

Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 15; 2Cor. 8; Ezekiel 22; Psalms 69.

September 19 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Sam. 15

David continues to see evil rise in his own house. He was told this would happen in 2Sam. 12 [below]. So far, he has lost the child born out of wedlock with Bathsheba; Mikal disrespects him; Tamar is raped and shamed by Amnon her half-brother; Abshalom has Amnon killed; for a season Abshalom lives in exile; now Abshalom has his eyes on usurping his father's reign. Once again, we will see envy and jealousy push David into wilderness living.

2Sa 12:9 Why have you despised the Word of יהוה to do evil in His eyes? You have struck Uriyah the Hittite with the sword, and his wife you took to be your wife, and you have killed him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

2Sa 12:10 And now, the sword does not turn aside from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriyah the Hittite to be your wife.'

2Sa 12:11 "Thus said יהוה, 'See, I am raising up evil against you, from your own house, and shall take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.

2Sa 12:12 For you did it in secret, but I shall do this deed before all Yisra'el, and before the sun."

2Sa 12:13 And Dawid said to Nathan, "I have sinned against יהוה." And Nathan said to Dawid, "Also, יהוה has put away your sin, you shall not die.

2Sa 12:14 "However, because by this deed you have greatly scorned יהוה, the child also who is born to you shall certainly die."

Recap of children born to David:

2Sa 3:2 And sons were born to Dawid in Hebron. And his **first-born was Amnon** by Ahino'am the Yizre'elitess;

2Sa 3:3 and his second, Kil'ab, by Abigayil the widow of Nabal the Karmelite; and **the third, Abshalom** son of Ma'akah, the daughter of Talmi, sovereign of Geshur;

2Sa 3:4 and the fourth, Adoniyah son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatyah son of Abital;

2Sa 3:5 and the sixth, Yithre'am, by Dawid's wife Eglah. These were born to Dawid in Hebron.

2Sa 5:13 And Dawid took more concubines and wives from Yerushalayim, after he had come from Hebron, and more sons and daughters were born to Dawid.

2Sa 5:14 And these were the names of those born to him in Yerushalayim: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Shelomoh,

2Sa 5:15 and Yibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Yaphiya,

2Sa 5:16 and Elishama, and Elyada, and Eliphelet.

Absalom's Conspiracy

2Sa 15:1 And it came to be after this that **Abshalom prepared a chariot and horses for himself, and fifty men to run before him.**

2Sa 15:2 And Abshalom used to rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. And it came to be, whenever anyone who had a complaint came to the sovereign for a right-ruling, that Abshalom would call to him and say, “What city are you from?” And when he said, “Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Yisra’el,”

2Sa 15:3 Abshalom would say to him, “Look, your matters are good and right, but you have nobody from the sovereign to hear you.”

2Sa 15:4 And Abshalom would say, “Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any complaint or case would come to me, and I shall let right be done to him.”

2Sa 15:5 And it came to be, whenever anyone came near him to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.

2Sa 15:6 And Abshalom did this to all Yisra’el who came to the sovereign for right-ruling. **And Abshalom stole the hearts of the men of Yisra’el.**

2Sa 15:7 **And it came to be at the end of forty^a years that Abshalom said to the sovereign, “Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I vowed to יהוה.**

Footnote: ^aForty years: [Some manuscripts have four years.](#)

Brenton Septuagint says forty: 2Sa 15:7 And it came to pass after forty years, that Abshalom said to his father, I will go now, and pay my vows, which I vowed to the Lord in Chebron.

Was King David aware of Abshalom’s action? Did he just ignore what was taking place right under his nose? Surely someone had come to him at some point to share how Abshalom was exercising authority at the city’s gate. Or did David feel that everything was ultimately the consequence of his sin; therefore, he didn’t address family situations that should have been addressed. Did David live with the heaviness of guilt and shame? Just some thoughts and questions.

Now we see Abshalom requests to go to Hebron under the pretense of having made a vow to YHWH. Most parents can tell, when a child is not being truthful. Maybe David had hopes for the best.

2Sa 15:8 “For your servant vowed a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Aram, saying, **‘If יהוה indeed brings me back to Yerushalayim, then I shall serve יהוה.’**”

2Sa 15:9 And the sovereign said to him, **“Go in peace.”** And he rose up and went to Hebron.

