

Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 1; 2Thes. 1; Daniel 5; Psalm 110 & 111.

October 20 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Kings 1

Background: Ahaziah Reigns in Israel

1Ki 22:51 **Ahazyahu son of Ahab began to reign over Yisra'el in Shomeron in the seventeenth year of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah, and reigned two years over Yisra'el,**

1Ki 22:52 **and did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'el sin,

1Ki 22:53 and served Ba'al and bowed himself to it, and provoked יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, according to all that his father had done.

Elijah Denounces Ahaziah

2Ki 1:1 **And Mo'ab revolted against Yisra'el after the death of Ahab.**

2Ki 1:2 **And Ahazyah fell through the lattice of his upper room in Shomeron, and was injured, and sent messengers and said to them, "Go, inquire of Ba'al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron, if I shall recover from this injury."**

YHWH sends a reply to Ahazyah through Elijah.

2Ki 1:3 **But a messenger of יהוה spoke to Ēliyah the Tishbite,**

- "Rise up, go up to meet the messengers of the sovereign of Shomeron,
- and say to them, 'Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisra'el that you are going to inquire of Ba'al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron?'

2Ki 1:4 **"So therefore, thus said יהוה,**

- 'You are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.' " And Ēliyah went.

2Ki 1:5 **And the messengers returned to him, and he said to them, "Why have you come back?"**

2Ki 1:6 And they said to him, “A man came up to meet us, and said to us, ‘

✚ Go, return to the sovereign who sent you, and say to him, “Thus said יהוה, ‘Is it because there is no Elohim in Yisra’el that you are sending to inquire of Ba’al-Zebub, the mighty one of Eqron? Therefore you are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.’ ” ’ ”

2Ki 1:7 And he said to them, “What was the man like who came up to meet you and spoke to you these words?”

2Ki 1:8 And they answered him, “He was a hairy man, and wore a leather girdle around his waist.” And he said, “It is **Ēliyahu the Tishbite.**”

2Ki 1:9 He then sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty men. And he went up to him, and see, he was sitting on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, “**Man of Elohim, the sovereign has said, ‘Come down!’** ”

The captain and the fifty are consumed by fire from the heavens.

2Ki 1:10 **And Ēliyahu answered and said to the captain of fifty,** “And if I am a man of Elohim, let fire come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty men.” And fire came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

The 2nd captain and his fifty are consumed by fire from the heavens.

2Ki 1:11 He then sent another captain of fifty with his fifty men to him. And he answered and said to him, “Man of Elohim, this is what the sovereign said, ‘**Come down at once!**’ ”

2Ki 1:12 And Ēliyahu answered and said to them, “If I am a man of Elohim, let fire come down from the heavens and consume you and your fifty men.” And a fire of Elohim came down from the heavens and consumed him and his fifty.

The 3rd captain of fifty takes a different approach.

2Ki 1:13 And again he sent a third captain of fifty with his fifty men. And **the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Ēliyahu, and pleaded with him, and said to him,** “Man of Elohim, please let my life and the life of these fifty servants of yours be precious in your eyes.

2Ki 1:14 “See, fire has come down from the heavens and burned up the first two captains of fifties with their fifties. But let my life be precious in your eyes.”

2Ki 1:15 **And the Messenger of יהוה said to Ēliyahu,**

✚ “Go down with him;

- ✚ do not be afraid of him.”
- ✚ So he rose up and went down with him to the sovereign,
- ✚ **2Ki 1:16** and spoke to him, “Thus said יהוה,
 - ‘Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Ba’al-Zeḇuḇ, the mighty one of Eqron, is it because there is no Elohim in Yisra’el to inquire of His word?
 - Therefore **you are not going to get out of the bed to which you have gone up, for you shall certainly die.’ ”**

2Ki 1:17 **And he died, according to the word of יהוה which Ĕliyahu had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his place, in the second year of Jehoram son of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudaḥ, for he had no son.**

2Ki 1:18 And the rest of the acts of Aḥazyahu which he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra’el?

