

Greetings, today our manna is Judges 13; Acts 17; Jeremiah 26; Mark 12.

July 30 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Judges 13

Judges 13 covers: The parents of Samson; the appearance of the Messenger of YHWH; the Birth of Samson, being one set-apart for YHWH. The youth would be a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb to the day of his death.

Jdg 13:1 And again the children of Yisra'el did evil in the eyes of יהוה, so יהוה gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.

Jdg 13:2 And there was a certain man from Tzor'ah, of the clan of the **Danites**, whose name was **Manowah**. And his wife was barren and had not borne.

Jdg 13:3 And a Messenger of יהוה appeared to the woman and said to her,

“See now, you are barren and have not borne, but you shall conceive, and you shall bear a son.

Jdg 13:4 **“And now,**

- please guard, and
- do not drink wine or strong drink, and
- do not eat any unclean *food*.

Jdg 13:5 **“For look,**

- you are conceiving and
- bearing a son. And
- let no razor come upon his head,
- for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb on.
- And he shall begin to save Yisra'el out of the hand of the Philistines.”

Jdg 13:6 And the woman came and spoke to her husband, saying, “A Man of Elohim came to me, and His appearance was like the appearance of a Messenger of Elohim, very awesome. But I did not ask Him where He was from, and He did not declare to me His name.

Jdg 13:7 “And **He said to me, ‘See, you are conceiving and bearing a son.** And now, drink no wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *food*, **for the youth is a Nazirite to Elohim from the womb to the day of his death.’ ”**

Jdg 13:8 And Manowah prayed to יהוה, and said, “O יהוה, please let the Man of Elohim whom You sent come to us again and teach us what to do for the youth who is to be born.”

Jdg 13:9 And Elohim listened to the voice of Manowah, and the Messenger of Elohim came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field, but Manowah her husband was not with her.

Jdg 13:10 And the woman ran hurriedly and informed her husband, and said to him, “See, He has appeared to me, the Man who came to me the other day!”

Jdg 13:11 And Manowah arose and went after his wife, and came to the Man, and he said to Him, “Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?” And He said, “I am.”

Jdg 13:12 And Manowah said, “Now let Your words come true! What is to be the rule for the youth’s life and his work?”

Jdg 13:13 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Let the woman guard all that I said to her.

Jdg 13:14 “Let her not eat any *food* that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean *food*. Let her guard all that which I have commanded her.”

Jdg 13:15 And Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “Please let us detain You, and prepare a young goat for You.”

Jdg 13:16 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Manowah, “Though you detain Me, I do not eat your food. But if you offer an ascending offering, offer it to יהוה.” For Manowah did not know He was a Messenger of יהוה.

Jdg 13:17 Then Manowah said to the Messenger of יהוה, “What is Your name? When Your words come true, then we shall esteem You.”

Jdg 13:18 And the Messenger of יהוה said to him, “Why do you ask My name, since it is wondrous?”

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BDB Definition: Wondrous

1) wonderful, incomprehensible, extraordinary

Part of Speech: adjective

Jdg 13:19 And Manowah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it upon the rock to יהוה. And He did **wondrously** while Manowah and his wife looked on.

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BDB Definition: Wondrously

1) to be marvellous, be wonderful, be surpassing, be extraordinary, separate by distinguishing action

1a) (Niphal)

1a1) to be beyond one's power, be difficult to do

1a2) to be difficult to understand

1a3) to be wonderful, be extraordinary

1a3a) marvelous (participle)

1b) (Piel) to separate (an offering)

1c) (Hiphil)

1c1) to do extraordinary or hard or difficult thing

1c2) to make wonderful, do wondrously

1d) (Hithpael) to show oneself wonderful or marvelous

Jdg 13:20 And it came to be, as the flame went up toward the heavens from the slaughter-place, that the **Messenger of יהוה** went up in the flame of the slaughter-place. And Manowah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground.

Jdg 13:21 And the **Messenger of יהוה did not appear any more to Manowah and his wife. Then Manowah knew that He was a Messenger of יהוה.**

Jdg 13:22 And Manowah said to his wife, "We shall certainly die, because we have seen Elohim!"

