

Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 19 & 20; Jonah 3; 1Peter 1; Luke 8.

November 24 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: **For teaching purposes only**, underlines, bold font, and highlights have been added to Scripture text. Version TS2009]

1Chron. 19

The Ammonites Disgrace David's Men

1Ch 19:1 **And after this it came to be that Naḥash the sovereign of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his place.**

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

Gen 19:37 And the first-born bore a son and called his name Mo'ab, he is the father of the Mo'abites to this day.

Gen 19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi, he is the father of the **children of Ammon** to this day.

1Ch 19:2 **And Dawid said,**

- ✚ “Let me show loving-commitment to Ḥanun son of Naḥash, because his father showed loving-commitment to me.”
- ✚ So Dawid sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father.
- ✚ And the servants of Dawid came to Ḥanun in the land of the children of Ammon to comfort him.

1Ch 19:3 **And the chiefs of the children of Ammon said to Ḥanun,**

- ✚ “Is Dawid esteeming your father, in your eyes, because he has sent comforters to you?”
- ✚ Have his servants not come to you to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land?”

Who we choose to listen to in making our decisions is important. Hanun had just lost his father; had become king of the children of Ammon; and now the chiefs of the children of Ammon brought great suspicion into the equation concerning David's messengers. When thoughts of suspicion or doubts enter our minds; we should ask ourselves, 'Who told me that?' 'What voice am I listening to?'

For believers, our thoughts and decisions can be influenced by the Ruach HaKodesh; by the enemy; or our own fleshly reasonings. Nonbelievers are guided by the enemy or fleshly reasonings from various sources. Hanun was guided by the enemy working through the flesh of men. His desire is to kill, steal, and destroy relationships and lives.

1Ch 19:4 So Hanun took Dawid's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

1Ch 19:5 And when *some* went and informed Dawid about the men, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the sovereign said,

✚ “Remain at Yeriho until your beards have grown, then return.”

1Ch 19:6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves a stench to Dawid,

✚ Hanun and the children of Ammon sent **a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots** and horsemen from Aram-Naharayim, and from Aram-Ma'akah, and from Tsobah.

A talent is approximately 57 pounds, therefore, they sent 57,000 pounds of silver for 'military equipment' in preparation to stand against King David, who had only wanted to send condolences. Talk about what happens when you listen to the wrong people!

✚ **1Ch 19:7** So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand chariots, with the sovereign of Ma'aqah and his people, who came and encamped before Mëydeba. And the children of Ammon had gathered from their cities, and came to battle.

For inquiring minds that are interested in the magnitude of this battle. Adam Clarke Commentary provided the following chart to make comparisons between several chapters within the texts in 2Samuel and 1Chronicles.

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2 Samuel 8:1

David took **Metheg-ammah** - This is variously translated. The Vulgate has, *Tulit David fraenum tributi*, David removed the bondage of the tribute, which the Israelites paid to the Philistines. Some think it means a fortress, city, or strong town; but no such place as Metheg-ammah is known. Probably the Vulgate is nearest the truth. The versions are all different. See the following comparison of the principal passages here collated with the parallel place in 1 Chr: -

2 Samuel	1 Chronicles
2Sa 8:1 - David took Metheg-ammah 2Sa 8:3 David	1Ch 18:1 - David took Gath and her towns, 1Ch 18:3 David
smote Hadadezer 2Sa 8:4 . And David took from him	smote Hadarezer 1Ch 18:4 . And David took from him
1000 and 700 horsemen, and 20,000 foot.	1000 chariots, and 7000 horsemen, and 20,000 foot.
2Sa 8:6 Then David put garrisons in Syria 2Sa 8:8 . And	1Ch 18:6 Then David put in Syria 1Ch 18:8 . And
from Beth and Berothai cities of Hadadezer. 2Sa 8:9 .	from Tibhath and Chun cities of Hadarezer. 1Ch 18:9 .
When Toi heard that David had smitten	When Tou heard that David had smitten
Hadadezer 2Sa 8:10 . Then Toi sent Joram his son	Hadarezer 1Ch 18:10 . He sent Hadoram his son
2Sa 8:12 -Syria and Moab 2Sa 8:13 - Syrians, in the valley	1Ch 18:11 -Edom and Moab 1Ch 18:12 - Edomites, in the valley
of salt, 18,000 2Sa 8:17 - Ahimelech and Seraiah	of salt, 18,000 1Ch 18:16 - Abimelech - and Shausha
was the scribe. 2Sa 10:16 . Shobach the captain	was scribe. 1Ch 19:16 . Shophach the captain
2Sa 10:17 David passed over Jordan, and came הלאמה	1Ch 19:17 David passed over Jordan and came אלהם
to Helam. 2Sa 10:18 David slew 700	upon them 1Ch 19:18 David slew of the Syrians 7000
chariots of the Syrians, and 40,000 horsemen;	chariots, and 40,000 footmen;
and smote Shobach, etc.	and killed Shophach, etc.

