

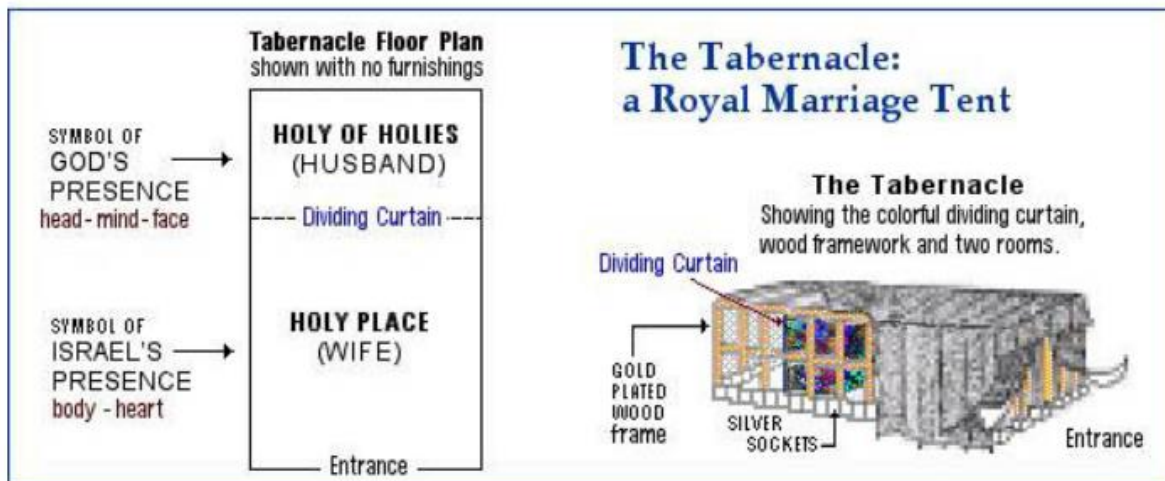
*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 26; Proverbs 2; John 5; Galatians 1.*

## March 15 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### Exodus 26

#### The Tabernacle



The Tabernacle (Mishkan) was in essence a royal marriage tent and its design signified God's marriage to Israel. In the Floor Plan above, God is the Husband and the Head; Israel is the wife and his body (torso). The Tabernacle was also called 'the tent of meeting' because there Israel communed with her God who was also her husband. That it was not an ordinary tent but a royal one is indicated by its materials which included gold plated boards, bases ('sockets') of silver, fine curtains, and a special multi-colored dividing curtain called a 'paroket'.

<http://www.templesecrets.info/holyplace.html>

**Exo 26:1** "And make the Dwelling Place with ten curtains of **fine woven linen and blue and purple and scarlet material**. Make them, with kerubim, the work of a skilled workman.

**Exo 26:2** "The length of each curtain is twenty-eight cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, all the curtains having one measure.

**Exo 26:3** "Five curtains are joined to each other, and five curtains are joined to each other.

**Exo 26:4** "And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the end curtain on one set, and do the same on the edge of the end curtain of the second set.

**Exo 26:5** "Make **fifty loops** in the one curtain and make **fifty loops** on the edge of the end curtain of the second set, the loops being opposite to each other.

**Exo 26:6** "And you shall make fifty hooks of gold, and shall join the curtains together

with the hooks, and **the Dwelling Place shall be one.**

**Exo 26:7** “And you shall make curtains of goats’ *hair*, for a tent over the Dwelling Place, **make eleven curtains.**

**Exo 26:8** “The length of each curtain is thirty cubits, and the width of each curtain four cubits, one measure to the eleven curtains.

**Exo 26:9** “And you shall join the five curtains by themselves, and the six curtains by themselves, and you shall double over the six curtains at the front of the Tent.

**Exo 26:10** “And you shall make **fifty loops** on the edge of the curtain that is outermost in one set, and **fifty loops** on the edge of the curtain of the second set.

**Exo 26:11** “And you shall make **fifty bronze hooks**, and put the hooks into the loops, and join the tent together, and it shall be one.

**Exo 26:12** “And the overlapping part of the rest of the curtains of the Tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the back of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 26:13** “And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the length of the curtains of the Tent, is to hang over the sides of the Dwelling Place, on this side and on that side, to cover it.

**Exo 26:14** “And you shall make a covering of ram skins dyed red for the Tent, and a covering of fine leather above that.

