

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 10; Job 28; Luke 13; 1 Cor. 14

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Exodus 10

In chapter 10 we see the 8th and 9th plague completing the 3rd set of three plagues. In this chapter, the last words Moses says to Pharaoh should have sent a chill up Pharaoh's spine. After all, it would seem Pharaoh already knew he had pushed the limits. He must have pondered, 'Have I now gone too far?'

Exo 10:28 And Pharaoh said to him, "Get away from me! Watch yourself and see my face no more, for in the day you see my face you die!"

Exo 10:29 And Mosheh said, **"You have spoken rightly – never again do I see your face!"**

The 8th plague is locust. Moses goes to Pharaoh in the palace to give the warning. These locusts would destroy the remnant of everything green left after the hail within the Egyptian borders, including any tree! Pharaoh's servants are pleading with him saying, "Do you not know that Egypt is destroyed?" Pharaoh somewhat listens but when he hears that all the Israelites and their herds would go to attend the slaughter to YHWH, he relents; therefore, the locusts are sent. Again, Pharaoh superficially repents long enough for Moses to pray to YHWH and take the locusts away by a strong west wind into the Sea of Reeds.

The Eighth Plague: Locusts

Exo 10:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Go in to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the hearts of his servants, so that I show these signs of Mine before him,

Exo 10:2 and that you relate in the hearing of your son and your son's son what I have done in Mitsrayim, and My signs which I have done among them. And you shall know that I am יהוה."

Exo 10:3 And Mosheh and Aharon came in to Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus said יהוה Elohim of the Hebrews, 'Till when shall you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, so that they serve Me.

Exo 10:4 'Or else, if you refuse to let My people go, see, tomorrow I am bringing locusts within your borders.

Exo 10:5 'And they shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one is able to see the land. And they shall eat the rest of what has escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and they shall eat every tree which grows up for you out of the field.

Exo 10:6 ‘And they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Mitsrites, which neither your fathers nor your fathers’ fathers have seen, since the day that they were on the earth to this day.’ ” Then he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

Exo 10:7 And Pharaoh’s servants said to him, “Till when would this one be a snare to us? Let the men go, so that they serve יהוה their Elohim. Do you not yet know that Mitsrayim is destroyed?”

Exo 10:8 And Mosheh and Aharon were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve יהוה your Elohim. Who are the ones that are going?”

Exo 10:9 And Mosheh said, “We are going with our young and our old, with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we are going, for we have a festival to יהוה.”

Exo 10:10 And he said to them, “Let יהוה be with you as I let you and your little ones go! Watch, for evil is before your face!

Exo 10:11 “Not so! You men go now, and serve יהוה, for that is what you desired.” And they were driven out from the presence of Pharaoh.

Exo 10:12 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Mitsrayim for the locusts to come upon the land of Mitsrayim, and eat every plant of the land – all that the hail has left.”

Exo 10:13 And Mosheh stretched out his rod over the land of Mitsrayim, and יהוה brought an east wind on the land all that day and all that night. Morning came, and the east wind brought the locusts.

Exo 10:14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Mitsrayim and settled within all the borders of Mitsrayim, very grievous. There had never been locusts like them before, nor would there again be like them.

Exo 10:15 And they covered the surface of all the land, so that the land was darkened. And they ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left, and no greenness was left on the trees or on the plants of the field, in all the land of Mitsrayim.

Exo 10:16 Pharaoh then called for Mosheh and Aharon in haste, and said, “I have sinned against יהוה your Elohim and against you.

Exo 10:17 “And now, please forgive my sin only this once, and pray to יהוה your Elohim, that He would only turn away this death from me.”

Exo 10:18 And he went out from Pharaoh and prayed to יהוה.

Exo 10:19 And יהוה turned a very strong west wind, which took the locusts away and blew them into the Sea of Reeds. Not one locust was left within all the border of Mitsrayim.

Exo 10:20 However, יהוה strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not let the children of Yisra’el go.

The 9th plague would now come without warning. There would be an utter darkness in the land for three days; so dense, that it could be felt. The whole land, except for the land of the people of Israel, would be in the dark. The Egyptians stayed in place for three days because no one could see.

