

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 14; Job 32; Luke 17; 2Cor. 2.

March 3 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: **For teaching purposes only**, underlines, bold font, and highlight emphasis have been used in PDFs.]

Scripture Source: e-Sword TS2009 unless otherwise noted: <https://www.e-sword.net/>

Exodus 14

The beginning verses of Exodus 14 give us pause.

Exo 14:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Exo 14:2 “Speak to the children of Yisra’ël, that they turn and camp **before Pi Hahiroth**, between **Miḡdol** and the **sea**, opposite **Ba'al Tsephon** – camp before it by the sea.

Exo 14:3 “For Pharaoh shall say of the children of Yisra’ël, ‘**They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has closed them in.**’

Pi Hahiroth was to be the Israelites 3rd encampment since exiting Egypt; and the last one before crossing the Sea of Reeds. Though the ‘Red Sea’ is noted in the following BDB definitions, please be aware there are various opinions on whether the children of Israel were camped near the ‘Red Sea – Suez Canal’ or the ‘Sea of Reeds – Gulf of Aqaba’. These are two finger-like canals that travel up into the land from the Red Sea.

Pi Hahiroth means:

BDB Definition: Pi-hahiroth pîy háchirôth = “**place where sedge grows**”

- 1) the 3rd encampment of the Israelites after leaving Goshen in Egypt and the last one before crossing the Red Sea

Sedge is a wilderness type of grass that one would expect to find near a sea. **Pi Hahiroth** was between **Miḡdol** and the ‘Red Sea.’ **Miḡdol** means ‘watchtower’. We recall that the tower of **Miḡdol Eder** was possibly where the Temple sacrificial lambs would be kept; and was also in the vicinity of Bethlehem where Yahusha HaMashiach would be born and where Rachel died giving birth to Benjamin. On the opposite side of the sea from where they camped, was **Ba'al Tsephon**.

BDB Definition: Migdol migdôl = “tower” 1) a fortified city on the Egyptian border (noun proper masculine) 2) tower (noun masculine)

BDB Definition: Baal Tsphon or Baal-zephon ba'al tsephôn = “**lord of the north**” 1) a place in Egypt near the Red Sea where Pharaoh and his army were destroyed during the Exodus

Dan 11:13 “And the sovereign of the North shall return and raise an army greater than the former, and certainly come at the end of some years with a great army and much supplies.

Dan 11:14 “And in those times many shall rise up against the sovereign of the South, while some violent ones among your people exalt themselves to establish the vision, but they shall stumble.

