

Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 18; Psalm 105; Isaiah 45; Revelation 15.

June 13 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 18 Moses reminds the next generation that:

Deu 18:1 “The priests, the Lěwites, all the tribe of Lěwi, have no part nor inheritance with Yisra’ēl. They are to eat the offerings of יהוה made by fire, and His inheritance.

Deu 18:2 “But among his brothers Lěwi has no inheritance. יהוה is his inheritance, as He has spoken to him.

Deu 18:3 “And this is the priest’s right from the people, from those who slaughter a slaughtering, whether it is bull or sheep: they shall give to the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the stomach;

Deu 18:4 the first-fruits of your grain and your new wine and your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep, you give to him.

Deu 18:5 “For יהוה your Elohim has chosen him out of all your tribes to stand to serve in the Name of יהוה, him and his sons forever. [NOTE: ‘Forever’ signifies a set duration of time. Forever in this context meant, as long as the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood would be administering the tabernacle/temple system under the Book of the Law. The Melchizedek Priesthood consists of EVERY TRIBE, tongue, people, and nation – inclusive of the tribe of Levi. Those that enter into the New Covenant, ARE the Temple]

Deu 18:6 “And when the Lěwite comes from one of your gates, from where he has sojourned among all Yisra’ēl, and shall come with all the desire of his being to the place which יהוה chooses,

Deu 18:7 then he shall serve in the Name of יהוה his Elohim, like all his brothers the Lěwites, who are standing there before יהוה.

Deu 18:8 “They are to have portion for portion to eat, besides what comes from the sale of his inheritance.

The ‘rights of the Levites’ had been reviewed with the previous generation and needed to be reviewed with the present generation. **The tribe of Levi would have no land inheritance for YHWH was their inheritance.** The priests were deserving of the specified slaughterings and the first fruits. They served YHWH 24/7.

Here we see the first fruits are not only connected to the spring harvest of barley but of all grain. In addition, we see the first fruits of their grapes [new wine] and their olives [oil]; **the fall harvest.** The more we learn and understand about the ‘harvest’ cycles and ‘first fruits’; the more we will understand about the end-time harvests in Revelation.

A few things to note about **the first fruits of the olives [oil]**. This was the oil that the priest would burn in the menorah.

- This **first pressing was the purest oil** and was used **mainly for lamps, cosmetics and holy anointing.**
- It is interesting that the **Hebrew word for olive press is "Gethsemane"** and the Garden of Gethsemane at the Mount of Olives is where Jesus was in agony as He prayed. Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives and will return again a second time at the Mount of Olives where every eye will see him.
<https://www.bible-history.com/sketches/ancient/olive-press.html>
 - *"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over."* Psalms 23:5
 - *"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."* Matthew 25:1-5

The following excerpt offered insights to the 24-hour duties of the priests. I cannot verify all their resources so keep that in mind.

The Duties of the Priests

Before the break of the day, the priests on duty were ready and they assembled to cast lots to decide the assignment of the various daily tasks. It started with filling the lavers and preparing the altar. At about 9:00 am, they opened the gates and blew the silver trumpets to announce the commencement of the morning service. The service included slaying the sacrificial lamb, salting the sacrifice, trimming the lampstand, burning the incense, presenting the burnt offering and drink offering, blessing the people and blasting the silver trumpets. This was followed by the Psalm of the day, presented by the singers, accompanied by instrumental music.

Immediately after the morning service, the Israelites might bring in their private sacrifices and offerings. It would occasionally continued till near the time for the evening sacrifice, which was about 2:30 pm. The evening service was similar to the morning service. It ended at about 4:00 pm.

At night, the priests kept watch about the innermost places of the Temple, including the inner court and the Temple itself. They also opened and closed all the inner gates.

On a Sabbath day, there were the weekly renewal of the showbread and an additional burnt offering of two lambs. Before the actual Sabbath commenced, the service of the new course of priests and Levites had already begun. After the evening service, the outgoing course handed over the keys of the sanctuary, the holy vessels, and everything else they had in charge to the new course. At sunset on Friday, the Sabbath began.

