# Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 7; Ephesians 4; Ezekiel 37; Psalm 87-88

# October 4 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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# 1Kings 7

### **Solomon Builds His Palace**

- **1Ki 7:1** And Shelomoh <u>built his own house for thirteen years</u>, and he completed his entire house.
- 1Ki 7:2 And he built the house of the forest of Lebanon. It was one hundred cubits long, and fifty cubits wide, and thirty cubits high, with four rows of cedar columns, and cedar beams on the columns.
- 1Ki 7:3 And it was paneled with cedar above the beams that were on forty-five columns, fifteen to a row.
- 1Ki 7:4 And there were windows with narrowed frames in three rows, and window was opposite window, three times.
- 1Ki 7:5 And all the doorways and doorposts had square frames. And window was opposite window, three times.
- 1Ki 7:6 And he made the porch of the columns, fifty cubits long and thirty cubits wide. And the porch was in front of them, and the columns and the roof was in front of them.
- 1Ki 7:7 And he made a hall for the throne, the Hall of Right-ruling, where he ruled. And it was paneled with cedar from floor to floor.
- 1Ki 7:8 And the house where he was to dwell, *in* the other courtyard, within the hall was of like workmanship. And Shelomoh made a house like this hall for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken.

### **Precious Stones**

- 1Ki 7:9 All these were of precious stone hewn to size, sawed with a saw, inside and out, from the foundation to the coping, and also on the outside to the great courtyard.
- 1Ki 7:10 And the foundation was of precious stone, large stones, stones of ten cubits and stones of eight cubits.
- 1Ki 7:11 And above were precious stones, hewn to size, and cedar wood.
- 1Ki 7:12 So the great courtyard all around had three rows of hewn stones and a row of cedar beams, as was the inner courtyard of the House of יהוה and the porch of the House.

### **The Temple Furnishings**

- 1Ki 7:13 And Sovereign Shelomoh sent and brought Hiram from Tsor.
- 1Ki 7:14 He was the son of a widow from the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tsor, a bronze worker. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill in working

with all kinds of bronze work. So he came to Sovereign Shelomoh and did all his work.

1Ki 7:15 And he cast two columns of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high, and a line of twelve cubits measured the circumference of each.

1Ki 7:16 And he made two capitals of cast bronze, to put on the tops of the columns – the height of one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits –

1Ki 7:17 <u>a lattice network, with wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals which were on top of the columns, seven chains for one capital and seven for the other capital.</u>

1Ki 7:18 And he made the columns, and two rows of pomegranates above the network all around to cover the capitals that were on top, and so he did for the other capital.

1Ki 7:19 And the capitals that were on top of the columns in the hall were in the shape of lilies, four cubits.

1Ki 7:20 And there were capitals above also on the two columns, by the bulge which was next to the network. And the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows on each of the capitals all around.

1Ki 7:21 And he set up the columns by the porch of the Hěkal. And he set up the column on the right and called its name Yakin, and he set up the column on the left and called its name Bo'az.

To read about <u>the possible meanings</u> behind the columns, see the link that follows: http://www.templesecrets.info/pillars.html

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Below is a unique definition of Yakin. Note that this antelope's head resembles an ox:

### **Webster Dictionary**

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Yakin (noun)

a large Asiatic antelope (Budorcas taxicolor) native of the higher parts of the Himalayas and other lofty mountains. Its head and neck resemble those of the ox, and its tail is like that of the goat. Called also budorcas

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#### Boaz

Boaz is a major figure in The Book of Ruth in the Bible. The term is found 24 times in the Scriptures, being two in Greek. The root בעז, just used in the Bible in relation to "Boaz", perhaps expresses 'quick'.

# The Nuttall Encyclopedia

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#### Boaz

and Jachin, two pillars of brass at the entrance of Solomon's Temple, signifying respectively strength and stability.

