

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 1; Romans 1; Jeremiah 39; Psalms 13 & 14.*

## *August 11 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **1Sam. Introduction**

**1 Samuel- Preface to the First Book of Samuel ~ Otherwise Called the First Book of the Kings – excerpt by Adam Clarke**

This and the three following books were formerly termed the first, second, third, and fourth books of Kings, and the two books of Samuel made in ancient times but one; the separation which has taken place seems to have been done without reason or necessity. These books are, properly speaking, a continuation of the book of Judges, as they give us an account of the remaining judges of Israel, down to the election of Saul; and of all the kings of Israel and Judah to the Babylonish captivity.

Of this book, called the first book of Samuel, the following are the contents: The birth and education of Samuel; the high priesthood of Eli; the Philistines attack the Israelites, overthrow them with a terrible slaughter, take the ark of the Lord, and set it up in the temple of their god Dagon; they are visited with Divine judgments, and are obliged to send back the ark with offerings and presents; Samuel, long acknowledged as a prophet of the Lord, takes the government of the people. Under his wise and pious administration, the affairs of Israel become re-established, and the Philistines are subdued. The sons of Samuel, who principally administered the secular concerns of the kingdom, acting unworthily, the people desire to have a king, who should be supreme, both in civil and military affairs. Samuel, after expostulations, yields to their entreaties; and, under the direction of God, Saul the son of Kish, whilst seeking the lost asses of his father, is met by the prophet, and anointed king over Israel. This man, not conducting himself in the government according to the direction of God, is rejected, and David the son of Jesse anointed king in his place, though Saul continues still in the government. This person soon becomes advantageously known to Israel by his single combat with a gigantic Philistine chief, called Goliath, whom he slays; on which the Israelites attack the Philistines, and give them a total overthrow. Saul, envious of David's popularity, seeks his destruction; he is in consequence obliged to escape for his life, and take refuge sometimes among the Moabites, sometimes among the Philistines, and sometimes in the caves of the mountains of Judah, everywhere pursued by Saul, and everywhere visibly protected by the Lord. At last Saul, being pressed by the Philistines, and finding that the Lord had forsaken him, had recourse to a witch that dwelt at En-dor, whom he consulted relative to the issue of the present war with the Philistines; he loses the battle, and being sorely wounded, and his three sons slain, he falls on his own sword, and expires on Mount Gilboa. The Philistines find his body, and the bodies of his three sons, among the slain; they cut off Saul's head, and affix the bodies to the walls of Beth-shan. The men of Jabesh-gilead, hearing this, go by night, and take the bodies from the walls of Beth-shan, bring them to Jabesh, burn them there, bury the bones, and mourn over their fallen king, fasting seven days. Thus concludes the first book of Samuel.

Concerning the author of these books there have been various conjectures...

### **1Sam. 1 The Birth of Samuel**

**1Sa 1:1** **And there was a certain man of Ramathayim Tsophim, of the mountains of**

Ephrayim, and his name was Elqanah son of Yeroḥam, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Tsuph, an Ephrayimite.

1Sa 1:2 And he had two wives, the name of **one was Hannah**, and the name of the other **Peninnah**. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children.

1Sa 1:3 Now this man went up from his city year by year to worship and to slaughter to יהוה of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Ėli, **Hophni** and **Pinehas**, the priests of יהוה, were there.

1Sa 1:4 And when the day came for Elqanah to make a slaughtering, he gave portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters,

1Sa 1:5 but, although he loved Hannah, he gave **only one portion** to Hannah, because יהוה had shut up her womb.

1Sa 1:6 Moreover, her rival also provoked her greatly, to make her irritable, because יהוה had shut up her womb.

1Sa 1:7 And so he did, year by year. Whenever she went up to the House of יהוה, she was provoked, so that she wept and did not eat.

Elqanah tries to console Hannah over her inability to bear children. To add grief upon grief; her rival taunts her due to this fact. Make no mistake, YHWH notices such blatantly evil actions.

1Sa 1:8 And her husband Elqanah said to her, “Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not better to you than ten sons?”

1Sa 1:9 And Hannah rose up after eating and drinking in Shiloh, while Ėli the priest was sitting on the seat by the doorpost of the Hēḵal of יהוה.

1Sa 1:10 And she was bitter in life, and prayed to יהוה and wept greatly.

Hannah makes a vow to YHWH. At this point, Hannah’s brokenness reminds me of Isaiah 42:3 “A crushed reed He does not break, and smoking flax He does not quench. He brings forth right-ruling in accordance with truth.

