

*Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 7; Habakkuk 2; 2John 1; Luke 21.*

## *December 7 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

### **2Chron 7**

The dedication of the Temple during the Feast of Tabernacles, concludes with ‘fire from heaven’ consuming the ascending offering and slaughterings. They give thanks, praise, and sing the song of David declaring, ‘For His loving-commitment is everlasting.’

2Chronicles 7 concludes with YHWH appearing to Solomon by night and responding to Solomon’s prayer. YHWH also cautions Solomon about keeping His laws and His commandments and not turning to other ‘mighty ones.’

#### **Fire from Heaven**

**2Ch 7:1** **And when Shelomoh had ended praying, fire came down from the heavens and consumed the ascending offering and the slaughterings. And the esteem of יהוה filled the House.**

**2Ch 7:2** **And the priests were unable to enter the House of יהוה, because the esteem of יהוה had filled the House of יהוה.**

**2Ch 7:3** And all the children of Yisra’el saw how the fire came down, and the esteem of יהוה on the House, and they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and did obeisance and gave thanks to יהוה, saying, **“For He is good, for His loving-commitment is everlasting.”**

#### **The Dedication of the Temple**

**2Ch 7:4** And the sovereign and all the people slaughtered slaughterings before יהוה.

**2Ch 7:5** And Sovereign Shelomoh slaughtered a slaughtering of **twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep.** Thus the sovereign and all the people dedicated the House of Elohim.

**2Ch 7:6** And the priests were standing over their duties, and the Lēwites with instruments of the song to יהוה, which Sovereign Dawid had made to give thanks to יהוה, saying, **“For His loving-commitment is everlasting,”** whenever Dawid praised by their hand. **And the priests were blowing trumpets before them, and all Yisra’el were standing.**

**2Ch 7:7** And **Shelomoh set apart the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the House of יהוה,** for there he made ascending offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, **because the bronze slaughter-place which Shelomoh had made was not able to contain the ascending offerings and the grain offerings and the fat.**

**2Ch 7:8** And Shelomoh at that time observed **the Festival seven days**, and all Yisra'ël with him, a very great assembly from the entrance of Ḥamath to the wadi of Mitsrayim.

**2Ch 7:9** And **on the eighth day** they held an assembly, for they performed the dedication of the slaughter-place seven days, and the festival seven days.

**2Ch 7:10** And on **the twenty-third day of the seventh new moon** he sent the people away to their tents, rejoicing and glad of heart for the goodness that יהוה had done for Dawid, and for Shelomoh, and for His people Yisra'ël.

### If My People Pray

**2Ch 7:11** Thus Shelomoh finished the House of יהוה and the sovereign's house. And all that came into the heart of Shelomoh to do in the House of יהוה and in his own house, he prosperously executed.

**2Ch 7:12** And יהוה **appeared** to Shelomoh by night, and said to him,

- ✚ “I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of slaughtering.
- ✚ **2Ch 7:13** “If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,
  - **2Ch 7:14** and My people upon whom My Name is called, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then **I shall hear from the heavens**, and forgive their sin and heal their land.
- ✚ **2Ch 7:15** “Now, My eyes are open and My ears attentive to the prayer of this place.
- ✚ **2Ch 7:16** “And now, I have chosen and set this house apart for My Name to be there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall always be there.
- ✚ **2Ch 7:17** “And you, if you walk before Me as your father Dawid walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you guard My laws and My right-rulings,
  - **2Ch 7:18** then I shall establish the throne of your reign, as I covenanted with Dawid your father, saying, ‘There is not to cease a man of yours as ruler in Yisra'ël.’
- ✚ **2Ch 7:19** “But if you turn away and forsake My laws and My commands which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other mighty ones, and bow yourself to them,
  - **2Ch 7:20** then I shall pluck them from My land, which I have given them, and this house which I have set apart for My Name I shall cast out of My sight and make it to be a proverb and a mockery among all peoples.
  - **2Ch 7:21** “And this house, which has been exalted, everyone who passes by it is shall be astonished and say, ‘Why has יהוה done thus to this land and this house?’
  - **2Ch 7:22** “Then they shall say, ‘Because they forsook יהוה Elohim of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, and embraced other mighty ones, and bowed themselves to them and served them, therefore He has brought all this evil on them.’ ”

## Habakkuk 2

**Hab 2:1** **I stand at my watch**, and station myself on the watch-tower, and wait to see what He says to me, and what to answer when I am reproved.

