

**Week 43:** Massei 'Journeys of': Numbers 33 - 36; Jeremiah 3; Matthew 25:1-46; Philippians 3; James 4:1-12

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## Numbers 33

Numbers 33 lists the recorded route and camps of the children of Israel by Mosheh. I copied the narrative so that all the locations would be listed in left column format and added the meaning of the names of each location; then the corresponding Scriptures follow.

### Recounting Israel's Journey

**Num 33:1** These are the departures of the children of Yisra'ël, who went out of the land of Mitsrayim by their divisions under the hand of Mosheh and Aharon.

**Num 33:2** And **Mosheh wrote down the starting points of their departures at the mouth of יהוה**, and these are their departures according to their starting points:

**Ra'meses** 'child of the sun' So they departed from Ra'meses in the first new *moon*, on the fifteenth day of the first new *moon*, on the morrow of the Pěsaḥ the children of Yisra'ël went out with boldness before the eyes of all the Mitsrites, and the Mitsrites were burying all their first-born, whom יהוה had stricken among them. Also on their mighty ones יהוה had executed judgments. Then the children of Yisra'ël departed from Ra'meses and camped at

**Sukkoth** 'booths' And they departed from Sukkoth and camped at

**Ĕtham**, 'with them: their plowshare' which is on the edge of the wilderness. departed from Ĕtham and turned back to

**Pi Haḥiroth**, 'place where sedge grows' which is east of Ba'al Tsephon. And they camped near Miḡdol. And they departed from before Haḥiroth and passed over through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Ĕtham, and camped at

**Marah** 'bitter' And they departed from Marah and came to

**Ĕlim**. 'palms' And at Ĕlim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there. And they departed from Ĕlim and camped by the Sea of Reeds and camped in the

**Wilderness of Sin**. 'thorn or clay' And they departed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at

**Dophqah**. 'knocking' And they departed from Dophqah and camped at

**Alush**. 'I will knead (bread)' And they departed from Alush and camped at

**Rephidim**, 'rests' 'stays' 'resting places' and there was no water for the people to drink. And they departed from Rephidim and camped in the

**Wilderness of Sinai**. 'thorny' And they departed from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at

**Qibroth Hatta'awah**. 'graves of lust' And they departed from Qibroth Hatta'awah and camped at

**Ḥatsēroth.** ‘settlement’ And they departed from Ḥatsēroth and camped at  
**Rithmah.** ‘heath’ And they departed from Rithmah and camped at  
**Rimmon Perets.** ‘pomegranate of the breach’ And they departed from Rimmon Perets and camped at  
**Liḇnah.** ‘pavement’ And they departed from Liḇnah and camped at  
**Rissah.** ‘ruin’ And they departed from Rissah and camped at  
**Qehēlathah.** ‘assembly’ And they departed from Qehēlathah and camped at  
**Mount Shapher.** ‘beauty’ And they departed from Mount Shapher and camped at  
**Ḥaraḡah.** ‘fear’ And they departed from Ḥaraḡah and camped at  
**Maqhēloth.** ‘place of assembly’ And they departed from Maqhēloth and camped at  
**Taḡath.** ‘station’ And they departed from Taḡath and camped at  
**Terah.** ‘delay’ And they departed from Terah and camped at  
**Mithqah.** ‘sweetness’ And they departed from Mithqah and camped at  
**Ḥashmonah.** ‘fatness’ And they departed from Ḥashmonah and camped at  
**Mosēroth.** ‘bonds’ And they departed from Mosēroth and camped at  
**Benēi Ya’aqan.** ‘sons of twisting’ And they departed from Benēi Ya’aqan and camped at  
**Ḥor Haggidḡaḡ.** ‘cavern of Gidḡad’ And they departed from Ḥor Haggidḡaḡ and camped at  
**Yotḇathah.** ‘pleasantness’ And they departed from Yotḇathah and camped at  
**Aḇronah.** ‘passage’ And they departed from Aḇronah and camped at  
**Etsyon Geḇer.** ‘backbone of a man’ And they departed from Etsyon Geḇer and camped in the  
Wilderness of Tsin, which is  
**Qaḡēsh.** ‘holy’ And they departed from Qaḡēsh and camped at  
**Mount Hor,** ‘mountain’ on the boundary of the land of Eḡom. **Then Aharon the priest went up to Mount Hor at the mouth of יהיה, and died there in the fortieth year** after the children of Yisra’ēl had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on the first *day* of the fifth new *moon*. Now **Aharon was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.** And the sovereign of Araḡ, the Kena’anite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Kena’an, heard of the coming of the children of Yisra’ēl. So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at  
**Tsalmonah.** ‘shady’ And they departed from Tsalmonah and camped at  
**Punon.** ‘darkness’ And they departed from Punon and camped at  
**Oḇoth.** ‘waterskins’ And they departed from Oḇoth and camped at  
**Iyē Ha-Aḇarim,** ‘ruins of Abarim’ at the border of Mo’ab. And they departed from Iyim and camped at  
**Diḇon Gaḡ.** ‘wasting’ And they departed from Diḇon Gaḡ and camped at  
**Almon Diḇlathayemah.** ‘concealing the two cakes’ And they departed from Almon Diḇlathayemah and camped in the  
**Mountains of Aḇarim, before Neḇo.** ‘regions beyond’ = **Abrarim** – ‘prophet’ = **Nebo** And they departed from the mountains of Aḇarim and camped in the desert plains of Mo’ab by the  
**Yardēn of Yeriḡo.** ‘descender’ = **Jordan** ‘its moon’ = **Jericho** And they camped by the Yardēn, from **Bēyth Yeshimoth** ‘house of the desolation’ as far as the **Abēl Shittim** ‘meadows of acacias’ in the desert plains of Mo’ab. ‘of his father’