**Exo 26:15** “And for the **Dwelling Place you shall make the boards of acacia wood, standing up.**

**Exo 26:16** “Ten cubits is the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the width of each board,

**Exo 26:17** two tenons in each board for binding one to another. Do the same for all the boards of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 26:18** “And you shall make the boards for the Dwelling Place, **twenty boards** for the **south side,**

**Exo 26:19** and make **forty sockets** of silver under the twenty boards, two sockets under each of the boards for its two tenons.

**Exo 26:20** “And for the second side of the Dwelling Place, on **the north side,** twenty boards,

**Exo 26:21** and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under each of the boards.

**Exo 26:22** “And for the extreme parts of the Dwelling Place, **westward,** make six boards,

**Exo 26:23** and make two boards for the two back corners of the Dwelling Place.

**Exo 26:24** “And they are double beneath and similarly they are complete to the top, to the one ring. So it is for both of them, they are for the two corners.

**Exo 26:25** “And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets – two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board.

**Exo 26:26** “And you shall make bars of acacia wood, five for the boards on one side of the Dwelling Place,

**Exo 26:27** and five bars for the boards on the other side of the Dwelling Place, and five bars for the boards of the side of the Dwelling Place, for the extreme parts westward,

**Exo 26:28** with the middle bar in the midst of the boards, going through from end to end.

**Exo 26:29** “And overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold as holders for the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

**Exo 26:30** “And you shall raise up the Dwelling Place **according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain.**

**Exo 26:31** “And you shall make **a veil of blue and purple and scarlet material**, and fine woven linen, the work of a skilled workman, made with kerubim.

**Exo 26:32** “And you shall put it on the four columns of acacia wood overlaid with gold, their hooks of gold, upon four sockets of silver.

**Exo 26:33** “And you shall hang the veil from the hooks, and shall bring the ark of the Witness there, behind the veil. And the veil shall make a separation for you between the Set-apart and the Most Set-apart Place.

**Exo 26:34** “And you shall put the lid of atonement upon the ark of the Witness in the Most Set-apart Place.

**Exo 26:35** “And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand opposite the table on the side of the Dwelling Place toward the south, and put the table on the north side.

**Exo 26:36** “And you shall make **a covering for the door of the Tent, of blue and purple and scarlet material, and fine woven linen, made by a weaver.**

**Exo 26:37** “And you shall make for the covering five columns of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, their hooks of gold, and you shall cast five sockets of bronze for them.

Have you noticed? There is **a shift taking place, a transference!** We are now reading about the preparations for the 1<sup>st</sup> major transference between the priesthoods and the laws. The sin of the golden calf had already taken place though it is recorded in Exodus 32. The Bible is not always written in chronological order. For instance, Ex. 16 records the manna being placed in the Ark of the Witness BEFORE the Ark was ever built.

Exo 16:33 And Mosheh said to Aharon, “Take a pot and put an omer of manna in it, and set it down before יהוה, to keep for your generations.”

Exo 16:34 As יהוה commanded Mosheh, so did Aharon set it down before the Witness, to keep.

The Wilderness Tabernacle would be needed for the implementation of the **Book of the Law** by the **Aaronic Levitical Priesthood**. The Book of the Law was YHWH’s plan B to spare their very lives after the sin of the golden calf. It would be their tutor, their schoolmaster until Yahusha would come. The next and **final transference** between priesthoods and laws would not take place again UNTIL Yahusha HaMashiach would come.

What happens when there is a change in priesthoods? Correct. There is a change in the law also.

In the book of Hebrews, the writer is teaching his audience about this very same shift or transference. This understanding is MAJOR in interpreting the Bible. I pray this verse is received and appreciated.

Heb 7:12 **For the priesthood being changed,<sup>b</sup> of necessity there takes place a change of law also.** Footnote: <sup>b</sup>From Malkitsedeq to Aharon. [TS2009]

The cross references to this verse expound on ‘a change’ that would be made once again from Aaronic to the Melchizedek Priesthood through Yahusha. Take time to read: [Isa 66:21](#); [Jer 31:31-34](#); [Eze 16:61](#); [Act 6:13-14](#)

At Mt. Sinai, **the people had experienced hearing YHWH under the Melchizedek Priesthood**. They were going to be set-apart to Him as a treasured possession, **a kingdom of priests**, a holy nation; this was YHWH’s plan A!

