greet Priscilla and Aquila (along with the church that was in their house).

- **Romans 16:3, 5:** "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: ... Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Epaenetus.

- **Romans 16:5:** "Likewise greet the church that is in their house. Salute my well-beloved Epaenetus, who is the firstfruits of Achaia unto Christ."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Mary.

- **Romans 16:6:** "Greet Mary, who bestowed much labour on us."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Andronicus and Junia.

- **Romans 16:7:** "Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Amplias.

- **Romans 16:8:** "Greet Amplias my beloved in the Lord."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Urbane and Stachys.

- **Romans 16:9:** "Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys my beloved."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to greet Apelles and the entire household of Aristobulus.

- **Romans 16:10:** "Salute Apelles approved in Christ. Salute them which are of Aristobulus' household."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Herodion and the entire household of Narcissus.

- **Romans 16:11:** "Salute Herodion my kinsman. Greet them that be of the household of Narcissus, which are in the Lord."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Tryphena, Tryphosa, and Persis.

- **Romans 16:12:** "Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which laboured much in the Lord."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** both Rufus and his mother.

- **Romans 16:13:** "Salute Rufus chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and those who were with them.

- **Romans 16:14:** "Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them."

Paul asked the recipients of his letter to the Romans to **greet** Philologus, Julia, Nereus (and his sister), Olympas, and those who were with them.

- **Romans 16:15:** "Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints which are with them."

Paul said that the churches of Christ sent their **greetings** to the recipients of his letter to the Romans.

- **Romans 16:16:** "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you."

Timothy, Lucius, Jason, and Sosipater sent their **greetings** to the recipients of Paul's letter to the Romans.

- **Romans 16:21:** "Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you."

Tertius sent his **greetings** to the recipients of Paul's letter to the Romans.

- **Romans 16:22:** "I Tertius, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord."

Gaius (and the church), Erastus, and Quartus sent their **greetings** to the recipients of Paul's letter to the Romans.

- **Romans 16:23:** "Gaius mine host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother."

Paul said that Aquila and Priscilla (along with the churches that were in Asia) **greeted** the recipients of his first letter to the Corinthians.

- **1 Corinthians 16:19:** "The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house."

There's value in **greeting** other people. (It's something churches should be doing.)

- **1 Corinthians 16:20:** "All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss."
- **2 Corinthians 13:12:** "Greet one another with an holy kiss."
- **Philippians 4:21:** "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you."
- **1 Thessalonians 5:26:** "Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss."
- **Titus 3:15:** "All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen."
- **1 Peter 5:14:** "Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen."

When Paul sent his **greeting** to the Corinthian church, he personally wrote it with his own hand.

- **1 Corinthians 16:21:** "The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand."

The Christians who were with Paul when he wrote his second letter to the Corinthian church sent their **greetings**.

- **2 Corinthians 13:13:** "All the saints salute you."

The Christians who were with Paul when he wrote his letter to the Philippian church sent their **greetings**.

- **Philippians 4:21-22:** "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you. All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household."

Aristarchus and Marcus sent their **greetings** to the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 4:10:** "Aristarchus my fellowprisoner saluteth you, and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas, (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him;)"

A man called Jesus (who was also called Justus) sent his **greetings** to the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 4:11:** "And Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only are my fellowworkers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me."

Epaphras sent his **greetings** to the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 4:12:** "Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always labouring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Demas sent his **greetings** to the Colossian church. (At the time this letter was written, he hadn't yet betrayed Paul and fled.)

- **Colossians 4:14:** "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you."

Luke sent his **greetings** to the Colossian church.

- **Colossians 4:14:** "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you."

Paul told the Colossian church to send his **greetings** to Nymphas, and to the Christians which were at Laodicea.

- **Colossians 4:15:** "Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house."

When Paul was facing imminent execution, he asked Timothy to **greet** Prisca, Aquila, and the entire household of Onesiphorus.

- **2 Timothy 4:19:** "Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus."

Paul told Timothy that Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, and Claudia (along with all those who were with them) sent their **greetings**.

- **2 Timothy 4:21:** "Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren."

The people who were with Paul when he wrote his letter to Titus sent their **greetings**.

- **Titus 3:15:** "All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen."

