

Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 12; Phil. 3; Ezekiel 42; Psalm 94.

October 9 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Kings 12

The kingdom of Israel that was once unified under King David and King Solomon is about to divide as prophesied through the prophet Ahiyah the Shilonite. The division is directly related to Solomon turning and worshipping ‘mighty ones’ having his heart turned away from YHWH by his many foreign wives. Solomon forgot His first love, YHWH.

Rehoboam's Folly

1Ki 12:1 And Rehob'am went to Shekem, for all Yisra'el had gone to Shekem to set him up to reign.

1Ki 12:2 And it came to be, **when Yarob'am son of Nebat heard this** – he was still in Mitsrayim, for he had fled from the presence of Sovereign Shelomoh and had been dwelling in Mitsrayim –

1Ki 12:3 that they sent and called him. **And Yarob'am and all the assembly of Yisra'el came and spoke to Rehab'am, saying,**

- 1Ki 12:4 “Your father made our yoke hard, and now, lighten the hard service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, then we serve you.”
- 1Ki 12:5 And he said to them, **“Go away for three days,** then come back to me.” And the people went.

1Ki 12:6 Then Sovereign Rehob'am consulted the elders who stood before his father Shelomoh while he still lived, and he said, **“What do you advise me to answer these people?”**

1Ki 12:7 **And they spoke to him, saying,**

- ❖ “If you are a servant to these people today,
- ❖ and shall serve them,
- ❖ and shall answer them and speak good words to them,
- ❖ then they shall be your servants all the days.”

1Ki 12:8 **But he ignored the advice the elders gave him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him.**

1Ki 12:9 And he said to them, **“What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?’”**

1Ki 12:10 **And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying,**

- ❖ “Say this to this people who have spoken to you, saying, ‘Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us.’ Say this to them, **‘My little finger is thicker than my father’s waist!**
- ❖ 1Ki 12:11 And now, my father laid a heavy yoke on you, but I add to your yoke; my father flogged you with whips, but I, I flog you with scourges!’ ”

Yarob'am [Jeroboam] and all the people returned to hear Rehob'am [Rehoboam's] answer.

1Ki 12:12 So Yarob'am and all the people came to Rehob'am the third day, as the sovereign had spoken, saying, "Come back to me the third day."

- ❖ 1Ki 12:13 But the sovereign answered the people harshly,
- ❖ and ignored the advice which the elders had given him,
- ❖ 1Ki 12:14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I add to your yoke; my father flogged you with whips, but I, I flog you with scourges!"

1Ki 12:15 So the sovereign did not listen to the people, **for the turn of events was from יהוה in order to establish His word, which יהוה had spoken by Ahiyah the Shilonite to Yarob'am son of Nebat.**

This turn of events was all orchestrated by YHWH in order to establish His Word spoken through Ahiyah to Yarob'am. Ahiyah demonstrated what was to happen by taking Yarob'am's new garment and ripping it into 12 pieces and giving Yarob'am 10; representing the 10 northern tribes of Israel.

The Kingdom Divided

1Ki 12:16 And all Yisra'el saw that the sovereign did not listen to them. **Then the people answered the sovereign, saying, "What portion do we have in Dawid?"** And there is no inheritance in the son of Yishai. To your mighty ones,^a O Yisra'el! Now, see to your own house, O Dawid!" **So Yisra'el went to their tents.** Footnote: ^aHeb. *elohim*, which the Scribes (*Sopherim*) later on emended to read "tents."

1Ki 12:17 **But as for the children of Yisra'el who dwelt in the cities of Yehudah, Rehab'am reigned over them.**

1Ki 12:18 And **when Sovereign Rehab'am sent Adoram, who was over the compulsory labour, all Yisra'el stoned him with stones, and he died. And Sovereign Rehab'am hastily mounted his chariot to flee to Yerushalayim.**

1Ki 12:19 Thus **Yisra'el revolted against the house of Dawid to this day.**

1Ki 12:20 And it came to be when all Yisra'el heard that Yarob'am had come back, they sent for him and called him to the congregation, and set him up to reign over all Yisra'el. **There was none who followed the house of Dawid, except the tribe of Yehudah only.**

1Ki 12:21 And **Rehab'am came to Yerushalayim**, and he assembled all the house of Yehudah with the tribe of Binyamin, **one hundred and eighty thousand chosen brave men**, to fight against the house of Yisra'el, **to bring back the reign to Rehab'am son of Shelomoh.**

The Word of YHWH is spoken through Shemayah.