Jdg 13:23 But his wife said to him, "If יהוה had been pleased to put us to death,

- He would not have accepted an ascending offering and a grain offering from our hands,
- nor would He have shown us all this,
- nor would He have let us hear the like of this!"

The woman births Samson. And as he grew the Spirit of YHWH began to move in his life.

Jdg 13:24 So the woman bore a son and called his name Shimshon. And the child grew, and יהוה blessed him.

Jdg 13:25 And the Spirit of יהוה began to move him at Maḥanēh Dan, between Tsor'ah and Eshta'ol.



Acts 17

Paul and Silas in Thessalonica

Act 17:1 And having passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonike, where there was a congregation of the Yehudim.

Amphipolis

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Amphipolis (Greek: Ἀμφίπολη - *Amfípoli*; Ancient Greek: Ἀμφίπολις, *Amphípolis*)^[2] is best known for being a magnificent ancient Greek polis (city), and later a Roman city, whose impressive remains can still be seen.

It is famous in history for events such as the battle between the Spartans and Athenians in 422 BC, and also as the place where Alexander the Great prepared for campaigns leading to his invasion of Asia.^[3] Alexander's three finest admirals, Nearchus, Androsthene and Laomedon, resided in this city and it is also the place where, after Alexander's death, his wife Roxane and their small son Alexander IV were exiled and later murdered.

Excavations in and around the city have revealed important buildings, ancient walls and tombs. The finds are displayed at the archaeological museum of Amphipolis. At the nearby vast Kasta burial mound, an important ancient Macedonian tomb has recently been revealed. The unique and beautiful "Lion of Amphipolis" monument nearby is a popular destination for visitors.

It was located within the region of Edonis. It is today a municipality in the Serres regional unit of Greece. The seat of the municipality is Rodolivos.^[4]



The "Amphipolis lion".

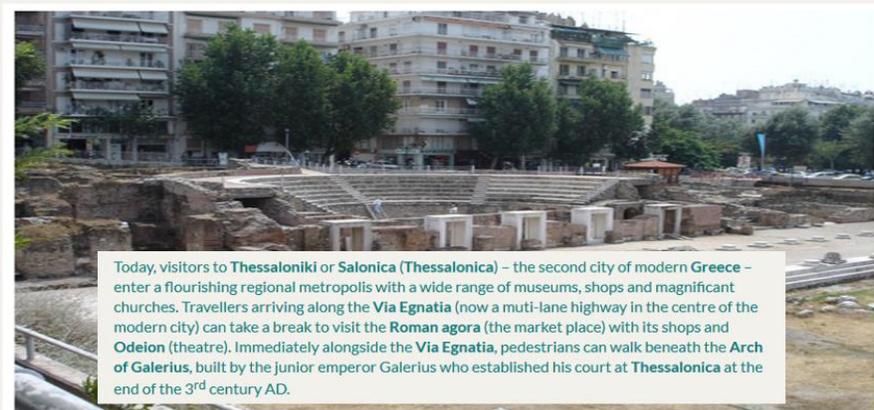
Act 17:2 And according to his practice, Sha’ul went in unto them, and for three Sabbaths was reasoning with them from the Scriptures,

Act 17:3 explaining and pointing out that the Messiah had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This is the Messiah, יהושע, whom I proclaim to you.”

The Good News was shared, and many believed! Praise Yah!

Act 17:4 And some of them did believe, and a large number of the worshipping Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Sha’ul and Silas.

Thessalonica was founded by King Kassandros in 315BC (see [Map 24](#)). It became the capital of the Roman province of Macedonia in 146BC. During Roman times, Thessalonica became an important crossroads on the **Via Egnatia**, where the road running east from Rome to the provinces of Pontus and Asia met the road running north from Athens to the River Danube.



Roman Odeion at Thessalonica (Acts 17:6)



Act 17:5 But the Yehudim who did not believe, having become envious, took some of the wicked men from the market-place, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and came upon the house of Jason, and were seeking to bring them out to the people.

