

Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 17; Jonah 1; James 4; Luke 6.

November 22 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Chron. 17

YHWH's Covenant with David

1Ch 17:1 And it came to be, when Dawid was dwelling in his house, that Dawid said to Nathan the prophet, **“See, I am dwelling in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of יהוה is under curtains.”**

1Ch 17:2 And Nathan said to Dawid, **“Do all that is in your heart, for Elohim is with you.”**

Nathan spoke too soon and hears from YHWH that night.

1Ch 17:3 And it came to be that night that the word of Elohim came to Nathan, saying,

1Ch 17:4 “Go, and you shall say to My servant Dawid, **‘Thus said יהוה**,

✚ “You do not build Me a house to dwell in.

✚ **1Ch 17:5** “For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Yisra’el, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one Dwelling Place to another*.

✚ **1Ch 17:6** “Wherever I have moved about with all Yisra’el, have I ever spoken a word to any of the rulers of Yisra’el, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, **‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’** ”

1Ch 17:7 “And now, say this to My servant Dawid, **‘Thus said יהוה** of hosts,

✚ “I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Yisra’el.

✚ **1Ch 17:8** “And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

✚ **1Ch 17:9** “And I shall prepare a place for My people Yisra’el and plant them, and they shall dwell in a place of their own and move no more, nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them any more, as at the first,

✚ **1Ch 17:10** since the time that I commanded rulers to be over My people Yisra’el, and I have humbled all your enemies. And I declared to you that יהוה does build you a house.

✚ **1Ch 17:11** **“And it shall be, when your days are filled to go to be with your fathers, that I shall raise up your seed after you, who is of your sons. And I shall establish his reign.”**

The following foretells that David's son would be the one to build a house for YHWH. We know that this is speaking of Solomon. Ultimately, it would be Yahusha that would become the head of the 'one new man', Israel; and make us a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. Yahusha is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order and our King.

Col 1:18 And **He is the Head of the body, the assembly**, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

✚ 1Ch 17:12 **"He does build Me a house, and I shall establish his throne forever.**

✚ 1Ch 17:13 "I am to be his Father, and he is to be My son. And My loving-commitment I do not turn away from him, as I took it from him who was before you.

✚ 1Ch 17:14 "And I shall establish him in My house and in My reign forever, and let his throne be established forever." ' ' "

1Ch 17:15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak to Dawid.

David's Prayer

David's prayer is also recorded in 2Samuel 7. Ellicott's commentary goes through some translation differences between the two; for those that would like to do further research.

1Ch 17:16 And Sovereign Dawid came in and **sat before יהוה**, and said, **"Who am I, O יהוה Elohim? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far?"**

In reading 1Ch 17:16, I pondered where exactly did David go to 'sit before YHWH.' It sounds as if he entered the Tent which would be the Holy Place before the Holy of Holies. We do not have many details about the Tent that David provided for the Ark; unless he constructed it like the tabernacle in the wilderness. We do know that normally the Aaronic priestly descendants would be the ones that would go before the Dwelling place of the Ark.

We see several glimpses of David conducting his Melchizedek role, though for the time being, the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was in the reigning position. We have also seen David dressed in white linen as did the priests; and a times he wore a linen shoulder garment.

1Ch 15:27 And Dawid was dressed in a robe of fine linen, as were all the Lēwites who bore the ark, the singers, and Kenanyah the leader of the service with the singers. And Dawid wore a linen shoulder garment.

Ellicott's commentary has David inside the Tent housing the Ark.

Ellicott's Commentary: (16) *Sat before the Lord.—In the tent of the Ark.*

1Ch 17:17 “And this was a small matter in Your eyes, O Elohim, but You have spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and **have looked upon me as though I were an exalted man** , O יהוה Elohim.

When YHWH looks upon those that have received Him by faith; He sees us as **set-apart to Himself; His kingdom of priests**. It is no longer we that live, but Yahusha that lives in us and through us, by the power of the Ruach HaKodesh. We are His new creation. We have washed our garments in the blood of the Lamb, they are spotless. He has removed our sins as far as the east is from the west.

When YHWH looks upon us, He sees His Son's blood that cloaks us in His righteousness. We are His beloved. He is our Advocate. We are the apple of His eye.