[Go to www.studythecalendar.com for understanding when a day begins under 'resources' or see following link: <https://www.studythecalendar.com/2%20T4%20%20Gen%201%20-%20The%20Hebrew%20Evening%20%2034%20Slides.pdf>]

Immediately followed was the renewal of the showbread. It had been prepared by the incoming course before the Sabbath itself, in one of the side chambers of the Temple. Although the service of the incoming priests had begun, that of the outgoing had not yet completely finished.

In fact, the outgoing priests offered the morning sacrifice on the Sabbath (Saturday morning), and then the incoming course performed the evening sacrifice. Both courses spent the Sabbath in the Temple. The Sabbath service was the same as on other days, except that at the close of the morning sacrifice two additional lambs were offered, along with its appropriate meal and drink offerings ([Numbers 28:9-10](#)). When the Sabbath was over, the outgoing course left the Temple and parted from each other with a farewell.

On New Moons and other festivals, there were additional rituals to be observed according to the Law. http://www3.telus.net/public/kstam/en/temple/details/priest_service.htm

In Deut. 18:6-8, it appears to be speaking of those Levites coming of age for service in the Tabernacle. The age range for service was 25 years of age to 50. Once in service, they would be eligible to receive equal portions as well. I'm not sure about the meaning of 'sale of his inheritance' spoken of in verse 8. It may possibly be referring to possessions he had gained prior to entering Tabernacle service as the Levites dwelt in their designated cities among the tribes with their livestock.

Num 8:24 "This applies to the Lěwites: From twenty-five years old and above let him come into active service in the service of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 8:25 and at the age of fifty years they retire from active service of the service, and serve no more,

Num 8:26 but they shall attend with their brothers in the Tent of Appointment, to guard the duty, but shall do no service. Thus you shall do to the Lěwites regarding their duties."

Deut. 18:9-14 Forewarns the children of Israel not to adopt the abominable practices of the pagan nations in which they were about to enter. To this day, there is a huge following of such practices. Satan at work!

Abominable Practices

Deu 18:9 "When you come into the land which יְהוָה your Elohim is giving you, [do not learn to do according to the abominations of those nations.](#)^a Footnote: ^aSee footnote at [Deu 12:30](#).

Deu 18:10 "Let no one be found among you who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practises divination, or a user of magic, or one who interprets omens or a sorcerer,

Deu 18:11 or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

Deu 18:12 "For whoever does these is an abomination to יְהוָה, and because of these abominations יְהוָה your Elohim drives them out from before you.

Deu 18:13 "Be perfect before יְהוָה your Elohim,

Deu 18:14 for these nations whom you are possessing do listen to those using magic and to diviners. But as for you, יְהוָה your Elohim has not appointed such for you.

Deut. 18:15-22 Speaks of YHWH raising up a Prophet like Moses from the midst of their brethren. The phrase 'Like Moses' is important to understand.

A New Prophet like Moses

Deu 18:15 “**יְהוָה** your Elohim shall raise up for you a **Prophet^b** like me from your midst, from your brothers. Listen to Him, [Footnote: bSee footnote at Deu 18:18](#).

Deu 18:16 according to all you asked of **יְהוָה** your Elohim in Ḥorēb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of **יְהוָה** my Elohim, nor let me see this great fire any more, lest I die.’

Deu 18:17 “And **יְהוָה** said to me, ‘What they have spoken is good.

Deu 18:18 I shall raise up for them a **Prophet^c** like you out of the midst of their brothers. And I shall put My Words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. [Footnote: cSee also Act 3:22-26, and Act 7:37](#).

Deu 18:19 And it shall be, the man who does not listen to My Words which He speaks in My Name, I require it of him.

Deu 18:20 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My Name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other mighty ones, even that prophet shall die.’

Deu 18:21 “And when you say in your heart, ‘How do we know the word which **יְהוָה** has not spoken?’ –

Deu 18:22 when the prophet speaks in the Name of **יְהוָה** and the word is not, or comes not, that is the word which **יְהוָה** has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. Do not be afraid of him.