Act 17:6 But not finding them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers to the city rulers, crying out, “They who have turned the world upside down have come here too,

Act 17:7 whom Jason has received. And all of them are acting contrary to the dogmas of Caesar, saying there is another sovereign, יהושע.”

Act 17:8 And they troubled the crowd and the city rulers when they heard this.

Act 17:9 And when they had received a pledge from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

Being faithful to spread the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach attracts the persecution of the enemy. The unbelieving Yehudim stirred up the crowd and elicited wicked men from the marketplace to create a ‘mob’ mentality. We see that same type of evocation in our day an age.

Jason is targeted when Paul and company are not found at his home. He and others ‘pay a fine’ and are let go. The enemy is always trying to cause division; jail innocent people; or financially burden them.

Via Egnatia – The ancient Roman road that connected Rome with Constantinople

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*Via Egnatia
Ancient
Roman Road*



All roads lead to Rome, one of the reasons why the Roman Empire became as powerful as it did was because of their ingenious and long-lasting roads. The Romans were famous road builders. Their vast road network laid the foundations for modern day highways across Europe, with many of them being built directly over the ancient ones or running parallel to them. At the peak of the Roman Empire, the total distance that the roads

One such famous road that brought prosperity to a whole region, built in the second century BC, was called Via Egnatia. It connected Rome with the Eastern provinces of Illyricum, Macedonia, and Thrace. Those provinces are the territories of Albania, Macedonia, Greece and the European part of Turkey.

Paul and Silas in Berea

Act 17:10 And the brothers immediately sent Sha'ul and Silas away by night to Berea [Berea], who, having come, went into the congregation of the Yehudim.

Act 17:11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonike, **who received the word with great eagerness, and searched the Scriptures daily, if these words were so.**

Act 17:12 Then **many of them truly believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, decent women as well as men.**

Act 17:13 And when the Yehudim from Thessalonike came to know that the word of Elohim was proclaimed by Sha'ul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds.

The Yehudim were driven by rage, hatred, and jealousy. They seem to be developing into a group of Babylonian Talmudic vigilantes. When the enemy manifests in this way; it is easy to identify 'their fruit'; their rotten fruit that is.

Silas and Timothy stay in Berea, but Paul is sent to Athens. It doesn't mention here which direction Luke went, but possibly he traveled with Paul. Hopefully, that will be clarified later in Scripture.

Act 17:14 And then **immediately the brothers sent Sha'ul away, to go to the sea**, but both **Silas and Timotiyos stayed there.**

Act 17:15 And **those who arranged for Sha'ul brought him to Athens.** And receiving a command for Silas and Timotiyos to join him as soon as possible, they departed.

Paul in Athens

Act 17:16 But while Sha'ul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred up within him when he saw that the city **was utterly idolatrous.**

Today, it appears the world has become utterly idolatrous and not just a city. We are surrounded with 'bread and circuses' like the days of the 'Roman Coliseum'. We see the formation of the NWO, one world government, and one world currency, and one world religion. Focus is on 'me, myself, and I'; with little or no focus on Him.

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Acts 17:16

He saw the city wholly given to idolatry - Κατειδῶλον, Full of idols, as the margin has it, and very properly. Whoever examines the remains of this city, as represented by Mr. Stuart in his Antiquities, already referred to, will be satisfied of the truth of St. Luke's remark: it was full of idols. Bishop Pearce produces a most apposite quotation from Pausanias, which confirms the observation: Ουκ ἦν ἀλλαγῶν τόσαυτα ἰδῶλα. There was no place where so many idols were to be seen. Paus. in Attic. cap. xvii. 24.

Petronius, who was contemporary with St. Paul, in his Satyr. cap. xvii., makes Quartilla say of Athens: Utique nostra regio tam Praesentibus Plena Est Numinibus, ut facilius possis Deum quam Hominem invenire. Our region is so full of deities that you may more frequently meet with a god than a man.

Upon arrival to Athens, Paul is shocked! There was utter idolatry all around!