Abshalom schemes to be sovereign in Hebron. He invites 200 men to go with him from Jerusalem, but they knew not the plans of Abshalom. Apparently Abshalom was very charismatic; we know he was handsome. He seems to have had a personality in which he ‘never met a stranger.’ Therefore, his followers grew. Charisma with trustworthiness is awesome. Charisma for deceitful purposes is repulsive.

2Sa 15:10 But Abshalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Yisra’ël, saying, **“As soon as you hear the voice of the shophar, then you shall say, ‘Abshalom is sovereign in Hebron!’ ”**

2Sa 15:11 And **with Abshalom went two hundred men from Yerushalayim** who were invited, and they went along unsuspectingly, and did not know the matter at all.

2Sa 15:12 Abshalom also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, counsellor of Dawid, from his city, from Giloh, while he slaughtered slaughterings. And it came to be that the conspiracy became potent, for the people with Abshalom kept increasing.

David Flees Jerusalem

2Sa 15:13 Then a messenger came to Dawid, saying, **“The hearts of the men of Yisra’ël are with Abshalom.”**

2Sa 15:14 And Dawid said to all his servants who were with him at Yerushalayim,

- ✚ “Rise up, and let us flee, for none of us shall escape from Abshalom.
- ✚ Go in haste, lest he overtake us quickly and bring evil upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword.”

David apparently knew more about Abshalom than most. We already know he was cunning in his ways to bring about the demise of his brother Amnon. If he had won the hearts of the men of Israel; there was a high probability of bloodshed in order to gain full power to the throne. This would be a battle of brethren against brethren; this would also be a battle in David’s very household.

For this reason, I would say, David chose to flee. David still knew that YHWH was with Him; and he also had the support of many others.

2Sa 15:15 And the sovereign’s servants said to the sovereign,

- ✚ “Look, your servants *shall do* according to all my master the sovereign chooses.”
- ✚ **2Sa 15:16** And the sovereign went out, and all his household at his feet.
- ✚ But the sovereign left ten women, concubines, to look after the house.
- ✚ **2Sa 15:17** So the sovereign went out, and all the people at his feet, and they stood still at the last house.

- ✚ 2Sa 15:18 And all his servants were passing on at his side. And all the Kerēthites, and all the Pelēthites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, were passing on before the sovereign.

The faithfulness of Ittai.

2Sa 15:19 And the sovereign said to Ittai the Gittite, “Why do you go, you also, with us? Turn back and remain with the sovereign, for you are a foreigner, and also an exile from your own place.

2Sa 15:20 “You came yesterday, and should I today make you wander up and down with us, when I am going wherever I am going? Return, and take your brothers back. Loving-commitment and truth be with you.”

2Sa 15:21 And Ittai answered the sovereign and said, “As יהוה lives, and as my master the sovereign lives, in whatever place my master the sovereign is, whether in death or life, let your servant also be there.”

2Sa 15:22 Therefore Dawid said to Ittai, “Go, and pass over.” And Ittai the Gittite and all his men and all the little ones who were with him passed over.

2Sa 15:23 And all the land was weeping with a loud voice, and all the people were passing over. And the sovereign himself was passing over the wadi Qidron, and all the people were passing over toward the way of the wilderness.

2Sa 15:24 And see, **Tsadoq also came, and all the Lēwites** with him, **bearing the ark of the covenant of Elohim**. And they set down the ark of Elohim, and **Ebyathar** went up until all the people completed passing over from the city.

David has the ark of Elohim returned to the city.

2Sa 15:25 And the sovereign said to Tsadoq, “Take the ark of Elohim back to the city. If I find favor in the eyes of יהוה, then He shall bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling.

2Sa 15:26 “But if He says thus, ‘I have not delighted in you,’ here I am, let Him do to me as seems good in His eyes.”

2Sa 15:27 And the sovereign said to Tsadoq the priest, “Are you not a seer? Return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Aḥima’ats your son, and Yehonathan son of Ebyathar.

2Sa 15:28 “See, I am waiting in the desert plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me.”

2Sa 15:29 And **Tsadoq and Ebyathar** took the ark of Elohim back to Yerushalayim, and they remained there.

David ascends the Mount of Olives weeping.

2Sa 15:30 And Dawid went up by the ascent of the *Mount of Olives*, and wept as he went up. And he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up.

2Sa 15:31 And Dawid was informed, saying, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Abshalom.” And Dawid said, “O הוה', I pray You, make the counsel of Ahithophel foolish!”