If a person has ever risen before dawn to go hunting; waiting in darkness before dawn can be un-nerving. Military troops are trained to stay overnight individually in the woods while being cloaked in darkness and hearing the night sounds of the forest. Every sound is magnified and can wreak havoc with one's imagination. The battlefield is in the mind.

Remember, the Egyptians were NOT given WARNING. They didn't know if the plague would 'just be darkness'. For all they knew, some other kind of pestilence or beast may also have been roaming around. The heavy darkness for three days had to have felt as if it was never-ending. They had no idea how long the darkness would last.

This time, Pharaoh doesn't even repent, nor does he ask for prayer. He sends for Moses and tells him to go! However, he doesn't want them to take their flock and the disagreement ends with sharp words. Moses speaks dire prophetic words to Pharaoh as mentioned earlier.

The Ninth Plague: Darkness

Exo 10:21 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Stretch out your hand toward the heavens, and let there be darkness over the land of Mitsrayim, even a darkness which is felt.”

Exo 10:22 And Mosheh stretched out his hand toward the heavens, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Mitsrayim for three days.

Exo 10:23 They did not see one another, nor did anyone rise from his place for three days, while all the children of Yisra'el had light in their dwellings.

Exo 10:24 And Pharaoh called to Mosheh and said, “Go, serve יהוה, only leave your flocks and your herds behind. Let your little ones go with you too.”

Exo 10:25 But Mosheh said, “You yourself are to provide us with slaughterings and ascending offerings, to prepare for יהוה our Elohim.

Exo 10:26 “And our livestock are to go with us too, not a hoof is to be left behind, for we have to take some of them to serve יהוה our Elohim, and we ourselves do not know with what we are to serve יהוה until we come there.”

Exo 10:27 However, יהוה strengthened the heart of Pharaoh, and he would not let them go.

Exo 10:28 And Pharaoh said to him, “Get away from me! Watch yourself and see my face no more, for in the day you see my face you die!”

Exo 10:29 And Mosheh said, “You have spoken rightly – never again do I see your

face!”

Be mindful and know that in the end of days, many similar plagues that are described in Revelation will come on the earth.

Job 28

Praise Yah for Job 28:3! One day there will be no more DARKNESS!

Then YHWH defines wisdom and understanding in Job 28:28. As we just studied, Pharaoh demonstrated neither. **Wisdom is to fear YHWH. Understanding is turning from evil.**

Job Continues: Where Is Wisdom?

Job 28:1 “Indeed, there is a mine for silver, and a place where gold is refined.

Job 28:2 Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore.

Job 28:3 An end to darkness he has set, and to every limit he is searching, to rocks in deepest darkness.

Rev. 22:5 And night shall be no more, and they shall have no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, because יהוה Elohim shall give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

Job 28:4 He opens a shaft far away from people; they are forgotten by feet; they hang far away from men; they swing to and fro.

Job 28:5 Earth, out of which grows food, is turned underneath as by fire;

Job 28:6 its stones are the place of sapphires, and it has dust of gold.

Job 28:7 No bird of prey knows the path, nor has the hawk’s eye seen it.

Job 28:8 The proud beasts have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed over it.

Job 28:9 He puts his hand on the flint; he shall overturn the mountains at the roots.

Job 28:10 He cuts out channels in the rocks, and his eye sees every precious *gem*.

Job 28:11 He dams up the sources of the rivers; and he brings to light what is hidden.

Job 28:12 And *wisdom*^a – where is it found? And where is the place of understanding?

Footnote: ^aSee [Job 28:28](#).

Job 28:13 Man does not know its value, and it is not found in the land of the living.

Job 28:14 The deep has said, ‘It is not in me,’ and the sea has said, ‘It is not with me.’

Job 28:15 Gold is not given for it, nor is silver weighed out as its price.

Job 28:16 It is not valued in the gold of Ophir, in precious shoham or sapphire.

Job 28:17 Gold or crystal are not to be compared with it, nor is it exchanged for a vessel of fine gold.

Job 28:18 No mention is made of coral or crystal, for the price of wisdom is above

rubies.

Job 28:19 The topaz of Kush is not to be compared with it, nor is it valued in clean gold.

Job 28:20 And [wisdom^a](#) – from where does it come? And where is the place of understanding? [Footnote: ^aSee Job 28:28.](#)

Job 28:21 It has been hidden from the eyes of all living, and concealed from the birds of the heavens.