Habakkuk was standing, watching, and praying. YHWH had clearly chosen him to deliver a message to His people and proclaim His woes against the Chaldeans. YHWH wanted Habakkuk to write the vision and inscribe it on tablets so that none would miss hearing, seeing, and reading the prophesy. The vision of what was to come was for an appointed time that spoke of the end.

This message was meant to quicken those reading it; compel them to repentance; and turn them back in obedience of YHWH in keeping His commands and laws. They were not to change course in Him if it seemed like it lingered; but they were to wait; for it was certainly coming.

Habakkuk's prophesies from YHWH spoke to His generation and to ours. It is certainly coming. Position yourself in Him now. Wait for it.

### The Righteous Shall Live by His Faith

**Hab 2:2** And יהוה answered me and said, **“Write the vision and inscribe it on tablets, so that he who reads it runs.**

**Hab 2:3** “For the vision is yet for an appointed time, and it speaks of the end, and does not lie. **If it lingers, wait for it, for it shall certainly come, it shall not delay.**

✚ **Hab 2:4** “See, **he whose being is not upright in him is puffed up.**

✚ But **the righteous one lives by his steadfastness.**

**Hab 2:5** **“And also**, because wine betrays him, a man is proud, and he does not stay at home. Because he enlarges his appetite as She'ol, and he is like death, and is not satisfied, and gathers to himself all nations and heaps up for himself all peoples.

### Woe to the Chaldeans

YHWH pronounces woes.

**Hab 2:6** “Shall not all these lift up a proverb against him, and a mocking riddle against him, and say, **‘Woe to him who increases what is not his!** Till when is he to load on himself many pledges’?

Hab 2:7 “Do not your creditors rise up suddenly? And those who make you tremble wake up and you be plunder for them?”

Hab 2:8 **“Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you, because of men’s blood, and doing violence to the land, to the city, and to all who dwell in it.”**

Hab 2:9 “Woe to him who is getting evil gain for his house, in order to set his nest on high, to escape the clutches of evil!”

Hab 2:10 “You have counselled shame for your house, to cut off many peoples, and your being is sinning.

Hab 2:11 “For a stone from the wall cries out, and a beam from the timbers answers it.

Hab 2:12 “Woe to him who builds a town by blood, and establishes a city by unrighteousness!”

Hab 2:13 “See, it is not from יהוה of hosts that peoples labor only for fire, and nations weary themselves for naught,

Hab 2:14 for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the esteem of יהוה, as the waters cover the sea!<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Isa 11:9](#).

Hab 2:15 “Woe to him who gives drink to his neighbor, pouring out your wineskin, and also making him drunk – in order to look on their nakedness!”

Hab 2:16 “You shall be filled with shame instead of esteem. Drink, you too, and be exposed as uncircumcised! The cup of the right hand of יהוה shall come around to you, and great shame upon your esteem.

Hab 2:17 “For the violence done to Lebanon is to overwhelm you – and the ravaging of beasts by which you made them afraid – because of men’s blood and the violence to the land, to the city and of all who dwell in it.

Hab 2:18 “Of what use shall a carved image be? For its maker has carved it: a molded image and teacher of falsehood! For the maker trusts what he has made: to make dumb idols!

Hab 2:19 “Woe to him who says to wood, ‘Awake!’ to silent stone, ‘Arise!’ Is it a teacher? See, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no spirit at all inside it.

Hab 2:20 **“But יהוה is in His set-apart Hēkal. Let all the earth be silent before Him.”**

## 2John 1

URGENT MESSAGE FROM JOHN – stay the course with Yahusha HaMashiach!

After John opens with a loving greeting to YHWH's people; acknowledges the 'birthing' of more into the faith; encouraging love and to share His TRUTH among the brethren; he quickly delves into an urgent message about those that lead astray.

He reminds us that we must be sure to love one another; yet be discerning! Love and TRUTH builds us up; but there is also a 'deceptive Jezebel spirit of love and lies' that wants to steal, kill, and destroy. Again, he is emphasizing the lesson about discerning between the Spirit of Elohim and the spirit of delusion.

Each day the spiritual warfare rages. Take up and put on the full armor of YHWH.

### Greeting

**2Jn 1:1** The elder, to a chosen Kuria and her children, whom I love in truth, and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth,

**2Jn 1:2** because of the truth which stays in us and shall be with us forever:

**2Jn 1:3** Favor, compassion, peace be with you from Elohim the Father, and from the Master **יהושע** Messiah, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

### **F. B. Meyer Commentary: 2 John 1:1-13 WALKING IN TRUTH**

This exquisite letter, a model of old-world correspondence, was probably written when the Apostle was the guest of the nephews of the lady addressed. The Epistle revolves around the two words, *love* and *truth*, which were the poles of his life. When Christ is in us, not only are we true in judgment and speech, but we recognize truth wherever it is to be found. No horizon bounds the vision of the true and truth-loving soul. Be true and loving, and you will have a rich heritage of grace, mercy, and peace. Love is best shown by obedience. [2Jn 1:8](#) shows a pastor's anxiety. Don't go on without Christ or you will lose God, [2Jn 1:9](#). Remember that love can be stern, [2Jn 1:10](#).