Adam Clarke’s explanation to 2Kings 1:17

And Jehoram reigned in his stead - The Vulgate, Septuagint, and Syriac say, Jehoram His Brother reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram. There were two Jehorams who were contemporary: the first, the son of Ahab, brother to Ahaziah, and his successor in the kingdom of Israel; the second, the son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, who succeeded his father in Judah. But there is a difficulty here: “How is it that Jehoram the brother of Ahaziah began to reign in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat, seeing that, according to 2Ki 3:1, he began his reign in the eighteenth year of the reign of Jehoshaphat; and, according to 2Ki 8:16, Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat began to reign in the fifth year of Jehoram king of Israel?” Calmet and others answer thus: “Jehoram king of Israel began to reign in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, which was the second year after this same Jehoshaphat had given the viceroyalty to his son Jehoram; and afterwards Jehoshaphat communicated the royalty to Jehoram his successor, two years before his death, and the fifth year of Jehoram, king of Israel.” Dr. Lightfoot takes another method: -

“Observe,” says he, “these texts, 1Ki 22:51 : Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years; and 2Ki 1:17 : And Ahaziah died according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken, and Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; and 2Ki 3:1 : Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah. By these scriptures it is most plain, that both Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, and Ahaziah the son of Ahab, began to reign in the seventeenth of Jehoshaphat; for who sees not in these texts that Jehoshaphat’s eighteenth, when Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign, is called the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat? Now Jehoshaphat’s reign was not yet expired by eight or nine years, for this was in his seventeenth year, and he reigned twenty-five years, 1Ki 22:42; nor was Ahab’s reign expired by two or three years, for this was in his twentieth year, and he reigned twenty-two years. 1Ki 16:29. But the reason why both their sons came thus into their thrones in their lifetime, and both in the same year, was because their fathers, Jehoshaphat and Ahab, were both engaged in the war against the Syrians about Ramoth-gilead: and while they were providing for it, and carrying it on, they made their sons viceroys, and set them to reign in their stead, while they were absent or employed upon that expedition.”

This is very probable, and seems well supported by the above texts, and would solve all the difficulties with which many have been puzzled and not a few stumbled, had we sufficient evidence for the viceroyalty here mentioned.

2Thes. 1

Despite persecutions, the Thessalonians were thriving in their faith and setting a beautiful example among the assemblies. Paul, Silas, and Timothy rejoiced with them and prayed for them. In Paul's first letter, he clears up confusion about their excessive grief over loved ones that had died. He explained to them the resurrection.

1Th 4:16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master.

1Th 4:18 So, then, encourage one another with these words.

Now in 2 Thessalonians, based on misunderstandings about the end-of-days or possibly by some among them twisting Paul's words in the first letter; Paul speedily writes a second letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul goes on to encourage the Thessalonians to persevere despite afflictions, knowing that YHWH will repay their oppressors. The enemy is a liar; and he does his best to confuse the spoken and written Word of YHWH. Therefore, we should stay close to our Good Shepherd and stand fast and pray that we are found worthy of our calling before Elohim. It should be our highest desire that our lives would reflect the esteem of YHWH and His Son.

Greeting

2Th 1:1 Sha'ul, and Silas, and Timotiyos, to the assembly of the Thessalonians in Elohim our Father and the Master **יהושע** Messiah:

2Th 1:2 Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master **יהושע** Messiah.

Thanksgiving

2Th 1:3 We ought to give thanks to Elohim always for you, brothers, as it is proper, because your belief grows exceedingly, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing,

2Th 1:4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the assemblies of Elohim for your endurance and belief in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are bearing,

The Judgment at Yahusha's Coming

2Th 1:5 clear evidence of the righteous judgment of Elohim, in order for you to be counted worthy of the reign of Elohim, for which you also suffer,

2Th 1:6 since Elohim shall rightly repay with affliction those who afflict you,

2Th 1:7 and to give you who are afflicted rest with us when the Master **יהושע** is revealed from heaven with His mighty messengers,

2Th 1:8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know Elohim, and on those who do not obey the Good News of our Master יהושע Messiah,

2Th 1:9 who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Master and from the esteem of His strength,

2Th 1:10 when He comes to be esteemed in His set-apart ones and to be admired among all those who believe in that Day, because our witness to you was believed.

2Th 1:11 To this end we always pray for you that our Elohim would count you worthy of this calling, and complete all the good pleasure of goodness, and the work of belief with power,

2Th 1:12 so that the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah is esteemed in you, and you in Him, according to the favor of our Elohim and the Master יהושע Messiah.