Paul began his letter to Philemon by **greeting** people and encouraging them.

- **Philemon 1:1-2:** "Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer, And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:"

Paul took the time to **greet** and encourage Philemon, and make sure he knew that Paul was praying for him, before getting to the point that he wanted to address.

- **Philemon 1:7:** "For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee, brother."

Epaphras (a prisoner who was suffering on behalf of Jesus,) sent his **greetings** to Philemon.

- **Philemon 1:23:** "There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus;"

Paul told Philemon that Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, and Lucas sent their **greetings** to him.

- **Philemon 1:23-24:** "There salute thee Epaphras, my fellowprisoner in Christ Jesus; Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my fellowlabourers."

The people of Italy sent their **greetings** to the recipients of

the book of Hebrews.

- **Hebrews 13:24:** "Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you."

James sent his **greetings** to the Jews.

- **James 1:1:** "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting."

Marcus (along with the church that was at Babylon) sent his **greetings** to the recipients of Peter's first letter.

- **1 Peter 5:13:** "The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son."

John sent **greetings** to the church from "thy elect sister". (This may have been a reference to a sister church, or perhaps the Jews in general.)

- **2 John 1:13:** "The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen."

John said that the friends who were with him sent their **greetings** to Gaius.

- **3 John 1:14:** "But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name."

John specifically asked Gaius to **greet** his friends by name.

- **3 John 1:14:** "But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name."

SALUTATION, SALUTATIONS

The scribes loved **salutations** (greetings) in marketplaces.

- **Mark 12:38:** "And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,"

Paul ends the letter with a **salutation** that was written by his own hand. (This seems to be the way he signed his letters, as proof that he had written it.)

- **Colossians 4:18:** "The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you. Amen."

If an epistle doesn't contain Paul's **salutation** then it wasn't written by him. (This means Paul couldn't have written the book of Hebrews.)

- **2 Thessalonians 3:17:** "The salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write."

SALUTETH, SALUTE, SALUTED

Samuel told Saul that he would meet three men at the plain of Tabor, and they would **salute** him. (This was one of the signs God gave Saul that he had been anointed as the king of Israel.)

- **1 Samuel 10:1, 4:** "Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance? ... And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands."

When David arrived at the Israelite camp with food for his brothers, he **saluted** them. (This is when David met Goliath.)

- **1 Samuel 17:22:** "And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren."

A young man told Abigail that David sent messengers out of the wilderness to **salute** Nabal. (That's when Nabal insulted them.)

- **1 Samuel 25:14:** "But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them."

When the 200 men of David who were left at the brook Besor came out to meet him, David **saluted** them. (In other words, he showed them respect and didn't put them down for

remaining behind.)

- **1 Samuel 30:21:** "And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them."

The reason Toi sent Jorah to David was to **salute** him. (He was pleased that David had defeated Hadadezer, who was his enemy.)

- **2 Samuel 8:10:** "Then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass:"

After the Shunemite woman spoke to Elisha at mount Carmel (when her son died), he told Gehazi that if he met anyone while going to her home he wasn't to **salute** him. (In other words, he was to get to her home as quickly as possible.)

- **2 Kings 4:29:** "Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child."

When Jehu asked the people he met in the shearing house of Samaria who they were, they told him they were going to

salute the children of the king and the queen. (In other words, they were on a trip to visit Ahaziah.)

- **2 Kings 10:13:** "Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah; and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen."

When Jehu met Jehonadab, Jehu **saluted** him.

- **2 Kings 10:15:** "And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot."

Jesus told His disciples that when they entered into a house, they were to **salute** it. (It seems this was intended to be a blessing of peace upon the house.)

- **Matthew 10:12-13:** "And when ye come into an house, salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you."

When the great multitude saw Jesus (after He came down from the mount of transfiguration), they **saluted** Him.

- **Mark 9:15:** "And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him."

Jesus commanded the 70 people He dispatched on a mission trip to not **salute** anyone who they passed by.

- **Luke 10:3-4:** "Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way."

When Paul and his group met the elders of the Jerusalem church, he **saluted** them.

- **Acts 21:18-19:** "And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry."

Paul told the Philippian church to **salute** (greet) every Christian.

- **Philippians 4:21:** "Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you."