### https://www.definitions.net/definition/boaz

- 1Ki 7:22 And on the top of the columns was lily work. Thus the work of the columns was completed.
- 1Ki 7:23 And he made the Sea of cast *metal*, ten cubits from one rim to the other, round all about, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured around it.
- 1Ki 7:24 And below its rim were ornaments all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornaments were cast in two rows when it was cast.
- 1Ki 7:25 It stood on twelve oxen, <u>three facing north</u>, and <u>three facing west</u>, and <u>three facing south</u>, and <u>three facing east</u>. And <u>the Sea was set upon them</u>, and all their back parts were inward.
- 1Ki 7:26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its rim was shaped like the rim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It held two thousand baths.
- 1Ki 7:27 And he made ten stands of bronze, each stand was four cubits long, and four cubits wide, and three cubits high.
- 1Ki 7:28 And this is how the stands were made: They had side panels, and the side panels were between frames,
- 1Ki 7:29 and on the side panels that were between the frames were <u>lions</u>, <u>oxen</u>, <u>and kerubim</u>, and a pedestal above on the frame. Below the lions and oxen were wreaths of beaten work.
- 1Ki 7:30 And each stand had four bronze wheels and axles of bronze, and its four feet had supports. Under the basin were cast supports beside each wreath.
- 1Ki 7:31 And its opening inside the crown at the top was one cubit. And the opening was round, like the work of the pedestal, one and a half cubits. And also on the opening were engravings, but the side panels were square, not round.
- 1Ki 7:32 And the four wheels were under the side panels, and the axles of the wheels were joined to the stand, and the height of a wheel was one and a half cubits.

- 1Ki 7:33 And the wheels were made like chariot wheels. Their axle pins, and their rims, and their spokes, and their hubs were all cast.
- 1Ki 7:34 And there were four supports at the four corners of each stand, its supports were of the stand itself.
- 1Ki 7:35 And on the top of the stand, half a cubit in height round all around. And on the top of the stand, its flanges and its side panels were of the same.
- 1Ki 7:36 And on the plates of its flanges and on its side panels he <u>engraved kerubim</u>, <u>lions</u>, <u>and palm trees</u>, according to the clear space on each, with wreaths all around.
- 1Ki 7:37 <u>He made the ten stands like this</u>: all of them were of one mold, one measure, and one shape.
- 1Ki 7:38 And he made ten basins of bronze; each basin contained forty baths, and each basin was four cubits, one basin on each of the ten stands.
- 1Ki 7:39 And he put five stands on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house, and he put the Sea on the right side of the house to the east, facing the south.
- 1Ki 7:40 And Ḥiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. And Ḥiram completed doing all the work that he was to do for Sovereign Shelomoh on the House of יהוה:
- 1Ki 7:41 the two columns, and the bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the columns, and the two networks covering the two bowl-shaped capitals which were on top of the columns;
- 1Ki 7:42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for each network to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that were on top of the columns;
- 1Ki 7:43 and the ten stands, and the ten basins on the stands;
- 1Ki 7:44 and the one Sea, and twelve oxen under the Sea;
- 1Ki 7:45 and the pots, and the shovels, and the bowls. And all these utensils which Ḥiram made for Sovereign Shelomoh for the House of יהוה were of polished bronze.
- 1Ki 7:46 The sovereign had them cast in clay in the district of Yarden between Sukkoth and Tsarethan.