Ahithophel was wise in state affairs, therefore, David prayed that his wise counsel would turn to naught.

2Sa 15:32 And it came to be that Dawid came to the summit, where he bowed himself before Elohim, and saw Hushai the Arkite, coming to meet him with his robe torn and dust on his head.

2Sa 15:33 And Dawid said to him, “If you pass on with me, then you shall become a burden to me,

2Sa 15:34 but if you return to the city, and say to Abshalom, ‘I am your servant, O sovereign – once servant of your father, but now I am your servant,’ then you shall nullify the counsel of Ahithophel for me.

David urges Hushai to return to Jerusalem, knowing he would be of greater help ‘inside the camp’ of Abshalom. Through him, messages would be sent to David to let him know what was going on. David was still sovereign, and he was also still a dad.

2Sa 15:35 “And are not Tsadoq and Ebyathar the priests with you there? And it shall be that every matter you hear from the sovereign’s house, you should report to Tsadoq and Ebyathar the priests.

2Sa 15:36 “See, there with them are their two sons, Ahima’ats, Tsadoq’s son, and Yehonathan, Ebyathar’s son. And by them you shall send me every matter you hear.”

2Sa 15:37 And Hushai, Dawid’s friend, went into the city. And Abshalom came into Yerushalayim.

2Corinthians 8

Paul encourages faithful cheerful giving.

Encouragement to Give Generously

2Co 8:1 Now brothers, we make known to you the favor of Elohim which has been given in the assemblies of Makedonia:

2Co 8:2 that in much trial of pressure the overflowing of their joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the riches of their generosity.

2Co 8:3 Because I bear witness that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily,

2Co 8:4 begging us with much urgency for the favor of taking part in this service to the set-apart ones.

2Co 8:5 And, not as we had expected, **they gave themselves first to the Master**, and then to us by the desire of Elohim,

2Co 8:6 that we should urge Titos, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this kind gift in you as well.

2Co 8:7 **But as you excel in every way** – in belief, and speech, and knowledge, and all diligence, and in your love for us – that you should excel in this kind gift as well.

2Co 8:8 I speak not by command, but **I am proving the genuineness of your love by the eagerness of others.**

2Co 8:9 **For you know the favor of our Master יהושע Messiah, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich through His poverty.**

2Co 8:10 And in this I give an opinion: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago,

2Co 8:11 and now also complete the work, that as *there was* a readiness in desiring it, so *there* also should be a completion out of what you have.

2Co 8:12 For if the readiness is present, it is well received according to what one has, not according to what he does not have –

2Co 8:13 not, however, that others should be eased and you hard pressed,

2Co 8:14 but **by fair sharing**, that now at this time your plenty for their need, so that their plenty might also be for your need – that there might be fair sharing.

2Co 8:15 As it has been written, **“He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little had not less.”** Exo 16:18.

Commendation of Titus

2Co 8:16 **But thanks be to Elohim who puts the same eagerness for you into the heart of Titos.**

2Co 8:17 Because he received the appeal, indeed, but being more eager, he went to you of his own accord.

2Co 8:18 And we sent with him the brother whose praise is in the Good News through all the assemblies,

2Co 8:19 and not only so, but who was also chosen by the assemblies to travel with us with this gift that is administered by us to the esteem of the Master Himself, and your ready mind,

2Co 8:20 avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this generous gift which is administered by us.

2Co 8:21 For we provide what is right, not only **in the sight of יהוה, but also in the sight of men.** Pro 3:4.

2Co 8:22 And we sent with them our brother whom we have often proved eager in many ways, but now much more eager, because of the great reliance which we have in

you.

2Co 8:23 As for Titos, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. **As for our brothers, they are messengers of the assemblies, the esteem of Messiah.**

2Co 8:24 Therefore show to them the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf, and in the presence of the assemblies.

Ezekiel 22 Ezekiel 22 continues as part of Scroll 2.

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>
2	20:1 - 23:49 (more rebellions of Israel, Judah & Jerusalem with opportunity for restoration)	05/10/07

Israel's Shedding of Blood –

YHWH's case against Israel is laid out before them through Ezekiel.

Today the dispersed tribes of Israel are awakening and turning back to YHWH. We have come out of the muck and mire of deception and disobedience; and have sought Him with all our hearts. We have turned from the ways of the world and turned to His set-apart times; His moedim; and His Covenant.