There were 42 stations as they ended in the **desert plains of Moab by the Jordan of Jericho.** They camped there from **Beyth Yeshimoth** as far as the **Abel Shittim.**

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**Num 33:4** and the Mitsrites were burying all their first-born, whom יהוה had stricken among them. Also on their mighty ones יהוה had executed judgments.

**Num 33:5** Then the children of Yisra'ěl departed from Ra'meses and camped at Sukkoth.

**Num 33:6** And they departed from Sukkoth and camped at Ĕtham, which is on the edge of the wilderness.

**Num 33:7** And they departed from Ĕtham and turned back to Pi Haḥiroth, which is east of Ba'al Tsephon. And they camped near Miḡdol.

**Num 33:8** And they departed from before Haḥiroth and passed over through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, went three days' journey in the Wilderness of Ĕtham, and camped at Marah.

**Num 33:9** And they departed from Marah and came to Ĕlim. And at Ĕlim were twelve springs of water and seventy palm trees, so they camped there.

**Num 33:10** And they departed from Ĕlim and camped by the Sea of Reeds.

**Num 33:11** And they departed from the Sea of Reeds and camped in the Wilderness of Sin.

**Num 33:12** And they departed from the Wilderness of Sin and camped at Dophqah.

**Num 33:13** And they departed from Dophqah and camped at Alush.

**Num 33:14** And they departed from Alush and camped at Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink.

**Num 33:15** And they departed from Rephidim and camped in the Wilderness of Sinai.

**Num 33:16** And they departed from the Wilderness of Sinai and camped at Qibroth Hatta'awah.

**Num 33:17** And they departed from Qibroth Hatta'awah and camped at Ḥatsěroth.

**Num 33:18** And they departed from Ḥatsěroth and camped at Rithmah.

**Num 33:19** And they departed from Rithmah and camped at Rimmon Perets.

**Num 33:20** And they departed from Rimmon Perets and camped at Liḅnah.

**Num 33:21** And they departed from Liḅnah and camped at Rissah.

**Num 33:22** And they departed from Rissah and camped at Qehělathah.

**Num 33:23** And they departed from Qehělathah and camped at Mount Shapher.

**Num 33:24** And they departed from Mount Shapher and camped at Ḥaraḡah.

**Num 33:25** And they departed from Ḥaraḡah and camped at Maqhěloth.

**Num 33:26** And they departed from Maqhěloth and camped at Taḥath.

**Num 33:27** And they departed from Taḥath and camped at Teraḥ.

**Num 33:28** And they departed from Teraḥ and camped at Mithqah.

- Num 33:29** And they departed from Mithqah and camped at Ḥashmonah.
- Num 33:30** And they departed from Ḥashmonah and camped at Mosěroth.
- Num 33:31** And they departed from Mosěroth and camped at Beněi Ya'aqan.
- Num 33:32** And they departed from Beněi Ya'aqan and camped at Ḥor Haggidgaḏ.
- Num 33:33** And they departed from Ḥor Haggidgaḏ and camped at Yotḃathah.
- Num 33:34** And they departed from Yotḃathah and camped at Aḃronah.
- Num 33:35** And they departed from Aḃronah and camped at Etsyon Geḃer.
- Num 33:36** And they departed from Etsyon Geḃer and camped in the Wilderness of Tsin, which is Qaḏěsh.
- Num 33:37** And they departed from Qaḏěsh and camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the land of Eḏom.