The letter reveals the strength, purity, and love of the primitive Church. Let us put into our letters thoughts which will make them worth receiving and keeping.

### Walking in Truth and Love

**2Jn 1:4** I rejoiced greatly because I found some of your children walking in truth, as we received a command from the Father.

**2Jn 1:5** And now I ask you, Kuria, not as though I wrote a fresh command to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

**Kuria** [G2959](#) *koo-ree'-ah* Feminine of [G2962](#); *Cyria*, **a Christian woman**: - lady.

**2Jn 1:6** And this is the love, that we walk according to His commands.<sup>a</sup> This is the command, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it. **Footnote:**

<sup>a</sup>See [1Jn 5:3](#) and [Joh 14:15](#).

2Jn 1:7 Because many who are leading astray went out into the world who do not confess יהושע Messiah as coming in the flesh. This one is he who is leading astray and the **anti-messiah**.

Anti-messiah spirits are prevalent today; and one day the Anti-messiah will manifest.

2Jn 1:8 See to yourselves, that we do not lose what we worked for, but that we might receive a complete reward.

2Jn 1:9 Everyone who is transgressing and not staying in the teaching of Messiah does not possess Elohim.<sup>b</sup> The one who stays in the teaching of Messiah possesses both the Father and the Son.<sup>c</sup> Footnotes: <sup>b</sup> [1Ti 6:3](#). <sup>c</sup>See [1Jn 1:3](#), [1Jn 2:22](#), [1Jn 5:20](#).

Stern warning.

2Jn 1:10 **If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house nor greet him,**

2Jn 1:11 **for he who greets him shares in his wicked works.**

### Final Greetings

2Jn 1:12 Having much to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink, but I expect to come to you and speak face to face, so that our joy might be complete.

2Jn 1:13 The children of your chosen sister greet you. Aměn.

## Luke 21

### The Widow's Offering

The widow's offering showed great faith, hope, and love in YHWH. He knows everything about each person. She gave all.

**Luk 21:1** And looking up He saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury,

Luk 21:2 and **He saw a certain poor widow putting in two mites.**

Luk 21:3 And He said, "Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all.

Luk 21:4 **"For all these out of their excess have put in offerings for Elohim, but she out of her poverty has put in all that she had to live on."**

## Yahusha Foretells Destruction of the Temple

Just as Yahusha prophesied, the temple was destroyed in approximately 68-70 C.E. We know now, that we are the temple. The following two verses hold true for this end of days:

Luk 21:5 And as some were speaking about the Set-apart Place, that it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, He said,

Luk 21:6 **“These that you see – the days are coming in which not one stone shall be left upon another that shall not be thrown down.”**

Luk 21:7 And they asked Him, saying, “Teacher, but when shall this be? And what is the sign when this is about to take place?”

Luk 21:8 And He said, **“See that you are not led astray, for many shall come in My Name, saying, ‘I am,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Then do not go after them.**

Luk 21:9 **“But when you hear of fightings and unrests, do not be alarmed, for these have to take place first, but the end is not immediately.”**

## Yahusha Foretells Wars and Persecution

Luk 21:10 Then He said to them, **“Nation<sup>a</sup> shall rise against nation, and reign against reign. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>The Greek word for nation is *ethnos* which could also mean “ethnic group.”**

Luk 21:11 **“And there shall be great earthquakes in various places, and scarcities of food and deadly diseases. And there shall be horrors, and great signs from heaven.**

Luk 21:12 **“But before all this, they shall lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the congregations and prisons, being brought before sovereigns and rulers for My Name’s sake.**

With such persecution the witnesses arise [Luke 21:13]. These witnesses will not worry about what to say, because YHWH will give them words that the **sovereigns and rulers cannot refute or resist**. The witnesses before these courts will be ‘clay vessels’ that YHWH Himself will speak through. These will be the true witnesses of Yahusha HaMashiach. They will be betrayed by those around them and some will be put to death because of His Name. Very sobering to ponder.