1Ch 17:18 “What more could Dawid add to You for the esteem of Your servant? For You know Your servant.

YHWH does know us. He knows us better than we know ourselves.

1Ch 17:19 “O יהוה, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great matters.

1Ch 17:20 “O יהוה, there is none like You, nor is there any Elohim besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

1Ch 17:21 “And who is like Your people Yisra'el, **the one nation on the earth whom Elohim went to redeem for Himself as a people**; to make for Yourself a great and awesome Name, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Mitsrayim?

1Ch 17:22 “For You appointed Your people Yisra'el to be Your own people forever. And You, יהוה, have become their Elohim.

✚ 1Ch 17:23 “And now, O יהוה, the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it stand fast forever, and do as You have said.

✚ 1Ch 17:24 “**So let it stand fast, and Your Name be great forever, saying,**

❖ **‘יהוה of hosts, Elohim of Yisra'el, is Elohim to Yisra'el.**

❖ And let the house of Your servant Dawid be established before You.’

1Ch 17:25 “For You, O my Elohim, have revealed to Your servant to build a house for him. Therefore **Your servant has found courage to pray before You.**

1Ch 17:26 “And now, יהוה, You are Elohim, and have promised this goodness to Your servant.

1Ch 17:27 “And now, You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant to be before You forever. For You have blessed it, O יהוה, and it is blessed forever.”

Jonah Introduction

F. B. Meyer Introductory Commentary on Jonah:

Jonah was a native of Gath-hepher in Zebulun. Some think that he was a contemporary and disciple of Elijah, and that he therefore lived about 850 B.C. He is the oldest of the prophets whose writings have come down to us. That the book is historical may be gathered from the references of our Lord in [Mat 12:39-41](#) and [Mat 16:4](#).

Mat 12:39 But He answering, said to them, “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah.

Mat 12:40 “For as [Yonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the great fish, Jon 1:17](#) so shall the Son of Adam be **three days and three nights** in the heart of the earth.

Mat 12:41 “Men of Ninewēh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Yonah, and look, a greater than Yonah is here.”

The narrative presents a most striking contrast between the long-suffering mercy of God and the hard indifference of a good man to the fate of a great Gentile city. Probably it indicates the dawn of a better era, when the Chosen People shall enter upon that long education, the results of which Paul tells us in [Eph 2:19-22](#); [Eph 3:1-8](#).

Eph 2:19 So then you are **no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,**^e Footnote: ^eSee [Rom 11:17-24](#), [Isa 14:1](#).

Eph 2:20 having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, **יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone**

Eph 2:21 in whom all the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,

Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.

Eph 3:1 Because of this I, Sha’ul, *am* the prisoner of יהושע Messiah on behalf of you nations –

Eph 3:2 if indeed you have heard of the administration of the favour of Elohim that was given to me for you,

Eph 3:3 that by revelation was made known to me the secret, as I wrote before briefly.

Eph 3:4 In reading this, then, you are able to understand my insight into the secret of Messiah,

Eph 3:5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His set-apart emissaries and prophets:

Eph 3:6 The nations to be co-heirs, united in the same body, and partakers together^a in the promise in Messiah through the Good News, Footnote: ^aSee [Rom 11:17-24](#), [Isa 14:1](#).

Eph 3:7 of which I became a servant according to the gift of the favour of Elohim given to me, according to the working of His power.

Eph 3:8 To me, the very least of all the set-apart ones, this favour was given, to bring the Good News of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations,

Jonah 1

Jonah Flees the Presence of YHWH

Jon 1:1 And the word of יהוה came to Yonah son of Amittai, saying,

- ❖ **Jon 1:2** “Arise, go to Ninewěh, the great city, and cry out against it, for their evils have come up before Me.”
- ❖ **Jon 1:3** But Yonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of יהוה,
 - and went down to Yapho, and found a ship going to Tarshish.
 - And he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of יהוה.

There is no way to run nor place to hide from the presence of YHWH. He is Omnipresent.