What priesthood was Moses part of? The Melchizedek Priesthood. Moses and Joshua were up on the mount when Aaron and the people sinned at the foot of the mountain with the golden calf. After this occurrence, Moses pitch his tent outside the camp, along with Joshua.

After the sin of the golden calf, Moses, under the Melchizedek Priesthood, interceded for the people to spare their very lives. YHWH relents from wiping them out; and instead establishes the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to administer the Book of the Law as a tutor and a witness against them; UNTIL Yahusha would come and provide a new blood ratified Covenant. Since they had broken covenant, someone would have to die; that someone would be Yahusha. He had spared the lives of the people; knowing that He would choose to lay down his life to appease the conditional death penalty arm of the promise given to Abraham in Genesis 15.

There had to be a New Covenant. Blood ratified covenants such as the Book of the Covenant [Ex. 19:5-24:11], cannot be added to or taken away from once the covenant confirming meal was completed; therefore, when broken a new covenant would be needed. Blood ratified covenants consisted of 1. A proposal; 2. An acceptance; 3. Blood Ratification; 4. A Covenant confirming meal. We see all these components available for believers in Yahusha's New Covenant ratified by His precious blood.

Moses had no part in the sin of the golden calf; and Moses as priest of the Melchizedek Order would be needed to consecrate and ordain Aaron and his sons. This was the transference of the REIGNING Melchizedek priesthood to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel with the Aaronic Priesthood, UNTIL Yahusha would once again and forevermore, elevate it back to the reigning position as High Priest.

Therefore, Moses was the last REIGNING priest of the Melchizedek Order until Yahusha restored the Melchizedek Order back to its REIGNING position. This explains the phrase 'like Moses'.

From Gen. 1 – Exodus 24:11 – The people were under the administration of 'Preachers of Righteousness' and the reigning Melchizedek Order.

It would last from Exodus 24:12 – UNTIL Yahusha:

During that time, Aaronic Levitical Priesthood Reigned administered the Book of the Law. The Melchizedek Priesthood ran parallel in a denigrated position and submitted obedience to the Book of the Law. We know Yahusha was born under the Book of the Law.

After Yahusha's Death, Burial, and Resurrection:

The Melchizedek Priesthood reigns forevermore with Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest under Covenant Torah.

No longer was there a need for the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood administering the Book of the Law with Temple sacrifices. The Book of the Law is found from Exodus 24:12 through the end of Deuteronomy; and even into the first chapters of Joshua.

Many aspects of Covenant Torah that predated the Book of the Law; dovetail into the Book of the Law, such as observing the moedim; following dietary guidelines; and commandments etc. Sometimes more details can be found in the Book of the Law such as identifying clean and unclean foods as listed in Leviticus 11.

The elements that surrounded the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; the animal sacrifices; the various offerings; the Tabernacle and Temple systems; served as a type and shadow of Yahusha HaMashiach. It was a 'living' parable, a tutor to teach us all about YHWH and Yahusha! That is why the Book of the Law is still very important; yet, now believer have been made the temple of His Ruach HaKodesh and we offer living sacrifices of prayer, praise, worship, and being 'doers' of His Word.

Yahusha, was the Prophet, LIKE MOSES, that Deut. 18:15-22 is speaking of. He is THE MELCHIZEDEK and He rules and reigns forevermore, for eternity!

Heb 9:2 For a Tent was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, and the table, and the showbread, which is called the Set-apart Place.

Heb 9:3 And after the second veil, the part of the Tent which is called Most Set-apart,

Heb 9:4 to which belonged the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that held the manna, and the rod of Aharon that budded, and the tablets of the covenant,

Heb 9:5 and above it the kerubim of esteem were overshadowing the place of atonement – about which we do not now speak in detail.

Heb 9:6 And these having been prepared like this, the priests always went into the first part of the Tent, accomplishing the services.

