

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 5-6:1-5; Psalm 132; 133; 134; Isaiah 65; Matthew 13.

July 3 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Joshua 5-6:1-5

The New Generation Circumcised

Jos 5:1 And it came to be, when all the **sovereigns of the Amorites** who were beyond the Yardēn westward, and all the **sovereigns of the Kena'anites** who were by the sea, heard that יהוה had dried up the waters of the Yardēn from before the children of Yisra'el until we had passed over, that **their heart melted**. And there was **no spirit in them** any longer, because of the children of Yisra'el.

YHWH was continuing to lead the children of Israel. The news of YHWH parting the Jordan traveled quickly. I'm sure surrounding nations had witnessed this event from a distance. Nothing like this had ever been seen before.

It is recorded in Joshua 5:1 that their hearts melted, and no spirit was in them, of these 'giants' and those of corrupted/defiled flesh. The cup of iniquity of the Amorites was full; it was complete; and YHWH's judgement was coming. When a nation does not repent of the shedding of innocent blood and despicable pagan worship and practices; that nation's cup becomes full, and YHWH's judgement of right-ruling will prevail against it. That held true for the Amorites; and that holds true for nations now.

Jos 5:2 At that time יהוה said to Yehoshua, "Make knives of flint for yourself, and circumcise the sons of Yisra'el again **the second time**."

There had been a covenant of circumcision made between Abraham and his seed and YHWH in Genesis 17:10-14. Today true circumcision is of the heart.

‘The second time’ mentioned in Joshua 5:2, reflects that this next generation had not been circumcised as the first generation had been when Moses led them out of Egypt. Until Yahusha would come, natives and sojourner males would need to be circumcised to observe Passover as was the 1st generation.

Joshua 5:4 – 5:9 explains the ‘why’ behind their circumcision in detail. This section also alludes to circumcision being connected to the land entry covenant made with their forefathers.

Institution of the Passover

Exo 12:43 And יהוה said to Mosheh and Aharon, “This is the law of the Pěsaḥ: No son of a stranger is to eat of it,

Exo 12:44 but any servant a man has bought for silver, when you have circumcised him, then let him eat of it.

Exo 12:45 “A sojourner and a hired servant does not eat of it.

Exo 12:46 “It is eaten in one house, you are not to take any of the flesh outside the house, nor are you to break any bone of it.

Exo 12:47 “All the congregation of Yisra’ēl are to perform it.

Exo 12:48 “And when a stranger sojourns with you and shall perform the Pěsaḥ to יהוה, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and perform it, and he shall be as a native of the land. But let no uncircumcised eat of it.

Exo 12:49 “There is one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger who sojourns among you.”

Exo 12:50 And all the children of Yisra’ēl did as יהוה commanded Mosheh and Aharon, so they did.

Jos 5:3 So Yehoshua made knives of flint for himself, and circumcised the sons of Yisra’ēl at the Hill of Foreskins.

Jos 5:4 And this is why Yehoshua circumcised them: All the people who came out of Mitsrayim who were males, all the men of battle, had died in the wilderness on the way, after they had come out of Mitsrayim.

Jos 5:5 For all the people who came out had been circumcised, but all the people who were born in the wilderness on the way as they came out of Mitsrayim had not been circumcised.

Jos 5:6 For the children of Yisra’ēl walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation – the men of battle who came out of Mitsrayim – were consumed, because they did not obey the voice of יהוה, to whom יהוה swore not to show them the land which יהוה had sworn to their fathers that He would give us, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”

Jos 5:7 And Yehoshua circumcised their sons whom He raised up in their place; for they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

Jos 5:8 And it came to be, when they had completed circumcising all the nation, that they stayed in their places in the camp till they were healed.

Jos 5:9 And יהוה said to Yehoshua, **“Today I have rolled away the reproach of Mitsrayim from you.” So the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.**

They observe their first Passover in the Promised Land. On the day of First Fruits, they no longer ate manna, but they ate the food of the land that year.