- ❖ **Jon 1:4** And **יהוה sent out a great wind on the sea**, and there was a great storm on the sea, so that the ship was thought to be broken up.
- ❖ **Jon 1:5** And **the seamen were afraid, and each one cried out to his mighty one, and threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea**, to lighten the load.
- ❖ **But Yonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, and he lay down, and was fast asleep.**
- ❖ **Jon 1:6** And the captain came to him, and said to him, “**What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, cry out to your Elohim, if so be that Elohim shall think about us, so that we do not perish.**”

Jonah Is Thrown into the Sea

Jon 1:7 And they said to each other,

- ❖ “Come, and let us cast lots, so that we know for whose sake this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Yonah.

Jon 1:8 So they said to him,

- ❖ “Please explain to us! For whose sake is this evil upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And from what people are you?”

Jon 1:9 And he said to them,

- ❖ “I am a Hebrew.
- ❖ And I am fearing יהוה, the Elohim of the heavens, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Jon 1:10 And the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him,

- ❖ “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of יהוה, for he had informed them.

Jon 1:11 And they said to him,

- ❖ “What are we to do to you to make the sea calm for us?” For the sea was growing more stormy.

Jon 1:12 And he said to them,

- ❖ “Take me and throw me into the sea, so that the sea becomes calm for you. For I know that this great storm is because of me.”

Jon 1:13 However, the men rowed hard to bring the ship to land, but were unable, for the sea continued to grow more stormy against them.

Jon 1:14 And they cried out to יהוה and said,

- ✚ “We pray, O יהוה, please, let us not perish for this man’s life, and do not lay on us innocent blood. For You, O יהוה, have done as it pleased You.”
- ✚ **Jon 1:15** Then they took Yonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped raging.
- ✚ **Jon 1:16** And the men feared יהוה exceedingly, and slaughtered a slaughtering to יהוה and made vows.

Hopefully, through this detour trip made by Jonah; the seamen came to believe in the one true living Elohim. Jonah confessed to them about His Omnipotent, all-powerful, Elohim of the heavens, who made the sea and the dry land.

A Great Fish Swallows Jonah

Jon 1:17 But יהוה appointed a great fish to swallow Yonah. And Yonah was in the stomach of **the fish three days and three nights**.

James 4

YHWH will stand against tall and lofty ones; those essentially intertwined with the world.

Warning Against Worldliness

Jas 4:1 Where do fightings and strivings come from among you? Do they not come from your pleasures that battle in your members?

Jas 4:2 You desire, and do not have. You murder, and are jealous, and are unable to obtain. You strive and fight, and you do not possess, because you do not ask.

Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask evilly, in order to spend it on your pleasures.

Jas 4:4 Adulterers and adulteresses! **Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with Elohim?^a Whoever therefore intends to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of Elohim.** Footnote: ^a [Mat 13:22](#), [Luk 4:5-6](#), [Luk 14:33](#), [Rom 12:2](#), [1Jn 2:15-17](#).

Jas 4:5 Or do you think that the Scripture speaks to no purpose? Does the Spirit which dwells in us intensely crave unto envy?

Jas 4:6 But He gives greater favor. Because of this He says, **“Elohim resists the proud, but gives favor to the humble.”** [Pro 3:34](#).

Jas 4:7 So then subject yourselves to Elohim.

✚ **Resist the devil^b and he shall flee from you.** Footnote: ^bOr adversary.

✚ **Jas 4:8** Draw near to Elohim and He shall draw near to you.

✚ **Cleanse hands, sinners. And cleanse the hearts, you double-minded!**

✚ **Jas 4:9** Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to dejection.

✚ **Jas 4:10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Master, and He shall lift you up.

✚ **Jas 4:11** Brothers, do not speak against one another. He that speaks against a brother and judges his brother, speaks against Torah and judges Torah. And if you judge Torah, you are not a doer of Torah but a judge.

Today there is a desire by the re-established Sanhedrin in 2004, to be ‘judge over all people’ through an international court system based on Talmudic Noahide laws. Their laws would only require ‘one’ witness for another person to be found guilty for even saying the Name of Yahusha HaMashiach. Knowing this they would do well to read the following verse:

Jas 4:12 There is one Lawgiver and Judge, who is *able* to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

[1Jn 2:15](#) Do not love the world nor that which is in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.^e Footnote: ^e [Jas 4:4](#).

[1Jn 2:16](#) Because all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.

[1Jn 2:17](#) And the world passes away, and the lust of it, but the one doing the desire of Elohim remains forever.