### TSK Cross-reference 1Kings 7:46

the clay ground: Heb. the thickness of the ground

Succoth: Gen 33:17

**Zarthan:** Zarthan is supposed to have been situated in the tribe of Manasseh, west of Jordan, near Jezreel and Bethshan or Scythopolis, and not far from the Jordan. Succoth we know was situated east of Jordan, in the tribe of Gad, and according to Jerome, in the district of Scythopolis. Hence the "plain of Jordan," where Hiram cast the brazen vessels, must be the plain in which that river runs, Zarthan and Succoth being probably nearly opposite each other; but whether the precise spot of his operations was on this side or the other side, is uncertain. In this place he found that particular clay that was proper for his purpose; and it being a considerable distance from Jerusalem, that city would not be annoyed by the smoke and noxious vapours necessarily occasioned by the process. <a href="IKI 4:12">IKI 4:12</a>, Zartanah, Jos 3:16, Zaretan, 2Ch 4:17, Zeredathah

Joshua 3:14 And it came to be, when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Yarděn, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

Jos 3:15 and as those bearing the ark came to the Yarděn, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark dipped in the edge of the water – now the Yarděn overflows all its banks during all the time of harvest –

Jos 3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap **very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Tsarethan**. And the waters going down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Yeriho.

1Ki 7:47 And Shelomoh left all the utensils *unweighed*, because they were many, nor was the weight of the bronze searched out.

### 1Ki 7:48 So Shelomoh made all the utensils for the House of יהוה:

- · the slaughter-place of gold,
- and the table of gold on which was the showbread;
- 1Ki 7:49 and the lampstands of refined gold, five on the right side and five on the left in front of the Speaking Place, with the flowers and the lamps and the snuffers of gold;
- 1Ki 7:50 and the basins, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the ladles, and the fire
  holders of refined gold, and the hinges of gold, both for the doors of the inner house, the
  Most Set-apart Place, and for the doors of the house of the Hěkal.

Imagine the light from the lampstands reflecting off the gold overlays! It would have had a fiery and glowing description. Remember there were 10 menorah lampstands in Solomon's temple verses the 1 menorah lampstand in the mobile wilderness Tabernacle.

1Ki 7:51 Thus all the work which Sovereign Shelomoh had done for the House of יהוה was completed. And Shelomoh brought in the set-apart items of his father Dawig: the silver and the gold and the utensils, and he put them in the treasuries of the House of יהוה.

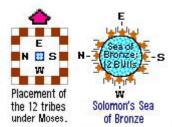
We should <u>SEE patterns</u> between Solomon's Temple with the Dwelling Place of YHWH; Ezekiel's vision of the living creatures, the wheels, cherubim, and their movement; and John the Revelator's vision of the living creatures and the 24 elders. YHWH's Dwelling place is central to all of these. There <u>are even more comparisons we could make</u> to the Tabernacle encampments; the garden of Eden; but in all of these we should <u>see the similar patterns</u>.

In reading about the Sea of Bronze at this website: <a href="http://www.templesecrets.info/bronzesea.html">http://www.templesecrets.info/bronzesea.html</a>
I was intrigued by the following excerpt because once again the 'pattern' resurfaced AND it not only spoke of the one-way directional 'movement'; it also spoke of the 'hands' like in Ezekiel's visions.

Here is the Excerpt: [see website for full description -http://www.templesecrets.info/bronzesea.html]

Mirrors and the Four Directions: Note: [Brown text is from 'temple secrets' website]

Only two final points need explaining. According Exodus 38:8, Moses' small laver was made from the 'mirrors' (of polished metal, not glass) of women, their reflective quality relating to the water inside the laver, and the water itself symbolizing the Divine spirit as a mirror for exposing spiritual blind spots by illumining dark areas of the heart and mind, Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 11:19: 36:25 - 27.



Second point:

The twelve bulls supporting Solomon's Sea were posted according to the four directions of the world: three pointing *north*, three *south*, three west and three east, I Kings 7:25. This agrees with how the tribes were arranged under Moses: Judah and two others toward the "rising of the sun," i.e., east; Reuben and two others to the south, Ephraim and two others west; and Dan and two others north (Numbers 2:3, 10, 18, 25). But Levi with the tabernacle was posted in the middle (blue square), v. 17, because it was the priest tribe and normally not counted among the others. This arrangement forms a square of 12 tribes symbolizing the four compass directions (red squares) but moving in one direction (pink arrow). Solomon's 12 bulls also pointed in the four directions, implying that some worldwide mission was involved that the 12 tribes were intended to achieve (see also Genesis 28:14). When the mobile tabernacle was put away, the tribe of Levi assumed charge of the Temple.