1Ch 19:8 And when David heard, he sent Yo'ab and the entire army of the mighty men,

1Ch 19:9 and the children of Ammon came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city, and the sovereigns who had come were by themselves in the field.

Ammonites and Syrians Defeated

Joab and his brother Abishai develop their military strategy.

1Ch 19:10 And when **Yo'ab saw that the battle had been set against him before and behind**, he chose some of **the choice ones of Yisra'el**, and put them in battle array to **meet Aram**.

1Ch 19:11 And **the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother**, and they set themselves in battle array to meet the **children of Ammon**.

1Ch 19:12 And he said,

- ✚ "If Aram is too strong for me, then you shall help me;
- ✚ but if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I shall help you.
- ✚ 1Ch 19:13 "Be strong, and let us show strength for our people and for the cities of our Elohim, and let הוה' do what is good in His eyes."

1Ch 19:14 And **Yo'ab drew near, and the people with him**, to battle against Aram, and they fled before him.

1Ch 19:15 And when the **children of Ammon** saw that the Arameans were fleeing, they also fled **before Abishai his brother**, and went into the city. **And Yo'ab came to Yerushalayim**.

1Ch 19:16 And when Aram saw that they had been smitten before Yisra'el, they sent messengers and brought the Arameans who were beyond the River, and Shophak the commander of Hadadezer's army went before them.

1Ch 19:17 And it was reported to Dawid, and he gathered all Yisra'el, and passed over the Yarden and came upon them, and set up in battle array against them. **And Dawid set up in battle array against Aram, and they fought with him**.

- ✚ 1Ch 19:18 And Aram fled before Yisra'el,
- ✚ and Dawid killed seven thousand charioteers
- ✚ and forty thousand foot soldiers of the Arameans,
- ✚ and smote Shophak the commander of the army.

1Ch 19:19 And **the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were smitten by Yisra'el, and they made peace with Dawid and became his servants. And the Arameans would not help the children of Ammon any more**.

All this because Hanun listened to the wrong 'voice', when all that King David had tried to do was to send messengers of condolences and comfort over the death of his father. Be careful who you listen to, they may paint your advocate as your adversary.

1Chron 20

The Capture of Rabbah

1Ch 20:1 And it came to be at the turn of the year, at the time sovereigns go out to battle, that Yo'ab led out the power of the army and destroyed the land of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But Dawid remained at Yerushalayim. And Yo'ab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.

Adam Clarke Commentary: 1 Chronicles 20:1

After the year was expired, at the time that kings go out to battle - About the spring of the year; see the note on [2Sa 11:1](#).

2 Samuel 11:1 When kings go forth - This was about a year after the war with the Syrians spoken of before, and about the spring of the year, as the most proper season for military operations. **Calmet thinks they made two campaigns, one in autumn and the other in spring;** the winter being in many respects inconvenient, and the summer too hot.

After this verse the parallel place in Samuel relates the whole story of David and Bath-sheba, and the murder of Uriah, which the compiler of these books passes over as he designedly does almost everything prejudicial to the character of David. All he states is, but David tarried at Jerusalem; and, while he thus tarried, and Joab conducted the war against the Ammonites, the awful transactions above referred to took place.

