

Greetings, today our manna is from Genesis 7; Matthew 7; Ezra 7; Acts 7

January 7 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

Genesis 7

The Flood

Gen 7:1 And יהוה' said to Noah, **“Come into the ark, you and all your household, because I have seen that you are righteous before Me in this generation.**

- ❖ **Gen 7:2** “Of all the clean beasts take with you seven pairs, a male and his female; and of the beasts that are unclean two, a male and his female;
- ❖ **Gen 7:3** and of birds of the heavens seven pairs, male and female, to keep offspring alive on the face of all the earth.
- ❖ **Gen 7:4** “For after seven more days **I am sending rain on the earth, forty days and forty nights**, and shall wipe from the face of the earth all that stand that I created.”

Gen 7:5 And Noah did according to all that יהוה' commanded him.

Gen 7:6 **Now Noah was six hundred years old when the flood-waters were on the earth.**

Gen 7:7 **And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark because of the waters of the flood.**

Gen 7:8 Of the clean beasts and of the beasts that are unclean, and of birds, and of all that creep on the earth,

Gen 7:9 two by two they went into the ark to Noah, male and female, as Elohim had commanded Noah.

Gen 7:10 And it came to be after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the earth.

Gen 7:11 In the **six hundredth year of Noah's life**, in the second new *moon*,^a the seventeenth day of the *moon*,^a on that day **all the fountains of the great deep were broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened.** Footnote: ^aMonth.

Gen 7:12 **And the rain was on the earth forty days and forty nights.**

Gen 7:13 On that same day Noah and Shēm and Ḥam and Yapheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them, went into the ark,

Gen 7:14 they and every *life* form after its kind, and every beast after its kind, and every creeping *creature* that creeps on the earth after its kind, and every bird after its kind, every bird of every sort.

Gen 7:15 And they went into the ark to Noah, two by two, of all flesh in which is the breath of life.

Gen 7:16 And those going in, male and female of all flesh, went in as Elohim had

commanded him, and **יהוה shut him in.**

YHWH is the One that opens doors and closes doors. We are to be wise and watch and wait for Him.

Mat 25:10 “And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and **the door was shut.**”

Mat 25:11 “And later the other maidens also came, saying, ‘**Master, Master, open up for us!**’

Mat 25:12 “But he answering, said, ‘**Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.**’

Mat 25:13 “Watch therefore, because you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Adam is coming,

Gen 7:17 And the **flood was on the earth forty days,** and the waters increased and lifted up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

Gen 7:18 And the waters were mighty and greatly increased on the earth, and the ark moved about on the surface of the waters.

Gen 7:19 And the waters were exceedingly mighty on the earth, and all the high mountains under all the heavens were covered.

Gen 7:20 The waters became mighty, fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered.

Gen 7:21 And all flesh died – the creeping *creature* on the earth – birds and cattle and beasts and every swarming *creature* that swarms on the earth, and all mankind.

Gen 7:22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, all that was on the dry land, died.

Gen 7:23 So He wiped off all that stand, which were on the face of the ground – both man and beast, creeping *creature* and bird of the heavens. And they were wiped off from the earth. And only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark.

Gen 7:24 **And the waters were mighty on the earth, one hundred and fifty days.**

Matthew 7

Judging Others

Mat 7:1 “Do not judge, lest you be judged.

Mat 7:2 “For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 “And why do you look at the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the plank in your own eye?”

Mat 7:4 “Or how is it that you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the splinter out of your eye,’ and see, a plank is in your own eye?”

Mat 7:5 **Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to remove the splinter out of your brother’s eye.**

Mat 7:6 “Do not give what is set-apart to the dogs, nor throw your pearls before the

pigs, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you in pieces.

We are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves. We should walk in discernment and perceive the status of others by their fruit. Do they produce fruit of righteousness or unrighteousness? This is not being judgmental; but being wise. The fruit of a person's life reflect their priorities; and reveals the one that they worship.

We all go through stages of maturity in knowing Him. We are to be patient with one another as YHWH does a work in each of our lives. Each believer is in the process of sanctification; being set-apart to Him every day.