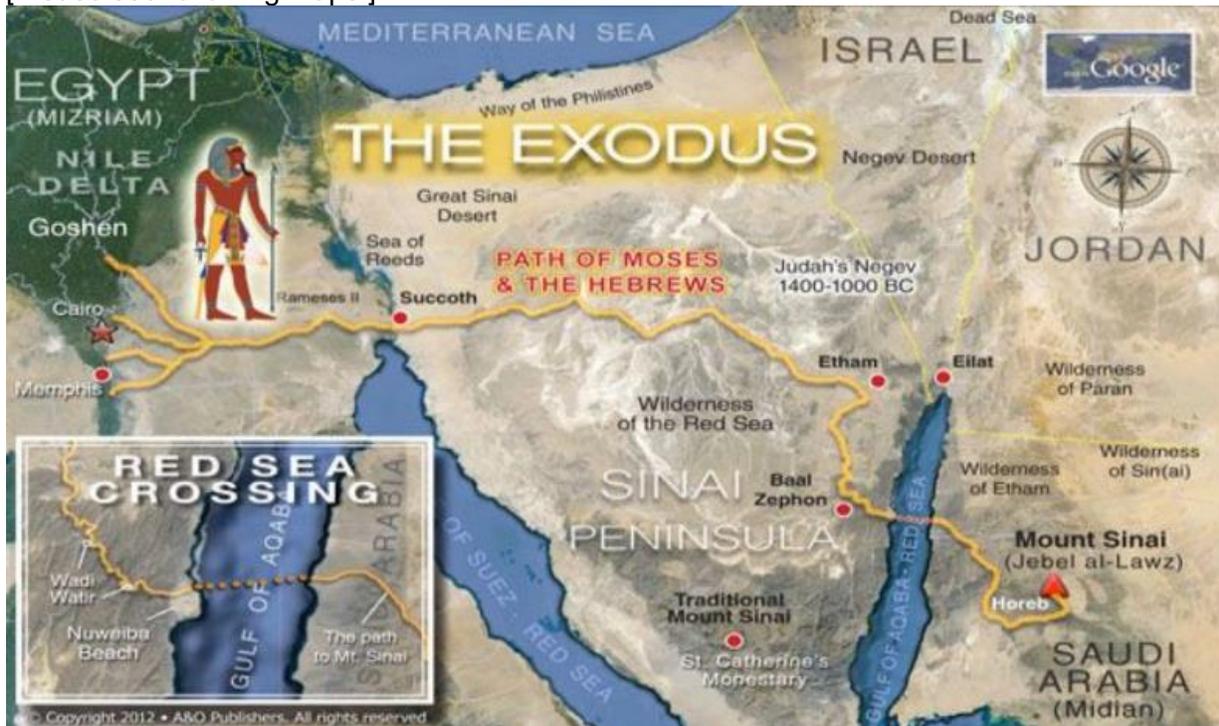
Dan 11:15 “Then the sovereign of the North shall come in and build a siege mound, and capture a city of strongholds. And the arms of the South shall not stand, nor his choice people, for there is no strength to stand.

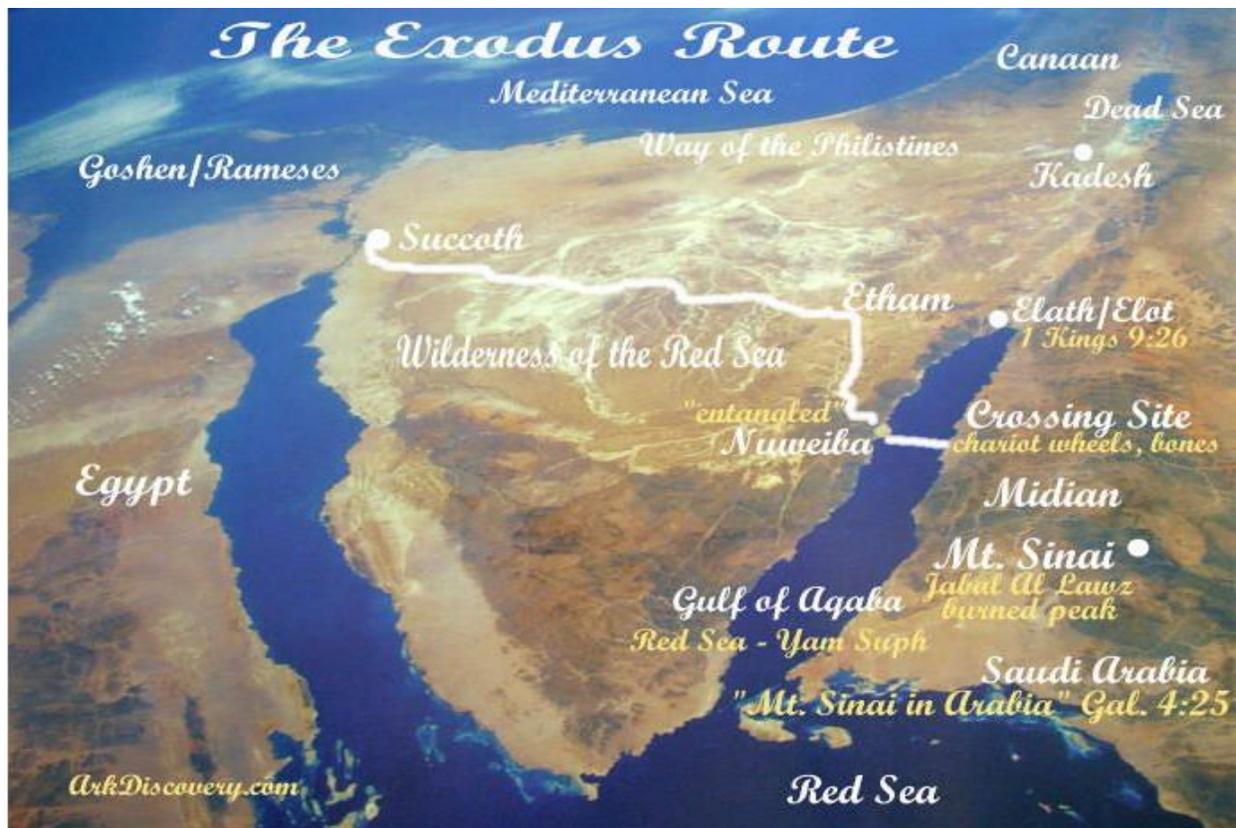
Eze 17:17 And Pharaoh with his great army and great company is not going to help him in battle, when they heap up a siege mound and build a wall to cut off many beings.