Exo 19:9 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “See, I am coming to you in the thick cloud, so that **the people hear when I speak with you**, and believe you forever.” And Mosheh reported the words of the people to יהוה.

We read in **Exodus 25**, of the beginning preparations of how the people would now be a **nation with a priest**. YHWH would dwell in **the Dwelling Place**, of the Wilderness Tabernacle, and the priests and people would follow strict guidelines and regulations. The tabernacle system would not have been required in the Melchizedek Priesthood; just like a physical temple of stone, mortar, or fabric is not required today; for we ARE the temple.

When YHWH led them out of Egypt, He traveled with them as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Today, He travels with us through the Ruach HaKodesh living in us; **we are the Temple** and we have been circumcised of heart. Selah.

Exo 25:8 “And they shall make **Me a Set-apart Place**, and I shall dwell in their midst.

Exo 25:9 “According to all that I show you – **the pattern of the Dwelling Place and the pattern of all its furnishings – make it exactly so.**”

Our walk through the ‘writing of’ the imposed Book of the Law will take several months; but know that the majority of the Bible took place UNDER the Book of the Law; UNTIL Yahusha came. Moses starts writing the Book of the Law from **Exodus 24:12** and will not finish writing his part until **Deuteronomy 31:26**. He is writing on a parchment scroll from Exodus 24:12 forward; Leviticus; Numbers; and Deuteronomy. Joshua picks up from that point with additional instructions from YHWH through **Joshua Chapter 5**.

**Exodus 26** covered the construction of the Tabernacle. We need to emphasize that there were **two veils** as best can be determined. We read about them in the following verses.

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**Adam Clarke’s commentary on Ex. 26:36** speaks about the veils. **A hanging for the door of the tent - This may be called the first veil, as it occupied the door or entrance to the tabernacle; the veil that separated the holy place from the holy of holies is called the second veil, Heb 9:3. These two veils and the inner covering of the tabernacle were all of the same materials, and of the same workmanship. See Exo 27:16.**

**Hebrew 10:19** explains that **through the veil of Yahusha’s flesh** we have access to the Holy Place of the Set-Apart place. Some may differ here but let us go on to reason together. Those that are in Covenant with Yahusha, can enter the Holy Place since the outer veil or the first veil, was ripped in two from top to bottom. The inner veil or the second veil, which covered the Holy of Holies was entered only by the High Priest. **Our High Priest is Yahusha HaMashiach of the Melchizedek Order**. As His Kingdom of priests, we can enter the Holy Place and make offerings and prayers before the inner veil, His throne room in the Holy of Holies. HalleluYah!

Heb 10:19 So, brothers, having boldness to **enter into the Set-apart Place** by the blood of יהושע,

Heb 10:20 **by a new and living way which He instituted for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,**

Heb 10:21 and *having* a High Priest over the House of Elohim,

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in completeness of belief, having our hearts sprinkled from a wicked conscience and our bodies washed with clean water.<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> Eze 36:25.

## Proverbs 2

YHWH is Wisdom. YHWH is the Word. Our time is best utilized and devoted by living our lives according to His instructions. To do so, requires time invested with Him. How are you spending your time? Are you ‘investing’ your time by feeding on manna from heaven or ‘spending’ your time in the lusts and distractions of this world?

Joh 1:1 **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was 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.