Jud 1:22 And show compassion toward some who are doubting,

Jud 1:23 **but others save with fear, snatching them out of the fire, hating, even the garment defiled by the flesh.**^c Footnote: ^cSee also [Rom 8:5-10](#) and [Gal 5:19-21](#).

Ask, and It Will Be Given

A = Ask

S = Seek

K = Knock

We should not hesitate to 'ask' YHWH to hear our prayers; to intercede on our behalf; and on the behalf of our loved ones. His Word says, we 'have not' for we 'ask not', or we 'ask amiss.'

In our daily sanctification process, we will at times go through the refiner's fire. Those times could be described as our 'Job experiences.' We draw close to Him in the storms of life; we persevere; and we see that He will never leave us or forsake us. We can do all things through Him who strengthens us.

Isa 59:15 And **the truth is lacking**, and **whoever turns away from evil makes himself a prey.**
And הוה' saw, and it displeased Him that there was no right-ruling.

Each day we walk in His light and His truth; and we turn from evil; for that reason, we make ourselves a prey, because we stand for righteousness. The enemy doesn't throw stones at 'dead birds.' The enemy throws stone at those that are zealous for truth and righteousness; and those that are making a difference in His kingdom work.

We stand fully clothed in the armor of YHWH against the enemy. When we have done all we can do to stand; we continue to stand therefore and pray! When we pray, we are ASKING Him to stand with us and go before us!

Mat 7:7 **“Ask and it shall be given to you, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.”**

Mat 7:8 “For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.”

Mat 7:9 “Or is there a man among you who, if his son asks for bread, shall give him a stone?

Mat 7:10 “Or if he asks for a fish, shall he give him a snake?”

Mat 7:11 **“If you then, being wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Father who is in the heavens give what is good to those who ask Him!”**

The Golden Rule

Mat 7:12 “Therefore, **whatever you wish men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Torah and the Prophets.**”

YHWH has led us to His narrow path! With that, our hearts desire is to lead others to His narrow path through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh!

It is easy to go through a wide gate that leads to destruction; but it takes time, energy, risks, and love to enter through the narrow gate that leads to life; and there are few that find it.

Mat 7:13 **“Enter in through the narrow gate!** Because the **gate is wide – and the way is broad – that leads to destruction**, and there are many who enter in through it.

Mat 7:14 **“Because the gate is narrow and the way is hard pressed^a which leads to life, and there are few who find it.** Footnote: ^a*Or the way is afflicted.*

A Tree and Its Fruit

The enemy has sown tares among the wheat. Both wheat and tares look identical until harvest time. The wheat bows its head; the tare does not. You will only know the difference by their fruit.

Even with strict examination, at times it is very hard, if not impossible, to tell the difference between wheat and tares. For this reason, it will ultimately be up to YHWH to separate the sheep from the goats. We are not to be judgmental of others, but we are to be discerning. We are to be wise; yet gentle. Lives hang in the balance.

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness,

2Ti 3:17 that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work.

Mat 7:15 “But **beware of the false prophets,^b who come to you in sheep’s clothing**, but inwardly they are **savage wolves**. Footnote: ^bSee also [Mat 7:23](#).

Mat 7:16 “**By their fruits you shall know them**. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

Mat 7:17 “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit.

Mat 7:18 “A good tree is unable to yield wicked fruit, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit.

Mat 7:19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 “So then, by their fruits you shall know them –

I Never Knew You

We all may be fooled at times **by wolves in ‘sheep’s clothing’** but **YHWH is never fooled**. He knows who the tares are and will say, ‘Depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’

Mat 7:21 “**Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens.**

Mat 7:22 “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’

Mat 7:23 “**And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!’^c Psa 6:8.** Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 7:15](#), and also [Mat 13:41-42](#).

Build Your House on the Rock

Any foundation other than building on the Rock of Yahusha HaMashiach is sinking sand. It may look pretty; it may sound nice; it may have a ‘peaceful’ façade; but it will NOT STAND; it will crack and cave.

Why do we share and read devotionals? Why do we study His Word? Why do we intercede for others that are still lost? Why are we willing to make ourselves vulnerable as prey to the enemy? Because of the zealous love we have for YHWH! Because we care! But most importantly we know YHWH’s desire is that none perish.