Jos 5:10 And the children of Yisra’el camped in Gilgal, and **performed the Pěsah on the fourteenth day of the new moon at evening on the desert plains of Yeriho.**

Jos 5:11 And they ate of the stored grain of the land on the morrow after the Pěsah, unleavened bread and roasted grain on this same day.

Jos 5:12 And the **manna ceased on the day after** they had eaten the stored grain of the land. And the children of Yisra’el no longer had manna, but they ate the food of the land of Kena’an that year.

The Commander of YHWH's Army – The Captain of the host of YHWH, appears to be YHWH Himself. Joshua is instructed to remove his sandals as did Moses at the burning bush. These two scenes take place on ‘holy ground’ due to His presence.

In Exodus 3:2, He is referred to as the Messenger of YHWH.

Exo 3:2 And the Messenger of יהוה appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. And he looked and saw the bush burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.

In Acts 7:33, He is referred to as YHWH.

Act 7:33 ‘But יהוה said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is set-apart ground.

Jos 5:13 And it came to be, when Yehoshua was by Yeriho, that he lifted his eyes and looked and saw a Man standing opposite him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Yehoshua went to Him and said to Him, “Are You for us or for our adversaries?”

Jos 5:14 And He said, “No, for I have now come as **Captain of the host of יהוה.**” And Yehoshua fell on his face to the earth and did obeisance, and said to Him, “What is my Master saying to His servant?”

Jos 5:15 And the **Captain of the host of יהוה** said to Yehoshua, **“Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is set-apart.”** And Yehoshua did so.

YHWH then speaks to Joshua about the plan to give Jericho into his hands.

- **All the men of battle** are to go around the city **once for six days** and let seven priests bear seven shopharot^a of the yobelim^b before the ark.

- On **the seventh day** **go around the city seven times** while the priests blow with the shopharot.
- **When the priests make a long blast** with the horn of a yobel, and when you hear the voice of the shophar,^c that **all the people shout with a great sound**. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him

Jos 6:1 And Yeriho was shut up tight because of the presence of the sons of Yisra'el – none going out, and none coming in.

Jos 6:2 And יהוה said to Yehoshua, “See! I have given Yeriho and its sovereign, mighty brave men, into your hand.

Jos 6:3 “And you shall go around the city, **all the men of battle going around the city once. Do this for six days.**

Jos 6:4 “And **let seven priests bear seven shopharot^a of the yobelim^b before the ark**, and on the seventh day go around the city seven times while the priests blow with the shopharot. **Footnotes:** ^aPlural of Shophar. ^bPlural of Yobel.

Jos 6:5 “And it shall be, when they make a long blast with the horn of a yobel, and when you hear the voice of the shophar,^c that all the people shout with a great sound. And the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.” **Footnote:** ^cAnimal horn, traditionally ram's horn.

Psalm 132; 133; 134

Excerpt by Matthew Henry Commentary on Psalm 132:

It is probable that this psalm was penned by Solomon, to be sung at the dedication of the temple which he built according to the charge his father gave him, 1 Chr. 28:2, etc. Having fulfilled his trust, he begs of God to own what he had done.

- I. He had built this house for the honor and service of God; and when he brings the ark into it, the token of God's presence, he desires that God himself would come and take possession of it (v. 8-10). With these words Solomon concluded his prayer, 2 Chr. 6:41, 42.
- II. He had built it in pursuance of the orders he had received from his father, and therefore his pleas to enforce these petitions refer to David.
 - 1. He pleads David's piety towards God (v. 1-7).
 - 2. He pleads God's promise to David (v. 11-18).

The former introduces his petition: the latter follows it as an answer to it.

Today we are the temple of YHWH. His Ruach HaKodesh dwells in us.