- Num 33:38** Then Aharon the priest went up to Mount Hor at the mouth of יהוה, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Yisra'ěl had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on the first *day* of the fifth new *moon*.
- Num 33:39** Now Aharon was one hundred and twenty-three years old when he died on Mount Hor.
- Num 33:40** And the sovereign of Araḏ, the Kena'anite, who dwelt in the South in the land of Kena'an, heard of the coming of the children of Yisra'ěl.
- Num 33:41** So they departed from Mount Hor and camped at Tsalmonah.
- Num 33:42** And they departed from Tsalmonah and camped at Punon.
- Num 33:43** And they departed from Punon and camped at Oḃoth.
- Num 33:44** And they departed from Oḃoth and camped at Iyě Ha-Aḃarim, at the border of Mo'aḃ.
- Num 33:45** And they departed from Iyim and camped at Diḃon Gaḏ.
- Num 33:46** And they departed from Diḃon Gaḏ and camped at Almon Diḃlathayemah.
- Num 33:47** And they departed from Almon Diḃlathayemah and camped in the mountains of Aḃarim, before Neḃo.
- Num 33:48** And they departed from the mountains of Aḃarim and camped in the desert plains of Mo'aḃ by the Yarděn of Yeriḥo.
- Num 33:49** And they camped by the Yarděn, from Běyth Yeshimoth as far as the Aḃěl Shittim in the desert plains of Mo'aḃ.

The chapter closes with YHWH speaking to Moses and telling him to tell the children of Israel, when they cross over the Jordan, to drive out all the inhabitants. If they did not, they would be 'pricks in their eyes' and 'thorns in their sides.' YHWH again speaks about the distribution and the lot inheritances of the land.

## Drive Out the Inhabitants

**Num 33:50** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'ab by the Yardēn of Yeriho, saying,

**Num 33:51** "Speak to the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'When you have passed over the Yardēn into the land of Kena'an,

**Num 33:52** then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and shall destroy all their engraved stones, and shall destroy all their moulded images, and lay waste all their high places,

**Num 33:53** and you shall possess the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

**Num 33:54** And you shall divide the land by lot as an inheritance among your clans. To the larger you give a larger inheritance, and to the smaller you give a smaller inheritance. Wherever the lot falls to anyone, that is his. You inherit according to the tribes of your fathers.

**Num 33:55** And if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain shall be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land where you dwell.

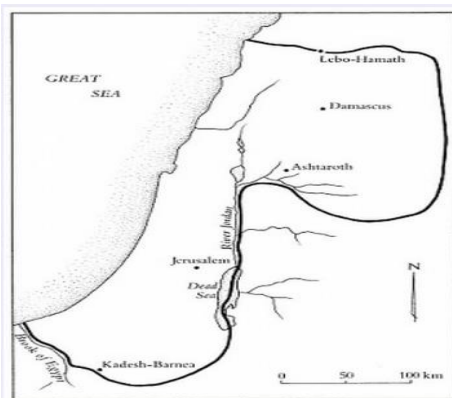
**Num 33:56** And it shall be that I do to you as I thought to do to them.' "

## Numbers 34 Boundaries of the Promise Land

**Num 34:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 34:2** "Command the children of Yisra'el, and say to them, 'When you come into the land of Kena'an, this is the land which falls to you as an inheritance, the land of Kena'an [Canaan] to its boundaries:

The following is a **'possible'** map of the **Promise Land** at that time. The exact borders, North-South-East-West, are recorded in **Numbers 34:3-12**.



