

*Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 18; Psalm 22; Ecc. 1; 1Tim. 3.*

## *April 14 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Leviticus 18**

In **Leviticus 18**, YHWH defines proper sexual relations and improper sexual abominations. He is YHWH; He is perfect in right ruling; He uses equal weights and measures; He only wants the best for us; He shows no partiality.

#### **Unlawful Sexual Relations**

**Lev 18:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 18:2** “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, and say to them, ‘I am יהוה your Elohim.

**Lev 18:3** ‘Do not do as they do in the land of Mitsrayim, where you dwelt. And do not do as they do in the land of Kena’an, where I am bringing you, and do not walk in their laws.

**Lev 18:4** ‘Do My right-rulings and guard My laws, to walk in them. I am יהוה your Elohim.

**Lev 18:5** ‘And you shall guard My laws and My right-rulings, which a man does and lives by them. I am יהוה’.

**Lev 18:6** ‘No one is to approach anyone of his own flesh to uncover his nakedness. I am יהוה’.

**Lev 18:7** ‘The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you do not uncover. She is your mother, you do not uncover her nakedness.

**Lev 18:8** ‘The nakedness of your father’s wife you do not uncover, it is your father’s nakedness.

**Lev 18:9** ‘The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you do not uncover.

**Lev 18:10** ‘The nakedness of your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter, their nakedness you do not uncover, for theirs is your own nakedness.

**Lev 18:11** ‘The nakedness of your father’s wife’s daughter, brought forth by your father, she is your sister, you do not uncover her nakedness.

**Lev 18:12** ‘The nakedness of your father’s sister you do not uncover, she is your father’s flesh.

**Lev 18:13** ‘The nakedness of your mother’s sister you do not uncover, for she is your mother’s flesh.

**Lev 18:14** ‘The nakedness of your father’s brother you do not uncover, you do not approach his wife, she is your aunt.

**Lev 18:15** ‘The nakedness of your daughter-in-law you do not uncover, she is your son’s wife, you do not uncover her nakedness.

**Lev 18:16** ‘The nakedness of your brother’s wife you do not uncover, it is your brother’s nakedness.

**Lev 18:17** ‘The nakedness of a woman and her daughter you do not uncover, nor do you take her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are her relatives – it is wickedness.

**Lev 18:18** ‘And do not take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive.

**Lev 18:19** ‘And do not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness in her monthly separation of uncleanness.

**Lev 18:20** ‘And do not have intercourse with the wife of your neighbour, to defile yourself with her.

**Lev 18:21** ‘And do not give any of your offspring to pass through to Molek. And do not profane the Name of your Elohim. I am יהוה’.

**Lev 18:22** ‘And do not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination.

**Lev 18:23** ‘And do not have intercourse with any beast, to defile yourself with it. And a woman does not stand before a beast to mate with it, it is a perversion.

The children of Israel were brought out of Egypt, a land of paganism and perversion; and now they were being prepared to enter the land of Canaan ruled by paganism and perversion. YHWH had Moses warn the people beforehand what to expect and command them not to blend and follow their wicked ways.

YHWH lists specific sexual abominations in Leviticus 18 so there would be no doubt as to ‘what not to do.’ Abomination means disgusting. Once informed of truth, THEN a person is responsible for that truth. One can be discriminate in a good way or a bad way. Being discriminate by following and guarding His Word, is all meant for good. This does not mean to be judgmental of others, for we have all sinned and have fallen short of His glory; but we are to judge between right and wrong defined by YHWH’s Word. We are to point people to His truth; upon doing so, then it is between that individual and YHWH.

These sexual abominable acts were so despicable that even the ‘land’ would vomit them out. Today we know the land will do just that because people groups all over the earth still practice such abominations; and there are always consequences for sinful acts, especially with those that ‘proclaim’ to be His, that do such things.

Haggai 2: 6“For thus said יהוה of hosts, ‘Once more, in a little while, and I am shaking the heavens and earth, the sea and dry land.

We are to come out of her ‘My people.’ We are to be set-apart.

Rev. 18:4 And I heard another voice from the heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. 5 “Because her sins have piled up to reach the heaven, and Elohim has remembered her unrighteousnesses. 6 “Render to her as she indeed did render, and repay her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix for her double. 7 “As much as she esteemed herself and lived riotously, so much torture and grief give to her, because in her heart she says, ‘I sit as sovereignty, and I am not a widow, and I do not see mourning at all.’ 8 “Because of this her plagues shall come in one day: death and mourning and scarcity of food. And she shall be burned up with fire, because יהוה Elohim who judges her is mighty. 9 “And the sovereigns of the earth who committed whoring and lived riotously with her shall weep and mourn over her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance for fear of her torture, saying, ‘Woe! Woe, the great city Babel, the mighty city, because your judgment has come in one hour!’