Act 7:44 “The **Tent of Witness was with our fathers in the wilderness**, as He appointed, instructing Mosheh to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,
Act 7:45 which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Yehoshua into the land possessed by the nations, whom Elohim drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of Dawid,

Act 7:46 who found favour before Elohim and asked to find a dwelling for the Elohim of Ya'aqob,

Act 7:47 but Shelomoh built Him a house.

YHWH Has Chosen Zion

Psa 132:1 O יהוה, remember Dawid, All his afflictions;

Psa 132:2 How he swore to יהוה, Vowed to the Mighty One of Ya'aqob:

Psa 132:3 “Not to enter into my dwelling-house, Not to get into my bed,

Psa 132:4 “Not to give sleep to my eyes, Or slumber to my eyelids,

Psa 132:5 “Until I find a place for יהוה, A dwelling place for the Mighty One of Ya'aqob.”

Psa 132:6 See, we heard of it in Ephrathah; We found it in the fields of the forest.

Psa 132:7 Let us go into His dwelling places; Let us bow ourselves at His footstool.

Psa 132:8 **Arise, O יהוה, to Your place of rest, You and the ark of Your strength.**

Psa 132:9 **Let Your priests put on righteousness,** And **Your lovingly-committed ones shout for joy.**

Psa 132:10 For the sake of Your servant Dawid, Do not turn away the face of Your Anointed One.

2Ch 6:41 “And now, arise, O יהוה Elohim, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. Let Your priests, O יהוה Elohim, be robed with deliverance, and let Your lovingly-committed ones rejoice in goodness.

2Ch 6:42 “O יהוה Elohim, do not turn away the face of Your anointed; remember the loving-commitment of Your servant Dawid.”

Psa 132:11 יהוה has sworn in truth to Dawid; He does not turn from it, “Of the fruit of your body I set upon your throne.

Act 2:30 “Being a prophet, then, and knowing that Elohim had sworn with an oath to him: of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, to raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne,

Psa 132:12 “If your sons guard My covenant And My witnesses that I teach them, Their sons shall sit upon your throne forever.”

Luk 1:32 “He **shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High.** And יהוה Elohim shall give Him the throne of His father Dawid.

Luk 1:33 **“And He shall reign over the house of Ya'aqob forever, and there shall be no end to His reign.”**^b Footnote: ^bSee [Psa 2:1-12](#), [Psa 89:14-34](#), [Isa 9:7](#), [Isa 16:5](#), [Jer 23:3-6](#), [Jer 30:9](#), [Eze 37:24](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:18-27](#), [Mic 5:2-4](#), [Act 1:6-7](#), [Rev 11:15](#).

Luk 1:34 And Miryam said to the messenger, “How shall this be, since I do not know a man?”

Psa 132:13 For יהוה has chosen Tsiyon, He has desired it for His dwelling:

Heb 12:22 But you have drawn near to Mount Tsiyon and to the city of the living Elohim, to the heavenly Yerushalayim, to myriads of messengers,

Heb 12:23 to the entire gathering and assembly of the first-born having been enrolled in heaven, and to Elohim the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 and to יהושע the Mediator^d of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling which speaks better than *the blood* of Hebel. Footnote: ^dSee [Heb 8:6](#).

Psa 132:14 “This is My place of rest forever; Here I dwell, for I have desired it.

Psa 132:15 “I greatly bless her provision, I satisfy her poor with bread.

Psa 132:16 “And I put deliverance on her priests, And her lovingly-committed ones sing for joy.

Psa 132:17 **“There I make the horn of Dawid grow; I shall set up a lamp for My Anointed One.**

1Ki 11:36 And to his son I give one tribe, so that My servant Dawid shall always have a lamp before Me in Yerushalayim, the city which I have chosen for Myself, to put My Name there.