1Ki 12:22 But the word of Elohim came to Shemayah the man of Elohim, saying,

1Ki 12:23 **“Speak to Rehab'am son of Shelomoh, sovereign of Yehudah, and to all the house of Yehudah and Binyamin, and to the rest of the people, saying,**

1Ki 12:24 Thus said יהוה,

- ✚ “Do not go up or fight against your brothers the children of Yisra'ël.
- ✚ Let every man return to his house, for this matter is from Me.” ’ ’ So they obeyed the word of יהוה, and turned back, according to the word of יהוה.

Jeroboam's Golden Calves – Golden calf worship is set-up in Beyth El and Dan.

1Ki 12:25 And Yarob'am built Shekem in the mountains of Ephrayim, and dwelt there. And he went out from there and built Penu'ël.

1Ki 12:26 And Yarob'am said in his heart,

- “Now the reign shall return to the house of Dawid.
 - 1Ki 12:27 “If these people go up to do slaughterings in the House of יהוה at Yerushalayim, then the heart of this people shall turn back to their master, Rehab'am sovereign of Yehudah, and they shall kill me and go back to Rehab'am sovereign of Yehudah.”
- 1Ki 12:28 So the sovereign took counsel and **made two calves of gold, and said to the people**, “It is too much for you to go up to Yerushalayim. See, your mighty ones, O Yisra'ël, which brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim!”
- 1Ki 12:29 And he **set up one in Bëyth Ēl**,
- and the other he put in Dan.
- 1Ki 12:30 And this matter became a sin, for the people went before the one as far as Dan
- 1Ki 12:31 And he made the house of high places, **and made priests from all sorts of people, who were not of the sons of Lëwi.**
- 1Ki 12:32 And Yarob'am performed a festival on the fifteenth day of the eighth new moon, like the festival that was in Yehudah, and he offered on the slaughter-place. So he did at Bëyth Ēl, slaughtering to the calves that he had made. And at Bëyth Ēl he appointed the priests of the high places which he had made.
- 1Ki 12:33 And he made offerings on the slaughter-place which he had made at Bëyth Ēl **on the fifteenth day of the eighth new moon, in the new moon which he had devised in his own heart.** And he performed a festival for the children of Yisra'ël, and offered on the slaughter-place and burned incense.

Philippians 3

The words of Paul in Philippians 3 are precise and moving. They are a true testimony to the esteem of YHWH and His Son.

Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

Php 3:1 For the rest, my brothers, rejoice in יהוה. To write the same *matters* to you is truly no trouble to me, and for you it is safe.

Php 3:2 Look out for dogs, look out for the evil workers, look out for the mutilation!

Php 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who are serving Elohim in the Spirit, and boasting in Messiah **יהושע**, and do not trust in the flesh,

Php 3:4 though I too might have trust in the flesh. If anyone else thinks to trust in the flesh, I more –

Php 3:5 circumcised the eighth day, of the race of Yisra'el, of the tribe of Binyamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, according to Torah a Pharisee,

Php 3:6 according to ardour, persecuting the assembly; according to righteousness that is in the law, having become blameless.

Php 3:7 But what might have been a gain to me, I have counted as loss, because of Messiah.

Php 3:8 What is more, I even count all to be loss **because of the excellence of the knowledge of Messiah יהושע my Master**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all, and count them as refuse, in order to gain Messiah,

Php 3:9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through belief in Messiah, the righteousness which is from Elohim on the basis of belief,

Php 3:10 to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

Php 3:11 if somehow I might attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Press on with our sanctification process...

Php 3:12 Not that I have already received, or already been perfected, but I press on, to lay hold of that for which Messiah **יהושע** has also laid hold of me.

Php 3:13 Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: forgetting what is behind and reaching out for what lies ahead,

Php 3:14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah **יהושע**.

Php 3:15 As many, then, as are perfect, should have this mind. And if you think differently in any respect, Elohim shall also reveal this to you.

Php 3:16 But to what we have *already* attained – walk by the same rule, be of the same mind.

Php 3:17 Become joint imitators of me, brothers, and look at those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

Php 3:18 For many – of whom I have often told you, and now say to you even weeping – walk as enemies of the stake of Messiah.

Php 3:19 Their end is destruction, their mighty one is their stomach, and their esteem is in their shame – they mind the earthly.

Unto our glorification...

Php 3:20 For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Master **יהושע** Messiah,

Php 3:21 who shall change our lowly body, to be conformed to His esteemed body, according to the working by which He is able even to bring all under His control.

Ezekiel 42 Ezekiel 42 continues within Scroll 11.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
PROB	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
11	40:1 - 48:35 (regulated to back of Volume as an appendix. Ez. as ambassador with a Provisional Constitution, inc. temple visions, a conditional offer of national restoration contingent on both houses repenting. This would have been an interim constitution "until the time of reformation when the seed would come.")	10/04/25 (after 13 year silence) 43:10 purpose: to shame Israel into repentance

The Temple's Chambers – Dimensions and floor plans are described.