Today, we see many that say they are 'Israel' and are not!

Rom 9:6 However, it is not as though the word of Elohim has failed. **For they are not all Yisra'el who are of Yisra'el,**^a Footnote: ^aA play on words. See Explanatory Note on "Overcomers."

Rom 9:7 **neither are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham, but, "In Yitshaq your seed shall be called."** [Gen 21:12](#).

Rom 9:8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim, **but the children of the promise are reckoned as the seed.**

Eze 22:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 22:2 "And now, son of man, judge, judge the city of blood! And you shall show her all her abominations!

Eze 22:3 "And you shall say, **Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- ❖ "The city sheds blood in her midst, that her time might come.
- ❖ And she has made idols within herself to become defiled.
- ❖ **Eze 22:4** "You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed,

- ❖ and have defiled yourself with the idols which you have made.
- ❖ Thus you have brought your days near, and have come to the end of your years.
- ❖ Therefore I shall make you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery to all lands.
- ❖ **Eze 22:5** “Those near and those far from you mock you – defiled is your name and great the confusion!
- ❖ **Eze 22:6** “See the leaders of Yisra’el: each one has used his arm to shed blood in you.
- ❖ **Eze 22:7** “They have despised father and mother within you.
- ❖ They have oppressed the stranger in your midst.
- ❖ They have wronged the fatherless and the widow within you.
- ❖ **Eze 22:8** “You have despised that which is set-apart to Me, and you have profaned My Sabbaths.
- ❖ **Eze 22:9** “Slandering men have been in you to shed blood.
- ❖ And in you are those who eat on the mountains. They have done wickedness in your midst.
- ❖ **Eze 22:10** “In you they have uncovered the nakedness of a father.
- ❖ In you they have humbled women who are defiled during their uncleanness.
- ❖ **Eze 22:11** “And the one has done abomination with his neighbor’s wife.
- ❖ And another has wickedly defiled his daughter-in-law.
- ❖ And another within you has humbled his sister, his father’s daughter.
- ❖ **Eze 22:12** “In you they have taken a bribe to shed blood.
- ❖ You have taken interest and increase.
- ❖ You have cut off your neighbor by extortion.
- ❖ And you have forgotten Me,” declares the Master יהוה.
- ❖ **Eze 22:13** “And see, I shall strike My hand because of your greedy gain which you have made,
- ❖ and at the bloodshed which has been in your midst.

Eze 22:14 “Would your heart stand, your hands be strong, in the days when I deal with you? **ו, יהוה, have spoken, and shall do it.**

- **Eze 22:15** “And I shall scatter you among the nations,
- and shall disperse you throughout the lands,
- and shall consume your filthiness out of you.
- **Eze 22:16** “And you shall profane yourself before the eyes of the nations. And you shall know that I am יהוה.” ’ ’ ”

Eze 22:17 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 22:18 “Son of man, the house of Yisra’el has become dross to Me. All of them are bronze, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace – they have become the dross of silver.

Eze 22:19 “Therefore thus said the Master יהוה,

- ✚ 'Because all of you have become dross, therefore see, I am gathering you into the midst of Yerushalayim.
 - Eze 22:20 As they gather silver, and bronze, and iron, and lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it, so I gather you in My displeasure and in My wrath. And I shall blow and melt you.
- ✚ Eze 22:21 And I shall gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst.
 - Eze 22:22 As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so are you melted in its midst. And you shall know that I, יהוה, have poured out My wrath on you.' ”

Eze 22:23 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 22:24 “Son of man, say to her, ‘You are a land that is not cleansed or rained upon in the day of displeasure.’”

- Eze 22:25 “There is a conspiracy of her prophets in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey.
- They have devoured life,
- they have taken wealth and precious *matters*,
- they have made many widows in her midst.
- Eze 22:26 “Her priests have done violence to My teaching^a
- and they profane My set-apart *matters*.
- They have not distinguished between the set-apart and profane,
- nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean.
- And they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths,
- and I am profaned in their midst. Footnote: ^a Zep 3:4, Luk 16:16.
- Eze 22:27 “Her leaders in her midst **are like wolves tearing the prey**,
 - to shed blood,
 - to destroy lives,
 - and to get greedy gain.
- Eze 22:28 “And her prophets have coated them with whitewash,
 - seeing a false vision,
 - and divining a lie for them,
 - saying, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה,’ when יהוה had not spoken.
- Eze 22:29 “The people of the land have practiced oppression,
- and committed robbery,
- and have wronged the poor and needy.
- And they oppressed the stranger without right-ruling.
- Eze 22:30 “And I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the breach before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it – but I did not find one!