## Compare patterns:

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim.

Rev 21:11 having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

Rev 21:12 and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'ěl: Footnote: CSee Eze\_47:22-23, Eze\_48:31-34.

Rev 21:13 three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.

The Ten Wheeled Lavers as Ten Fingers [Remember the hands of a man in Ezekiel's vision]

Solomon's artisans also constructed ten bronze wheeled lavers, symbolizing the ten fingers of the hands, I Kings 7:27-39; II Chronicles 4:6. Since the Temple was in the hidden form of a man, these correspond to the ten fingers of Jacob, King Messiah, and the Levite High Priest. But since the Temple is identified as the "house of God" in the Tanach, they also relate to his

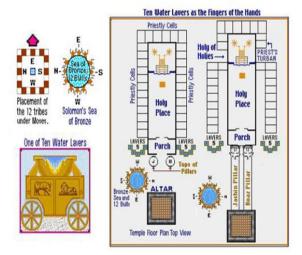
<u>fingers</u>, even if this should be a figure of speech. For example, the Egyptians exclaimed of the ten plagues, "<u>This is the finger of God!</u>" in Exodus 8:15, (EV 8:19); and <u>Moses tells us that the</u> stone tablets of the Covenant were written with "God's own finger," Exodus 31:18;

One of Ten Water Lavers

wheeled lavers may have looked like. According to the biblical description they had lions, oxen and cherubim on their four panels. The cherubim would be on the panels not shown. The carts were four cubits wide and long, I Kings 7:27, but with a height of three cubits. The water lavers themselves were possibly removable and likely mounted on top. And although the lavers had wheels, they were not meant to be moved about from place to place. Once installed on the right and left sides of the Temple (1 Kings 7:39) – but toward its *front* – there would be no need to move them anymore; and in this particular position they clearly form the hands and fingers of Temple Man as High Priest. Moreover, this was the most *practical* position because they were solely for washing off blood from the offerings, II Chronicles 4:6, meaning that they had to be posted close to the slaughtering tables and Bronze Altar where the such offerings were made daily and where the priests officiated.

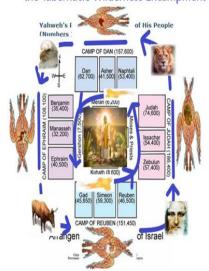
Lastly, since the bronze lavers are the hands, the *water* in them symbolizes the Divine *spirit*. Compare First Chronicles 28:12 with v.19. In v.12 David says he received Temple plans by the Lord's *spirit*, but in v. 19, by the Lord's *hand*. In this case, inspiration by the Divine spirit counts as the work of his hands.

## Components of Solomon's Temple



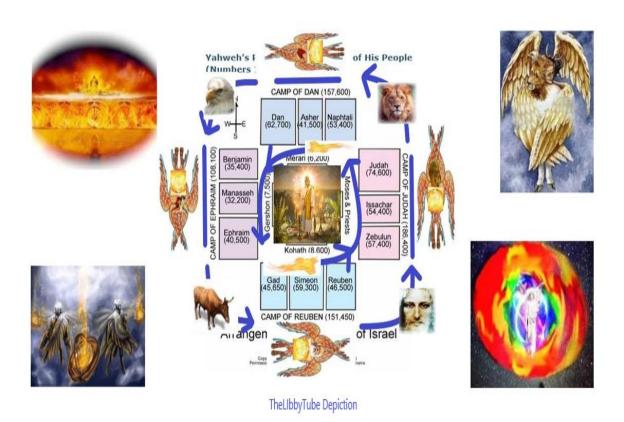
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# Compilation of visions of John the Revelator and Ezekiel with the Tabernacle Wilderness Encampment



TheLibbyTube depiction above.