Psa 132:18 “I put shame on his enemies, **While on Him His diadem shall shine.”**

When Brothers Dwell in Unity

Psa 133:1 See how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity –

Php 2:2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, having the same love, one in being and of purpose,

Php 2:3 doing none at all through selfishness or self-conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

Php 2:4 Each one should look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Php 2:5 For, let this mind be in you which was also in Messiah יהושע,

Psa 133:2 Like the precious oil on the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aharon, Running down on the collar of his robes –

Joh 12:3 Then Miryam took a pound of costly perfume of nard, anointed the feet of יהושע, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Psa 133:3 Like the dew of Hermon, That comes down on the mountains of Tsiyon. **For there יהוה commanded the blessing, Life forever!**

Come, Bless YHWH

Psa 134:1 Come, bless יהוה, All you servants of יהוה, Who are standing in the House of יהוה by night!

Psa 134:2 Lift up your hands in the set-apart place, And bless יהוה.

Psa 134:3 יהוה, **Maker of the heavens and earth, Does bless you from Tsiyon!**

Rev 7:15 “Because of this they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His Dwelling Place. And He who sits on the throne shall spread *His* Tent over them.

Isaiah 65 ‘Smoke in My nostrils’

There is a time that YHWH says enough. When the cup of iniquity is full and the compassion of the lovingly commitment One is rejected for the last time.

He knows despicable deeds. He knows their unrepentant heart. He calls such ‘**smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all day.**’ Sickening disgusting smells.

He doesn’t remain silent; but shall repay – directly into their bosom.

YHWH has ‘a greater plan.’ He brings forth the seed from Jacob and from Judah an heir of His mountains. And His chosen ones shall inherit it and His servants’ dwell there.

Judgment and Salvation

Isa 65:1 “I have let Myself be inquired of, not by those who asked; I was found, not by those who sought Me. I said, ‘Here I am, here I am,’ to a nation not calling on My Name.

Isa 65:2 “I have held out My hands all day long to a stubborn people, who walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts;

Isa 65:3 the people who provoke Me continually to My face, who slaughter in gardens, and burn incense on slaughter-places of brick;

Isa 65:4 who sit among the burial-sites, and spend the night in secret places, who eat flesh of pigs,^a and the broth of unclean meat is in their pots, Footnote: ^aSee Isa 66:17.

Isa 65:5 who say, ‘Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am set-apart to you!’ These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all day.

Isa 65:6 “See, it is written before Me: I am not silent, but shall repay, and I shall repay into their bosom,

Isa 65:7 your crookednesses and the crookednesses of your fathers together,” said יהוה, “who burned incense on the mountains and reproached Me on the hills. And I shall measure their former work into their bosom.”

Isa 65:8 Thus said יהוה, “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one shall say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is blessing in it,’ so I do for My servants’ sake, not to destroy them all.

Isa 65:9 “And **I shall bring forth a seed from Ya’aqob, and from Yehudah an heir of My mountains. And My chosen ones shall inherit it, and My servants dwell there.**

Isa 65:10 “And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the Valley of Akor a place for herds to lie down, for My people who have sought Me.

Isa 65:11 “But **you are those who forsake יהוה, who forget My set-apart mountain, who prepare a table for Gad, and who fill a drink offering for Meni.**

Isa 65:12 “And **I shall allot you to the sword,** and **let you all bow down to the slaughter,** because I called and you did not answer, I spoke and you did not hear, and you did evil before My eyes and chose that in which I did not delight.”

Isa 65:13 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, “See, My servants eat, but you hunger; see, My servants drink, but you thirst; see, My servants rejoice, but you are put to shame;

Isa 65:14 see, My servants sing for joy of heart, but you cry for sorrow of heart, and wait for breaking of spirit.

Isa 65:15 “And you shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen, **for the Master יהוה shall put you to death, and call His servants by another name.**

Isa 65:16 so that he who blesses himself in the earth does bless himself in the Elohim of truth. And he who swears in the earth does swear by the Elohim of truth. Because the former distresses shall be forgotten, and because they shall be hidden from My eyes.

They turned to their own ways and worshipped their own gods.