**Lev 18:24 ‘Do not defile yourselves with all these, for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am driving out before you.**

Lev 18:25 ‘Thus the land became defiled, therefore I punished it for its crookedness, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

Lev 18:26 ‘But you, you shall guard My laws and My right-rulings, and not do any of these abominations, the native nor stranger who sojourns among you,

Lev 18:27 because the men of the land who were before you have done all these abominations, and thus the land became defiled,

Lev 18:28 ‘So let not the land vomit you out for defiling it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you.

Lev 18:29 ‘For whoever does any of these abominations, those beings who do them shall be cut off from among their people.

**Lev 18:30 ‘And you shall guard My Charge, so as not to do any of these abominable laws which were done before you, so as not to defile yourselves by them. I am יהוה your Elohim.’ ”**

These laws still apply today for they originate in **Covenant Torah** and we see them dovetail into the Book of the Law here in Leviticus.

## Psalm 22

The solution to sin and separation from YHWH is **Psalm 22**. This was a prophetic utterance that foresaw the day Yahusha would be crucified; and now we know that prophecy has been fulfilled. Yahusha, YHWH in Son, laid down His life in our place; **and raised it back up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.** **We owed a debt we could not pay; and He paid the debt He did not owe.**

Death reigns in this fallen world because from the beginning, man sinned. Sin is not only against someone or something; sin is against YHWH; the very One that gives us life. YHWH's ultimate plan to defeat the enemy was to offer the spotless Lamb of Elohim to lay down His life once and for all. The 'shedding of blood' means that the substitutional offering was brought unto death; hence the wages of sin is death.

Read Psalm 22 and see that the words written, prophetically articulated Yahusha's communication with YHWH while He was on the crucifixion tree. Read associated scriptures below that bring more clarity and understanding.

**Romans 6: 18** And having been set free from sin, you became servants of righteousness. <sup>19</sup> I speak as a man, because of the weakness of your flesh. **For even as you did present your members as servants of uncleanness, and of lawlessness resulting in lawlessness, so now present your members as servants of righteousness resulting in set-apartness.** <sup>20</sup> For when you were servants of sin, you were free from righteousness. <sup>21</sup> What fruit, therefore, were you having then, **over which you are now ashamed?** For the end thereof is death. <sup>22</sup> But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, **you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life.** <sup>23</sup> **For the wages of sin is death, but the favorable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah יהושע our Master.**

Hebrews 9: <sup>22</sup> And, according to the Torah, almost all is cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

### Why Have You Forsaken Me?

**Psa 22:1** My Ĕl, My Ĕl, why have You forsaken Me – Far from saving Me, *far from* the words of My groaning?

**Psa 22:2** O My Elohim, I call by day, but You do not answer; And by night, but I find no rest.

**Psa 22:3** Yet You are set-apart, Enthroned on the praises of Yisra'el.

**Psa 22:4** Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, and You delivered them.

**Psa 22:5** They cried to You, and were delivered; They trusted in You, and were not ashamed.

**Psa 22:6** But I am a worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised by the people.

**Psa 22:7** All those who see Me mock Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying,*

**Psa 22:8** "He trusted in יהוה, let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, seeing He has delighted in Him!"

**Psa 22:9** For You are the One who took Me out of the womb; Causing Me to trust *while* on My mother's breasts.

**Psa 22:10** I was cast upon You from birth. From My mother's belly You have been My Ĕl.

**Psa 22:11** Do not be far from Me, For distress is near; For there is none to help.

**Psa 22:12** Many bulls have surrounded Me; Strong ones of Bashan have encircled Me.

**Psa 22:13** They have opened their mouths against Me, As a raging and roaring lion.

**Psa 22:14** I have been poured out like water, And all My bones have been spread apart; My heart has become like wax; It has melted in the midst of My inward parts.

**Psa 22:15** My strength is dried like a potsherd, And My tongue is cleaving to My jaws; And to the dust of death You are appointing Me.