1Ch 20:2 And Dawid took their sovereign's crown from his head, and found it weighed a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it. And it was set on Dawid's head. And he also brought out the spoil of the city, a very great amount.

There are various sources that 'weigh in' on the weight of a talent. I am going with the following chart segment below from Gill Broussard's research on the 'royal' talent weighing 57 lbs.



Ellicott states other sources as follows: A talent of gold.—The Arabic Version says one hundred pounds. Modern scholars consider the "talent of gold" as about one hundred and thirty-one pounds troy. If the weight was anything like this, the crown was obviously more suited for the head of a big idol than of a man.

1Ch 20:3 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, and with iron picks, and with axes. And thus Dawid did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then Dawid and all the people returned to Yerushalayim.

Philistine Giants Killed

Slaying the giants...

1Ch 20:4 And afterward it came to be that fighting **broke out at Gezer** with the Philistines. Then Sibbekai the Hushathite struck Sippai of the sons of the giant, and they were humbled.

1Ch 20:5 And there was fighting again with the Philistines, and Elhanan son of Ya'ir struck **Lahmi the brother of Golyath the Gittite**, **the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam.**

1Ch 20:6 **And there was fighting again at Gath, where there was a man of great size, with twenty-four fingers and toes, six and six. And he too was born to the giant.**

1Ch 20:7 And **he reproached Yisra'el, and Yehonathan son of Shim'a, Dawid's brother, struck him.**

1Ch 20:8 **These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of Dawid and by the hand of his servants.**

Jonah 3

Jonah Goes to Nineveh

Jon 3:1 And the word of יהוה came to Yonah the second time, saying,

- ✚ Jon 3:2 "Arise, go to Ninewěh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I am speaking to you."
- ✚ Jon 3:3 And Yonah arose and went to Ninewěh, according to the word of יהוה. Now Ninewěh was a great city before Elohim, of **three day's journey**.
- ✚ Jon 3:4 And **Yonah began to go in to the city on the first day's walk.**
 - And he cried out and said, "**Yet forty days, and Ninewěh shall be overthrown!**"
 - Jon 3:5 And **the men of Ninewěh believed in Elohim**, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them.

Adam Clarke Notes: Jonah 3:3 Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of three days' journey - See on [Jon 1:2](#) (note). Strabo says, lib. xvi., *πολυ μειζων ην της Βαβυλωνος*, "it was much larger than Babylon:" and Ninus, the builder, not only proposed to make it the largest city of the world, but the largest that could be built by man. See Diodor. Sic. Bib. 50:2. And as we find, from the lowest computation, that it was at least fifty-four or sixty English miles in circumference, **it would take the prophet three days to walk round upon the walls, and announce from them the terrible message, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh will be destroyed!"**

Jonah 1:2 Go to Nineveh - This was the capital of the Assyrian empire, and one of the most ancient cities of the world, Gen 10:10; and one of the largest, as it was three days' journey in circumference. Ancient writers represent it as oblong; being in length one hundred and fifty stadia, and ninety in breadth, the compass being four hundred and eighty stadia. Now as the stadium is allowed to have been equal to our furlong, eight of which make a mile, this amounts to fifty-four English miles: see on [Jon 3:3](#) (note). But we must not suppose that all this space was covered with compact streets and

buildings; it took in a considerable space of country, probably all the cultivated ground necessary to support all the inhabitants of that district. Calmet computes the measurement of the circumference to be equal to twenty-five French leagues. It is reported to have had walls one hundred feet high, and so broad that three chariots might run abreast upon them. It was situated on the Tigris, or a little to the west, or on the west side of that river. It was well peopled, and had at this time one hundred and twenty thousand persons in it reputed to be in a state of infancy, which on a moderate computation would make the whole number six hundred thousand persons. But some, supposing that persons not being able to distinguish their right hand from their left must mean children under two years of age, and reckoning one such child for every twenty persons from that age upwards, make the population amount to two millions five hundred thousand. Nor can this be considered an exaggerated estimate, when we know that London, not one-tenth of the size of ancient Nineveh, contains a population of upwards of one million. But calculations of this kind, relative to matters of such remote antiquity, are generally precarious, and not very useful: and ancient authors, though the only guides, are not always safe conductors. Mosul is generally supposed to be the same as the ancient Nineveh. It is in the province of Dearbekir, on the west bank of the Tigris.