- He called to them and they did not answer
- He spoke to them and they did not hear
- They did evil before His eyes
- They chose that in which I did not delight

For this, the Master YHWH said, ‘See’ ~

- My servants eat, but you hunger
- My servants drink, but you thirst
- My servants rejoice, but you are put to shame
- My servants sing for joy of heart, but you cry for sorrow of heart, and wait for breaking of spirit.

These rebellious one’s will ~

- Leave their name as a curse to His chosen ones
- The Master YHWH shall put them to death
- The Master YHWH shall call His servants by another name.

YHWH will create a new heaven and a new earth. The 8th day is the day of new beginnings. A day is like 1000 years to YHWH, and we are in the 7th day. His return draws nigh. What camp will you be found in? The worldly camp of Esau/Edom; or the righteous camp of Jacob/Israel. Behold, all things become new and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to heart. No more voices of weeping and crying.

Isa 65:17 “For look, I am creating new heavens and a new earth, and the former shall not be remembered, nor come to heart.”

Isa 65:18 “But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; for look, I create Yerushalayim a rejoicing, and her people a joy.”

Isa 65:19 “And I shall rejoice in Yerushalayim, and shall joy in My people, and let the voice of weeping no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying.”

Isa 65:20 “No more is an infant from there going to live but a few days, nor an old man who does not complete his days, for the youth dies one hundred years old, but the sinner being one hundred years old shall be lightly esteemed.”

Isa 65:21 “And they shall build houses and inhabit them, and plant vineyards and eat their fruit.”

Isa 65:22 “They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat. For the days of My people are going to be as the days of a tree, and My chosen ones outlive the work of their hands.”

Isa 65:23 “They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth children for trouble. For they are the seed of the blessed of יהוה, and their offspring with them.”

Isa 65:24 “And it shall be that before they call, I answer. And while they are still speaking, I hear.”

Isa 65:25 “Wolf and lamb feed together, a lion eats straw as an ox, and dust is the snake’s food. They shall do no evil, nor destroy in all My set-apart mountain,” said יהוה.

Matthew 13

The Parable of the Sower

Mat 13:1 And on that day יהושע went out of the house and sat by the sea.

Mat 13:2 And large crowds were gathered together to Him, so that He went into a boat and sat down. And all the crowd stood on the beach.

Mat 13:3 And He spoke to them much in parables, saying, “See, the sower went out to sow.

Mat 13:4 “And as he sowed, some indeed fell by the wayside, and the birds came and devoured them.

Mat 13:5 “And others fell on rocky places, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, because they had no depth of soil.

Mat 13:6 “But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered.

Mat 13:7 “And others fell among thorns, and the thorns came up and choked them.

Mat 13:8 “And others fell on good soil and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Mat 13:9 “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

The seed is the Word. The Word is cast among the people and like with agricultural crops; some yields are high, moderate, low, and then others yield nothing. It has everything to do with the condition and preparation of the soil; the heart. Yahusha explains this parable in verses 18-23 below.

The Purpose of the Parables

Mat 13:10 And the taught ones came and said to Him, “Why do You speak to them in parables?”

Mat 13:11 And He answering, said to them, **“Because it has been given to you to know the secrets of the reign of the heavens,^a but to them it has not been given.”^b** Footnotes:

^aMattithyahu uses the word “heaven(s)” as an euphemism for the Name or designation of the Father, while [Mar 4:11](#) and [Luk 8:10](#) use the Father’s Name/designation. ^bSee also [Mar 4:33-34](#).

Question: Why do you speak in parables?

Answer: Because it has been given to you to KNOW the secrets of the reign of the heavens [or Elohim], but to them it has not been given.

Mat 13:12 **“For whoever possesses, to him more shall be given,** and he shall have overflowing; but whoever does not possess, **even what he possesses shall be taken away from him.”^c** Footnote: ^cCompare footnote at [Luk 8:18](#).