Job 28:22 Destruction and death have said, ‘With our ears we have heard a report of it.’

Job 28:23 Elohim has understood its way, and He has known its place.

Job 28:24 For He looks to the ends of the earth, sees under all the heavens,

Job 28:25 making a weight for the wind, and measuring out the waters by measure.

Job 28:26 When He made a law for the rain, and a way for the lightning of thunder,

Job 28:27 then He saw wisdom and declared it; He prepared it and also searched it out.

Job 28:28 And He said to man, **‘See, the fear of יהוה, that is wisdom, and to turn from evil is understanding.’ ”**

Luke 13

In [Luke 13:1-5](#), Yahusha is driving home the point to **‘repent or perish’**. He listens to reports and gives examples of those that have [suffered tragic deaths](#); yet at the same time he warns to repent unless they too shall likewise perish. He shares it is not based on being considered a **‘worse’ sinner** but the acknowledgement of the [need to repent](#); for **we all have sin**. None of us are perfect, for all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of YHWH (paraphrased Romans 3:23).

Repent or Perish

Luk 13:1 And some were present at that time, reporting to Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their offerings.

Luk 13:2 And יהושע answering, said to them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they have suffered like this?”

Luk 13:3 “I say to you, no! But unless you repent you shall all perish in the same way.”

Luk 13:4 “Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Shiloah fell and killed them, do you think that they were greater offenders than all other men who dwelt in Yerushalayim?”

Luk 13:5 “I say to you, no! But unless you repent you shall all perish in the same way.”

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9 we read the parable of the fig tree that only grew leaves without bearing fruit. After three years, the man was ready to cut it down. We see an intercessor step in requesting more time. We know, if the fig tree never produces fruit; it is a tare. It's leaves masquerade as being clothed in fruitfulness but upon close inspection, there is no fruit; there is just pomp and pride.

We will know His people by their fruit. **They must pass the 'fruit test'**. This is our only way to identify YHWH's people. We will know them by what they do! It is not always easy. Just like in this example the intercessor asked for more time to make sure the tree wouldn't bear fruit; for after all, it 'looked' healthy. Sometimes, we must **observe and inspect over a period to time**. It may not be apparent at first.

Luk 13:6 And He spoke this parable, "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

Luk 13:7 "And he said to the gardener, 'Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down, why does it even make the ground useless?'

Luk 13:8 "And he answering, said to him, 'Master, leave it this year too, until I dig around it and throw manure.

Luk 13:9 And if indeed it bears fruit, *good*. But if not so, you shall cut it down.' "

A Woman with a Disabling Spirit

Luke 13:10-17 we read of a woman that Satan has **bound** with a '**weakening spirit**' for 18 years. Yahusha loosens her from that spirit on the Sabbath and the **ruler of the congregation** rebukes Him. The ruler bound by their laws is worse off than the woman! Yahusha calls him a 'hypocrite' and blesses this woman by her faithfulness. Just think she came to the congregation to honor the Sabbath even in her weakened condition. By faith she was healed. Yahusha identifies her as a daughter of Abraham; which puts those in opposition firmly in their place; and the people rejoiced! That was a great HalleluYAH Sabbath!

YHWH has loosed us from spirits of infirmity. We can place those burdens of infirmities on His back for which He took the stripes for our healing!

Luk 13:10 And He was teaching in one of the congregations on the Sabbath,

Luk 13:11 and see, there was **a woman having a weakening spirit for eighteen years,**

and was bent over and was unable to straighten up at all.

Luk 13:12 And יהושע', seeing her, called her near and said to her, "Woman, you are loosened from your weakness."

Luk 13:13 And **He laid His hands on her**, and immediately she was straightened up, and praised Elohim.

Luk 13:14 But the ruler of the congregation, responding, much displeased that יהושע' had healed on the Sabbath, said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men should work, so come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day."

Luk 13:15 Then the Master answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loosen his ox or his donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

Luk 13:16 "And this one, being **a daughter of Abraham**, whom Satan has bound, look, for eighteen years, should she not be loosened from this bond on the Sabbath?"

Luk 13:17 And when He said this, all His opponents were put to shame. And all the crowd rejoiced for all the splendid works being done by Him.