Dan 11:16 “So his opponent shall do as he pleases – with no one standing against him – and stand in the Splendid Land with destruction in his hand.

Dan 11:17 “And he shall set his face to enter with the strength of his entire rule, and make an alliance with him. And he shall do so, and give him the daughter of women to corrupt her. But she shall not stand, neither be for him.

NOTE: Because of various viewpoints, we end up with two or more potential Exodus routes. Yam Suph means ‘Reed Sea’ and Yam Adam means ‘Red Sea.’ Please see article for further ‘possible’ reasons leading to the confusion and please continue to study this topic: <https://www.baslibrary.org/biblical-archaeology-review/10/4/3>
[Please see following maps.]





This 3rd encampment paints a picture of what seems to be a place of a ‘last stand’. The encampment was encompassed between YHWH, our ‘High Tower’, and the Pharisaical Ba’al, ‘lord of the north’. There by the ‘sea’, usually reminiscent of people; **their souls laid between good and evil.**

Will we soon see ourselves in such an end-time juxtaposition? We already see the line being drawn in the sand. We see the sheep and the goats coalescing respectively. We already see YHWH awakening His people to **rehearse His appointed times** for our greater exodus; and to stand watch. We too find ourselves in the ‘sedge’ between the warring factions of good versus evil. For now, we camp, wait, and watch; keeping plenty of oil in our lamps.

Like today’s ‘Pharisaical’ New World Order, they too believe that YHWH’s people are **entangled in the land and the wilderness has us encompassed.** Just like the Israelites, some will complain; some will seek YHWH; some will want to turn back; and YHWH will remind others to lift their rod of authority and let the mighty hand of YHWH work in them and through them.

Like them, we will stand still and see the mighty deliverance of YHWH. He will confuse and foil the plans of the enemy. He will guide and cloak us from the sight of the enemy by putting the enemy in darkness.

He is coming again! He will gather us; the one new man; the Messianic 'House of Israel' born from above!

Exo 14:3 “For Pharaoh shall say of the children of Yisra’ël, ‘They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has closed them in.’

Exo 14:4 “And I shall strengthen the heart of Pharaoh, and he shall pursue them. But I am to be esteemed through Pharaoh and over all his army, and the Mitsrites shall know that I am יהוה.” And they did so.

Exo 14:5 And it was reported to the sovereign of Mitsrayim that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people. And they said, “Why have we done this, that we have let Yisra’ël go from serving us?”

Exo 14:6 So he made his chariot ready and took his people with him.

Exo 14:7 And he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Mitsrayim with officers over all of them.

Exo 14:8 And יהוה strengthened the heart of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, and he pursued the children of Yisra’ël, but the children of Yisra’ël went out defiantly.

Exo 14:9 And the Mitsrites pursued them, and all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Ba'al Tsephon.