This reminds us to not only ‘dwell’ in the promised land but to ‘possess.’ To dwell is only to profess belief in Yahusha HaMashiach; but to possess is to daily grow in reading His Word; developing His way of thinking; and become doers of the Word which is pleasing to Him.

Mat 13:13 “Because of this I speak to them in parables, because **seeing they do not see,** and **hearing they do not hear,** nor do they understand.

Mat 13:14 “And in them the prophecy of Yeshayahu is completely filled, which says, ‘**Hearing you shall hear and by no means understand, and seeing you shall see and by no means perceive,**

Mat 13:15 **for the heart of this people has become thickened, and their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed,** lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart, and turn back, and I heal them.’ [Isa 6:9-10](#).

Mat 13:16 “And **blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear,**

Mat 13:17 for truly I say to you, that many prophets and righteous ones longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to **hear what you hear, and did not hear it.**

A person is immeasurably blessed if they have eyes to see and ears to hear!

The Parable of the Sower Explained

Mat 13:18 “You, then, hear the parable of the sower:

Mat 13:19 “When anyone hears the word of the reign, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is that sown by the wayside.

Mat 13:20 “And that sown on rocky places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy,

Mat 13:21 yet he has no root in himself, but is short-lived, and when pressure or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles.

Mat 13:22 “And that sown among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the worry of this age and the deceit of riches choke the word, and it becomes fruitless.^d Footnote: ^d [Luk 21:34, 2Ti 3:4](#).

Mat 13:23 “And that sown on the good soil is **he who hears the word and understands it**, who indeed bears fruit and yields – some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

The Parable of the Weeds

Mat 13:24 Another parable He put before them, saying, “The reign of the heavens has become like a man who sowed good seed in his field,

Mat 13:25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed **darnel^e** among the wheat and went away. Footnote: ^e**Darnel looks like wheat but is poisonous to man and beast.**

Mat 13:26 “And when the blade sprouted and bore fruit, then the darnel also appeared.

Mat 13:27 “And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? From where then does it have the darnel?’

Mat 13:28 “And he said to them, ‘A man, an enemy did this.’ And the servants said to him, ‘Do you wish then, that we go and gather them up?’

Mat 13:29 “But he said, ‘No, lest while you gather up the darnel you also uproot the wheat with them.

Mat 13:30 **Let both grow together until the harvest**, and at the time of harvest I shall say to the reapers, “First gather the darnel and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary.” ’ ”

This is the present state we find ourselves in, in this world. Just two categories ~ wheat and tares. There are only two warring nations: the worldly Esau/Edom nation or the righteous Jacob/Israel nation.

The enemy has tried to cloud the issue with multiple divisions between cultures and numerous religions and beliefs but there are only two choices. It is the choice between good and evil, blessings and curses.

The Mustard Seed and the Leaven

Mat 13:31 Another parable He put before them, saying, “The reign of the heavens is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field,

Mat 13:32 which indeed is less than all the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater than the plants and becomes a tree, so that **the birds of the heaven come and dwell in its branches.**”

[Psa 104:12](#), [Eze 17:23](#), [Eze 31:6](#), [Dan 4:12](#).

Mat 13:33 Another parable He spoke to them, “The reign of the heavens is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until all was leavened.”

The greatest seed that was ever planted in my life came from five words. These five words did more in my life than the 18 years of education I received from this world. The five words were: You – don’t – have – it – right.

Those words set me on a journey to know and find Him. I didn’t have a teacher, so I asked Him to teach me and show me. For my part, I promised to read a Bible verse every day, but I ended up reading much more.

As I read, I wept, and my tears planted and watered His Word ever so deeply in my heart, that He has been my passion ever since. My life, my testimony, has been the parable of the ‘mustard seed.’