For YHWH So Loved the World

[Joh 3:16](#) “**For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.**

[Joh 3:17](#) “**For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.**

Joh 3:18 “He who believes in Him is not judged, but he who does not believe is judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only brought-forth Son of Elohim.

Joh 3:19 “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked.

Joh 3:20 “For everyone who is practicing evil *matters* hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Joh 3:21 “But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his works are clearly seen, that they have been wrought in Elohim.”

Mat 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does them, shall be like a wise man **who built his house on the rock,**

Mat 7:25 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and **it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.**

Mat 7:26 “And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them,^d shall be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand, Footnote: ^dSee [Mat 7:15](#), and also [Mat 13:41-42](#).

Mat 7:27 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat on that house, and it fell, **and great was its fall.”**

The Authority of Yahusha

Mat 7:28 And it came to be, when יהושע had ended these words, that **the people were astonished at His teaching,**

Mat 7:29 for **He was teaching them as one possessing authority, and not as the scribes.**

Pray that many are astonished at His teaching! Ask and it will be given to you; Seek and you shall find; Knock and the Door will be opened!

Ezra 7

Ezra Sent to Teach the People

Ezr 7:1 And after these events, in the reign of Artahshashta sovereign of Persia, Ezra son of Serayah, son of Azaryah, son of Hīlqiyah,

Ezr 7:2 son of Shallum, son of Tsadoq, son of Ahitub,

Ezr 7:3 son of Amaryah, son of Azaryah, son of Merayoth,

Ezr 7:4 son of Zerahyah, son of Uzzi, son of Buqqi,

Ezr 7:5 son of Aḇishua, son of Phinehas, son of El'azar, son of Aharon the chief priest

Ezr 7:6 this **Ezra came up from Babel. And he was a scribe, skilled in the Torah of Mosheh, which יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el had given. And the sovereign gave him all he asked, according to the hand of יהוה his Elohim upon him.**

Ezr 7:7 And some of the children of Yisra'el, and the priests, and the Lēwites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up to Yerushalayim in the

seventh year of Sovereign Artahshashta.

Ezr 7:8 And he came to Yerushalayim in **the fifth new moon, which was in the seventh year of the sovereign.**

Ezr 7:9 For on the first *day* of the first new *moon* he began to go up from Babel, and on the first day of the fifth new *moon* he came to Yerushalayim, according to the good hand of his Elohim upon him.

Ezr 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Torah of יהוה, and to do it, and to teach laws and right-rulings in Yisra'el.

Ezra was a scribe skilled in the Law of Moses or the 'Book of the Law.' This was the historical era in which they lived, and Ezra knew that the people, having been exiled for 70 years in Babylon, needed to be taught the 'Book of the Law'. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was resuming their duties in implementing the Book of the Law, the 'tutor' or 'schoolmaster,' according to the parameters set down by YHWH. They would continue to function under the Book of the Law, UNTIL Yahusha would come.

Measures of reinstating the Book of the Law today, would be incorrect. Why? Because today we are under Covenant Torah and are saved by grace through faith. Our High Priest Yahusha, is after the priestly order of Melchizedek [Psalm 110:4] and He is from the tribe of Judah. One cannot put 'new wine' in 'old wine skins.' This does not mean we do away with any of YHWH's Word, for all is profitable; but we must rightly apply His Word.

Throughout biblical history, people were responsible to be obedient to the reigning priesthood and the associated law they were born under. For instance, Yahusha was born under the Law of Moses, the Book of the Law, and was obedient to same. However, He was also in the process of transferring the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position.

With that, Yahusha was teaching the people about the impending change in priesthood and change in law. One must change and adapt or get off course and suffer the consequences. We must rightly divide His Word and take into consideration the associated historical time period. Otherwise, a people group may feel entitled to continue a process that is done away with and refuse to change. Thereby, rejecting the path that leads to righteousness and choosing the path that leads to destruction.

Yahusha Compared to Melchizedek

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitsedeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,^b of necessity there takes place a change of law also. Footnote: ^bFrom Malkitsedeq to Aharon.