Exo 14:10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Yisra’ël lifted their eyes and saw the Mitsrites coming up after them. And they were greatly afraid, so the children of Yisra’ël cried out to יהוה.

Exo 14:11 And they said to Mosheh, “Did you take us away to die in the wilderness because there are no burial-sites in Mitsrayim? What is this you have done to us, to bring us up out of Mitsrayim?”

Exo 14:12 “Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Mitsrayim, saying, ‘Leave us alone and let us serve the Mitsrites?’ For it would have been better for us to serve the Mitsrites than to die in the wilderness.”

Exo 14:13 And Mosheh said to the people, **“Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the deliverance of יהוה,”** which He does for you today. For the Mitsrites whom you see today, you are never, never to see again.

Exo 14:14 **“יהוה does fight for you, and you keep silent.”**

The Defeat of Satan

[Rev 20:7](#) And when the thousand years have ended, Satan shall be released from his prison,

[Rev 20:8](#) and he shall go out to lead the nations astray which are in the four corners of the earth,

[Goḡ and Maḡoḡ](#), [Eze_38:2](#) to gather them together for battle, whose number is as the sand of

the sea.

Rev 20:9 And **they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the set-apart ones and the beloved city.** And fire came down from Elohim out of the heaven and consumed them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who led them astray, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet are. And they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever.

Exo 14:15 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and let them go forward.

Exo 14:16 **“And you, lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and let the children of Yisra’el go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.**

Exo 14:17 “And I, see I am strengthening the hearts of the Mitsrites, and they shall follow them. And I am to be esteemed through Pharaoh and over all his army, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Exo 14:18 “And the Mitsrites shall know that I am יהוה, when I am esteemed through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.”

Exo 14:19 And the **Messenger of Elohim, who went before the camp of Yisra’el, moved and went behind them. And the column of cloud went from before them and stood behind them,**

Exo 14:20 and came between the camp of the Mitsrites and the camp of Yisra’el. **And it was the cloud and the darkness,** and it gave light by night, and the one did not come near the other all the night.

Exo 14:21 And Mosheh stretched out his hand over the sea. And יהוה caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

Isaiah records what is often referred to as the ‘Greater Exodus.’ Yahusha, YHWH Nissi, will once again be our Banner!

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a **Root of Yishai, standing as a banner to the people.** Unto Him the nations shall seek, and His rest shall be esteem.

Isa 11:11 And it shall be in that day that יהוה **sets His hand again a second time to recover the remnant of His people** who are left, from Ashshur and from Mitsrayim, from Pathros and from Kush, from Eylam and from Shin’ar, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And **He shall raise a banner for the nations, and gather the outcasts of Yisra’el, and assemble the dispersed of Yehudah from the four corners of the earth.**

Isa 11:13 And the envy of Ephrayim shall turn aside, and the adversaries of Yehudah be cut off. Ephrayim shall not envy Yehudah, and Yehudah not trouble Ephrayim.

Isa 11:14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; together they plunder the people of the east, their hand stretching forth on Edom and Mo’ab, and the children of Ammon shall be subject to them.

Isa 11:15 And יהוה shall put under the ban the tongue of the Sea of Mitsrayim, and **He shall wave His hand over the River with the might of His Spirit, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and shall cause men to tread it in sandals.**

Isa 11:16 **And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, those left from Ashshur, as it was for Yisra’el in the day when he came up from the land of Mitsrayim.**

Exo 14:22 And the children of Yisra'ël went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right and on their left.

Exo 14:23 And the Mitsrites pursued and went after them into the midst of the sea, all the horses of Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen.

Exo 14:24 And it came to be, in the morning watch, that יהוה looked down upon the army of the Mitsrites through the column of fire and cloud, and He brought the army of the Mitsrites into confusion.

Exo 14:25 And He took off their chariot wheels, so that they drove them with difficulty. And the Mitsrites said, “Let us flee from the face of Yisra'ël, for יהוה fights for them against the Mitsrites.”