Luk 21:13 **“And it shall turn out to you for a witness.**

Luk 21:14 **“Therefore, **resolve in your hearts** not to premeditate on what to answer.**

Luk 21:15 **“For **I shall give you a mouth and wisdom** which all your adversaries shall not be able to refute or resist.**

Luk 21:16 **“And **you shall also be betrayed by parents and brothers and relatives and friends. And some of you shall be put to death.****

Luk 21:17 “And you shall be hated by all because of My Name.

Luk 21:18 “But not a hair of your head shall be lost at all.

Luk 21:19 “Possess your lives by your endurance!

Very sobering section!

He tells us BEFORE the rise of nation against nation; ethnic group against ethnic group; earthquakes; famine and diseases; great horrors and signs of heaven; He states BEFORE these things they shall lay their hands on you; deliver you up to the congregations and prisons; and be brought before sovereigns and rulers for My Name’s sake.

This makes sense if we compare events of the exodus out of Egypt. We recall that the people were in captivity; they were persecuted; some died; YHWH spoke through Moses and Aaron; and THEN, ‘WHEN?’, THEN, YHWH brought forth famine, disease, great horrors, and signs of heaven.

Could what we be seeing with the present-day Sanhedrin and rulers promoting the Seven Noahide Laws to rule internationally; be used as the sword of persecution? These Noahide Talmudic laws would make it a crime to say, speak, sing, or write His Name and worshipping Him would be considered idolatry.

**Acts 1: 8**“But you shall receive power when the Set-apart Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Yerushalayim, and in all Yehudah and Shomeron, and to the end of the earth.” (emphasis mine)

### **Yahusha Foretells Destruction of Jerusalem**

We have just read about the destruction of the physical temple; now we read about the destruction of Jerusalem. Prophecies usually cycle and occur 3-fold. Today, Satan desires to desecrate our bodies; the temple. He also pridefully wants to build himself a man-made temple in Jerusalem. Any such temple will be destroyed as well as Jerusalem upon His return. Then, He will usher in the New Jerusalem.

Luk 21:20 “And **when you see Yerushalayim surrounded by armies**, then know that its laying waste is near.

Yahusha tells us when to flee.

Luk 21:21 “**Then let those in Yehudah flee** to the mountains, and let those who are in the midst of her go out, and let not those who are in the fields enter her.

Luk 21:22 “Because these are **days of vengeance**, to fill all that have been written.

Luk 21:23 “And woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing children in those days! For there shall be great distress in the earth and wrath upon this people.

Luk 21:24 “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. **And Yerushalayim shall be trampled underfoot by the nations<sup>b</sup> until the times of the nations are filled.** Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Gen 48:19](#), [Psa 79:1](#), [Rom 11:25](#).

### The Coming of the Son of Man

**The Coming of the Son of Man** will usher in all kinds of changes in the sun, moon, and stars; the earth and all that is in it will be strongly agitated and disturbed. Men’s hearts will fail them from fear of things coming upon the earth. Then all shall see Him coming in a cloud with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:25 “And there shall be signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea, and agitation,

Luk 21:26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of what is coming on the earth, **for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken.** [Hag 2:6](#), [Hag 2:21](#).

Luk 21:27 “And then they shall see **the Son of Adam coming in a cloud** [Dan 7:13](#) with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:28 “And when these *matters* begin to take place, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near.”

### The Lesson of the Fig Tree

When we see the budding of these things begin; just as the budding of the fig trees and the trees; we will know that the reign of Elohim is near. Nature does not lose track of the seasons; neither should we.

Luk 21:29 And He spoke a parable to them, “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

Luk 21:30 “When they have already budded, observing it, you shall know for yourselves that summer is now near.

Luk 21:31 “So you also, when you see these *matters* take place, know that the reign of Elohim is near.

Luk 21:32 “Truly, I say to you, this generation shall by no means pass away till all shall have taken place.

Luk 21:33 “The heaven and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall by no means pass away.

## Watch Yourselfes

Yahusha gives everyone warning.

Luk 21:34 “And take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down by gluttony, and drunkenness, and worries of this life, and that day come on you suddenly.

Luk 21:35 “For it shall come as a snare on all those dwelling on the face of all the earth.

Luk 21:36 “**Watch then at all times**, and **pray that you be counted worthy to escape all this about to take place**, and **to stand before the Son of Adam.**”

Luk 21:37 And He was teaching in the Set-apart Place by day, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain of Olives,

Luk 21:38 and early in the morning all the people came to Him in the Set-apart Place to hear Him.

This chapter closes with Him teaching in the Set-Apart place during the day; retreating to the mount of Olives at night; then returning to teach at the Set-Apart place in the morning. Retreat and return; retreat and return; brings waves of washing in the Truth.

*‘Wait for it’*

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