Mat 6:22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, all your body shall be enlightened.



Also see: Secrets of Solomon's Temple: <a href="http://www.templesecrets.info/index.html">http://www.templesecrets.info/index.html</a>

Family fun Word Search activity on Solomon's Temple on next page. Enjoy!





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# OMON'S TEMPLE

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# **Ephesians 4**

This is the building of the 'Temple Man', the one new man in Yahusha HaMashiach. All that was taught in Exodus about the <u>construction of the tabernacle</u> was a parable for them [Heb. 9:9] (and us) to understand <u>the construction of the 'one new man' in Him!</u> Ponder each verse of this chapter! Each member of the body is special and is given favor according to the measure of the gift of Messiah. We have been equipped to carry out our calling and to fulfill our life purpose.

- Eph 4:1 I call upon you therefore, I the prisoner of the Master, to walk worthily of the calling with which you were called,
- Eph 4:2 with all humility and meekness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,
- Eph 4:3 being eager to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace -
- Eph 4:4 one body and one Spirit, as you also were called in one expectation of your calling,
- Eph 4:5 one Master, one belief, one immersion,
- Eph 4:6 one Elohim and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.
- Footnote: aSee Mar\_12:32, Mar\_12:34, 1Co\_8:6, 1Ti\_2:5, Mar\_12:29-34.
- Eph 4:7 But to each one of us favour was given according to the measure of the gift of Messiah.
- Eph 4:8 That is why it says, "When He went up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men." Psa\_68:18.
- Eph 4:9 But what does "He went up" mean, except that He also first went down into the lower parts of the earth?
- Eph 4:10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.
- Eph 4:11 And He Himself gave some as emissaries, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers
- Eph 4:12 for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the work of service to a building up of the body of the Messiah,
- Eph 4:13 until we all come to the unity of the belief and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of Messiah,
- Eph 4:14 so that we should no longer be children, tossed and borne about by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men, in cleverness, unto the craftiness of leading astray, b Footnote:
- bSee Eph\_5:6, also 2Co\_10:5, 2Co\_11:3-14, Gal\_1:6-9, 2Ti\_3:1-8, 2Ti\_4:2-4, 2Pe\_2:2-22, Jud\_1:10-19.
- Eph 4:15 but, maintaining the truth in love, we grow up in all respects into Him who is **the head**, **Messiah**,
- Eph 4:16 from whom the entire body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the working by which each part does its share, causes growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

We are to put off our former behavior in the 'old man', in the ways we once walked in this world; in the various nations in which we were born. Now, we have put on the 'new man' in Him that walks in righteousness and in set-apartness according to His Word. This world is no longer our home. We now live 'in the world' but we are not 'of the world'. We are <u>His Royal Ambassadors in this world</u> for we now function as <u>His kingdom of priests</u>, a holy nation. We are His representatives. If we fall short, we have an Advocate. In Him, we can pray and ask for forgiveness and continue to 'run the race' of sanctification.

He will never turn away anyone who comes to Him with a sincere heart. Ask Him to teach you. Ask Him to show you His glory. He will come to you as you read His Word. Sometimes He will come to you by words spoken through a believer. Sometimes He will speak to you through nature. Sometimes He will speak to you through a road sign along the road. Sometimes He will speak to you in a song. But know this. If you seek Him with all of you heart, He will come to you.

Mat 7:7 "Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you. Mat 7:8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.

He will shape and mold you as a potter shapes clay. He will raise you up in Him, like a babe who first begins to walk to full maturity. He will finish the work He begins in you.

### The New Life

Eph 4:17 So this I say, and witness in the Master, that you should no longer walk as the nations walk,<sup>C</sup> in the futility of their mind, Footnote: <sup>C</sup>See 1Co\_12:2 and Jer\_10:2.