Act 17:17 Therefore, indeed, **he was reasoning in the congregation with the Yehudim and with the worshippers, and in the market-place daily with those who met there.**

Act 17:18 And some of the **Epicurean and Stoic philosophers** encountered him. And some were saying, **"What does this babbler wish to say?"** Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of strange mighty ones" – because to them he brought the Good News: **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** and the resurrection!

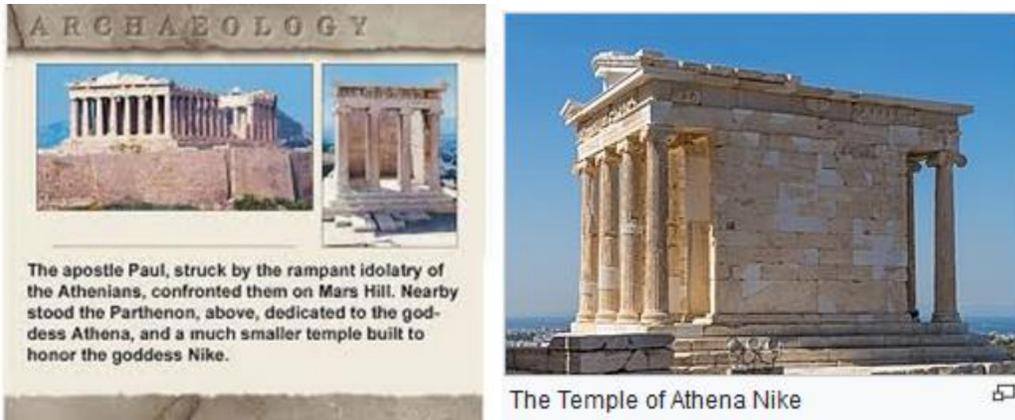
Paul arouses the curiosity of the philosophers and they bring him to the Areopagus.

Act 17:19 So they laid hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "Are we able to know what this fresh teaching is of which you speak?"

Act 17:20 "For you are bringing some strange *matters* to our ears. We wish, then, to know what these mean."

Act 17:21 For all the Athenians and the strangers living there spent their leisure time in doing naught but to speak or to hear what is fresh.





Athinás Níkis) is a temple on the Acropolis of Athens.

Paul Addresses the Areopagus

Act 17:22 And having stood in the midst of the Areopagus Sha'ul said,

“Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every matter.

Act 17:23 “For passing through and observing the objects of your worship, I even found a slaughter-place with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN MIGHTY ONE. Not knowing then whom you worship, I make Him known to you:

Act 17:24 “יהוה, who made the world and all that is in it, this One being Master of heaven and earth, does not dwell in dwellings made with hands.^a Footnote: ^aSee Act 7:48.

Act 17:25 “Nor is He served with men’s hands – as if needing any – Himself giving to all life, and breath, and all *e/*se.

Act 17:26 “And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having ordained beforehand the times and the boundaries of their dwelling,

Act 17:27 to seek the Master, if at least they would reach out for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.

Act 17:28 “For in Him we live and move and are, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’

Act 17:29 “Now then, since we are the offspring of Elohim, we should not think that the Elohim is like gold or silver or stone, an image made by the skill and thought of man.

Act 17:30 “Truly, then, having overlooked these times of ignorance, **Elohim now commands all men everywhere to repent.**

Once we know the truth, we are responsible for that truth! We no longer fall under the **'times of ignorance'**. This is the verse that should awaken those refusing to be good Bereans (Acts 17:11). Rejecting truth yet not searching the Scriptures to see if these things be so.