Daniel 5

The Handwriting on the Wall

Dan 5:1 Bēlshatstsar the sovereign made a great feast for a thousand of his great men, and drank wine in the presence of the thousand.

Dan 5:2 While tasting the wine, Bēlshatstsar gave orders to bring the gold and silver vessels which his father Nebukadnetstsar had taken from the Hēkal which had been in Yerushalayim, that the sovereign and his great men, his wives, and his concubines could drink from them.

- ✚ **Dan 5:3** Then they brought the gold vessels that had been taken from the Hēkal of the House of Elah which had been in Yerushalayim. And the sovereign and his great men, his wives, and his concubines drank out of them.
- ✚ **Dan 5:4** They drank wine, and praised the elahin of gold, and of silver, of bronze, of iron, of wood and of stone.
- ✚ **Dan 5:5** At that moment the fingers of a man's hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the sovereign's palace. And the sovereign saw the part of the hand that wrote.

Alarm and fear grips Bēlshatstsar and even more so when 'his' wisemen are not able to interpret the writing on the wall.

Dan 5:6 Then the sovereign's color changed, and his thoughts alarmed him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other.

Dan 5:7 The sovereign called loudly to bring in the astrologers, the Kasdim, and the diviners. The sovereign spoke and said to the wise ones of Babel, "Whoever reads this writing, and shows me its interpretation, is robed in purple and has a chain of gold around his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the reign."

Dan 5:8 So all the sovereign's wise ones came, but they were unable to read the writing, or to make known its interpretation to the sovereign.

Dan 5:9 Then Sovereign Bēlshatstsar was greatly alarmed, and his color changed, and

his great men were puzzled.

Dan 5:10 The sovereignty, because of the words of the sovereign and his great men, came to the banquet hall. And the sovereignty spoke and said, "O sovereign, live forever! Do not let your thoughts alarm you, nor let your color change.

Dan 5:11 "There is a man in your reign in whom is the Spirit of the Set-apart Elahin. And in the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the elahin, were found in him. And Sovereign Neḅuḱadnetstsar your father, your father the sovereign, made him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Kasdim, and diviners,

Dan 5:12 because an excellent spirit, knowledge and understanding, interpreting dreams, and explaining riddles, and solving difficult problems were found in this Dani'ël, whom the sovereign named Bēlteshatstsar. **Now let Dani'ël be called, and let him show the interpretation.**"

Daniel Interprets the Handwriting

Dan 5:13 So Dani'ël was brought in before the sovereign. The sovereign spoke and said to Dani'ël, "Are you that Dani'ël who is one of the sons of the exile from Yehudāh, whom my father the sovereign brought from Yehudāh?"

Dan 5:14 "I have heard of you, that the Spirit of Elahin is in you, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you.

Dan 5:15 "And the wise ones, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, but they were unable to show the interpretation of the word.

Dan 5:16 "And I myself have heard of you, that you are able to give interpretations and to solve difficult problems. Now if you are able to read the writing and make known its interpretation to me, you are to be robed in purple and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the reign."

Dan 5:17 Then Dani'ël answered and said before the sovereign, "Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I shall read the writing to the sovereign, and make known the interpretation to him.

- ✚ **Dan 5:18** "O sovereign, the Most High Elah gave Neḅuḱadnetstsar your father a reign and greatness, and preciousness and esteem.
- ✚ **Dan 5:19** "And because of the greatness which He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished he killed, and whomever he wished he kept alive, and whomever he wished he raised up, and whomever he wished he made low.
- ✚ **Dan 5:20** "But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was so strong as to act proudly, he was put down from his throne of reign, and they took his preciousness from him.
- ✚ **Dan 5:21** "Then he was driven from the sons of men, and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. He was given grass to eat like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, till he knew that the Most High Elah is ruler in the reign of men, and He sets up over it whomever He wishes.
- ✚ **Dan 5:22** "And you his son, Bēlshatstsar, have not humbled your heart, although

you knew all this.