Their wickedness is come up before me - This is a personification of evil. It ascends from earth to heaven; and stands before the Supreme Judge, to bear witness against its own delinquency, and that of the persons whom it has seduced.

The People of Nineveh Repent

Jon 3:6 And **the word reached the sovereign of Ninewěh**, so he arose from his throne and took off his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

Jon 3:7 And he proclaimed and said throughout Ninewěh, By decree of the sovereign and his nobles:

- ✚ No man or beast, herd or flock, shall taste whatever – let them not eat, let them not even drink water.
- ✚ **Jon 3:8** “But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and call mightily to Elohim.
- ✚ And **let each one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.**
- ✚ **Jon 3:9** “Who knows whether Elohim does turn and relent, and shall turn away from the heat of His displeasure, so that we do not perish?”

Jon 3:10 And **Elohim saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And Elohim relented from the evil which He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.**

1Peter 1

Peter and Paul were chosen by YHWH to impart the Good News; Peter was to spread the Good News among the circumcised, and Paul to the uncircumcised. We read about their designations written by Paul in Galatians; however, they were not limited to those people groups.

Peter and Paul were both 1st Century (C.E.) believers given the task to articulate the transference back from the Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to Covenant Torah under the Melchizedek Priesthood. Yahusha had fulfilled the death penalty arm of the Promise made in Genesis 15. Now, through the New Covenant ratified with His precious blood, the Melchizedek Priesthood reigned once again with Yahusha as High Priest.

This was a huge undertaking and the Good News needed to be shared with accuracy, because the enemy and false teachers wasted no time infiltrating and spreading false doctrine. The false teachers wanted to once again enslave them under the Book of the Law, in addition to their Talmudic writings and oral traditions. They lorded over the laity the sorely corrupted Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and leavened doctrines. It had been so corrupted, that through that very system, they accused Yahusha of blasphemy! It can't get any more corrupt than that! That same Sanhedrin mindset is once again rearing its head, as they have been re-established since 2004 and are once again pushing their false doctrine which has grown much worse. Now, their beliefs almost entirely encompassed their Satanic Talmud; which even elevates their opinions above YHWH!

Gal 2:4 But as for the false brothers, sneakingly brought in, who sneaked in to spy out our freedom which we have in Messiah יהושע in order to enslave us,

Gal 2:5 to these we did not yield in subjection, not even for an hour, so that the truth of the Good News remains with you.

Gal 2:6 But from those who were esteemed to be whatever – what they were, it makes no difference to me, Elohim shows no partiality – for those who were esteemed contributed naught to me.

Gal 2:7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the Good News to the uncircumcised had been entrusted to me, even as Kěpha to the circumcised –

Gal 2:8 **for He who worked in Kěpha to make him an emissary to the circumcised also worked in me for the nations.**

The persecution of the first century believers began before the death, burial, and resurrection of Yahusha; though at that time, Yahusha and John the Immerser, took the brunt of their persecutions. Afterwards, the persecution heated up on the apostles and believers after the day of Pentecost, when they received the Holy Spirit. The gathering nations were present for the feast of Pentecost and heard the set-apart ones speaking in their own tongue, their own language.

In Acts 2, Peter shares the New Covenant Gospel message and 3,000 are saved; whereas, after the sin of the golden calf and being placed under the tutor of the Book of the Law, 3,000 died! (Ex. 32:28) Yahusha, once again, elevated the Melchizedek Priesthood to its previous reigning position once and for all. By faith in Yahusha and by entering into Covenant with Him, He has made us into a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation! (Rev. 5:9-10) That is the Good News He ushered in! He not only redeemed those that believe in Him, but He also redeemed the land and all creation!