### The Value of Wisdom

**Pro 2:1** My son, if you accept my words, And treasure up my commands with you,

**Pro 2:2** So that you make your ear attend to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding;

**Pro 2:3** For if you cry for discernment, Lift up your voice for understanding,

**Pro 2:4** If you seek her as silver, And search for her as hidden treasures,

**Pro 2:5** Then you would understand the fear of יהוה, And find the knowledge of Elohim.

**Pro 2:6** For יהוה gives wisdom; Out of His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding.

**Pro 2:7** And He treasures up stability for the straight, A shield to those walking blamelessly,

**Pro 2:8** To watch over the paths of right-ruling, And the way of His lovingly-committed ones He guards.

**Pro 2:9** Then you would understand righteousness And right-ruling, and straightness – Every good path.

**Pro 2:10** For wisdom would enter your heart, And knowledge be pleasant to your being,

**Pro 2:11** Discretion would guard you; Understanding would watch over you,

**Pro 2:12** To deliver you from the evil way, From the man who speaks perversities,

**Pro 2:13** Those who leave the paths of straightness To walk in the ways of darkness;

**Pro 2:14** Who rejoice to do evil; They delight in the perversities of evil;

**Pro 2:15** Whose paths are crooked, And they are perverted in their ways;

**Pro 2:16** To deliver you from the strange woman, From the foreigner who flatters with her words,

**Pro 2:17** Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And has forgotten the covenant of her Elohim.

**Pro 2:18** For her house has sunk down to death, And her paths to the dead;

**Pro 2:19** None going in to her does return, Nor do they reach the paths of life –

**Pro 2:20** So walk in the way of goodness, And guard the paths of righteousness.

**Pro 2:21** For the straight shall dwell in the earth, And the perfect be left in it;

**Pro 2:22** But the wrong shall be cut off from the earth, And the treacherous ones plucked out of it.

## John 5

### The Healing at the Pool on the Sabbath

**Joh 5:1** After this there was a festival of the Yehudim, and יהושע went up to Yerushalayim.

**Joh 5:2** And in Yerushalayim at the Sheep Gate there is a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Běyth Zatha, having five porches.

**Joh 5:3** In these were lying a great number of those who were sick, blind, crippled, paralysed, waiting for the stirring of the water.

**Joh 5:4** For a messenger was going down at a certain time into the pool and was stirring the water. Whoever stepped in first, then, after the stirring of the water, became well of whatever disease he had.

**Joh 5:5** And a certain man was there who had a sickness **thirty-eight years.**

**Joh 5:6** When יהושע saw him lying there, and knowing that he already had been a long time, He said to him, **“Do you wish to become well?”**

**Joh 5:7** The sick man answered Him, **“Master, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.”**

**Joh 5:8** יהושע said to him, **“Rise, take up your bed and walk.”**

**Joh 5:9** **And immediately the man became well, and he took up his bed and was walking. Now it was Sabbath on that day.**

**Joh 5:10** The Yehudim therefore said to him who had been healed, “It is the Sabbath, it is not right for you to take up the bed.”

When answering the lost or others such as ‘those that say they are ‘Jews’ and are not, we should respond by Yahusha’s Word. It is not our ‘opinion’ that counts; it is His Word that counts. We are the clay vessels in which His Word is transmitted through.

**Joh 5:11** He answered them, **“He who made me well said to me, ‘Take up your bed and walk.’”**

**Joh 5:12** Therefore they asked him, “Who is the Man who said to you, ‘Take up your bed and walk?’”

**Joh 5:13** But the one who was healed did not know who it was, for יהושע had moved away, a crowd being in that place.

It was during ‘a festival of the Yehudim’ when Yahusha heals the man sick for 38 years at the pool of Bethesda which had five porches. It was located by the Sheep *Gate* where the sacrificial lambs would be ushered in for temple offerings. With a word Yahusha heals the man. The man is questioned by the Yehudim as to why he was carrying his bed and who healed him being it was the Sabbath; but the man did not know.

It is not until later, when Yahusha finds the man in the Set-apart Place, does the man know that it was Yahusha that healed him. How many people stop and give thanks to YHWH for their healings? **How many know who healed them?** How many unbelievers are aware that intercessory healing prayers are being offered up by the set-apart ones and Yahusha on their behalf? By His stripes we are healed.

At first, this man did ‘not know Yahusha’; but it was Yahusha that healed him. It is not until the 2<sup>nd</sup> encounter with Yahusha that the man knows that: 1. Yahusha knew his past as a sinner. 2. Cautions him to sin no more or worse things may come. It was then, when; then, that the man went and **proclaimed to the Yehudim, it was Yahusha that made him well**.

**Joh 5:14** Afterward יהושע found him in the Set-apart Place, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. **Sin no more, so that no worse matter befalls you.**”<sup>a</sup> Footnote:  
<sup>a</sup>See also [Joh 8:11](#).

**Joh 5:15** The man went away, and told the Yehudim that it was יהושע who made him well.

**Joh 5:16** And because of this the Yehudim persecuted יהושע, and were seeking to kill Him, because He was doing these *healings* on the Sabbath.

**Joh 5:17** But יהושע answered them, **“My Father works until now, and I work.”**

Yahusha tells the Yehudim His Father is YHWH. He goes on to say **if they would have believed Moses**, they **would have believed Him**, for Moses had written about Him. Where did Moses write about Him? Everywhere! The first five books of the Bible are sprinkled with Yahusha if one has eyes to see; even starting with Genesis 1:1!