Heb 7:13 For He of whom this is said belongs to another tribe, from which no one had attended at the slaughter-place.^c Footnote: ^cSee “Altar” in the Explanatory Notes.

Heb 7:14 For it is perfectly clear that our Master arose from Yehudāh, a tribe about which Mosheh never spoke of concerning priesthood,

Heb 7:15 and this is clearer still, if another priest arises in the likeness of Malkitsedeq,

Heb 7:16 who has become, not according to the torah of fleshly command, but according to the power of an endless life,

Heb 7:17 for He does witness, “**You are a priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq.**” [Psa 110:4](#).

Ezr 7:11 And this is the copy of the letter that Sovereign Artahshashta gave Ezra the priest, the scribe, a scribe in the words of the commands of יהוה, and of His laws to Yisra’ël:

Artaxerxes’ Decree

Ezr 7:12 Artahshashta [Artaxerxes], sovereign of sovereigns, **to Ezra the priest, a perfect scribe of the law of the Elah of heaven.** And now,

- ❖ **Ezr 7:13** I make a decree that all those of the people of Yisra’ël and the priests and Lēwites in my reign, who volunteer to go up to Yerushalayim, go with you.
- ❖ **Ezr 7:14** Since you are being sent by the sovereign and his seven counsellors to inquire about Yehudāh and Yerushalayim, with regard to the law of your Elah which is in your hand;
 - **Ezr 7:15** and to bring the silver and gold which the sovereign and his counsellors have voluntarily given to the Elah of Yisra’ël, whose dwelling is in Yerushalayim,
 - **Ezr 7:16** and all the silver and gold that you find in all the province of Babel, along with the gift of the people and the priests, voluntarily given for the House of their Elah in Yerushalayim,
 - **Ezr 7:17** therefore, with this silver promptly buy bulls, rams, lambs, with their grain offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them on the slaughter-place of the House of your Elah in Yerushalayim.
 - **Ezr 7:18** And whatever seems good to you and your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do it according to the desire of your Elah.
- ❖ **Ezr 7:19** And the utensils that are given to you for the service of the House of your Elah, put back before the Elah of Yerushalayim.
- ❖ **Ezr 7:20** And the rest of the needs for the House of your Elah, which falls to you to give, give from the sovereign’s treasure-house.
- ❖ **Ezr 7:21** And I, I Artahshashta the sovereign, do make a decree to all the treasurers who are beyond the River, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of

- the law of the Elah of heaven, does ask of you, let it be done promptly,
- [Ezr 7:22](#) up to one hundred talents of silver, and up to one hundred kors of wheat, and up to one hundred baths of wine, and up to one hundred baths of oil, and salt without reckoning.
 - ❖ [Ezr 7:23](#) Whatever is commanded by the Elah of heaven, let it be diligently done for the House of the Elah of heaven. For why should there be wrath against the reign of the sovereign and his sons?
 - ❖ [Ezr 7:24](#) We further inform you that there is no authority to impose tax, excise, or toll on any of the priests and Lēwites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, and servants of this House of Elah.
 - ❖ [Ezr 7:25](#) And you, Ezra, according to the wisdom of your Elah that is in your hand, appoint magistrates and judges to judge all the people who are beyond the River, all such as know the laws of your Elah. And teach those who do not know them.
 - ❖ [Ezr 7:26](#) And whoever does not do the law of your Elah and the law of the sovereign, let judgment be promptly executed on him, whether it be death, or banishment, or confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

Ezra's response and blessing:

[Ezr 7:27](#) Blessed be יהוה Elohim of our fathers, who has put this in the sovereign's heart, to embellish the House of יהוה which is in Yerushalayim,

[Ezr 7:28](#) and has extended loving-commitment to me before the sovereign and his counsellors, and before all the sovereign's mighty princes. So I was strengthened, as the hand of יהוה my Elohim was upon me. And I gathered heads from Yisra'ël to go up with me.