Many circumcised brethren were scattered among the surrounding nations by heavy persecutions. Paul, himself, before his conversion, played a zealous role in that wrongful persecution; until his call and conversion experience on the road to Damascus. It is believed Paul never quite got over being present at the stoning of Stephen. Paul would proclaim he had been the chief among sinners, in hopes of calling others to repentance.

Peter is writing his first letter to his circumcised brethren scattered among the nations; as well as to associated believers among them. His brethren had foreknowledge of YHWH and now they had been sprinkled by the blood of Messiah, whom ushered in the new blood ratified covenant with His own precious blood. The Comforter came at Pentecost and now they would never be the same; nor should they ever desire to turn back.

No commentary can improve on the heart felt words divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit that Peter spoke in Acts 2 or in 1Peter 1. Read his inspired words about the great gift they had received through being born anew and how they were now set-apart. Read how Peter shares with his audience that the Torah, the Prophets, and the Writings foretold of all that had just been fulfilled. This truth was undeniable.

Like James, Peter reminds those reading his letter that life fades as the grass, and the most important truth anyone can ever possess had been received by them. This gift was not to be taken lightly then nor now. **Those that have knowledge and receive the Way, the Truth, and the Life are truly blessed.**

Greeting

1Pe 1:1 Kēpha, an emissary of יהושע Messiah,

- + to the chosen,**
- + strangers of the dispersion in Pontos, Galatia, Kappadokia, Asia, and Bithunia,**
- + 1Pe 1:2 *chosen* according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father,**
- + set apart by the Spirit unto **obedience^a****
- + and sprinkling of the blood of יהושע Messiah:**

- ✚ Favor and peace be increased to you. Footnote: ^aObedience is also stressed in [1Pe 1:14](#) and [1Pe 1:22](#).

Born Anew to a Living Hope

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the Elohim and Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, who according to His great compassion has caused us to be born again to **a living expectation through the resurrection of יהושע Messiah from the dead,**

- ✚ 1Pe 1:4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and unfading, having been kept in the heavens for you,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:5 who are protected by the power of Elohim through belief, for a deliverance ready to be revealed in the last time,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:6 in which you exult, even though for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by manifold trials,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:7 in order that the proving of your belief – much more precious than gold that perishes, and proven by fire – might be found to result in praise and respect and esteem at the revelation of יהושע Messiah,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:8 whom having not seen, you love; in whom you exult with unspeakable and esteemed joy, yet not seeing, but believing,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:9 obtaining the goal of your belief: a deliverance of lives.

1Pe 1:10 Concerning this deliverance the prophets have sought out and searched out, prophesying concerning the favor for you,

1Pe 1:11 searching to know what, or what sort of time, the Spirit which was in them was pointing out concerning Messiah, when it was bearing witness beforehand the sufferings of Messiah, and the esteems that would follow,

1Pe 1:12 to whom it was revealed that they were serving, not themselves, but you, in these matters which now have been announced to you through those who brought the Good News to you by the Set-apart Spirit sent from heaven – into which messengers long to look into.

Called to Be Holy

1Pe 1:13 Therefore,

- ✚ having girded up the loins of your mind, being sober, set your expectation perfectly upon the favor that is to be brought to you at the revelation of יהושע Messiah,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts in your ignorance,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:15 instead, as the One who called you is set-apart, so you also should become set-apart in all behavior,
- ✚ 1Pe 1:16 because it has been written, **“Be set-apart, for I am set-apart.”** [Lev 11:44](#), [Lev 19:2](#).

1Pe 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear,

1Pe 1:18 knowing that **you were redeemed from your futile behavior inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold,**

1Pe 1:19 **but with the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless.**

1Pe 1:20 foreknown, indeed, before the foundation of the world, but manifested in these last times for your sakes.

1Pe 1:21 **who through Him believe in Elohim** who raised Him from the dead and gave Him esteem, so that your belief and expectation are in Elohim.