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

Luke 13:18-21 Yahusha compares **the reign of Elohim** to the smallest of seeds that produces the largest of trees; and how leaven hid in three measures of flour produces abundance. **The reign of Elohim** produces POSITIVE examples of growth, life, shelter, provisions, and abundance.

Luk 13:18 Therefore He said, "What is the reign of Elohim like? And to what shall I compare it?"

Luk 13:19 "It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and threw into his garden. And it grew and became a large tree, and the birds of the heavens nested in its branches."

Luk 13:20 And again He said, "To what shall I compare the reign of Elohim?"

Luk 13:21 "It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of flour until it was all leavened."

The Narrow Door

Luke 13:22-30 **The Narrow Gate** – drink in this lesson. There is nothing that can be said more elegantly nor more boldly. Take heed and remember previously that the fig tree was given 'a time' to bear fruit.

Luk 13:22 And He was going through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Yerushalayim,

Luk 13:23 and someone said to Him, "Master, are there few who are being saved?" And He said to them,

- ✚ Luk 13:24 **“Strive to enter through the narrow gate,** because many, I say to you, shall seek to enter in and shall not be able.
- ✚ Luk 13:25 “When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, ‘Master, Master, open for us,’ and He shall answer and say to you, **‘I do not know you, where you are from,’**
 - Luk 13:26 then you shall begin to say, **‘We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.’**
 - Luk 13:27 “But He shall say, **‘I say to you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of unrighteousness.’**
[Psa 6:8.](#)

Luk 13:28 **“There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Yitshaq and Ya‘aqob^a and all the prophets in the reign of Elohim, and yourselves thrown outside. Footnote: ^a Mat 16:28-17:3.**

Luk 13:29 **“And they shall come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south, and sit down in the reign of Elohim.**

This shows a similar pattern of the encampments gathered around the wilderness Dwelling place; east, west, north and south.

Luk 13:30 “And see, there are last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.”

Lament over Jerusalem

Luke 13:31-35 – Yahusha Laments Over Jerusalem. [And so, it is to this very day!](#)

Luk 13:31 On the same day there came certain Pharisees, saying to Him, “Get out and go from here, for Herodes wishes to kill You.”

Luk 13:32 And He said to them, “Go, say to that fox, ‘See, I cast out demons and perform healings today and tomorrow, and **the third day I shall be perfected.**’

Luk 13:33 “But I have to journey today, and tomorrow, and the day following, **because it is not fitting for a prophet to perish outside of Yerushalayim.**

Luk 13:34 “Yerushalayim, Yerushalayim, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to her! How often I wished to gather your children together, the way a hen *gathers* her chickens under her wings, but you would not!

Luk 13:35 **“See, your House is left to you laid waste. And truly I say to you, you shall by no means see Me until *the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of יהוה!’*”^b [Psa 118:26.](#) Footnote: ^bSee [Mat 23:39.](#)**

1Cor. 14

Prophesying is to speak and proclaim YHWH's prophetic Word. Does YHWH give new prophecies based on His Word to people? Yes. For we know the following scriptures say:

Act 2:17 **'And it shall be in the last days, says Elohim, that I shall pour out of My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams,**

Act 2:18 **and also on My male servants and on My female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.**

We must also keep in mind that there are false prophets and we should test the spirits. One extremely good test is that YHWH's prophecies never fail; but they may change with repentance or rebellion.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved ones, **do not believe every spirit, but prove the spirits,** whether they are of Elohim, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Prophecy and Tongues

Paul is very clear in articulating the differences between prophecy and tongues. Tongues without an interpreter is essentially a prayer language to YHWH. If tongues were spoken amid the assembly, there should be an interpreter so as not to confuse an unbeliever. Read and glean the following words spoken by Paul.

1Co 14:1 Pursue love, and earnestly seek the spiritual gifts, but rather that you prophesy.

1Co 14:2 For he who is speaking in a tongue does not speak to men but to Elohim, for no one understands, but in the Spirit he speaks secrets.

1Co 14:3 **But he who is prophesying speaks upbuilding and encouragement and comfort to men.**

1Co 14:4 He who is speaking in a tongue builds up himself, but **he who is prophesying builds up the assembly.**

1Co 14:5 Now I wish you all spoke with tongues, but rather that you might prophesy, for he who is prophesying is greater than he who is speaking with tongues, unless he interprets, so that the assembly might receive upbuilding.