Acts 7

In Acts 7, Stephen [proclaims the perfect Melchizedek Covenant Confirming Gospel message](#). He starts at the beginning with YHWH's Promise given to Abraham. This chapter is much more than a 'speech', so take your time and hear the message beautifully articulated. These would be some of Stephen's last words and how glorious they are! Stephen is the first martyr to give His life for sharing the message of Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Stephen Testifies

Act 7:1 And the high priest said, "Is this so?"

Act 7:2 [And he replied](#), "Men, brothers and fathers, listen: [The Elohim of esteem appeared to our father Abraham](#) when he was in Aram Naharayim, before he dwelt in Haran,

Act 7:3 and said to him, 'Come out of your land and from your relatives, and come here, into a land that I shall show you.' [Gen 12:1](#).

YHWH gives Abraham His Unconditional Promise: Gen. 12:1 – 7.

Act 7:4 “Then he came out of the land of the Kasdim and dwelt in Haran. And from there, after the death of his father, He removed him to this land in which you now dwell.

Act 7:5 “And He gave him no inheritance in it, **not a foot of it.** Deu 2:5 **But He promised to give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him,** a Gen 12:7, Gen 17:8 when as yet he had no child. Footnote: ^aAlso see Gen 13:15, Gen 15:4, Gen 15:7, Gen 15:18-21, Gen 24:7, Gen 48:4.

Abraham requests a guarantee. YHWH gives Abraham a ‘guarantee’ to His promise; which attaches a death penalty ‘conditional arm.’ The guarantee was signified by the flaying of the animals in Gen. 15. Now, if the covenant was broken; someone would have to die. We now know Yahusha would choose to lay down His life for His people and take it back up again.

Act 7:6 “And Elohim spoke in this way: that **his seed would be sojourning in a foreign land, and that they would be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.** Gen 15:13.

Act 7:7 ‘**And the nation to whom they shall be enslaved, I shall judge,**’ Gen 15:13 said Elohim, ‘**and after that they shall come out and serve Me in this place.**’ Gen 15:14, Exo 3:12.

YHWH gives Abraham the covenant of circumcision. The covenant seed would ‘pass through’ the flayed flesh of Abraham’s circumcision and be conceived in Sarah and she would bear Isaac. Abraham at age 99 and Ishmael at 13 were circumcised on the same day; therefore, the seed that formed Ishmael did not pass through Abram’s circumcised flesh, nor was his mother Sarah.

Act 7:8 “And He gave him **the covenant of circumcision.** And so he brought forth Yitshaq and circumcised him on the eighth day. And Yitshaq *brought forth* Ya’aqob, and Ya’aqob *brought forth* the twelve ancestors.

The following Scriptures relate to the covenant of circumcision.

Gen 17:10 “This is My covenant which you guard between Me and you, and your seed after you: **Every male child among you is to be circumcised.**

Gen 17:19 And Elohim said, “No, **Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you,** and you shall call his **name Yitshaq.** And **I shall establish My covenant with him** for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. Gen 17:25 And Yishma’el his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in

the flesh of his foreskin. Gen 17:26 Abraham and his son Yishma'el were circumcised that same day.

Stephen tells of the jealousy toward Joseph by his brothers for having the favor of his father Jacob [Israel]. Though Joseph is sold into Egypt, YHWH works everything out for good to preserve the covenant seed of righteousness from the deadly 7-year drought.

Act 7:9 “And the ancestors, **becoming jealous, sold Yosēph into Mitsrayim. But Elohim was with him,** [Gen 37:11](#), [Gen 37:28](#), [Gen 39:2](#), [Gen 39:21](#).

Act 7:10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and **gave him favour** [Gen 39:21](#) and wisdom **before Pharaoh, sovereign of Mitsrayim. And he appointed him governor over Mitsrayim and all his house.** [Gen 41:37-46](#).

Act 7:11 “**Then a scarcity of food and great distress came over all the land of Mitsrayim and Kena'an,** [Gen 41:54](#), [Gen 42:5](#) and our fathers found no food.

Act 7:12 “But **Ya'aqob heard that there was grain in Mitsrayim,** [Gen 42:2](#) and he sent out our fathers the first time,

Act 7:13 and at the second time **Yosēph was made known to his brothers,** and Yosēph's race became known to the Pharaoh.