1Pe 1:22 Now that you have cleansed your lives in obeying the truth through the Spirit to unfeigned brotherly love, **love one another fervently with a clean heart,**

1Pe 1:23 **having been born again – not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible – through the living Word of Elohim, which remains forever,**

1Pe 1:24 because **“All flesh is as grass, and all the esteem of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,**

1Pe 1:25 **but the Word of Elohim remains forever.”** [Isa 40:6-8](#) And this is the Word, announced as **Good News to you.**

Luke 8

Today as we read this chapter, [see Israel!](#) See the [plight of Israel!](#) See how over the years the believers have been coming together by faith; **one from a town and two from a city**; as with Miryam of Magdala possessed by demons to Yoḥanah the wife of Kuza, manager of Herodes.

Belief in the power of Yahusha, the Word, shines through believers. Yahusha went through every **city and village** and [what did He proclaim and bring?](#) The Good News of the **reign of Elohim!** Immediately after this statement, it says **the twelve were with Him.** What a beautiful analogy of how one day the **12 tribes, and those grafted in,** will be with Him as **the one new man,** His first-born son, Israel.

Women Accompanying Yahusha

Luk 8:1 And it came to be, afterward, that **He went through every city and village, proclaiming and bringing the Good News of the reign of Elohim, and the twelve were with Him,**

Luk 8:2 and certain women **who were healed of wicked spirits and sicknesses:** Miryam, called 'from Maḡdala,' out of whom had come seven demons,

Luk 8:3 and Yoḥanah the wife of Kuza, manager of Herodes, and Shoshannah, and many others who provided for Him from their resources.

The Parable of the Sower

Luk 8:4 And when a large crowd had gathered, and those who were coming to Him from every city, He spoke by a parable:

Luk 8:5 “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside. And it was trodden down, and the birds of the heaven devoured it.

Luk 8:6 “And other fell on rock, and when it grew up, it withered because it had no moisture.

Luk 8:7 “And other fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it.

Luk 8:8 “And other fell on the good soil, and grew up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” Having said this He cried, **“He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”**

The Purpose of the Parables

Luk 8:9 And His taught ones were asking Him, saying, **“What does this parable mean?”**

Luk 8:10 And He said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the reign of Elohim, but to the rest in parables, that **‘Seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not understand.’** [Isa 6:9](#).

Luk 8:11 **“And this is the parable: [The seed is the word of Elohim.](#)”**^a Footnote: ^a [Mat 13:1-58](#) and [Mar 4:1-41](#)

Luk 8:12 “And those by the wayside are the ones who hear, then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, lest having believed, they should be saved.

Luk 8:13 “And those on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. And these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of trial fall away.

Luk 8:14 “And that which fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with worries, and riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

Luk 8:15 “And that on the good soil are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, retain it, and bear fruit with endurance.

As in the parable of the sower and the seeds, Yahusha, Himself, is not only the Sower but He is the Seed, the Word. Even [when Yahusha brought and proclaimed the Good News of the reign of Elohim](#), the [same results occurred as when we evangelize](#): some hear yet the devil snatches the seed away before belief; some hear and believe for a while but in time of trial fall away; some hear but they succumb to the cares and pressures of this world and bear no fruit; and some hear and receive and their lives are rich and overflowing as they bear fruit.

A Lamp Under a Jar

Luk 8:16 “And no one having lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but he puts it on a lampstand, so that those coming in see the light.

Luk 8:17 “For whatever is hidden shall be revealed, and whatever is secret shall be known and come to light.

Luk 8:18 “Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever possesses, to him *more* shall be given; and whoever does not possess, even what he thinks he possesses shall be taken from him.”

Believers, those who possess the light of the Word, are cautioned to burn brightly and let His light shine through their lives to others. We shouldn't be turning our faith 'on and off' like a light switch depending on who is present. At the same time, we shouldn't be using our faith as a blinding spotlight to overwhelm those around us.

Yahusha's Mother and Brothers

Luk 8:19 And His mother and brothers came to Him, and were unable to get to Him because of the crowd.

Luk 8:20 And it was reported to Him, saying, “Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You.”