- ✚ Dan 5:23 “And you have lifted yourself up against the Master of the heavens. And they brought before you the vessels of His house, and you and your great men, your wives and your concubines, have been drinking wine from them. And you have praised the elahin of silver, and of gold, of bronze, of iron, of wood, and of stone, which neither see nor hear nor know. **But the Elah who holds your breath in His hand and owns all your ways, you have not made great.**
- ✚ Dan 5:24 “Then the part of the hand was sent from Him, and this writing was inscribed.
- ✚ Dan 5:25 “And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENĚ, MENĚ, TEQĚĹ, UPHARSIN.



Dan 5:26 **This is the interpretation of each word:**

- ❖ MENĚ – Elah has numbered your reign, and put an end to it.
- ❖ Dan 5:27 “TEQĚĹ – You have been weighed on the scales, and found lacking.
- ❖ Dan 5:28 “PERES – Your reign has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.”

Dan 5:29 Then Bēlshatstsar gave orders, and they robed Dani’ēl in purple and put a chain of gold around his neck, and they proclaimed concerning him **that he is the third ruler in the reign.**

Dan 5:30 **In that night Bēlshatstsar, sovereign of the Kasdim, was killed-.**

Dan 5:31 **And Dareyawesh the Mede took over the reign, being about sixty-two years old.**

Psalm 110 & 111

“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Sit at My Right Hand

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 splendors 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.

Psa 110:6 He judges among the nations, He shall fill *the nations* with dead bodies, He shall crush the Head over the mighty earth!

Psa 110:7 He drinks of the stream by the wayside, Therefore He does lift up the head!

Great Are YHWH's Works

Psa 111:1 Aleph Praise Yah! I thank יהוה with all my heart, **Bĕt** In the company of the straight, and of the congregation.

Psa 111:2 Gimel Great are the works of יהוה, **Dalet** Searched for by all who delight in them.

Psa 111:3 Hĕ Splendor and greatness are His work, **Waw** And His righteousness stands forever.

Psa 111:4 Zayin He has made His wonders to be remembered; **Hĕt יהוה** shows favour and is compassionate.

Psa 111:5 Tet He has given food to those who fear Him; **Yod** He remembers His covenant forever.

Psa 111:6 Kaph He has shown His people the power of His works, **Lamed** To give to them the inheritance of the nations.

Psa 111:7 Mem The works of His hands are truth and right-ruling, **Nun** All His orders are trustworthy,