Exo 14:26 Then יהוה said to Mosheh, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, and let the waters come back upon the Mitsrites, on their chariots, and on their horsemen.”

Exo 14:27 And Mosheh stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its usual flow, at the break of day, with the Mitsrites fleeing into it. Thus יהוה overthrew the Mitsrites in the midst of the sea,

Exo 14:28 and the waters returned and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them, and not even one was left of them.

Exo 14:29 And the children of Yisra'ël walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea, and the waters were a wall to them on their right and on their left.

Exo 14:30 Thus יהוה saved Yisra'ël that day out of the hand of the Mitsrites, and Yisra'ël saw the Mitsrites dead on the seashore.

Exo 14:31 And Yisra'ël saw the great work which יהוה had done in Mitsrayim, and the people feared יהוה, and believed יהוה and His servant Mosheh.

Job 32

We now are introduced to a younger man that apparently was observing the words being exchanged between Job and his three friends. The young man, Elihu, held his tongue until the three friends stopped their talking. The scripture says Elihu's wrath burned against Job and his three friends and he gives the following reasons.

Elihu Rebukes Job's Three Friends

Job 32:1 Then these three men ceased to answer Iyob, because he was righteous in his own eyes.

Job 32:2 And the wrath of Elihu, son of Barak'ël the Buzite, of the clan of Ram, **burned against Iyob**. His wrath burned because he declared himself right rather than Elohim.

Job 32:3 And **against his three friends his wrath burned, because they had found no answer, and pronounced Elohim wrong**.

Job 32:4 And because they were years older than he, Elihu had waited to speak to

lyob.

Job 32:5 And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath burned.

Job 32:6 And Elihu, son of Barak'ël the Buzite, responded and said, "I am young in years, and you are aged. Therefore I was afraid to let you know my opinion.

Elihu, seems spiritually mature for his age and yields to the three friends out of respect; knowing that age should possess and teach wisdom; but apparently, he found that wasn't the case.

Job 32:7 I said, **'Days should speak, and many years should teach wisdom.'**

Job 32:8 **But truly it is the spirit in man and the breath of the Almighty that gives him understanding.**

Job 32:9 **The multitude are not wise, nor do the aged understand right-ruling.**

Job 32:10 Therefore I have said, 'Listen to me, let me also make my opinion known to you.'

Job 32:11 Look, I waited for your words, I listened to your reasonings, while you searched out what to say.

Job 32:12 And I paid close attention to you. But look, not one of you proved lyob wrong, nor answered his words.

Job 32:13 Lest you say, 'We have found wisdom' – it is Ĕl that drives him away, not man.

Job 32:14 Now he has not ordered words against me, so I would not answer him with your words.

Job 32:15 They have broken down; they have not answered again; words have departed from them.

Job 32:16 And I have waited, but they do not speak, because they have stood still, they answered no more.

Job 32:17 Let me answer on my part, let me also make my opinion known.

Job 32:18 For I am filled with words; the spirit within me presses me.

Job 32:19 See, within me it is like wine not opened; it shall burst like new wineskins.

Job 32:20 Let me speak, so that I find relief; let me open my lips and answer.

Job 32:21 Please, let me not show partiality to anyone, nor let me flatter any man.

Job 32:22 For I do not know how to flatter, lest my Maker should soon take me away!

YHWH's wisdom can speak through any age, even from the mouth of babes. One can't help but recall some of the last words Paul sent to his beloved Timothy.

1Tim. 4:12 Let no one look down on your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in behaviour, in love, in spirit, in belief, in cleanliness.

Luke 17

Temptations to Sin

Yahusha shares that in this life, stumbling blocks are inevitable; but He gives a ‘woe’ to those through which they come!

He also reminds us to be willing to lovingly rebuke brethren, seek repentant hearts, and forgive often.

Luk 17:1 And He said to the taught ones, **“It is inevitable that stumbling-blocks should come, but woe to him through whom they come!”**

Luk 17:2 **“It would be better for him if a millstone is put around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble.”**

Luk 17:3 “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him.