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,^a Footnote: a Num 15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

Heb 9:9 which was a parable for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed until a time of setting *matters* straight.

Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit offered Himself unblemished to Elohim, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

Psalm 105 We are to remember: A beautiful ‘go to’ Psalm of praise and remembrance.

Tell of All His Wonderful Works

Psa 105:1 Give thanks to יְהוָה! Call upon His Name, Make known His deeds among the peoples.

Psa 105:2 Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

Psa 105:3 Make your boast in His set-apart Name; Let the hearts rejoice of those seeking יְהוָה.

Psa 105:4 Seek יְהוָה and His strength; Seek His face always.

Psa 105:5 Remember His wonders which He has done, His miracles, and the right-rulings of His mouth,

Psa 105:6 O seed of Abraham His servant, **Children of Ya'aqob**, His chosen ones!

Psa 105:7 He is יְהוָה our Elohim; His right-rulings are in all the earth.

Psa 105:8 **He has remembered His covenant forever**, The Word He commanded, for a thousand generations,

Psa 105:9 **The covenant He made with Abraham, And His oath to Yitsḥad,**

Psa 105:10 **And established it to Ya'aqob for a law, To Yisra'el – an everlasting covenant.**

Psa 105:11 **Saying,**

- ✚ “To you I give the land of Kena'an,
- ✚ The portion of your inheritance.”

His hand of favor was with them.

Psa 105:12 **When they were few in number, Few indeed, and sojourners in it,**

Psa 105:13 And they went about from one nation to another, From one reign to another people,

Psa 105:14 He allowed no one to oppress them, And He reproved sovereigns for their sakes,

Psa 105:15 **Saying, “Do not touch My anointed ones, And do My prophets no evil.”**

Psa 105:16 **And He called for a scarcity of food in the land; He cut off all the supply of bread.**

He sends Joseph before them; a type and shadow of Yahusha HaMashiach to come.

- Psa 105:17** He sent ahead of them a man, Yosěph, sold as a slave.
- Psa 105:18** They afflicted his feet with shackles, His neck was put in irons.
- Psa 105:19** Until the time that His Word came, The Word of יְהוָה tried him.
- Psa 105:20** The sovereign sent and released him, The ruler of the people let him loose.
- Psa 105:21** He made him master of his house, And ruler over all his possessions,
- Psa 105:22** To bind his chiefs at his pleasure, And to teach his elders wisdom.
- Psa 105:23** Then Yisra'el came to Mitsrayim, And Ya'aqob sojourned in the land of Ham.
- Psa 105:24** And He increased His people greatly, And made them stronger than their enemies.
- Psa 105:25** He turned their heart to hate His people, To conspire against His servants.

Moses and Aaron are chosen to lead them out of Egypt.

- Psa 105:26** He sent Mosheh His servant, Aharon whom He had chosen.
- Psa 105:27** They set among them the matters of **His signs**, And wonders in the land of Ham.
- + **Psa 105:28** He sent darkness, and made it dark; And they did not rebel against His word.
 - + **Psa 105:29** He turned their waters into blood, And killed their fish.
 - + **Psa 105:30** Their land teemed with frogs, In the rooms of their sovereigns.
 - + **Psa 105:31** He spoke, and swarms of flies came, Gnats in all their borders.
 - + **Psa 105:32** He gave them hail for rain, A flaming fire in their land.
 - o **Psa 105:33** And He struck their vines and their fig trees, And broke the trees of their borders.
 - + **Psa 105:34** He spoke, and locusts came, And larvae, innumerable,
 - o **Psa 105:35** And they devoured all the plants in their land, And they devoured the fruit of their ground.
 - + **Psa 105:36** Then He struck all the first-born in their land, The first-fruit of all their strength,

Psa 105:37 And brought them out with silver and gold, And among His tribes no one faltered.

Psa 105:38 Mitsrayim was glad when they left, For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

- Psa 105:39** He spread a cloud for a covering, And fire to give light in the night.
- + **Psa 105:40** They asked, and He brought quail, And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
 - + **Psa 105:41** He opened the rock, and water gushed out; It ran in the dry places, a river.