No one should boast about tomorrow, for we are not guaranteed of tomorrow. We should state things according to YHWH's perfect will. Our lives are but a vapor. For that reason, 'today, if you should hear His voice', respond to Him.

Boasting About Tomorrow

Jas 4:13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow, let us go to such and such a city, spend a year there, and trade, and make a profit,"

Jas 4:14 when you do not know of tomorrow. For what is your life? For it is a vapour that appears for a little, and then disappears –

Jas 4:15 instead of your saying, "If the Master desires, we shall live and do this or that."

Jas 4:16 But now you boast in your proud speeches. All such boasting is wicked.

Jas 4:17 **To him, then, who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.**

James knew even he wasn't guaranteed of tomorrow. Even though James was targeted for His strong belief in Yahusha; he chose to redeem the time. James gets right to the point and preaches diligently to keep those in Yahusha on His narrow path that leads to life.

Luke 6

We see the Pharisees and scribes once again try to catch Yahusha and his taught ones in violation of their perceived Shabbat laws. The Pharisees and scribes have 'no shalom', 'no peace', because they have not entered His rest. They are bound up by trying to achieve their 'goodness' through works of the law and their man-made traditions. Only in Him do we have shalom.

The Son of Adam is Master of the Sabbath

Luk 6:1 And it came to be on a Sabbath^a that He went through grain fields, and His taught ones were plucking the heads of grain and were eating, rubbing *them* with the hands. Footnote: ^aSome manuscripts read: *On the second Sabbath after the first.*

Luk 6:2 And some of the Pharisees said to them, "Why are you doing what is not right to do on the Sabbath?"

Luk 6:3 And יהושע answering them, said, "Have you not read what Dawid did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him,

Luk 6:4 how he went into the House of Elohim, took and ate the showbread, and also gave some to those with him, which is not right for any but the priests to eat?"

Luk 6:5 And He said to them, **"The Son of Adam is Master of the Sabbath."**^b Footnote:
^b Mat 12:8

A Man with a Withered Hand

Luk 6:6 And it also came to be on another Sabbath, that He entered into the congregation and taught, and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

Luk 6:7 And the scribes and Pharisees were watching Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, for them **to find** an accusation against Him.

Luk 6:8 **And He knew their thoughts**, and said to the man who had the withered hand, **"Rise and stand in the midst."** **And he rose up and stood.**

Luk 6:9 Then יהושע said to them,

✚ "I ask you, is it right to do good on the Sabbath, or to do evil, to save life or to destroy it?"

Luk 6:10 And looking around at them all, He said to the man,

✚ **"Stretch out your hand."** **And he did so, and his hand was restored sound as the other.**

Luk 6:11 **But they were filled with folly, and were speaking with one another what they should do to יהושע.**

The Twelve Apostles

Yahusha spends the night in prayer to Elohim.

Luk 6:12 And in those days it came to be that He went **out to the mountain to pray**, and was **spending the night in prayer to Elohim.**

As we have read in the gospels, we have seen Yahusha call his taught ones to follow Him at various times. In Luke 6:13, we see Yahusha choose, out of the taught ones, **twelve at one time**; and name them emissaries or apostles.

Luk 6:13 **And when it became day**, He called near His taught ones and **chose from them twelve**, whom He also named emissaries:

Luk 6:14 Shim'on whom He also named Kēpha, and his brother Andri, Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan, Philip and Bartholomi,

Luk 6:15 Mattithyahu and T'oma, Ya'aqob the son of Alphai and Shim'on, the one called the Ardent One,

Luk 6:16 Yehuḏah *the son* of Ya'aqob and Yehuḏah from Qerioth who also became the betrayer.

Yahusha Ministers to a Great Multitude

Then we approach what has often been called the 'sermon on the mount'. But was it on the mount?

Luk 6:17 And **coming down** with them **He stood on a level place** with a crowd of His taught ones and a great number of people from all Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and from the coast country of Tzor and Tsidon, **who came to hear Him, and to be healed of their diseases,**

Luk 6:18 and **those who were troubled with unclean spirits** – and they were healed.

Luk 6:19 **And all the crowd were seeking to touch Him, for power went out from Him, and healing them all.**

The Beatitudes

Yahusha goes on to state blessings and woes. He teaches about loving our enemies and gives us instructions about judging. We should read each individually and let them transform our hearts and minds to be like His.