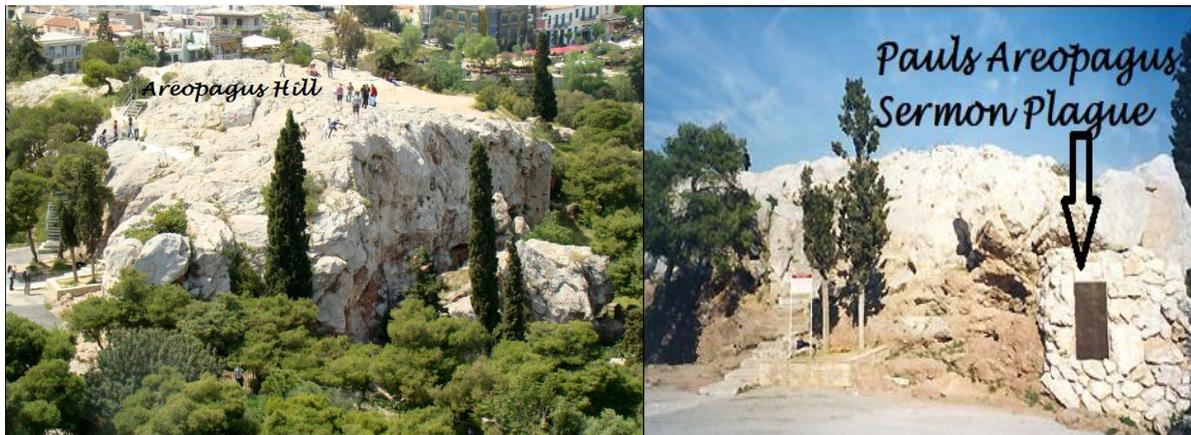
Act 17:31 because **He has set a day on which He is going to judge the world in righteousness by a Man whom He has appointed,^b having given proof of this to all by raising Him from the dead.** Footnote: ^bSee Act 10:42.

Act 17:32 **And hearing of the resurrection of the dead, some indeed mocked, while others said, "We shall hear you again concerning this."**

Act 17:33 And so Sha'ul went out from among them.

Act 17:34 **But some men joined him and believed, among them Dionusios the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.**

Paul's initial presentation is for the most part well received, and some believed and followed him. Paul pivots his presentation around the inscription at one of their slaughter places to the 'Unknown God.' He uses that as a launching point to share Yahusha Ha Mashiach. He is invited to come back before them and share more later.



Jeremiah 26

Jeremiah Threatened with Death

Jer 26:1 **In the beginning of the reign of Yehoyaqim the son of Yoshiyahu, the sovereign of Yehudah, this word came from יהוה, saying,**

Jer 26:2 **"Thus said יהוה,**

- 'Stand in the courtyard of the House of יהוה, and
- speak to all the cities of Yehudah, which come to bow themselves in the House

of **יהוה**,

- all the words that I command you to speak to them.
- Do not diminish a word.

Even now, YHWH is willing to repent of the evil that He has planned to do to them; if only THEY would REPENT.

Jer 26:3 If so be that they listen and each turn from his evil way, then I shall repent of the evil that I plan to do to them, because of the evil of their deeds.'

Jer 26:4 "And you shall say to them, 'Thus said **יהוה**,

- "If you do not listen to Me,
- to walk in My Torah which I set before you,
- **Jer 26:5** to listen to the words of My servants the prophets I am sending you, even rising up early and sending them – though you have not listened –
- **Jer 26:6** then **I shall make this house like Shiloh**, and
- make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth." ' ' "

Jeremiah speaks YHWH's words to the priest, the prophets, and the people, and they seized Jeremiah and threaten him by saying 'You shall certainly die!' They would NOT listen. Their hearts were hardened to the point that they deceived themselves!

The enemy always wants to instill fear. We must never forget that this is one of the enemy's main tools. For this reason, **believers must exercise their FAITH over FEAR.**

Jer 26:7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Yirmeyahu speaking these words in the House of **יהוה**.

Jer 26:8 And it came to be, when Yirmeyahu had ended speaking all that **יהוה** had commanded him to speak to all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people **seized him, saying, "You shall certainly die!**

Jer 26:9 "Why have you prophesied in the Name of **יהוה**, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city be dried up, without an inhabitant'?" **And all the people were gathered against Yirmeyahu in the House of יהוה.**

Jer 26:10 And the heads of Yehudah heard this, and they came up from the sovereign's house to the House of **יהוה** and sat down in the entrance of the new gate of the House of **יהוה**.

Jer 26:11 And the priests and the prophets spoke to the heads and all the people, saying, "A death sentence for this man! For he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears."