Eph 4:18 having been darkened in their understanding, having been estranged from the life of Elohim, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart,

Eph 4:19 who, having become callous, have given themselves up to indecency, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

Eph 4:20 But you have not so learned Messiah,

Eph 4:21 if indeed you have heard Him and were taught by Him, as truth is in יהושע:

Eph 4:22 that you put off – with regard to your former behaviour – the old man, being corrupted according to the desires of the deceit,

Eph 4:23 and to be renewed in the spirit of your mind,

Eph 4:24 and that you put on the renewed man<sup>d</sup> which was created according to Elohim, in righteousness and set-apartness of the truth. Footnote: dSee Rom\_8:1.

Eph 4:25 Therefore, having put off the false, **speak truth, each one with his neighbour,** Zec 8:16 for we are members of one another.

Eph 4:26 **"Be wroth, but do not sin."** Psa\_4:4 Do not let the sun go down on your rage, Footnote: 6 Deu\_24:15.

Eph 4:27 nor give place to the devil.

Eph 4:28 Let him who stole steal no more, but rather let him labour, working with his hands what is good, so that he has *somewhat* to share with those in need.

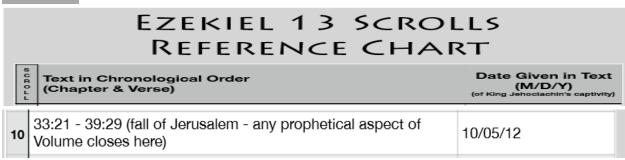
Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word come out of your mouth, but only such as is good for the use of building up, so as to impart what is pleasant to the hearers.

Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Set-apart Spirit of Elohim, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and displeasure, and uproar, and slander be put away from you, along with all evil.

Eph 4:32 And be kind towards one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Elohim also forgave you in Messiah.

# Ezekiel 37 Ezekiel 37 falls within Scroll 10.



**The Valley of Dry Bones –** When reading this chapter one must connect the 'pattern' to the 'Temple Man'; the 'one new man'; Israel. Ezekiel's visions portray similar patterns and components we have read about with Solomon's Temple and John the Revelators visions. Praise Yah, the one new man is forming – literally!

### The Word Became Flesh

- Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.
- Joh 1:2 He was in the beginning with Elohim.
- Joh 1:3 All came to be through Him,<sup>a</sup> and without Him not even one came to be that came to be. Footnote:
- <sup>a</sup> Eph\_3:9, Col\_1:16, Heb\_1:2, Heb\_11:3, 2Pe\_3:5, Psa\_33:6.
- Joh 1:4 In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.
- Joh 1:5 And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.
- Joh 1:6 There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was Yohanan.
- Joh 1:7 This one came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all might believe through him.
- Joh 1:8 He was not that Light, but that he might bear witness of that Light.
- Joh 1:9 He was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world.
- Joh 1:10 He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him.
- Joh 1:11 He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.
- Joh 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His Name,
- Joh 1:13 who were born, not of blood nor of the desire of flesh nor of the desire of man, but of Elohim.

Joh 1:14 And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favour and truth.

Joh 1:15 Yoḥanan bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has become before me, because He was before me.' "

Joh 1:16 And out of His completeness we all did receive, and favour upon favour,

Joh 1:17 for the Torah was given through Mosheh – the favour and the truth came through messiah.

Joh 1:18 No one has ever seen Elohim. The only brought-forth Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He did declare. Footnote: b Joh 5:37, Joh 6:46, 1Jn 4:12.

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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.

# Eze 37:1 The hand of יהוה was upon me and took me out by the Spirit of יהוה, and set me down in the midst of the valley. And it was filled with bones.

Eze 37:2 And He made me pass among them, all around, and see, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and see, they were very dry.

Eze 37:3 And He said to me, "Son of man, would these bones live?" And I said, "O Master יהוה, You know."

Eze 37:4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and you shall say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of יהוה!

Eze 37:5 Thus said the Master יהוה to these bones.