Eze 22:31 “Therefore I have poured out My displeasure on them, I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath. And I have put their way on their own head,” declares the Master יהוה.

Psalm 69

Psalm 69 speaks to the persecution of those that believe in YHWH and the psalm also foresees what Yahusha himself would endure. We see glimpses of Jeremiah, David, and Yahusha in this Psalm. It speaks of the pain of exclusion from friends and family because of our commitment to Him. We read of the longing for justice and deliverance; to be rescued from the muck and the mire. In the interim, we wait with patient endurance, with songs and praise to Him. He has finished the work and all that is left is for the final prophecies to unfold.

Save Me, O Elohim

Psa 69:1 Save me, O Elohim! For waters have come up to my neck.

Psa 69:2 I have sunk in deep mud, And there is no place to stand; I have come into deep waters, And the floods overflow me.

Psa 69:3 I am worn out from my crying; My throat is dry; My eyes grow dim As I wait for my Elohim.

Psa 69:4 Those who hate me without a cause Are more than the hairs of my head; They are mighty who would destroy me, My lying enemies; What I did not steal, I restored.

Psa 69:5 O Elohim, You Yourself know my foolishness; And my guilt has not been hidden from You.

Psa 69:6 Let not those who wait for You, O Master יהוה of hosts, Be ashamed because of me; Let not those who seek You Be humbled because of me, O Elohim of Yisra'el.

Psa 69:7 Because I have borne reproach for Your sake; Shame has covered my face.

Psa 69:8 I have become a stranger to my brothers, And a foreigner to my mother's children;

Psa 69:9 Because ardor for Your house has eaten me up, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

Psa 69:10 And I wept in my being with fasting, And it became my reproach.

Psa 69:11 And when I put on sackcloth, I became a proverb to them.

Psa 69:12 They who sit in the gate talk about me, And I am the song of the drunkards.

Psa 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O יהוה, At an acceptable time, O Elohim. In the greatness of Your loving-commitment, Answer me in the truth of Your deliverance.

Psa 69:14 Rescue me out of the mire, And let me not sink. Let me be rescued from those who hate me, And out of the deep waters.

Psa 69:15 Let not a flood of waters overflow me, Nor let the deep swallow me up, Nor let the pit shut its mouth on me.

Psa 69:16 Answer me, O יהוה, for Your loving-commitment is good. According to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to me.

Psa 69:17 And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in distress; Answer

me speedily.

Psa 69:18 Draw near to my being, redeem it; Ransom me because of my enemies.

Psa 69:19 You Yourself know my reproach, And my shame and my confusion; My adversaries are all before You.

Psa 69:20 Reproach has broken my heart and I am sick; I looked for sympathy, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

Psa 69:21 **And they gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.**

Psa 69:22 Let their table before them become a snare, And a trap to those at ease.

Psa 69:23 Let their eyes be darkened, so as not to see; And make their loins shake continually.

Psa 69:24 Pour out Your wrath upon them, And let Your burning displeasure overtake them.

Psa 69:25 Let their encampments be deserted; Let no one dwell in their tents.

Psa 69:26 For they persecute him whom You have stricken, And talk about the pain of those You have wounded.

Psa 69:27 Add crookedness to their crookedness, **And let them not enter into Your righteousness.**

Psa 69:28 **Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.**

Psa 69:29 But I am poor and in pain; Let Your deliverance, O Elohim, set me up on high.

Psa 69:30 I praise the Name of Elohim with a song, And I make Him great with thanksgiving.

Psa 69:31 And this pleases יהוה more than an ox, A bull with horns *and* hooves.

Psa 69:32 The humble shall see, they rejoice, You who seek Elohim, and your hearts live.

Psa 69:33 **For יהוה hears the poor, And He shall not despise His captives.**

Psa 69:34 Let the heavens and earth praise Him, The seas and all that moves in them.

Psa 69:35 **For Elohim shall save Tsiyon And build the cities of Yehudah. And they shall dwell there and possess it,**

Psa 69:36 **And the seed of His servants inherit it, And those who love His Name dwell in it.**^a Footnote: ^a [Psa 5:11](#), [Psa 119:132](#), [Isa 56:6](#).

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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