Jer 26:12 And Yirmeyahu spoke to all the heads and all the people, saying,

- “יהוה sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city with all the words you heard.
- Jer 26:13 “And now, make good your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim,
- then יהוה shall relent concerning the evil He has pronounced against you.

Jeremiah exhibits faith and courage. Mentally we should all prepare for such persecution; so that if strong persecution comes against us, we too will stand strong and be of good courage by faith.

Jer 26:14 “And I,

- look I am in your hand.
- Do with me as seems good and right to you.
- Jer 26:15 “But know for certain that if you put me to death,
- you are bringing innocent blood on yourselves, and on this city, and on its inhabitants.
- For truly יהוה has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Jeremiah Spared from Death

Jer 26:16 **Then the heads and all the people said to the priests and the prophets, “No death sentence for this man. For he has spoken to us in the Name of יהוה our Elohim.”**

Jer 26:17 And some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying,

Jer 26:18 “Mikayah of Moresheth prophesied in the days of Hizqiyahu the sovereign of Yehudah, and he spoke to all the people of Yehudah, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, “Tsiyon shall become a ploughed field, and Yerushalayim be heaps, and the mountain of the House like the bare hills of the forest.” ’

Jer 26:19 “Did Hizqiyahu sovereign of Yehudah and all Yehudah indeed put him to death? Did he not fear יהוה and seek the favour of יהוה? And the Master relented concerning the evil which He had pronounced against them. **But we are doing great evil against ourselves.**”

These elders spoke wisdom and agreed that they all were doing a great evil against themselves. The elders are recounting other prophets that prophesied similarly as did Jeremiah. Mikayah was spared death; but Uriyahu as we will see was not.

Jer 26:20 There was however a man who prophesied in the Name of יהוה, Uriyahu the son of Shemayahu of Qiryath Ye'arim, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Yirmeyahu.

Jer 26:21 And when Yehoyaqim the sovereign, with all his mighty men and all the heads, heard his words, **the sovereign sought to put him to death. But Uriyahu heard of it, and was afraid and fled, and went to Mitsrayim.**

Jer 26:22 Then Yehoyaqim the sovereign sent men to Mitsrayim: Elnathan the son of Akbor, and some men who went with him to Mitsrayim.

Jer 26:23 And they brought Uriyahu from Mitsrayim and brought him to Yehoyaqim the sovereign, who struck him with the sword and threw his dead body into the burial-sites of the common people.

Jeremiah is spared death by the hand of Ahīqam.

Jer 26:24 However, the hand of **Ahīqam** son of Shaphan was with Yirmeyahu, so as not to give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

BDB Definition:

Ahikam = "my brother has risen (arisen)"

- 1) son of Shaphan, an officer in Josiah's reign
- 2) protector of Jeremiah
- 3) father of Gedaliah

Mark 12

The Parable of the Tenants

Mar 12:1 And He began to speak to them in parables, **"A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it, and dug a vat for the winepress and built a watchtower, Psa 80:8, Isa 5:1-2** and let it out to farmers and went away.

Psa 80:8 You brought a vine out of Mitsrayim; You drove out the nations, and planted it.

Isa 5:1 Please let me sing to the One I love, a song for my loved One regarding His vineyard: my loved One has a vineyard on a fertile hill.

Isa 5:2 And He dug it up and cleared it of stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a watchtower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it. And He waited for the yielding of grapes, but it yielded rotten ones.

The man sends a servant and they:

- Seized him
- Beat him
- Sent him away empty handed.

Mar 12:2 “And at **harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers**, to receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the farmers.

Mar 12:3 “And they seized him and beat *him* and sent *him* away empty-handed.

The man sends another servant and they:

- Throws stones at him
- They wound him in the head
- Sent him away having insulted him

Mar 12:4 “And again he sent them another servant, and throwing stones at him, they wounded *him* in the head, and sent him away, having insulted *him*.

The man sends yet another servant and:

- They kill him
- Many others they killed
- Some were beaten

Mar 12:5 “And again he sent another, and they killed him; and many others, beating some and killing some.