Luk 17:4 **“And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day comes back to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”**

Increase Our Faith

Yahusha shares that faith even as small as a mustard seed can even command nature to respond to us. In Him, we each have a measure of faith. We need to walk by that faith. Sometimes we have spiritual obstacles; sometimes we have physical obstacles; sometimes psychological obstacles; sometimes we have obstacles of nature. Faith in Yahusha HaMashiach’s authority working in us and through us is the way to deal with any obstacle in life.

Just like in Exodus 14:15 when YHWH said to Moses, **“Why do you cry to Me?”** He was saying, I have given you authority; walk in it; speak; lift up your rod; stretch out your hand and divide the sea!

Exo 14:15 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Why do you cry to Me? Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and let them go forward.

Exo 14:16 “And you, lift up your rod, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, and let the children of Yisra’el go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

Luk 17:5 And the emissaries said to the Master, “Give us more belief.”

Luk 17:6 And the Master said, “If you have belief as a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

Unworthy Servants

By His grace we are blessed to be His servants. It is no longer we that live, but His Spirit that lives in us and through us. He is the Potter; we are the clay. We listen and take shape according to the command of the Potter; this is our reasonable service.

Luk 17:7 “But who of you, having a servant ploughing or shepherding, would say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come immediately and sit down to eat’?”

Luk 17:8 “But would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare somewhat for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you shall eat and drink’?”

Luk 17:9 “Would he thank that servant because he did what he was commanded? I think not.

Luk 17:10 “So also you, when you have done all that **you were commanded**, say, ‘**We are unworthy servants, we have done what was our duty to do.**’”

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

One out of the 10 lepers returned to praise and thank Yahusha! Narrow is the path that leads to life and there are few that find it.

Luk 17:11 And it came to be, as He went to Yerushalayim, that He passed through the midst of Shomeron and Galil.

Luk 17:12 And as He was entering into a certain village, He was met by ten leprous men, who stood at a distance.

Luk 17:13 And they lifted up their voices, saying, “יהושע, Master, have compassion on us!”

Luk 17:14 And having seen *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to be, that as they were going, they were cleansed.

Luk 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, praising Elohim with a loud voice.

Luk 17:16 and he fell down upon his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Shomeroni.

Luk 17:17 And יהושע answering, said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

Luk 17:18 “Was no one found to return to give praise to Elohim, except this foreigner?”^a Footnote: ^aThe Greek word referring to this Shomeroni is *allogenes*, which means “of another race.”

Luk 17:19 And He said to him, “Rise, go your way. Your belief has made you well.”

The Coming of the Kingdom

Many will be deceived in the last days. In our day, the Pharisees have been ‘intently watching’ and growing impatient with their desire to ‘usher’ in their Messiah and ‘his’ kingdom. This will be a ‘man desired’ king, such as was King Saul.

There will be great signs and wonders and people will say look here or look there, but Yahusha is warning us; that that is the counterfeit anti-messianic kingdom.

Luk 17:20 And having been asked by the Pharisees when the reign of Elohim would come, He answered them and said, “The reign of Elohim does not come with intent watching,

Luk 17:21 nor shall they say, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ For look, the reign of Elohim is in your midst!”

Luk 17:22 And He said to the taught ones, “Days shall come when you shall long to see one of the days of the Son of Adam, but you shall not see it.

Luk 17:23 “And they shall say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ **Do not go after them, nor follow.**

Luk 17:24 **“For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Adam shall be in His day.**

Luk 17:25 “But first He has to suffer much and be rejected by this generation.

Luk 17:26 **“And as it came to be in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of Adam:**

- Luk 17:27 “They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were marrying,
- they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The atmosphere at the end of days will ‘appear’ that life goes on as usual! People and nations will be living as if they have all the time in the world; and they will mock those that believe otherwise.

Luk 17:28 **“And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot:**

- They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were buying,
- they were selling,
- they were planting,
- they were building,
- Luk 17:29 but on the day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.