Luk 8:21 And He answering, said to them, “My mother and My brothers are those who are hearing the Word of Elohim and doing it.”^b Footnote: ^b [Mat 12:50](#), [Mar 3:35](#)

You see, those who believe are the ones Yahusha identifies as His mother, His brother. The same applies for us. We are family. We are His family. In Him, the power of the Word calms the storms of life. The power of the Word keeps our temple clean of demonic possession and/or oppression. The power of the Word gives us His authority to walk by faith and not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Yahusha Calms a Storm

Luk 8:22 And on a certain day it came to be, that He entered into a boat with His taught ones, and He said to them, “Let us go over to the other side of the lake.” And they set out.

Luk 8:23 And as they were sailing He fell asleep. And a windstorm came down on the lake, and they were filling up, and were in danger.

Luk 8:24 And they came to Him and woke Him up, saying, “Master, Master, we are perishing!” And He awoke and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water. And they ceased, and there came a calm.

Luk 8:25 And He said to them, “Where is your belief?” And they were afraid, and marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that He even commands the winds and water, and they obey Him?”

Yahusha Heals a Man with a Demon

Luk 8:26 And they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galil.

Luk 8:27 And as He went out onto the land, He was met by a certain man, from the city, who had demons for a long time. And he wore no garments, and he was not living in a house but in the tombs.

Luk 8:28 And when he saw יהושע, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, "What have I to do with You, יהושע, Son of the Most High Elohim? I beg You, do not torture me!"

Luk 8:29 For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had seized him many times, and he was bound with chains and shackles, being guarded. And breaking the bonds, he was driven by the demon into the lonely places.

Luk 8:30 And יהושע asked him, saying, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," because many demons had entered into him.

Luk 8:31 **And they were begging Him that He would not command them to go out into the bottomless pit.**

Luk 8:32 And a herd of many pigs was feeding there on the mountain. And **they begged Him to allow them to go into them. And He allowed them.**

Luk 8:33 And the demons, having gone out of the man, entered into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep place into the lake and drowned.

Luk 8:34 And when those feeding them saw what had taken place, they fled and reported it in the city and in the country.

Luk 8:35 So they came out to see what had taken place, and came to יהושע, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out,

- ✚ sitting at the feet of יהושע,
- ✚ dressed,
- ✚ and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Luk 8:36 And those who had seen it reported to them how he who had been possessed by demons was healed.

Luk 8:37 And all the crowd of the neighborhood of the Gadarenes asked Him to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. And He entered into the boat and returned.

Luk 8:38 And the man from whom the demons had gone out was begging Him to be with Him. But יהושע sent him away, saying,

Luk 8:39 "Go back to your house, and relate what Elohim has done for you." And he went away proclaiming through all the city what יהושע did for him.

Like the demon possessed man, before we found Yahusha HaMashiach as our Master and Savior we too, in so many words, 'had no garment' and 'dwelt among the tombs.' Meaning, we did not possess our spotless wedding garments that only He can provide through the washing of the blood of the Lamb. Neither did we possess eternal life by receiving the Ruach HaKodesh. Once we found Him, we too are found sitting at the feet of Yahusha; clothed in our white garments; and have the mind of Yahusha, the living Word.

This crazed demon possessed man had a 'strong man' spirit. A strong man spirit must be bound first, before the smaller demonic spirits can come out; otherwise, the strong man spirit prevents the lesser demonic spirits from exiting. After a person is delivered from demonic possession, they should promptly receive Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior or they may end up in a worse condition than at first.

Yahusha Heals a Woman and Jairus's Daughter

Luk 8:40 And it came to be, when יהושע returned, that the crowd gladly received Him, for they were all looking for Him.

Luk 8:41 And see, there **came a man whose name was Ya'ir, and he was a ruler of the congregation.** And falling down at the feet of יהושע he was calling upon Him to come to his house,

Luk 8:42 because **he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying.** And as He went, the crowds thronged upon Him.

Luk 8:43 And **a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years,** who, having spent all her livelihood on physicians, was unable to be healed by any,

Luk 8:44 came from behind and touched the tzitzit of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped.

Luk 8:45 And יהושע said, **"Who touched Me?"** And when all denied it, Kěpha and those with him said, "Master, the crowds throng You and press upon You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?'"