The man had one more son he sends, his beloved thinking they should respect his son.

- The farmers see he is the heir.
- Plot to kill him and do so
- They throw him out of the vineyard.

Mar 12:6 “He had one more son, his beloved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They shall respect my son.’

Mar 12:7 “But those farmers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.’

Mar 12:8 “So they took him and killed *him* and threw *him* out of the vineyard.

Mar 12:9 “What then shall the owner of the vineyard do?”

- He shall come and destroy the farmers, and
- give the vineyard to others.

Mar 12:10 “Have you not read this Scripture, **‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.** [Psa 118:22](#).”

Mar 12:11 **‘This was from יהוה, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’** [Psa 118:23](#).

Mar 12:12 **And they were seeking to seize Him, but feared the crowd, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away.**

The ones that were against him were those that ‘say they are ‘Jews’’ and are not but are of the Synagogue of Satan. Their desire was to seize Him and kill him as they had done throughout the ages; to the prophets and servants He had sent them from the beginning.

They were always concerned about their ‘image’ before the people. Therefore, they often waited for a more opportune time. They were the ultimate hypocrites and sadly, they have existed in every generation. They are those that choose to serve the evil one and ‘mighty ones’; rather than YHWH.

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Mar 12:13 And they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in a word.

Mar 12:14 And when they came, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and it does not concern You about anyone, for You are not partial to any, but teach the way of Elohim in truth. **Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?**

Mar 12:15 “Should we pay, or should we not pay?” **And He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you try Me? Bring Me a denarius^a to look at.”** Footnote: ^aRoman monetary unit.

Mar 12:16 And they brought it, and He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” And they said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

Mar 12:17 So יהושע said to them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to Elohim what is Elohim’s.” And they marveled at Him.

Priceless. Here is Yahusha [YHWH in Son] and they are trying to catch Him in a word!

Taxes are still used to this very day, as a political and religious snare, to entrap believers. For this very reason, many innocent believers sit in lonely jail cells as we read. Even if there were errors made, many prosecutors will do everything they can to maximize and magnify errors while other in the 'elite' category; get off without any fines whatsoever. Activism has sadly entered in courtrooms; the participants are clothed to 'look the part' of 'equal scales'; but there are many ravenous wolves without equal scales and measures.

The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

Mar 12:18 And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him. And they asked Him, saying,

Mar 12:19 “Teacher, Mosheh wrote to us that **if a brother of anyone dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.** [Deu 25:5-6](#).

Mar 12:20 “There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, and died, leaving no offspring.

Mar 12:21 “And the second took her, and he died, leaving behind no offspring. And the third likewise.

Mar 12:22 “And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman died too.

Mar 12:23 “In the resurrection then, when they rise, whose wife shall she be? For seven had her as wife.”

Mar 12:24 And יהושע^a answering, said to them, “**Is this not why you go astray, because you do not know the Scriptures^b nor the power of Elohim? Footnote: ^b [Mat 22:29](#).**

Mar 12:25 “For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **as messengers in the heavens.**

Mar 12:26 “And concerning the dead, that they rise – have you not read in the book of Mosheh, at the bush, how Elohim spoke to him, saying, **‘I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob’?** [Exo 3:6](#).

Mar 12:27 “He is not the Elohim of the dead, but Elohim of the living. You, then, go greatly astray.”

The Sadducees were supposed to be well versed in the Scriptures yet Yahusha answers them and said, ‘**You go astray, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of Elohim.**’ That tells us that just because people ‘look religious’; just because they may carry a Bible and can quote Scripture verses; doesn’t mean they KNOW His Word nor the power therein!

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 **And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.**

Mar 12:25 “For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **as messengers in the heavens.**”

When studying the Book of Revelation, one must differentiate within the context of certain scriptures, to see if John is speaking of angelic messengers or those spirits and souls that appear ‘as messengers.’

Most importantly, YHWH is **the Elohim of the living!** Yahusha states YHWH is the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! These had all ‘died.’ But where were they? Are dead believers in the grave? Yes and No. Yes, their body is but not their spirit and soul since Yahusha’s ascension. And yes, those without faith in Messiah, remain in the torment side of Sheol and await the Great White Throne Judgment.