Prophecy and Parables

Mat 13:34 **יהושע** said all this to the crowds in parables, and He did not speak to them without a parable,

Mat 13:35 so that what was spoken by the prophet might be filled, saying, **“I shall open My mouth in parables, I shall pour forth what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”** [Psa 78:2](#).

The Parable of the Weeds Explained

Mat 13:36 Then, having sent the crowds away, **יהושע** went into the house. And His taught ones came to Him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the darnel of the field.”

Mat 13:37 And He answering, said to them, “He who is sowing **the good seed is the Son of Adam,**

Mat 13:38 and the field is the world. And the **good seed, these are the sons of the reign,** but the darnel are the sons of the wicked one,

Mat 13:39 and **the enemy who sowed them is the devil.** And the **harvest is the end of the age,** and the reapers are the messengers.

Mat 13:40 “As the darnel, then, is gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be at the end of this age.

Mat 13:41 “The Son of Adam shall send out His messengers, and they shall gather out of His

reign **all the stumbling-blocks,^f** and **those doing lawlessness,^g** [Zep 1:3](#). Footnotes: ^f*Or all the causes of sinning/offence.* ^gThe Darnel of [Mat 13:25](#).

[Mat 13:42](#) and shall throw them into the furnace of fire – there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

[Mat 13:43](#) **“Then the righteous^h shall shine forth as the sun [Dan 12:3](#) in the reign of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!** Footnote: ^h [Psa 37:29](#), [Psa 72:7](#), [Psa 75:10](#), [Psa 118:19-20](#), [Psa 146:8](#), [Mal 3:18](#), [Rev 22:11](#).

Notice who is gathered first. The tares are gathered out from among the wheat and are thrown in the furnace of fire.

The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

[Mat 13:44](#) “Again, the reign of the heavens is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man having found it, hid, and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Yahusha HaMashiach is the tree of life; He is the living water; He is the bread of life; nothing is more valuable than knowing and receiving Him. He is the Pearl of great price.

The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

[Mat 13:45](#) “Again, the reign of the heavens is like a man, a merchant, seeking fine pearls,
[Mat 13:46](#) who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

[Mat 13:47](#) “Again, the reign of the heavens is like a dragnet that was thrown into the sea and gathered some of every kind,

[Mat 13:48](#) which, when it was filled, they drew to shore. And they sat down and gathered the good into containers, but threw the rotten away.

[Mat 13:49](#) “Thus shall it be at the end of the age: the messengers shall come forth, and **separate the wicked out of the midst of the righteous,**

[Mat 13:50](#) and shall throw them into the furnace of fire – there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

Repeatedly, we see simply two choices. Good and evil; wicked and righteous; wheat and tares; sheep and goats. We should not make this complicated. Yahusha is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He is the Rock. All other foundations are sinking deceiving sand!

New and Old Treasures

Mat 13:51 יהושע said to them, “Have you understood all this?” They said to Him, “Yes, Master.”

Mat 13:52 And He said to them, “Therefore every scholar taught in the reign of the heavens is like a householder who brings out of his treasure *matters*, renewed and old.”

We overcome the adversary by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. We share, fellowship, and break bread with one another. We share the treasures we have received in Him and rejoice together.

Yahusha Rejected at Nazareth

Mat 13:53 And it came to be, when יהושע had ended these parables, that He left there.

Mat 13:54 **And when He had come to His own country**, He taught them in their congregation, so that they were astonished and said, “**Where did this One get this wisdom and miracles?**”

Mat 13:55 “Is this not the son of the carpenter? Is not His mother called Miryam? And His brothers Ya'aqob and Yosëph and Shim'on and Yehudah?”

Mat 13:56 “And His sisters, are they not all with us? Where then did this One get all this?”

Mat 13:57 And **they stumbled at Him**. But יהושע said to them, “A prophet is **not unappreciated except in his own country and in his own house.**”

Mat 13:58 And **He did not do many miracles there because of their unbelief.**

Unbelief is a very serious matter. It is belief in Yahusha that changes one's destiny.

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*