Luk 6:20 And He, lifting up His eyes toward His taught ones, said,

✚ "Blessed are the poor,^c because yours is the reign of Elohim. Footnote: ^c [Isa 11:4, Jas 2:5.](#)

✚ Luk 6:21 "Blessed are you who hunger now, because you shall be satisfied.

✚ Blessed are you who weep now, because you shall laugh.

✚ Luk 6:22 "Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall cut you off, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as wicked, for the sake of the Son of Adam.

- Luk 6:23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for look, your reward is great in the heaven, for that is how their fathers treated the prophets.

Yahusha Pronounces Woes

Luk 6:24 "But woe to you who are rich, because you are receiving your comfort.

Luk 6:25 "Woe to you who have been filled, because you shall hunger. Woe to you who are laughing now, because you shall mourn and weep.

Luk 6:26 "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for thus their fathers did to the false prophets.

Love Your Enemies

Luk 6:27 "But I say to you who are hearing: Love your enemies, do good to those hating you.

Luk 6:28 "Bless those cursing you, and pray for those insulting you.

Luk 6:29 "And to him who hits you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your outer garment, do not withhold the inner garment either.

Luk 6:30 "And give to everyone who asks of you. And from him who takes away what is

yours do not ask it back.

Luk 6:31 “And as you wish men should do to you, you also do to them in the same way.

Luk 6:32 “**And if you love those loving you, what favor have you? For sinners, too, love those loving them.**

Luk 6:33 “**And if you do good to those doing good to you, what favor have you? For even sinners do the same.**

Luk 6:34 “And if you lend *to those* from whom you expect to receive back, what favor have you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back.

Luk 6:35 “**Rather, love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting none in return. And your reward shall be great, and you shall be sons of the Most High.**

Because He is kind to the thankless and wicked ones.^d Footnote: ^d [Mat 5:45](#), [Act 14:16-17](#).

Luk 6:36 “**Therefore be compassionate, as your Father also is compassionate.**

Judging Others

Luk 6:37 “And do not judge, and you shall not be judged at all. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned at all. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven.

Luk 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured back to you.”

Luk 6:39 And He spoke a parable to them, “Is a blind able to lead a blind? Shall they not both fall into a pit?”

Luk 6:40 “A taught one is not above his teacher, but everyone perfected shall be like his teacher.

Luk 6:41 “**And why do you see the splinter in your brother’s eye, but are not aware of the plank in your own eye?**

Luk 6:42 “Or how are you able to say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,’ not seeing the plank in your own eye? Hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.

A Tree and Its Fruit

Another extremely important lesson that Yahusha teaches is how to discern those that are true believers [by their fruit](#). We must be, as they say, good ‘fruit inspectors.’

We should not only inspect fruit produced by others; but also, ourselves. In the last sentence of verse 45, it states **out of the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks**. As His kingdom of priests, if we hear rotten fruit come out of our mouths, we should instantly know that that is an area in our temple that needs cleansing and attention. We should be good gatekeepers over our mouths.

Luk 6:43 “For a good tree does not yield rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree yield good fruit.

Luk 6:44 **“For each tree is known by its own fruit.** For they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush.

Luk 6:45 “The good man brings forth what is good out of the good treasure of his heart, and the wicked man brings forth what is wicked out of the wicked treasure of his heart. **For out of the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks.**

Build Your House on the Rock

Luk 6:46 “But why do you call Me ‘Master, Master,’ and do not do what I say?^e

Footnote: ^eSee [Luk 6:47-49](#), [Mat 7:24-28](#), [Luk 8:21](#), [Joh 3:36](#), [Jas 2:17-24](#).

Luk 6:47 **“Everyone who is coming to Me, and is hearing My words and is doing them, I shall show you whom he is like:**

- ✚ Luk 6:48 “He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood came, the stream burst against that house, but was unable to shake it, for it was founded on the rock.
- ✚ Luk 6:49 “But the **one hearing and not doing**, is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream burst, and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.”

Finally, Yahusha makes it clear we should **be doers of His Word and not hearers only**. By doing His Word, we are **actively constructing** our lives on the Rock and **impacting** His Kingdom as His Royal Ambassadors!

“Elohim resists the proud, but gives favor to the humble.”

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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