Those that died before Yahusha arose and ascended to the right hand of the Father; they temporarily went to the comfort side of Sheol, referred to as Abraham’s bosom. Now, that Yahusha has ascended; their spirit and soul are with Him. The ‘Door’ in heaven connecting us to YHWH has been opened! Their bodies are in the grave awaiting the bodily resurrection and glorification; however, I strongly believe their spirit and souls are with Him! We are One. Yahusha is no longer in the grave and neither are the spirit or soul of those that await their glorified body. We are echad with Him; One.

This is the whole point behind Yahusha emphasizing that YHWH is the Elohim of the living. Yahusha defeated death! We only pass through the ‘shadow of death.’ This world may glorify the ‘death culture’ but we should not. Those in Him, have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! Redeemed souls are singing the ‘song of the redeemed’ in Revelation 5. HalleluYAH!

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor messengers nor principalities nor powers, neither the present nor the future,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of Elohim which is in Messiah **יהושע** our Master.

The Great Commandment

Mar 12:28 And one of the scribes coming near, hearing them reasoning together, knowing that He had answered them well, asked Him, “Which is the first command of all?”

Mar 12:29 And **יהושע** answered him, “The first of all the commands is, ‘**Hear, O Yisra’el, יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one.**’ [Deu 6:4](#).”

Mar 12:30 ‘**And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**’ [Deu 6:5](#). This is the first command.

Mar 12:31 “And the second, like it, is this, ‘**You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**’ [Lev 19:18](#). There is no other command greater than these.”

Mar 12:32 And the scribe said to Him, “Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, **for there is one Elohim, and there is no other besides Him.**’ [Deu 4:35](#).”

Mar 12:33 “**And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the being, and with all the strength,** [Deu 6:5](#) and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is more than all the ascending offerings and offerings.”

Mar 12:34 And when **יהושע** saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, “You are not far from the reign of Elohim.” And after that no one was bold *enough* to question Him.

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

Mar 12:35 And **יהושע** responding, said, while teaching in the Set-apart Place, “How is it that the scribes say that the Messiah is the Son of Dawid?”

Mar 12:36 “Dawid himself said by the Set-apart Spirit, ‘**יהוה said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool of Your feet.”**’ [Psa 110:1](#).”

Mar 12:37 “Dawid himself calls Him ‘Master.’ In what way then is He his Son?” And the large crowd heard Him gladly.

Psa 110:1 **יהוה said to my Master,** “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

Psa 110:2 **יהוה** sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 **יהוה** has sworn and does not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq.”

Psa 110:5 **יהוה** at Your right hand Shall smite sovereigns in the day of His wrath.

Yahusha [YHWH in Son] sits at the right hand of YHWH. Therefore, YHWH sits at the right hand of YHWH. They are echad; One!

Yahusha incorporated the covenant seed lineage in his genealogy; but He came in the 'likeness of flesh', with His flesh and blood coming from heaven.

Joh 6:48 "I am the bread of life.

Joh 6:49 "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

Joh 6:50 "This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven, so that anyone might eat of it, **and not die.**

Joh 6:51 "I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

Beware of the Scribes

Mar 12:38 And in His teaching He was saying to them,

- "Beware of the scribes,
- who like to walk around in long robes,
- and *like* greetings in the market-places,
- **Mar 12:39** and the best seats in the congregations,
- and the best places at feasts,
- **Mar 12:40** who are devouring widows' houses,
- and for a show make long prayers. **These shall receive greater judgment."**

The Widow's Offering

Mar 12:41 And sitting opposite the treasury He saw how the people put copper into the treasury. And many rich ones put in much.

Mar 12:42 And a poor widow came and threw in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.

Mar 12:43 And calling near His taught ones He said to them, "Truly, I say to you that **this poor widow has put in more than all those putting into the treasury,**

Mar 12:44 for they all put in out of their excess, **but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her entire livelihood."**

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