Act 7:14 “**And Yosēph sent and called his father Ya'aqob and all his relatives to him, seventy-five people.**

Act 7:15 “And **Ya'aqob went down to Mitsrayim, and died,** he and our fathers, [Gen 46:5](#); [Gen 49:33](#), [Exo 1:6](#).

Act 7:16 and they were brought **over to Shekem** and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price of silver from the sons of Hamor, *the father* of Shekem.

Egyptian Slavery

Act 7:17 “**But as the time of the promise drew near which Elohim had sworn to Abraham, the people increased and multiplied in Mitsrayim**

Act 7:18 until **another sovereign arose who did not know Yosēph.** [Exo 1:8](#).

Act 7:19 “Having dealt treacherously with our race, this one mistreated our fathers, making them expose their babies, so that they should not live.

Birth of Moses

Act 7:20 “At that time Mosheh was born, and he was well-pleasing to Elohim. And he was reared three months in the house of his father.

Act 7:21 “But when he was exposed, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and reared him as her own son.

Act 7:22 “And **Mosheh was instructed in all the wisdom of the Mitsrites, and was mighty in words and works.**

Act 7:23 “And when he was **forty years old,** it came into his heart to visit his brothers, the

children of Yisra'ël.

Act 7:24 “And seeing one of them being wronged, he defended and revenged him who was oppressed, smiting the Mitsrian.

Act 7:25 “And he thought that his brothers would have understood that Elohim would give deliverance to them by his hand, but they did not understand.

Act 7:26 “And the next day he appeared to two of them as they were fighting, and urged them to peace, saying, ‘Men, you are brothers, why do you wrong one another?’

Act 7:27 “But he who was wronging his neighbour pushed him away, saying, **‘Who made you a ruler and a judge over us?’**

Act 7:28 **‘Do you wish to kill me as you killed the Mitsrian yesterday?’** [Exo 2:14](#).

Moses flees to Midyan

Act 7:29 “And at this saying, **Mosheh fled and became a sojourner in the land of Midyan**, [Exo 2:15](#) where he fathered two sons.

YHWH appears to Moses at the burning bush:

Act 7:30 “And after forty years were completed, a **Messenger of יהוה** appeared to him in a **flame of fire in a bush**, [Exo 3:2](#) in the wilderness of Mount Sinai.

Act 7:31 “And Mosheh, seeing it, marveled at the sight, and coming near to look, the voice of יהוה came to him,

Act 7:32 saying, **‘I am the Elohim of your fathers, the Elohim of Abraham and the Elohim of Yitshaq and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob.’ And Mosheh trembled and did not have the courage to look.**

Act 7:33 **‘But יהוה said to him, “Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is set-apart ground.**

Act 7:34 **“I have certainly seen the evil treatment of my people who are in Mitsrayim, and I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, let Me send you to Mitsrayim.”**’ [Exo 3:6-10](#).

Act 7:35 **“This Mosheh** whom they had refused, saying, **‘Who made you a ruler and a judge?’** [Exo 2:14](#) – this one Elohim sent to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the Messenger who appeared to him in the bush.

Act 7:36 **“This one led them out,** after he had done wonders and signs in the land of Mitsrayim, and in the Red Sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Moses is raised up to lead the people out of Egypt. Notice the 40/40/40 cycle of Moses. Forty years in Egypt; 40 years in Midyan; 40 years in the wilderness.

The Book of the Covenant, the marriage Ketubah, at Mt. Sinai is given to the people. They accept His proposal; the covenant is blood ratified; they partake in the covenant confirming meal; then 40 days later, they are disobedient by sinning with the golden calf and breaking the covenant.

Act 7:37 “This is the Mosheh who said to the children of Yisra’ël, ‘יהוה **your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear.**’ [Deu 18:15](#).

Act 7:38 “This is he who was in the assembly in the wilderness with the Messenger who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers, **who received the living Words to give to us,**

Act 7:39 unto whom our fathers would not become obedient, but thrust away, and in their hearts they turned back to Mitsrayim,

Aaron makes the golden calf as the people requested.