Eze 42:1 And he brought me out into the outer courtyard, the way toward the north. And he brought me into the room which was opposite the separate place, and which was opposite the building to the north.

Eze 42:2 Along the length which was one hundred cubits, was the north door, the width was fifty cubits.

Eze 42:3 Opposite the inner courtyard of twenty *cubits*, and opposite the pavement of the outer courtyard, gallery against gallery in three *levels*.

Eze 42:4 And before the rooms, toward the inside, was a walk ten cubits wide, a way of one cubit. And their doors were to the north.

Eze 42:5 And the upper rooms were shorter, because the galleries took away space from them more than from the lower and middle *levels* of the building.

Eze 42:6 For they were in three *levels* and had no columns like the columns of the courtyards, so the upper *level* was set back more than the lower and middle *levels* from the ground up.

Eze 42:7 As for the outer wall by the side of the rooms, toward the outer courtyard facing the rooms, its length was fifty cubits.

Eze 42:8 For the length of the rooms toward the outer courtyard was fifty cubits, and that facing the Hēkal was one hundred cubits.

Eze 42:9 And below these rooms was the entrance on the east side, as one enters them from the outer courtyard.

Eze 42:10 In the thickness of the wall of the courtyard toward the east, opposite the separate place and opposite the building, were rooms.

Eze 42:11 And the way in front of them was like the appearance of the rooms which were toward the north, as long and as wide as the others, and all their exits and entrances were according to plan.

Eze 42:12 And according to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south, there was a door in front of the way, the way in front of the wall toward the east, as one enters them.

Eze 42:13 And he said to me, "The north rooms and the south rooms, which are opposite the separate place, are the set-apart rooms where the priests who approach יהוה eat the most set-apart offerings. There they place the most set-apart *items*, and the grain offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering, for the place is set-apart.

Eze 42:14 "When the priests enter, they are not to go out of the set-apart room into the outer

courtyard, but leave their garments in which they attend there, for they are set-apart, and shall put on other garments and shall draw near to that which is for the people.”

Eze 42:15 And when he had ended measuring the inner House, he brought me out through the gate that faces east, and measured it all around.

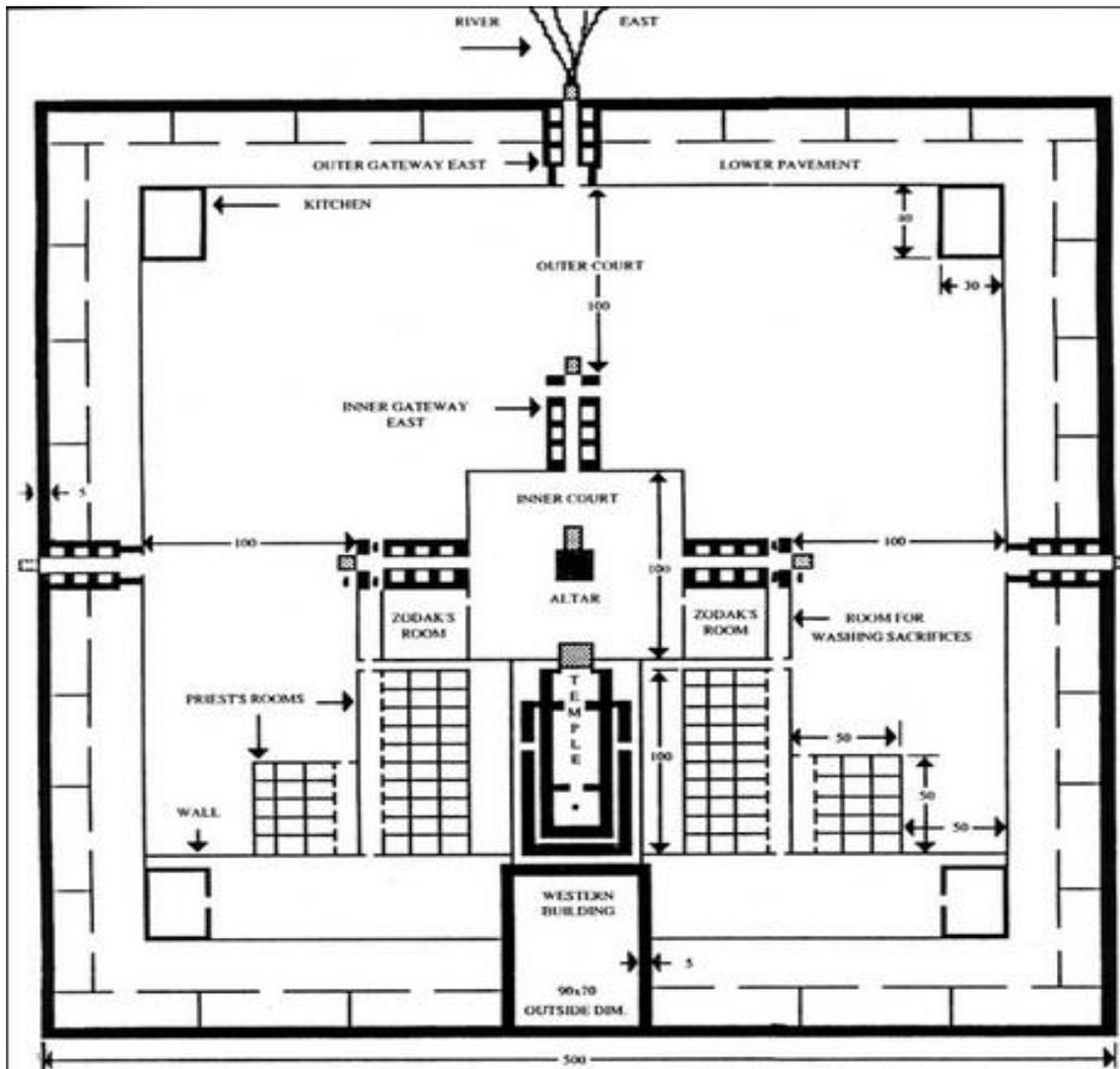
Eze 42:16 He measured the east side with the measuring rod, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