### Yahusha Is Equal with Elohim

**Joh 5:18** Because of this, then, the Yehudim **were seeking all the more to kill Him**, ‘because not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He also called Elohim His own



Father, making Himself equal with Elohim.’

Those that are of the synagogue of Satan, follow man-driven laws and act as judge over other men. They judge and make rulings based on their ways and not YHWH’s ways.

### The Authority of the Son

Joh 5:19 Therefore יהושע responded and said to them,

✚ “Truly, truly, I say to you, **the Son is able to do none at all by Himself, but only that which He sees the Father doing, because whatever He does, the Son also likewise does.**

✚ Joh 5:20 “For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all that He Himself does. And greater works than these He is going to show Him, in order that you marvel.

✚ Joh 5:21 **“For as the Father raises the dead and makes alive, even so the Son makes alive whom He wishes.**

✚ Joh 5:22 **“For the Father judges no one, but has given all the judgment to the Son,**

- Joh 5:23 **that all should value the Son even as they value the Father. He who does not value the Son does not value the Father who sent Him.**

Joh 5:24 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me **possesses everlasting life**, and **does not come into judgment**, but **has passed from death into life.**

Joh 5:25 “Truly, truly, I say to you, **the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of Elohim. And those having heard shall live.**

✚ Joh 5:26 “For as the Father possesses life in Himself, so He gave also to the Son to possess life in Himself,

✚ Joh 5:27 and He has given Him authority also to do judgment, because He is the Son of Adam.

Joh 5:28 “Do not marvel at this, because the hour is coming in which all those in the tombs shall hear His voice,

Joh 5:29 and shall come forth – **those who have done good, to the resurrection of life**, and **those who have practised evil matters, to a resurrection of judgment.**

### Witnesses to Yahusha

Joh 5:30 “Of Myself I am unable to do any *matter*. As I hear, I judge, and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own desire, but the desire of the Father who sent Me.

Joh 5:31 “If I bear witness of Myself, My witness is not true.

Joh 5:32 “There is another who bears witness of Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses of Me is true.

Joh 5:33 **“You have sent to Yohanan, and he bore witness to the truth.**

**Joh 5:34** “But I do not receive witness from man, but I say this in order that you might be saved.

**Joh 5:35** “He was the burning and shining lamp, and for a while you wished to rejoice in his light.

**Joh 5:36** “**But I have a greater witness than that of Yoḥanan, for the works that the Father gave Me to accomplish, the works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father has sent Me.**

**Joh 5:37** “And the Father who sent Me, He bore witness of Me. **You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor seen His form.**<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Joh 1:18](#).

**Joh 5:38** “And you do not have His Word staying in you, **because you do not believe Him whom He sent.**

**Joh 5:39** “You search the Scriptures, because **you think you possess everlasting life** in them. And these are the ones that bear witness of Me.

**Joh 5:40** **“But you do not desire to come to Me in order to possess life.**

**Joh 5:41** “I do not receive esteem from men,

**Joh 5:42** but **I know you, that you do not have the love of Elohim in you.**

**Joh 5:43** **“I have come in My Father’s Name and you do not receive Me, if another comes in his own name, him you would receive.**

**Joh 5:44** **“How are you able to believe, when you are receiving esteem from one another, and the esteem that is from the only Elohim you do not seek?**

**Joh 5:45** “Do not think that I shall accuse you to the Father. **There is one who accuses you: Mosheh, in whom you have set your expectation.**

**Joh 5:46** **“For if you believed Mosheh, you would have believed Me, since he wrote about Me.**

**Joh 5:47** **“But if you do not believe his writings,<sup>c</sup> how shall you believe My words?”** Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Luk 16:31](#).

## **Galatians 1**

Paul makes at least two trips to the region of Galatia. On Paul’s first missionary trip with Barnabas, they depart from the isle of Cyprus and they travel to Perge; then witness in the Galatian Region of Antioch of Pisidia, Iconium, Lystra, and Derby before returning to Antioch of Syria.

Many were receiving and believing the Covenant Confirming Gospel Message but make no mistake, there were NUMEROUS pagan gods that the people in the region worshipped. Paul constantly encountered utter idolatry. Galatia was full of idolatry. In Lystra Acts 14:12-13, the people accredit the miracles performed to Paul as ‘Hermes’ and Barnabas as ‘Zeus’! Paul and Barnabas rip their garments and they rebuked the people.