1Sa 1:11 And she made a vow and said,

“O יהוה of hosts, if You would indeed look on the affliction of your female servant and remember me, and not forget your female servant, but shall give your female servant a male child, then I shall give him to יהוה all the days of his life, and let no razor come upon his head.”

1Sa 1:12 And it came to be, as she kept on praying before יהוה, that Ėli was watching her mouth.

**1Sa 1:13** And Hannah spoke in her heart, only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. So Ĕli thought she was drunk.

**1Sa 1:14** Then Ĕli said to her, “How long are you going to be drunk? Put your wine away from you!”

**1Sa 1:15** And Hannah answered and said,

“No, my master, I am a woman pained in spirit. And I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my being before יהוה.”

**1Sa 1:16** “Do not take your female servant for a daughter of Beliya'al, for it is out of my great concern and provocation that I have spoken until now.”

**1Sa 1:17** And Ĕli answered and said, **“Go in peace, and the Elohim of Yisra'el give you your petition which you have asked of Him.”**

At first Eli assumes Hannah is drunk until she explains. Afterwards, Eli proclaims a blessing over her. Hannah was uplifted with his spoken words of life and she later conceives Samuel.

**1Sa 1:18** And she said, “Let your female servant find favour in your eyes.” And the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no more sad.

**1Sa 1:19** And they rose up early in the morning and worshipped before יהוה, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elqanah knew Hannah his wife, and יהוה remembered her.

**1Sa 1:20** And it came to be at the turn of days, that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Shemu'el, “Because I have asked יהוה for him.”

### Samuel Given to YHWH

**1Sa 1:21** And the man Elqanah and all his house went up to slaughter to יהוה the yearly slaughtering and his vow.

**1Sa 1:22** But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, “When the child is weaned, then I shall take him. And he shall appear before יהוה and remain forever there.”

**1Sa 1:23** And her husband Elqanah said to her, “Do what is good in your eyes. Remain until you have weaned him. Only let יהוה establish His word.” And the woman remained and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

**1Sa 1:24** And when she had weaned him,

- she took him up with her,
- with three bulls,<sup>a</sup> and
- one ephah of flour, and
- a skin of wine,

- and brought him to the House of יהוה in Shiloh. And the child was young.  
Footnote: <sup>a</sup>DSS read a ‘one three year old bull’. Also see [Gen 15:9](#).

1Sa 1:25 **And they slew a bull, and brought the child to Ēli.**

1Sa 1:26 **And she said,**

“O my master! As your being lives, my master, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to יהוה. 1Sa 1:27 “I prayed for this youth, and יהוה has granted me what I asked of Him. 1Sa 1:28 “So I have also loaned him to יהוה. All the days that he lives he shall be loaned to יהוה.” And he worshipped there before יהוה.

YHWH blessed Hannah with a son; and she in turn was faithful to give Samuel back to YHWH all the days of his life. What a beautiful answer to her prayer especially having Eli, the priest, being connected by their initial encounter. She recounts that day so that Eli would remember and see that YHWH answered her prayer. Samuel would now live and grow up in Eli’s presence.

## **Romans** The Revelation of “Righteousness by Faith”

The Book of Romans was written by Paul from Corinth. Let us read his words as if we just received this letter in the mail. Let his words speak to hearts.

Paul was writing to believers in Rome. We must also remember that Paul identified himself as a Roman. He was born of Jewish parents but had the rights of a Roman citizen. He was schooled under Gamaliel and he was incorporated into the sect of the Pharisees. At first Paul was a zealous opponent to the ‘Way’; yet, upon conversion Paul became a zealous defender and promoter of the ‘Way.’

**Adam Clark gives insight to Paul’s Roman connection under his commentary on Acts 22:26. Here is an excerpt.**

...**But I was free born** - It has been generally believed that the inhabitants of Tarsus, born in that city, had the same rights and privileges as Roman citizens, in consequence of a charter or grant from Julius Caesar. Calmet disputes this, because Tarsus was a free not a colonial city; and he supposes that Paul’s father might have been rewarded with the freedom of Rome for some military services, and that it was in consequence of this that Paul was horn free. But that the city of Tarsus had such privileges appears extremely probable. In [Act 21:39](#), Paul says he was born at Tarsus in Cilicia, and in [Act 22:28](#), he says he was free born; and, at [Act 22:26](#), he calls himself a Roman; as he does also [Act 16:37](#). From whence it has been concluded, with every show of reason, that Tarsus, though no Roman colony, yet had this privilege granted to it, that its natives should be citizens of Rome. Pliny, in Hist. Nat. lib. [Act 16:27](#), tells us that Tarsus was a free city...