Eze 42:17 He measured the north side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod all around.

Eze 42:18 He measured the south side, five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

Eze 42:19 He turned round to the west side and measured five hundred rods by the measuring rod.

Eze 42:20 On the four sides he measured it. It had a wall all around, five hundred long and five hundred wide, to separate the set-apart places from the common.



Possible rendering of Ezekiel's temple.

Psalm 94

Please remember. This world will be quick to forsake us, but YHWH NEVER will forsake us. He will never leave nor forsake His children! He is Faithful! He is True! He is Trustworthy. And vengeance, belongs to Him!

Psa 94:1 O יהוה, Ėl of vengeance; O Ėl of vengeance, shine forth!

Psa 94:2 Raise Yourself up, O Judge of the earth; Render punishment to the proud.

Psa 94:3 יהוה, how long are the wrong, How long are the wrong going to exult?

Psa 94:4 They pour forth *words*, They speak arrogantly; All the workers of wickedness boast in themselves.

Psa 94:5 They crush Your people, O יהוה, And they afflict Your inheritance.

The Psalmist longs for YHWH to stand against those doing wrong. They arrogantly boast that YHWH does not even notice! Wrong! YHWH notices. He notices everything!

Psa 94:6 They kill the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.

Psa 94:7 Yet they say, "Yah does not see, And the Elohim of Ya'aqob pays no heed."

Psa 94:8 Take heed, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when would you become wise?

Psa 94:9 He who planted the ear, does He not hear? He who formed the eye, does He not see?

Psa 94:10 He who disciplines the nations, Does He not reprove – The One teaching man knowledge?

Psa 94:11 יהוה knows the thoughts of man, That they are *but* a breath.

Until YHWH makes all things right, we should know:

Psa 94:12 Blessed is the man You discipline, O Yah, And instruct out of Your Torah,

Psa 94:13 To give him rest from the days of evil, Until the pit is dug for the wrong.

Psa 94:14 For יהוה does not leave His people, Nor does He forsake His inheritance.

Psa 94:15 For right-ruling returns *man* to righteousness, And all the upright in heart follow it.

Psa 94:16 Who would rise up for me against evil-doers? Who would stand up for me against workers of wickedness?

The Psalmist had been greatly comforted by YHWH.

Psa 94:17 If יהוה had not been my help, My being would soon have settled in silence.

Psa 94:18 When I said, "My foot has slipped," Your loving-commitment, O יהוה, supported me.

Psa 94:19 When anxiety was great within me, Your comforts delighted my being.

Psa 94:20 Would a throne of destruction, Which devises trouble by law, Be joined with

You?

Psa 94:21 They band together against the life of the righteous, And declare innocent blood wrong.

Evil deeds done against innocent ones and His set-apart ones, will be dealt with by YHWH.

Psa 94:22 But יהוה is my defence, And my Elohim the rock of my refuge,

Psa 94:23 And brings back on them their own wickedness, And cuts them off in their own wrongdoing; יהוה our Elohim does cut them off.

The Kingdom Divided

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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