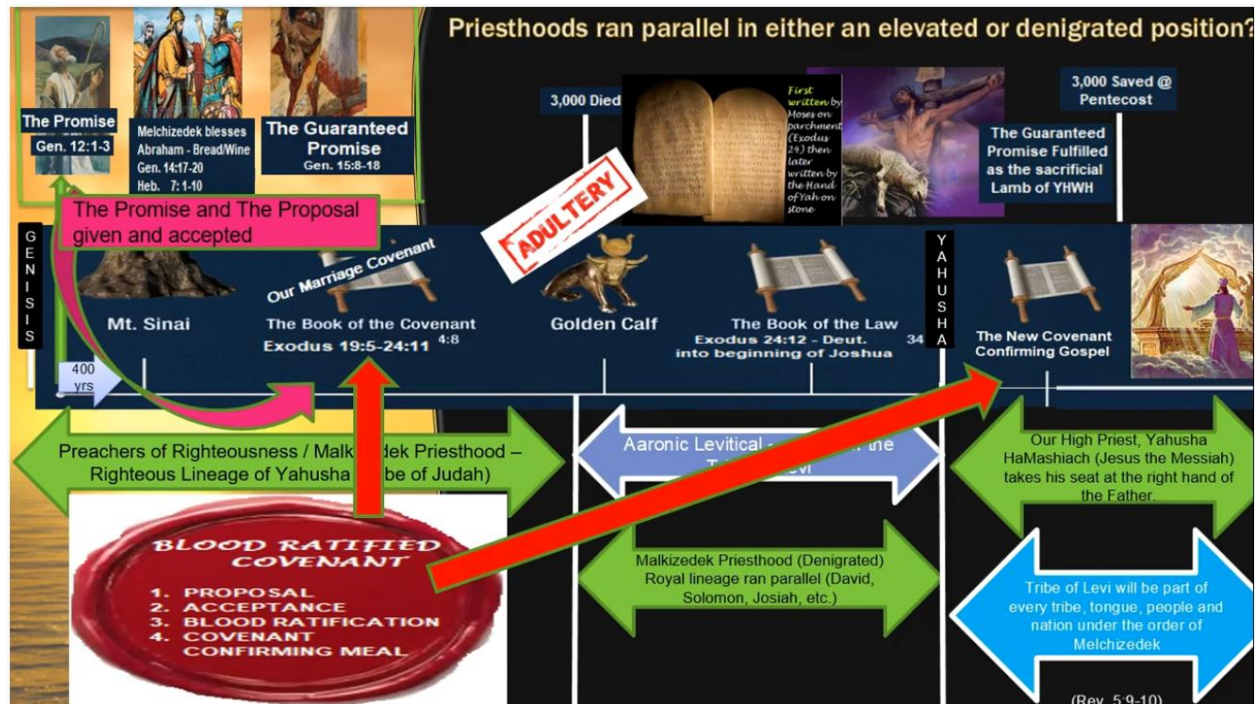
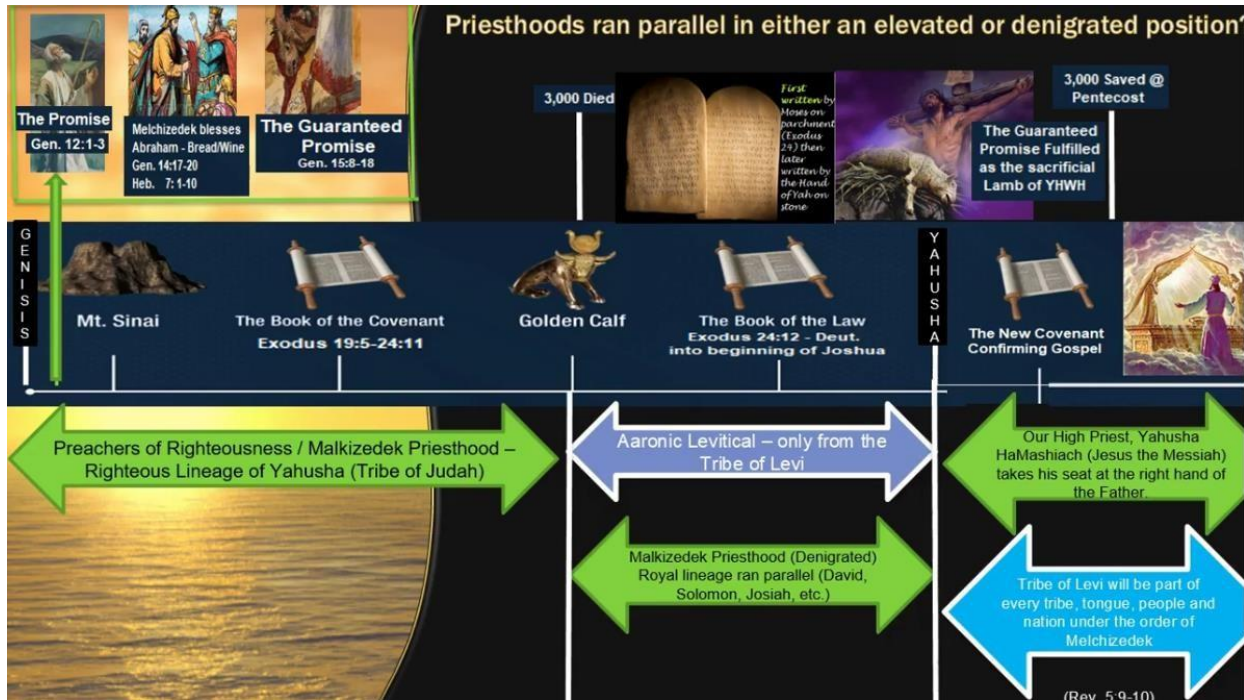
Psa 111:8 Samek They are upheld forever and ever, **Ayin** Performed in truth and straightness.

Psa 111:9 Pĕ He sent redemption to His people, **Tsadi** He has commanded His covenant forever. **Qoph** Set-apart and awesome is His Name.

Psa 111:10 Rĕsh The fear of יהוה is the beginning of wisdom, **Shin** All those doing

them have a good understanding. **Taw** His praise is standing forever.

“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”







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“You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”
~ Shalom ~ Libby

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