Let's discover what was on Paul's heart to those in Rome; which can be applied to believers everywhere.

### Greeting

**Rom 1:1** Sha'ul, a servant of יהושע Messiah, a called emissary, separated to **the Good News of Elohim**,

We see in Rom. 1:1 how Paul is a set-apart servant to Yahusha HaMashiach. Paul was directly called by Yahusha on the road to Damascus. It was Yahusha that redirected Paul's passionate zeal for His Word; **to know that He, Yahusha, was the Word**; the Messiah!

**Rom 1:2** which **He promised before through His prophets in the Set-apart Scriptures**,  
**Rom 1:3** **concerning His Son**,

- who came of the seed of Dawid according to the flesh,
- **Rom 1:4** who was designated **Son of Elohim** with power, according to the Set-apart Spirit, **by the resurrection from the dead: יהושע Messiah, the Master of us**,
- **Rom 1:5** through whom we have received favor
- and office of the emissary for belief-obedience among all the nations on behalf of His Name,
- **Rom 1:6** among whom you also are the **called ones** of יהושע Messiah.
- **Rom 1:7** **To all who are in Rome, beloved of Elohim**, called, set-apart ones: Favor to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

### Longing to Go to Rome

**Rom 1:8** First, I truly thank my Elohim through יהושע Messiah for you all, **that your belief is spoken of in all the world.**

By whatever means, word had traveled about the belief of Yahusha in Rome. We know in 49 C.E., Roman Emperor Claudius expelled all Jewish believers in Yahusha. Among that expulsion was Aquilla and Priscilla. Divinely, the paths of Aquilla and Priscilla, meet up with Paul in Corinth about 50 C.E. They would have been able to report on the belief in the Gospel message throughout Rome. They were already believers when Paul met them, and this would have also coincided with the approximate time of Paul writing Romans. Aquilla and Priscilla helped teach and spread the Gospel message along with Paul. In addition, they shared the trade of tent making.

**Rom 1:9** For Elohim is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the Good News of

His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you,

**Rom 1:10 always asking in my prayers, if at all possible, I shall be blessed by the desire of Elohim, to come to you.**

Paul has written to the Romans but had not yet had the opportunity to bring the Good News to them in person. He prayed he would be able to go to Rome. His prayer was answered but probably not in the way he first envisioned.

Paul would end up going to Rome in a very unexpected way by having ‘appealed to Caesar’ when Festus left him no option [Acts 25:11]. He would go to Rome as a prisoner, though with his first imprisonment in Rome; he was under ‘house arrest’ and could receive visitors. His letter to the Romans had arrived approximately 8 years prior.

**Rom 1:11** For I long to see you, so as to impart some spiritual gift to you, for you to be established,

**Rom 1:12** and that is, to be encouraged together among you, each by the other’s belief – both yours and mine.

**Rom 1:13** **And I do not wish you to be unaware, brothers, that I often purposed to come to you, but was hindered until now, in order to have some fruit among you, as also among the other nations.**

**Rom 1:14** I am a debtor both to Greeks and to foreigners, both to wise and to foolish.

**Rom 1:15** **That is why I am so eager to bring the Good News also to you who are in Rome.**

### The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

**Rom 1:16** For I am not ashamed of the Good News of Messiah, for it is the power of Elohim for deliverance to everyone who believes, to the Yehudi first and also to the Greek.

**Rom 1:17** **For in it the righteousness of Elohim is revealed from belief to belief, as it has been written, “But the righteous shall live by belief.” Hab 2:4.**

Hab 2:4 “See, he whose being is not upright in him is puffed up. But the righteous one lives by his steadfastness.

We are saved by grace through faith alone in Yahusha.

Eph 2:8 For by favour you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim,

Eph 2:9 it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

Whoever denies Yahusha before man, He will deny.

Mat 10:32 “Everyone, therefore, who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.

Mat 10:33 “But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.

Heb 10:38 “**But the righteous shall live by belief, but if anyone draws back, my being has no pleasure in him.**” [Hab 2:3-4](#).

#### The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah are under the curse, for it has been written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah, to do them.” [Deu 27:26](#).

Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for “The righteous shall live by belief.” [Hab 2:4](#).

Gal 3:12 And the Torah is not of belief, but “The man who does them shall live by them.” [Lev 18:5](#).

Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, having become a curse for us – for it has been written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.” – [Deu 21:23](#).

Gal 3:14 in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah [עוֹלָם](#), to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.