Luk 17:30 **“It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed.”**

- Luk 17:31 “In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away.
- And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.
- Luk 17:32 “Remember the wife of Lot.

The following verse reminds us that we are not our own. We are to confess Him and be faithful to Him no matter the cost. We are to heed His warnings; and we should not look back or go back.

- Luk 17:33 “Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

Then, there is a series of people being taken and left behind. Matthew 13:30 tells us that the tares will be gathered first.

Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds** and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.” (emphasis mine)

Luk 17:34 **“I say to you,**

- ✚ in that night there shall be two in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ Luk 17:35 “Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ Luk 17:36 “Two^b shall be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.” Footnote: ^b [Mat 24:40](#). Some manuscripts do not contain this verse, 17:36.

Luk 17:37 And they answering, said to Him, **“Where, Master?”** And He said to them, **“Where the body is, there also the vultures^c shall be gathered together.”** Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 24:28](#).

Zec 13:8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares יהוה, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein.

Zec 13:9 “And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. **They shall call on My Name,**^b and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘יהוה is my Elohim.’” Footnote: ^b [Zep 3:9](#).

2Corinthians 2

Paul had decided to come to the Corinthians in gladness and not in sadness. The past rebukes had been made; the tears had been shed; and now it was time to continue to walk in Messiah. Paul had great love and joy for the Corinthians.

2Co 2:1 And I decided this within myself, not to come to you again in sadness.

2Co 2:2 For if I make you sad, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sad by me?

2Co 2:3 And I wrote to you as I did, so that having come, I might not have sadness over those from whom I should have joy, trusting in you all that my joy is that of you all.

2Co 2:4 For out of much pressure and distress of heart I wrote to you, with many tears, not that you should be sad, but that you might know the love which I so richly have for you.

Forgive the Sinner

Division is of Satan. If one does wrong according to Covenant Torah, correct them; let them repent, then move forward. To persist in ostracizing someone after a repentant heart, may swallow that person up in sadness. We are to love the sinner and hate the sin.

If a person refuses to repent after a one on one encounter; then one with witnesses' encounter; then one and congregation encounter; then that person has chosen his own way of rebellion and has an unrepentant heart. Believers should still pray that those with unrepentant hearts turn to Yahusha.

2Co 2:5 But if anyone has caused sadness, he has not made me sad, but in some degree you all – not to be too harsh.

2Co 2:6 For such a one this punishment, by the many, is sufficient,

2Co 2:7 so that, on the contrary, you should rather forgive and comfort, lest somehow such a one be swallowed up with too much sadness.

2Co 2:8 So I appeal to you to confirm your love to him.

2Co 2:9 Besides, I wrote for this purpose also, that I might know the proof of you, if you are obedient in all *matters*.

2Co 2:10 And whom you forgive any *matter*, I do also. For indeed, if I have forgiven any *matter*, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the sight of Messiah,

2Co 2:11 lest Satan should take advantage of us, for we are not ignorant of his thoughts.

Then Paul beautifully closes 2Cor. 2 by saying:

Triumph in Christ

2Co 2:12 And when I came to Troas for the Good News of Messiah, and a door was opened to me by the Master,

2Co 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit, because I did not find Titos my brother. But taking my leave of them, I went on to Makedonia.

2Co 2:14 But thanks be to Elohim who always leads us on, to overcome in Messiah, and manifests through us the fragrance of His knowledge in every place.

2Co 2:15 **Because we are to Elohim the fragrance of Messiah** among those who are **being saved** and among those who **are perishing**.

Life to Life or Death to Death

2Co 2:16 To the one we are the smell of death to death, and to the other the fragrance of life to life. And who is competent for these?

2Co 2:17 For we are not, as so many, adulterating the Word of Elohim *for gain* – but as of sincerity, but as from Elohim, in the sight of Elohim, we speak in Messiah.

Shalom, Libby

Devotional Reading Plan Link: <http://www.mcheyne.info/calendar.pdf>