**Psa 22:16** For dogs have surrounded Me; A crowd of evil ones have encircled Me, Piercing My hands and My feet;<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Some MSS have *like a lion, my hands and my feet.* or *they dug my hands and my feet.*

**Psa 22:17** I count all My bones. They look, they stare at Me.

**Psa 22:18** They divide My garments among them, And for My raiment they cast lots.

**Psa 22:19** But You, O יהוה, do not be far off; O My Strength, hasten to help Me!

**Psa 22:20** Deliver My life from the sword, My only *life* from the power of the dog.

**Psa 22:21** Save Me from the mouth of the lion, And from the horns of the wild beasts! You have answered Me.

**Psa 22:22** I make known Your Name to My brothers; In the midst of the assembly I praise You.

**Psa 22:23** You who fear יהוה, praise Him! All you seed of Ya'aqob, esteem Him, And fear Him, all you seed of Yisra'el!

**Psa 22:24** For He has not despised Nor hated the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard.

**Psa 22:25** From You is My praise in the great assembly; I pay My vows before those who fear Him.

**Psa 22:26** The meek ones do eat and are satisfied; Let those who seek Him praise יהוה. Let your heart live forever!

**Psa 22:27** Let all the ends of the earth Remember and turn to יהוה, And all clans of the nations Bow themselves before You.

**Psa 22:28** For the reign belongs to יהוה, And He is ruling over the nations.

**Psa 22:29** All the fat ones of the earth Shall eat and bow themselves; All who go down to the dust bow before Him, Even he who did not keep alive his own life.

**Psa 22:30** A seed shall serve Him. It is declared of יהוה to the *coming* generation.

**Psa 22:31** They shall come and declare His righteousness To a people *yet* to be born, For He shall do it!

**Eze 18:23** [“Have I any pleasure in the death of the wrong?” declares the Master יהוה. “Is it not that he should turn from his ways, and live?”](#)

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**Deu 32:4** [“The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are right-ruling,](#) An Ĕl of truth and without unrighteousness, Righteous and straight is He.

**Deu 32:5** [“A twisted and crooked generation has corrupted itself,](#) Their blemish, *they are not* His children.

Deu 32:6 **“Do you do this to הוֹי, O foolish and unwise people?** Is He not your Father, who bought you, Who created you and established you?  
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Joh 3:33 **“He who receives His witness has set his seal that Elohim is true.**

Joh 3:34 “For He whom Elohim has sent speaks the Words of Elohim, for Elohim does not give the Spirit by measure.

Joh 3:35 **“The Father loves the Son, and has given all into His hand.**

Joh 3:36 **“He who believes in the Son possesses everlasting life, but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him.”**

## Ecclesiastes 1

**F. B. Myer gives a concise introduction to Ecclesiastes:** “The word **“Ecclesiastes” is from the Greek and means “Preacher.”** The book is really a sermon, designed to teach the unsatisfying nature of worldly pleasures and attainments unless God [YHWH] rules the heart and life. The great lesson is **“that man’s true wisdom lies in fearing God [YHWH] and looking forward to the judgment.”**

**The word “vanity,” which occurs thirty-eight times,** is the keynote of the book. How true happiness may be attained is the problem the author endeavors to solve.”

Verse 1 gives us insight as to the author; however, I most definitely lean toward Solomon as author. (See Ecc 1:12 below for explanation):

**Ecc 1:1** The words of **Qoheleth,<sup>a</sup>** son of Dawid, sovereign in Yerushalayim. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>This Hebrew word means **Assembler or Convener, an appellative.** **The author could have been Shelomoh, or else some post-exilic writer.**

### All Is Vanity

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**Ecc 1:2** “Futility! Futility!” says Qoheleth. “Futility, futility, all is futile!”

**Ecc 1:3** What does man gain from all his labour in which he toils under the sun?

**Ecc 1:4** A generation passes away, and a generation comes, but the earth stands forever.

**Ecc 1:5** The sun also rises, and the sun sets, and hurries back to the place where it arose.

**Ecc 1:6** Going to the south, and turning round to the north, turning, turning, and on its rounds the wind returns.

**Ecc 1:7** All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea never overflows. To the place from which the rivers come, there they return again.

**Ecc 1:8** All matters are wearisome, no one is able to speak of it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.

**Ecc 1:9** What has been is what shall be, what has been done is what shall be done,



and there is no new *matter* under the sun.

The author articulates the seemingly redundancy of cyclical life. He searches for meaning beyond worldly vanity. Today we would refer to that cycle as the ‘treadmill of life’ or the ‘daily rat race’. Honestly, life makes little to no sense without having a relationship with YHWH through His Son.