- "See, I am bringing into you a spirit, and you shall live.
- Eze 37:6 <u>"And I shall put sinews on you</u> and <u>bring flesh upon you</u>, and <u>cover you</u> with skin and <u>put a spirit in you</u>, and <u>you shall live</u>. And you shall know that I am ." '"

# Eze 37:7 And I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and there was a rattling.

- And the bones came together, bone to bone.
- Eze 37:8 And I looked and saw sinews and flesh came upon them, and skin covered them, but there was no spirit in them.

Eze 37:9 He then said to me, "Prophesy to the spirit, prophesy, son of man, and you shall say to the spirit, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,'

• "Come from the four winds, O spirit, and breathe on these killed ones, so that they live." '

Eze 37:10 And I prophesied as He commanded me, and the spirit came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, a very great army.

YHWH identifies the bones as **ALL the house of Israel!** 

Eze 37:11 And He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are all the house of Yisra'el. See, they say, 'Our bones are dry, our expectancy has perished, and we ourselves have been cut

### off!

# Eze 37:12 "Therefore prophesy, and you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "See, O My people, I am opening your burial-sites and shall bring you up from your burial-sites, and **shall bring you into the land of Yisra'ěl.** 
  - 1Th 4:15 For this we say to you by the word of the Master, that we, the living who are left over at the coming of the Master shall in no way go before those who are asleep.
    - 1Th 4:16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.
    - 1Th 4:17 Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air and so we shall always be with the Master.
- Eze 37:13 "And you shall know that I am יהוה, when I open your burial-sites, My people, and bring you up from your burial-sites.
- Eze 37:14 "And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I shall settle you in your own land. And you shall know that I יהוה have spoken, and I have done it," declares יהוה.' "

In the end of days, He will gather ALL of Israel, the natural branches and the grafted in branches. The bones coming to life from the grave is a picture of receiving our resurrected glorified bodies. All of Israel makes up the 'one new man, in Messiah.

# I Will Be Their Elohim, They Shall Be My People

Eze 37:15 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

The two sticks of Judah and Ephrayim become one; Israel!

Eze 37:16 "And you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it,

- 'For Yehudah and for the children of Yisra'el, his companions.'
- Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Yoseph, the stick of Ephrayim, and for all the house of Yisra'el, his companions.'

Eze 37:17 "Then bring them together for yourself into one stick, and they shall become one in your hand.

And when the people inquire as to what this means YHWH instructs Ezekiel to say:

Eze 37:18 "And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Won't you show us what you mean by these?'

Eze 37:19 say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "See, I am taking the stick of Yoseph, which is in the hand of Ephrayim, and the tribes of Yisra'el, his companions.
- And I shall give them unto him, with the stick of Yehudah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand."

Eze 37:20 "And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes.



Two Olive Trees - Israel & Judah become ONE

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# Eze 37:21 "And speak to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "See, I am taking the children of Yisra'ěl from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and shall gather them from all around, and I shall bring them into their land.
- Eze 37:22 "And I shall make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Yisra'ěl. And one sovereign shall be sovereign over them all, and let them no longer be two nations, and let them no longer be divided into two reigns.
- Eze 37:23 "And they shall no longer defile themselves with their idols, nor with their disgusting *matters*, nor with any of their transgressions. And I shall save them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and I shall cleanse them. And they shall be My people, and I be their Elohim,

Reference to David is alluding to Yahusha HaMashiach.

- Eze 37:24 while Dawid My servant is sovereign over them. And they shall all have one shepherd and walk in My right-rulings and guard My laws, and shall do them.
- Eze 37:25 "And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Ya'aqob My servant, where your fathers dwelt. And they shall dwell in it, they and their children and their children's children, forever, and My servant Dawid be their prince forever.
- Eze 37:26 "And I shall make a covenant of peace with them an everlasting

covenant it is with them. And I shall place them and increase them, and shall place My set-apart place in their midst, forever.