Psa 105:42 For He remembered His set-apart word, To Abraham His servant.
 Psa 105:43 So He brought out His people with joy, His chosen ones with singing.
 Psa 105:44 And He gave to them the lands of the nations, And they inherited the labor of peoples,
 Psa 105:45 In order that they might guard His laws, And watch over His **Torot.**^a Praise Yah! Footnote: ^aTorot - plural of Torah - teaching.

Isaiah 45 YHWH is the only Elohim. Anyone who denies him or strives with Him will be put to shame. He can utilize any person in leadership to bring about His will. Such was the case with Cyrus. YHWH called Cyrus and Cyrus affirms who He was. We know this from Ezra 1:2-5.

Ezr 1:2 “Thus said Koresh [Cyrus] sovereign of Persia, ‘**הָנָה** Elohim of the heavens has given me all the reigns of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house in Yerushalayim which is in Yehudah.

Ezr 1:3 Who is among you of all His people? His Elohim be with him! And let him go up to Yerushalayim, which is in Yehudah, and build the House of **הָנָה** Elohim of Yisra’el – He is Elohim – which is in Yerushalayim.

Ezr 1:4 And whoever is left from all the places where he sojourns, let the men of his place help him with silver and gold, with goods and livestock, besides the voluntary offerings for the House of Elohim which is in Yerushalayim.’ ”

Ezr 1:5 And the heads of the fathers’ *houses* of Yehudah and Binyamin, and the priests and the Léwites, with all those whose spirits Elohim had stirred, rose up to go up and build the House of **הָנָה** which is in Yerushalayim.

Isa 45:1 “Thus said **הָנָה** to His anointed, to Koresh [Cyrus], whose right hand I have strengthened, to subdue nations before him and ungird the loins of sovereigns, to open before him the double doors, so that gates are not shut:

Isa 45:2 I go before you and make the crooked places straight; I shatter the gates of bronze and cut down the bars of iron.

Isa 45:3 And I shall give you the treasures of darkness and hoarded wealth of secret places, so that you know that I, **הָנָה**, who are calling you by your name, am the Elohim of Yisra’el.

Isa 45:4 **For the sake of Ya’aqob My servant, and of Yisra’el My chosen,** I also call you by your name, I give you a title, though you have not known Me.

YHWH says:

Isa 45:5 **I am הָנָה, and there is none else** – there is no Elohim besides Me. I gird you, though you have not known Me, [speaking of King Cyrus]

Isa 45:6 so that they know from the rising of the sun to its setting that there is none but Me. I am **הָנָה**, and there is none else,

Isa 45:7 forming light and creating darkness, making peace and creating evil. I, **הָנָה**, do all these.’

Isa 45:8 “Rain down, O heavens, from above, and let clouds pour down righteousness. Let the earth open, let them bring forth deliverance, and let righteousness spring up together. I, יהוה, have created it.

He is the Potter we are the clay...

Isa 45:9 “**Woe to him who strives with his Maker!** (a potsherd with the potsherds of the earth). Does clay say to him who forms it, ‘What are you making?’ Or your handiwork say, ‘He has no hands?’

Isa 45:10 “**Woe to him who says to his father,** ‘What are you bringing forth?’ Or to the woman, ‘What are you labouring over?’ ”

Isa 45:11 Thus said יהוה, the Set-apart One of Yisra’el, and his Maker, “Do you ask Me about My sons what is to come? And about the work of My hands do you command Me?”

Isa 45:12 **“I have made the earth, and created man on it. I, My hands have stretched out the heavens, and all their host I have commanded.”**

Isa 45:13 “I have stirred him up in righteousness, and all his ways I make straight. He builds My city and lets My exiles go, not for price nor reward,” declares יהוה of hosts. [Again, speaking of Cyrus]

Today, many correlate President Trump as being a Cyrus figure. He may be. YHWH can use anyone He desires to bring about His will. He can also use the wealth of other nations to build up and make provisions for His people; as was the case in Egypt and as we read here in Persia. Nothing is too difficult for YHWH.