### YHWH's Wrath on Unrighteousness

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of Elohim is revealed from heaven against all wickedness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth** in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known of Elohim is manifest among them, for Elohim has manifested it to them.

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible *qualities* have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, both His everlasting power and Mightiness, **for them to be without excuse**,

Rom 1:21 **because, although they knew Elohim, they did not esteem Him as Elohim, nor gave thanks, but became vain in their reasonings, and their undiscerning heart was darkened.**

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 **and changed the esteem of the incorruptible Elohim** into the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds and of four-footed beasts and of reptiles.

Rom 1:24 **Therefore Elohim gave them up to uncleanness in the lust of their hearts, to disrespect their bodies among themselves,**

Rom 1:25 **who changed the truth of Elohim into the falsehood, and worshipped and served what was created rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amēn.**

Rom 1:26 **Because of this Elohim gave them over to degrading passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is against nature,**

**Rom 1:27 and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency, and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying.**

YHWH defines sin; man does not. It is YHWH that has declared homosexuality as sin; a 'degrading passion.' All of us have sinned in one way or the other and fallen short of Elohim. None of us should try to 'justify' our sin; we should sincerely repent and turn from our sin and turn to Him who paid our sin debt in full. To persist in unrepented sin, when one knows the truth, will open that person up to one day facing the wrath of Elohim.

**Rom 1:28** And even as they did not think it worthwhile to possess the knowledge of Elohim, Elohim gave them over to a worthless mind, to do what is improper,

**Rom 1:29** having been filled with all unrighteousness, whoring, wickedness, greed, evil; filled with envy, murder, fighting, deceit, evil habits; whisperers,

**Rom 1:30** slanderers, haters of Elohim, insolent, proud, boasters, devisers of evils, disobedient to parents,

**Rom 1:31** without discernment, covenant breakers, unloving, unforgiving, ruthless;

**Rom 1:32** who, though they know the righteousness of Elohim, that those who practice such deserve death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

YHWH is a loving Elohim, but He is also Righteous. He is the Creator of all. He is the One that died in our place, was buried, and arose the 3<sup>rd</sup> day to REDEEM mankind. To snub one's nose at such love is utterly blind and foolish to say the least. His Covenant Torah was to save us from harm; not to limit our life but to make it full and overflowing!

Like Paul said we go from faith to faith by staying in His Word; reading His Word; seeing His great love for us. He lives! But to know Him one must take a step of faith. [Mat 7:7]

**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.

## Jeremiah 39

### The Fall of Jerusalem

**Jer 39:1** In the ninth year of Tsidqiyahu sovereign of Yehudah, in the tenth new moon, Nebūkadretsar sovereign of Babel and all his army came against Yerushalayim, and besieged it.

**Jer 39:2** In the eleventh year of Tsidqiyahu, in the fourth new moon, on the ninth day of the new moon, the city was broken into.

**Jer 39:3** And all the heads of the sovereign of Babel came in and sat in the Middle Gate: Nērḡal-Shar’etsar, Samgar-Neḇo, Sarsekim, Raḇsaris, Nērḡal-Sarezar, Raḇmaḡ, and all the rest of the heads of the sovereign of Babel.

All the heads and the sovereign of Babel sat in the Middle Gate. Gates were where leaders of the city would gather. It was a place of authority and it sent the obvious message that Judah had been taken.

**Jer 39:4** And it came to be, when Tsidqiyahu the sovereign of Yehudah and all the men of battle saw them, they fled and left the city by night, by way of the sovereign’s garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out toward the desert plain.

**Jer 39:5** But the army of the Kasdim pursued them and overtook Tsidqiyahu in the desert plains of Yeriḥo. And they captured him, and brought him up to Nebūkadnettsar sovereign of Babel, to Riblah in the land of Ḥamath, where he spoke judgment on him.

- **Jer 39:6** And the sovereign of Babel slew the sons of Tsidqiyahu before his eyes in Riblah.
- The sovereign of Babel also slew all the nobles of Yehudah.
- **Jer 39:7** And he put out the eyes of Tsidqiyahu, and bound him with bronze shackles to bring him to Babel.

**Jer 39:8** And the Kasdim burned the house of the sovereign and the houses of the people with fire, and they broke down the walls of Yerushalayim.

**Jer 39:9** And Neḇuzaraḡan, chief of the guard, exiled to Babel the remnant of the people who remained in the city and those who defected to him, with the rest of the people who were left.