**Num 34:3** Then your southern border shall be from the Wilderness of Tsin along the border of Eđom, and your southern border shall be eastward from the end of the Salt Sea.

**Num 34:4** Then your border shall turn from the southern side of the Ascent of Aqrabbim, continue to Tsin, and be on the south of Qađesh Barnēa, and it shall go on to Ḥatsar Addar, and continue to Atsmon.

**Num 34:5** And the border shall turn from Atsmon to the wadi of Mitsrayim, and it shall end at the Sea.

**Num 34:6** As for the western border, you shall have the Great Sea for a border, this is your western border.

**Num 34:7** And this is your northern border: From the Great Sea you mark out your borderline to Mount Hor,

**Num 34:8** from Mount Hor you mark out your border to the entrance of Ḥamath, and the edge of the border shall be toward Tseḡaḡ,

**Num 34:9** and the border shall proceed to Ziphron, and it shall end at Ḥatsar Ĕnan. This is your northern border.

**Num 34:10** And you shall mark out your eastern border from Ḥatsar Ĕnan to Shepham,

**Num 34:11** and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riḃlah on the east side of Ayin, and the border shall go down and reach to the eastern side of the Sea of Kinnereth.

**Num 34:12** And the border shall go down along the Yardēn, and it shall end at the Salt Sea. This is your land with its surrounding boundaries.’ ”

**Num 34:13** And Mosheh commanded the children of Yisra’ēl, saying, **“This is the land which you inherit by lot, which יהוה has commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half-tribe.”**

**Num 34:14** “For the tribe of the children of **Re’ubēn** according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of **Gad** according to the house of their fathers, have received their inheritance. And the **half-tribe of Menashsheh** has received its inheritance.

**Num 34:15** **“The two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Yardēn of Yeriho eastward, toward the sunrise.”**

### **Tribal Leaders**

**Num 34:16** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 34:17** “These are the names of the men who divide the land among you as an inheritance: **El’azar the priest, and Yehoshua son of Nun.**

**Num 34:18** **“And take one leader of every tribe to divide the land for the inheritance.**

**Yehuḡah:** Kalēḃ son of Yephunneh.

**Shim’on:** Shemu’ēl son of Ammihuḡ.

**Binyamin:** Eliḡaḡ son of Kislon

**Dan:** Buḡqi son of Yoḡli.

**Yosēph:**

**Menashsheh,** Ḥanni’ēl son of Ĕphoḡ.

**Ephrayim:** Qemu'ël son of Shiphtan.

**Zebulun:** Elitsaphan son of Parnaḵ.

**Yissaskar:** Palti'ël son of Azzan.

**Ashër:** Aḥihuḍ son of Shelomi.

**Naphtali:** Peḡah'ël son of Ammihuḍ.”

Num 34:19 “And these are the names of the men. From the tribe of Yehuḡah: Kalëḡ son of Yephunneh.

Num 34:20 “And from the tribe of the children of Shim'on: Shemu'ël son of Ammihuḍ.

Num 34:21 “From the tribe of Binyamin: Eliḡaḡ son of Kislon.

Num 34:22 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Dan: Buḡḡi son of Yoḡli.

Num 34:23 “From the sons of Yosëph: a leader from the tribe of the children of Menashsheh, Ḥanni'ël son of Ęphoḡ.

Num 34:24 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Ephrayim: Qemu'ël son of Shiphtan.

Num 34:25 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Zebulun: Elitsaphan son of Parnaḵ.

Num 34:26 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Yissaskar: Palti'ël son of Azzan.

Num 34:27 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Ashër: Aḥihuḍ son of Shelomi.

Num 34:28 “And a leader from the tribe of the children of Naphtali: Peḡah'ël son of Ammihuḍ.”