YHWH is the only Savior! He created the heavens and formed the earth!

Isa 45:14 Thus said יהוה, “The labor of Mitsrayim and merchandise of Kush and of the Sebaites, men of size, come over to you and they are yours. They walk behind you, they come over in chains, and they bow down to you. They make supplication to you, saying, **‘Indeed, Ěl is in you, and there is none else, no mighty one.’ ”**

Isa 45:15 Truly You are Ěl, who hide Yourself, **O Elohim of Yisra’el, Savior!**

Isa 45:16 **They shall be put to shame, and even be humiliated, all of them – the makers of idols shall go away together in humiliation.**

Isa 45:17 Yisra’el shall be saved by יהוה with an everlasting deliverance. You are not to be ashamed nor hurt, forever and ever.

Isa 45:18 For thus said יהוה, Creator of the heavens, He is Elohim, Former of earth and its Maker, He established it, He did not create it to be empty, He formed it to be inhabited: “I am יהוה, and there is none else.

Isa 45:19 “I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I have not said to the seed of Ya’aqob, ‘Seek Me in vain.’ **I am יהוה, speaking righteousness, declaring matters that are straight.**

Isa 45:20 **“Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, you who have escaped from the nations.** No knowledge have they who are lifting up the wood of their carved image, and pray to a mighty one that does not save.

Isa 45:21 “Declare and bring near, let them even take counsel together. Who has announced this from of old? Who has declared it from that time? Is it not I, יהוה? **And there is no mighty one besides Me, a righteous Ěl and a Saviour, there is none besides Me.**

YHWH's direct plea to the inhabitants of the earth to be saved!

Isa 45:22 “Turn to Me and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am Ěl, and there is none else.

Isa 45:23 “I have sworn by Myself, a word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, so that to Me every knee shall bow, every tongue swear.

Php 2:9 Elohim, therefore, has highly exalted Him and given Him the Name which is above every name,

Php 2:10 that at the Name of **יְשׁוּעָה** every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php 2:11 and every tongue should confess Isa 45:23 that **יְשׁוּעָה** Messiah is Master, to the esteem of Elohim the Father.

Isa 45:24 “One shall say, ‘Only in **יְהוָה** do I have righteousness and strength’ – he comes to Him. And all those displeased with Him shall be put to shame.

Isa 45:25 “**In יְהוָה all the seed of Yisra'el shall be declared right and boast.**”

Revelation 15

The Seven Messengers with the Seven Last Plagues

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in the heaven, great and marvelous: seven messengers having the seven last plagues,^a for the wrath of Elohim was ended in them. Footnote: ^aSee Rev. 21:9.

Note: It is one of these seven messengers of Rev. 15 that we see in Rev. 21:9:

Rev 21:9 And **one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues** came to me and spoke with me, saying, “Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”

Rev. 15:1 gives us the ending point of the wrath of Elohim. His wrath ends when these seven plagues are completed. It appears that the wrath of YHWH began in the last two verses of Revelation 14:18-20.

We recall the third messenger in Rev. 14 comes out of the slaughter place and not from the Dwelling Place as the other two messengers. We note under the slaughter place is the location of those who had been slain for the Word of Elohim and for their witness in Rev. 6:9-10. They cried out ‘how long’ before YHWH would avenge them. Apparently in Rev. 14 we see this ‘hour’ arrive!

Rev 14:18 And another messenger came out from the slaughter-place, having authority over the fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him having the sharp sickle, saying, “Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.”

Rev 14:19 And the messenger thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of Elohim.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the bridles of the horses, for about one thousand six hundred stadia^d.

Footnote: ^dApprox. 296 kilometres or 184 miles.