We should be mindful of this setting as Paul writes the letter to the assemblies that were started in Galatia. In addition, unbelieving Yehudim were constantly perverting the Good News that was being shared and would stir up rebellion among the people. The rebellion was so great, that in Lystra they stoned Paul on his first missionary journey and left him for dead; but he lived.

Now Paul writes this letter being dismayed in how quickly they were turning and believing another Good News and not that of Yahusha HaMashiach. Paul has **strong words** for even messengers or mankind that should bring any other message than that of the Messiah.

### Greeting

**Gal 1:1** Sha’ul, an emissary – not from men, nor by a man, but by יהושע Messiah and Elohim the Father who raised Him from the dead –

**Gal 1:2** and all the brothers who are with me, to the assemblies of Galatia:

**Gal 1:3** Favour to you and peace from Elohim the Father and our Master יהושע Messiah,

**Gal 1:4** who gave Himself for our sins, **to deliver us out of this present wicked age**, according to the desire of our Elohim and Father,

**Gal 1:5** to whom be the praise forever and ever. Amēn.

### No Other Gospel

**Gal 1:6** I marvel that you are so readily turning away from Him who called you in the favour of Messiah, to a different ‘Good News,’<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [2Co 11:4](#).

**Gal 1:7** which is not another, only there are some who are troubling you and wishing to pervert the Good News of Messiah.

**Gal 1:8** However, **even if we, or a messenger out of heaven**, bring a ‘Good News’ to you beside what we announced to you, let him be accursed.

**Gal 1:9** As we have said before, and now I say again, if anyone brings a ‘Good News’ to you beside what you have received, let him be accursed.

**Gal 1:10** For do I now persuade men, or Elohim? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I should not be a servant of Messiah.

The Good News comes through belief in Yahusha HaMashiach. Paul knew the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood / Book of the Law system very well; and now Paul was YHWH's chosen vessel to spread the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach during this major transference between priesthoods. Paul himself was born during the Aaronic Levitical Priestly system and was raised under the Book of the Law; and now as a believer in Yahusha, Paul had entered the Melchizedek Priesthood by the Covenant Confirming Gospel message. Yahusha HaMashiach is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order and has made full atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar once and for all; for those that receive and believe in Him. Yahusha has redeemed believers, His creation, and the land.

### Paul Called by Eloah

**Gal 1:11** And I make known to you, brothers, that the Good News announced by me is not according to man.

**Gal 1:12** For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, **but through a revelation of יהושע Messiah.**

**Gal 1:13** For you have heard of my former behavior in Yehudaism, how intensely I persecuted the assembly of Elohim, and ravaged it.

**Gal 1:14** And I progressed in Yehudaism beyond many of my age in my race, being more exceedingly ardent for the traditions of my fathers.

Everything had changed when Paul encountered Yahusha on the road to Damascus. Paul had experienced the shift. Though he had memorized most, if not all, of the Tanakh, Paul said he first went to Arabia and returned to Damascus studying His Word for three years with His new Spirit filled eyes. Then Paul goes to Jerusalem to be taught by Peter for 15 days. He saw no other emissary except James the brother of the Master.

Paul is affirming that 'flesh and blood' did not reveal truth to Him; but it was YHWH who revealed Yahusha the Messiah and Truth to him. The surrounding regions knew Paul had once persecuted believers; but now saw he proclaimed the Good News and esteemed Elohim, YHWH.

**Gal 1:15** But when it pleased Elohim, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by His favor,

**Gal 1:16** to reveal His Son in me, that I might bring Him, the Good News, to the nations, I did not immediately consult with flesh and blood,

**Gal 1:17** neither did I go up to Yerushalayim, to those who were emissaries before me. But I went to Arabia, and returned again to Dammeseq.

**Gal 1:18** Then after three years I went up to Yerushalayim to learn from Kēpha, and remained with him for fifteen days.

**Gal 1:19** And I saw no other of the emissaries except Ya'aqob, the brother of the

Master.

**Gal 1:20** And what I write to you, see, before Elohim, I do not lie.

**Gal 1:21** Then I went into the districts of Suria and of Kilikia.

**Gal 1:22** And I was *still* not known by sight to the assemblies of Yehudah which were in Messiah,

**Gal 1:23** but they were hearing only that, “The one who once persecuted us now brings as Good News the belief which he once ravaged.”

**Gal 1:24** So they were esteeming Elohim in me.

*Shalom ~ Libby*