Luk 8:46 But יהושע said, **"Somebody did touch Me, for I knew power went out from Me."**

Our faith is what connects us to the power of Yahusha HaMashiach. Our faith is what touches Him!

Luk 8:47 And the woman, seeing that she was not hidden, came trembling, and falling down before Him she declared to Him in the presence of all the people why she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately.

Luk 8:48 And He said to her, **"Take courage, daughter, your belief has healed you. Go in peace."**

Luk 8:49 While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the congregation's house, saying to him, **"Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher any further."**

Luk 8:50 And יהושע, having heard, answered him, saying, **"Do not be afraid, only believe, and she shall be healed."**

Luk 8:51 And coming into the house, **He allowed no one to go in except Kěpha, and Ya'aqob, and Yohanán, and the girl's father and mother.**

Luk 8:52 And they were all weeping and mourning for her, and He said, **"Do not weep,**

she is not dead, but sleeps.”

Luk 8:53 And they were laughing at Him, knowing that she was dead.

Luk 8:54 But taking her by the hand He called, saying, **“Child, arise.”**

Luk 8:55 And **her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately. And He directed that she be given food to eat.**

G4151 [spirit] *pneuma pnyoo'-mah* From G4154; a *current* of air, that is, *breath (blast)* or a *breeze*; by analogy or figuratively a *spirit*, that is, (human) the *rational soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel, daemon*, or (divine) *God, Christ's spirit*, the *Holy spirit*: - ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare G5590.

It doesn't say her spirit 'awakened'; it says her spirit returned. Before Yahusha ascended and made our atonement on the heavenly altar; those that died went to the bosom of Abraham, the comfort side of Sheol. Her spirit wasn't sleeping in her dead body, but it returned to her. Yahusha is **not only the Resurrection, He is the Life**. Yahusha makes this very clear as He explained it to Martha in John 11:21-26.

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Joh 11:17 Therefore, when יהושע arrived, He found that he had already been four days in the tomb.

Joh 11:18 Now Bēyth Anyah was near Yerushalayim, about fifteen stadia^a away. Footnote:
^aAbout 3 kilometres or 2 miles.

Joh 11:19 And many of the Yehudim had come to Martha and Miryam, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Joh 11:20 Martha, then, when she heard that יהושע was coming, met Him, but Miryam was sitting in the house.

Joh 11:21 Martha, then, said to יהושע, **“Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.”**

Joh 11:22 “But even now I know that whatever You might ask of Elohim, Elohim shall give You.”

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, **“Your brother shall rise again.”**

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, **“I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”**

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, **“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.”**

Joh 11:26 **“And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?”**

Joh 11:27 She said to Him, “Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who is coming into the world.”

Luk 8:56 And her parents were astonished, but He ordered them to say to no one what had taken place.

Notice the age of Ya'ir's daughter was **12-years of age**, and the woman had the **issue of blood for 12 years**. Notice that we, the 12 tribes, have been scattered and have been viewed as dead; but YHWH is speaking to those dead dry bones and His Spirit is breathing life into the 'one new man'. He is feeding us with the Truth of His Word. Each day His body, Israel, is being healed, restored and coming to life!

The woman with the issue of blood for 12 years, touches His garment and is healed. She doesn't run off. No, when she hears Yahusha asks who touched Him, she responds. **She proclaims she was healed** and Yahusha proclaims it was through **her belief**. Her light was shining and proclaiming her transformed life!

Like the woman with the issue of blood, the scattered 12 tribes have been bleeding out. It was not until **coming back to our first love, Yahusha, that the bleeding and the weakness resolves**. We reach out and touch Him by faith and He heals us! He restores our strength! Our muscles, our bones, our sinews, our organs, down to every cell are coming together in Him! He tells us live!!!

Ezekiel 16:6 "Then I passed by you and saw you trampled down in your own blood, and I said to you in your blood, 'Live!' **And I said to you in your blood, 'Live!'**

Like the crazed demoniac without a garment; Yahusha **clothes us** and **gives us a sound mind**, as we too **sit at His feet**.

'Who touched Me?'

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