Rev. 14:18-19 may be the vengeance that the souls in Rev. 6:9-10 under the slaughter-place have awaited:

Rev 6:9 And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the slaughter-place the beings [souls] of those having been slain for the Word of Elohim and for the witness which they held,

Rev 6:10 and they cried with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Master, set-apart and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

We saw Yahusha harvest the earth in Rev. 14:15-16:

Rev 14:15 And another messenger came out of the Dwelling Place, crying with a loud voice to the One sitting on the cloud, “Send Your sickle and reap, because the hour has come for You to reap, because the harvest of the earth is ripe.”

Rev 14:16 And the One sitting on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Rev 15:2 And I saw like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those overcoming the beast and his image and his mark and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of Elohim.

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Mosheh the servant of Elohim, and the song of the Lamb, saying, “Great and marvellous are Your works, **הָנָה!** El Shaddai! Righteous and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the set-apart ones!”

Rev 15:4 “Who shall not fear You, O **הָנָה!**, and esteem Your Name? Because You alone are kind. Because all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteousnesses have been made manifest.”^b Footnote: ^bSee Jer 10:6-7, Psa 86:9.

Now, we will read that John sees the Dwelling Place in the heaven open! This is major. As, I understand, the veil that was ripped upon Yahusha's death was the veil leading into the Holy Place which is before the Dwelling Place. The Holy Place was where the priests come in and perform services and commune with YHWH before the Dwelling Place. Only the High Priest could enter in the Dwelling Place or the Holy of Holies.

In Rev. 15:5 we see the Dwelling Place in the heaven is open and out of the Dwelling Place come these seven messengers having the seven plagues. We know vengeance belongs to YHWH. I ponder whether these messengers may be the 'divine council' as we read about in Psalm 82?

Psa 82:1 **Elohim stands in the congregation of El; He judges in the midst of the elohim.**

Psa 82:2 How long would you judge perversely, And show partiality to the wrong? Selah.

Rev 15:5 And after this I looked and saw the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Witness in the heaven was opened.

Rev 15:6 And out of the Dwelling Place came the seven messengers having the seven plagues, dressed in clean bright linen, and having their chests girded with golden bands.

Rev 15:7 And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven messengers seven golden bowls filled with the wrath of Elohim who lives forever and ever.

Rev 15:8 And the Dwelling Place was filled with smoke from the esteem of Elohim and from His power, and no one was able to enter the Dwelling Place until the seven plagues of the seven messengers were ended.

Notice it is one of the four living creatures, whom I see as a mirror of one of the lead sections in the wilderness encampments around the Dwelling place. This lead section gives the seven messengers, seven golden bowls with the wrath of Elohim. These bowls might be filled with all the 'wrongs' done to the believers that are due YHWH's vengeance.

The following excerpt gives more insights to the wilderness encampments:

Each of the four camps was to be represented by the standard of their lead tribe. The image of the standard of the twelve tribes has been lost throughout history, yet rabbinical tradition has maintained the four lead tribes of the four camps. From what scholars can tell, the images of the 12 tribes were based on the twelve Zodiac signs and the blessings of Jacob in Gen. 49. The standard of Judah was the lion, of Reuben was the man, of Ephraim was an ox, and of Dan was originally the serpent but later (during Israel's wanderings) was changed to the eagle with a serpent in its mouth. These images are the same four faces of the cherubim that carried the throne and glory of Yahweh in Ezekiel's vision and, later, John's vision (Ezek. 1:10; Rev. 4:7). These are also the images of the four gospels of the Second Testament. Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah and king of Israel (lion); Mark portrays Him as the suffering

servant of the Israel (ox); Luke portrays Him as the perfect man (man); and John portrays Him as fully divine (eagle). Thus, Israel on earth, the cherubim in heaven, and the four gospels of Yahweh's Word all bear these images as a reflection and testimony of Christ.

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The seven golden bowls may be similar to 'collection bowls' of all the wrongs done to His people throughout the entire age. The believers held back taking vengeance themselves knowing, vengeance belongs to YHWH. YHWH has not forgotten one wrong done to His people! The Dwelling placed was filled with smoke. YHWH is a consuming fire and the seven golden bowls held His wrath!

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