**Jer 39:10** But Neḇuzaraḡan, chief of the guard, left in the land of Yehudah the poor people, who had naught whatever, and gave them vineyards and fields on the same day.

Everything that YHWH had Jeremiah prophesy, came true. Man’s decisions determine man’s destiny. It is not wise to reject YHWH and His Word. He is life. He is our refuge. Zedekiah found this out the hard way. We stay in His Word to learn His ways, exalt Him, and know our Groom; and not repeat the foolish errors of those in the past.

### YHWH Delivers Jeremiah

Jer 39:11 And Neḅuḳaḍretsar the sovereign of Babel gave a command concerning Yirmeyahu to Neḅuzaraḍan, chief of the guard, saying,

Jer 39:12 **“Take him and look after him, and do no harm whatsoever to him, but do to him even as he shall speak to you.”**

Jer 39:13 And Neḅuzaraḍan, chief of the guard, and Neḅushazban the Raḅsaris, Nērgal-Shar’etsar the Raḅmaḡ, and all the sovereign of Babel’s chief officers sent,

Jer 39:14 and had Yirmeyahu taken from the court of the guard, and gave him to Geḍalyahu son of Aḥiqam, son of Shaphan, to take him home. And he dwelt among the people.

Jer 39:15 And the word of יהוה had come to Yirmeyahu while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying,

Jer 39:16 “Go, and you shall speak to **Ebed-Melek the Kushite**, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’el,

- “See, I am bringing My words upon this city for evil and not for good, and they shall be before you in that day.
- Jer 39:17 **“And I shall deliver you in that day,”** declares יהוה,
- “so that you are not given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid.
- Jer 39:18 “For I shall rescue you,
- and you shall not fall by the sword.
- But your life shall be as a prize to you, **for you have put your trust in Me,**” declares יהוה.’ ”

Ebed-Melek, the Kushite, that intervned on behalf of Jeremiah and rescued him out of the cistern, was to be spared by YHWH. In the Book of Jeremiah, besides Jeremiah himself, Ebed-Melek seems to be the only ‘individual’ that YHWH acknowledges as faithful in Jerusalem. YHWH sees all that we do, and He watches over His set-apart ones. We should take note of ‘Ebed-Melek’s unforgettable story; servant of the ‘King.’

### Psalms 13 & 14

### How Long, YHWH?

**Psa 13:1** How long would You forget me, O יהוה? Forever? How long would You hide Your face from me?

**Psa 13:2** How long would I take counsel in my being, Grief in my heart day by day? How long would my enemy be exalted over me?

**Psa 13:3** Look! Answer me, O יהוה my Elohim; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep in death;

**Psa 13:4** Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him,” *Lest* my adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

**Psa 13:5** But I have trusted in Your loving-commitment; My heart rejoices in Your deliverance.

**Psa 13:6** I sing to יהוה, Because He has been good to me.

We are to wait on Him. Sometimes that is the hardest thing to do. When we have done all to do to stand; we stand. Especially in the end of days, when there will be unbelief and scoffers.

**2Peter 3:3** knowing this first: that mockers shall come in the last days with mocking, walking according to their own lusts,<sup>4</sup> and saying, “Where is the promise of His coming?” For since the fathers fell asleep, all continues as from the beginning of creation.”

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## Psalm 14

### The Fool Says, There Is No YHWH

**Psa 14:1** The fool has said in his heart, “There is no יהוה.” They have done corruptly, They have done an abominable deed, There is no one who does good.

**Psa 14:2** יהוה looked down from the heavens on the sons of mankind, To see if there is a wise one, seeking יהוה.

**Psa 14:3** They have all turned aside, They have together become filthy; No one is doing good, not even one.

**Psa 14:4** Have all the workers of wickedness no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And do not call on יהוה?

**Psa 14:5** There they are in great fear, For יהוה is with the generation of the righteous.

**Psa 14:6** You would put to shame the counsel of the poor, But יהוה is his refuge.

**Psa 14:7** O that the deliverance of Yisra'el Would be given out of Tsiyon! When יהוה turns back the captivity of His people, Let Ya'aqob rejoice, let Yisra'el be glad.

There is only one way out of the captivity of this fallen worldly system, and that is through Yahusha. For those that repent and believe in Him, He has taken our sins upon Himself and 'justified us'. Meaning, He made us 'just-as-if' we had never sinned. The door that was seen as 'having been opened' in heaven by John the Revelator; was opened by Yahusha. He entered first and by His atoning blood for our sins; now we too can enter.

No one can come to YHWH except through the Son, the Door!

**Rev 4:1** After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here and I shall show you

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