Act 7:40 saying to **Aharon**, ‘**Make us mighty ones to go before us, for this Mosheh who led us out of the land of Mitsrayim, we do not know what has become of him.**’ [Exo 32:1](#), [Exo 32:23](#).

Act 7:41 “And they made a calf in those days, and brought an offering to the idol, and were rejoicing in the works of their own hands.

Act 7:42 “**So Elohim turned and gave them up to worship the host of the heaven,^b** as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, ‘**Did you bring slaughtered beasts and offerings unto Me during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Yisra’ël? Footnote: ^b** [Deu 4:19](#), [Deu 17:3](#), [2Ki 23:5](#).

Act 7:43 ‘**And you took up the tent of Molek, and the star of your mighty one Kiyyun, images which you made to bow before them. Therefore I shall remove you beyond Babel.**’ [Amo 5:25-27](#).

Implementation of the Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood: Moses and Joshua were up on the mount and were the only two that were not present with the sin of the golden calf. Moses was still under the Melchizedek Priesthood along with Joshua.

Just 40 days prior, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu were participating in the Melchizedek Covenant confirming meal in Exodus. 24:9-11. They saw the Elohim of Israel and were not harmed. Now things would be different and much more complicated. The Book of the Law would serve as their tutor and as a witness against them; until Yahusha would come.

Act 7:44 “The **Tent of Witness** was with our fathers in the wilderness, as He appointed, instructing Mosheh to make it according to the pattern that he had seen,

Act 7:45 which our fathers, having received it in turn, also brought with Yehoshua into the land

possessed by the nations, whom Elohim drove out before the face of our fathers until the days of Dawid,

David found favor before Elohim, but Solomon would build the House of Elohim; the temple.

Act 7:46 who found favour before Elohim and asked to find a dwelling for the Elohim of Ya'aqob,

Act 7:47 but Shelomoh built Him a house.

YHWH doesn't dwell in dwellings made with hands. Now, for those that receive Yahusha by faith, His Ruach HaKodesh dwells in them; we are the temple; the living stones being made into the 'one new man' with Yahusha HaMashiach as the head.

Act 7:48 “However, **the Most High does not dwell in dwellings made with hands,**^c as the prophet says: Footnote: ^cSee also [Act 17:24](#).

Act 7:49 ‘**The heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool. What house shall you build for Me? says יהוה, or what is the place of My rest?**

Act 7:50 ‘**Has My hand not made all these?**’ [Isa 66:1-2](#).

Act 7:51 “**You stiff-necked** [Exo 32:9](#), [Exo 33:3](#), [Exo 33:5](#) and **uncircumcised in heart and ears!** [Lev 26:41](#), [Jer 6:10](#) **You always resist the Set-apart Spirit, as your fathers did, you also do.**

Act 7:52 “Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And **they killed those who before announced the coming of the Righteous One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers,**

Act 7:53 **who received the Torah as it was ordained by messengers, but did not watch over^d it.”**

Footnote: ^dSee [Mat 5:20](#).

The Stoning of Stephen: The council's response shows the manifestation of the Anti-messiah spirit of influence they were under. Something is terribly wrong when people start gnashing their teeth like a wild animal.

Act 7:54 And hearing this they were **cut to the hearts and gnashed the teeth at him.**

Act 7:55 **But he, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit,** looked steadily into the heaven and saw the esteem of Elohim, and **יהושע standing at the right hand of Elohim,**

Act 7:56 and he said, “**Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Adam standing at the right hand of Elohim!**” [Psa 110:1](#).

Act 7:57 And **crying out with a loud voice, they stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one mind,**

Now we see the presence of Paul [Shaul] at Stephen's stoning. Later, Paul would receive Yahusha and would divinely become YHWH's chosen vessel. It is believed that Paul never really got over approving of the stoning of Stephen. But praise Yah that YHWH used all these things for good in spreading the Good News.

Act 7:58 and **threw him out of the city and stoned him.** And **the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Sha'ul.**

Act 7:59 And they were stoning Stephanos as he was calling and saying, "Master יהושע, receive my spirit."

Act 7:60 And kneeling down he cried out with a loud voice, "Master, do not hold this sin against them." And having said this, he fell asleep.

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