1Co 14:6 But now, brothers, if I come to you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you, either by revelation, or by knowledge, or by prophesying, or by teaching?

1Co 14:7 Nevertheless, lifeless *instruments* making a sound, whether flute or harp, if they do not make a distinction in the sound, how shall it be known what is played on the flute or on the harp?

1Co 14:8 For indeed, if the trumpet makes an indistinct sound, who shall prepare himself for battle?

1Co 14:9 So also you, if you do not give speech by the tongue that is clear, how shall it be known what is spoken? **For you shall be speaking into the air.**

1Co 14:10 There are, undoubtedly, so many kinds of sounds in the world, and none of them is without *distinct* sound.

1Co 14:11 If then I do not know the power of the voice, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks be a foreigner to me.

1Co 14:12 So also you, since you are ardent for spiritual gifts, **seek to excel in the upbuilding of the assembly.**

1Co 14:13 Therefore, **he who is speaking in a tongue, let him pray that he might interpret.**

1Co 14:14 For if I am praying in a tongue, my spirit is praying, **but my understanding is without fruit.**

1Co 14:15 What then is it? I shall pray with the spirit, and I shall also pray with the understanding. I shall sing with the spirit, and I shall also sing with the understanding.

1Co 14:16 Otherwise, if you bless with the spirit, how shall he who fills up the place of the unlearned say “Amēn” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say?

1Co 14:17 For you truly give thanks well, but the other is not built up.

1Co 14:18 I thank my Elohim I speak with tongues more than you all,

1Co 14:19 **but in an assembly I wish to speak five words with my understanding that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.**

1Co 14:20 Brothers, do not be children in *your* thinking, but in evil be babes, and in *your* thinking be perfect.

1Co 14:21 In the Torah it has been written, **“With men of other tongues and other lips I shall speak to this people. And even so, they shall not hear Me, says יהוה.”** [Isa 28:11](#).

- 1Co 14:22 **So then tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers,**

- and **prophesying is not for unbelievers** but for those who believe.

1Co 14:23 If then all the assembly comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are unlearned or unbelievers, **shall they not say that you are mad?**

1Co 14:24 **But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an unlearned one comes in, he is reproved by all, he is discerned by all.**

1Co 14:25 And so the secrets of his heart are revealed. And so, falling down on his face, he shall worship Elohim, declaring that Elohim is truly among you.

Orderly Worship

1Co 14:26 What then is it, brothers? Whenever you come together, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. **Let all be done for upbuilding.**

1Co 14:27 **If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret.**

1Co 14:28 And **if there is no interpreter**, let him be silent in an assembly, and let him speak to himself and to Elohim.

1Co 14:29 And let two or three prophets speak, and let the others discern.

1Co 14:30 And if there should be a revelation to another who sits by, let the first be silent.

1Co 14:31 For you are all able to prophesy one by one, so that all learn and all be encouraged.

1Co 14:32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**

1Co 14:33 For Elohim is not *Elohim* of disorder but of peace, as in all the assemblies of the set-apart ones.

1Co 14:34 Let your women be silent in the assemblies, for they are not allowed to speak, but let them subject themselves, **as the Torah also says.^a Footnote: ^a Gen. 3:16.**

Adam Clarke Excerpts on 1Co. 14:34

... It is evident from the context that the apostle refers here to asking questions, and what we call dictating in the assemblies. It was permitted to any man to ask questions, to object, altercation, attempt to refute, etc., in the synagogue; but this liberty was not allowed to any woman...

... But this by no means intimated that when a woman received any particular influence from God to enable her to teach, that she was not to obey that influence; on the contrary, she was to obey it, and the apostle lays down directions in chap. 11 for regulating her personal appearance when thus employed. All that the apostle opposes here is their questioning, finding fault, disputing, etc...

1Co 14:35 And if they wish to learn whatever, let them ask their own husbands at home, for it is improper for women to speak in an assembly.

1Co 14:36 Or did the word of Elohim go out from you? Or did it reach only to you?

1Co 14:37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge what I write to you, that they are a command of the Master.

1Co 14:38 And if anyone is ignorant, let him be ignorant.

1Co 14:39 **So, then, brothers, earnestly seek to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.**

1Co 14:40 **Let all be done decently and in order.**

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