Eze 37:27 "And My Dwelling Place shall be over them. And I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.

Eze 37:28 "And the nations shall know that I, יהוה, am setting Yisra'ěl apart, when My set-apart place is in their midst – forever." "

# Psalm 87 - Psalm 87:6 speaks powerfully!

**Psalm 87** - Mount Zion is used to symbolize many things. He loves the gates of Zion and glorious matters are spoken of her, the city of Elohim.

- Mt. Zion can refer to the New Jerusalem;
- the bride;
- the city of Elohim;
- His people that are born within her;
- He keeps records in the **register of the peoples**, knowing their births;
- He Himself does establish;
- His foundation is in the **set-apart mountains**!

This is His Dwelling Place. Mt. Zion is complete; singers, players, and all His fountains.

- Psa 87:1 His foundation is In the set-apart mountains.
- Psa 87:2 יהוה loves the gates of Tsiyon More than all the dwellings of Ya'agob.
- Psa 87:3 Esteemed *matters* are spoken of you, O city of Elohim: Selah.
- Psa 87:4 "I mention Rahab and Babel to those who know Me; See, O Philistia and Tsor, with Kush, 'This and that one was born there.'
- Psa 87:5 And of Tsiyon it is said, "Each one was born in her; For the Most High Himself does establish her."
- Psa 87:6 יהוה does write, In the register of the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah.
- Psa 87:7 And the singers and the players on instruments All my fountains, are in you.

**Psalm 88 TSK reference**: Supposed to have been written by Heman, son of Zerah, and grandson of Judah, on the oppression of the Hebrews in Egypt.

The psalmist cries out in his affliction. These are words and prayers spoken from a deep <u>valley experience</u> in life. Those times when everything that could go wrong, does. Those times when life doesn't turn out as expected. Those times when one sees who their true friends are and who were just their fair-weather friends. This is when a person is having a 'Job' life experience.

This is when a believer goes through the fire and finds there truly is a Friend that sticks closer than a brother. Albeit, this may not be discovered until the end of whatever affliction or chastisement. Often, it is when we look back at those life events, that we see that YHWH was always there. He had not left us nor forsaken us. He used everything for our well-being and not for our harm.

During the times of affliction, one's world is so darkened they are totally disoriented. All the things in their life seems to have been turned upside down, and though they may feel forgotten by YHWH, there is nothing further from the truth.

### I Cry Out Day and Night Before You

**Psa 88:1** O יהוה, Elohim of my deliverance, By day I have cried out, In the night *also* before You.

Psa 88:2 Let my prayer come before You, Incline Your ear to my cry.

Psa 88:3 For my being is filled with evils, And my life draws near to She'ol.

Psa 88:4 I have been reckoned among those Who go down to the pit; I have become like a man Who has no strength,

Psa 88:5 Released among the dead, Like slain ones lying in the burial-site, Whom You have remembered no more, And who have been cut off from Your hand.

Psa 88:6 You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths.

Psa 88:7 Your wrath has rested heavily upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your breakers. Selah.

Psa 88:8 You have put away my friends far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut in and do not go out;

Psa 88:9 My eye grows dim because of affliction. יהוה, I have called upon You, all day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

Psa 88:10 Would You work wonders for the dead? Would the dead rise to praise You? Selah.

Psa 88:11 Is Your loving-commitment declared in the burial-site? Your trustworthiness in the place of destruction?

Psa 88:12 Are Your wonders known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of no remembrance?

Psa 88:13 But I, unto You I have cried, O יהוה, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Psa 88:14 יהוה, why do You reject me? Why do You hide Your face from me?

Psa 88:15 I am afflicted and dying from childhood; I have borne frightening *matters* from You; I am in despair.

Psa 88:16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your onslaughts have cut me off.

Psa 88:17 They surrounded me like water all day long; They close in upon me altogether.
Psa 88:18 You have put loved one and companion far from me, Darkness is my close friend!

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