**Ecc 1:10** Is there a matter of which it is said, “See, this is new”? It was here already, long ago.

**Ecc 1:11** There is no remembrance of former ones, nor is there any remembrance of those that are to come by those who come later on.

### The Vanity of Wisdom

**Ecc 1:12** I, Qoheleth, was sovereign over Yisra’el in Yerushalayim.

KJV: Ecc 1:12 I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

We know Solomon was King over Israel (as one nation) and ruled from Jerusalem. The wording infers that Israel had not yet been divided; because after the division there were kings that ruled over the Northern Kingdom of Israel from Shechem and later Samaria; and the Southern Kingdom of Judah was ruled from Jerusalem.

It was Solomon that asked YHWH for wisdom when he began His rule after the death of King David:

1Ki 3:7 “And now, O יהוה my Elohim, You have set up Your servant to reign instead of my father Dawid. But I am a little child, I do not know how to go out or to come in.

1Ki 3:8 “And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted.

1Ki 3:9 “Shall You then give to Your servant an understanding heart to rule Your people, to discern between good and evil? For who is able to rule this great people of Yours?”

1Ki 3:10 And the word was good in the eyes of יהוה, that Shelomoh had asked this.

1Ki 3:11 So Elohim said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself discernment to understand right-ruling,

1Ki 3:12 see, I shall do according to your words. See, I shall give you a wise and understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, and none like you shall arise after you.

**Ecc 1:13** And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that has been done under the heavens; this evil task Elohim has given to the sons of man, to be humbled by it.

**Ecc 1:14** I have seen all the works that are done under the sun. And see, all was futile and feeding on wind.

**Ecc 1:15** The crooked could not be straightened, and what is lacking could not be counted.

**Ecc 1:16** So I spoke to my heart, saying, “See, I **have attained greatness, and have gained more wisdom than all who were before me in Yerushalayim. And my heart has seen much wisdom and knowledge.**”

**Ecc 1:17** **And I set my heart to know wisdom** – and to know madness and folly. I know that this too is feeding on wind.

**Ecc 1:18** **For in much wisdom is much grief, and he who increases knowledge increases suffering.**

This book should be interesting as we diligently study line upon line for new insights and most importantly seek His wisdom as His Ruach HaKodesh guides us to all truth.

### **1Tim. 3**

Paul reviews with Timothy the qualifications of **overseers** and **attendants** among the assemblies. YHWH’s assemblies should be run in an orderly fashion and with reverence.

#### **Qualifications for Overseers**

**1Ti 3:1** Trustworthy is the word: If a man longs for the position of an overseer, he desires a good work.

**1Ti 3:2** An overseer, then, should be blameless, the husband of one wife, sober, sensible, orderly, kind to strangers, able to teach,

**1Ti 3:3** not given to wine, no brawler, but gentle, not quarrelsome, no lover of **silver**,<sup>a</sup>  
Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Implying money.

**1Ti 3:4** one who rules his own house well, having his children in subjection with all reverence,

**1Ti 3:5** for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how shall he look after the assembly of Elohim?

**1Ti 3:6** Not a new convert, lest he become puffed up with pride and fall into the judgment of the devil.

**1Ti 3:7** And he should even have a good witness from those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

#### **Qualifications for Deacons**

**1Ti 3:8** Likewise attendants are to be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for filthy gain,

**1Ti 3:9** holding to the secret of the belief with a clean conscience.

**1Ti 3:10** And let these also be proved first, then let them serve, if they are unreprouvable.

**1Ti 3:11** Wives in the same way: reverent, not false accusers, sober, trustworthy in



every way.

**1Ti 3:12** Let attendants be the husbands of only one wife, ruling children and their own houses well.

**1Ti 3:13** For those who have served well as attendants gain good standing for themselves, and much boldness in the belief that is in Messiah יהושע.

### The Mystery of Godliness

**1Ti 3:14** I am writing you this, expecting to come to you shortly,

**1Ti 3:15** but if I delay, that you might know how you should behave in the House of Elohim, which is the assembly of the living Elohim – a *strong* support and foundation of the truth.

**1Ti 3:16** **And, beyond all question, the secret of reverence is great** –

- who was revealed in the flesh,

Rom 8:3 For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having sent His own Son in the likeness of flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Rom 8:4 so that the righteousness of the Torah should be completed in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

- declared right in Spirit,
- was seen by messengers,
- was proclaimed among nations,
- was believed on in the world,
- was taken up in esteem.

*Shalom ~ Libby*

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