Num 34:29 These are the ones יהוה commanded to divide the inheritance among the children of Yisra'ël in the land of Kena'an.

## Numbers 35

*Deut. 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and repayment, At the time their foot slips; For near is the day of their calamity, And the matters prepared are hastening to them.'*

*Deut. 32:43 “O nations, acclaim His people! For He avenges the blood of His servants, And returns vengeance to His adversaries, And shall pardon His land, His people.”*

*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?”*

*Rev 19:2 “Because true and righteous are His judgments, Psa 19:9 because He has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her whoring. And He has*

*avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her.” [Deu\\_32:43](#).*

*Heb 6:18 so that by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, [we might have strong encouragement](#), [we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us](#),*

*Heb 6:19 [which we have as an anchor of the life, both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil](#),*

*Heb 6:20 [where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Malkitseq. \[Psa\\\_110:4\]\(#\)](#).*

### Numbers 35 reviews the parameters for Levitical Cities and Cities of Refuge

YHWH gave the command to Moses that there were to be six Levitical cities that would be a place of refuge for the manslayer to flee. In addition to the [6 Cities of Refuge](#), there would be [42 more Levitical Cities](#) added to these six for a total of 48. These cities would be given to the Levites from their land inheritances. The larger tribes would provide more and the smaller tribes less.

Though the parameters seem somewhat contradictory, it appears that [within the city walls](#), yet [‘outside the city parameters’](#), there would be 2,000 cubits north, south, east, and west. Then [the open land for the livestock](#) would be 1,000 cubits from [the wall of the city all around](#). All 48 cities were to have the same dimensions.

### **Cities for the Levites**

**Num 35:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo’ab by the Yardēn of Yeriho, saying,

**Num 35:2** "Command the children of Yisra’el that they shall give the Lēwites cities to dwell in from the inheritance of their possession. Also give the Lēwites open land around the cities.

**Num 35:3** "And they shall have the cities to dwell in, and their open land for their cattle, and for their herds, and for all their livestock.

**Num 35:4** "And the open land of the cities which you give the Lēwites are from the wall of the city outward a thousand cubits all around.

**Num 35:5** "And you shall measure outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. And the city is in the middle. This is to them the open land for the cities.

**Num 35:6** "And the cities which you give to the Lēwites are the six cities of refuge,



which you give to the man-slayer to flee to, and to these you add forty-two cities.

**Num 35:7** “All the cities which you give to the Lēwites are forty-eight, these with their open land.

**Num 35:8** “And the cities which you give are from the possession of the children of Yisra’ēl. From the larger *tribe* you give many, from the smaller you give few, each one gives some of its cities to the Lēwites, in proportion to the inheritance that each inherits.”

### Cities of Refuge

**Num 35:9** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Six Cities of Refuge were for Accidental Manslaughter Cases under the Book of the Law

**Num 35:10** “Speak to the children of Yisra’ēl, and say to them, ‘**When you pass over the Yardēn into the land of Kena’an,**

**Num 35:11** **then you shall choose cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the man-slaughter shall flee there.**

**Num 35:12** And they shall be cities of refuge for you from the revenger, and the man-slayer is not to die until he stands before the congregation for right-ruling.

**Num 35:13** **And of the cities which you give, six are to be cities of refuge.**

**Num 35:14** Give three cities beyond the Yardēn, and give three cities in the land of Kena’an, as cities of refuge.

**Num 35:15** These six cities are for refuge for the children of Yisra’ēl, and for the sojourner, and for the settler in their midst, for **anyone who mistakenly strikes someone** to flee there.



SIDE NOTE: Later, in 2Chronicles we see where the Levites left their open lands and went to Judah and Jerusalem

2Ch 11:14 For the Lēwites left their open lands and their possessions and came to Yehuḡah and Yerushalayim, for Yarob’am and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests unto יהוה,

Individuals committing murders done with malice and intent were to be put to death under the **Book of the Law**. These would not be protected by a city of refuge. In that time period, there were designated 'avengers of blood'. As I understand, the 'avenger of blood' was closely related to the deceased and would be the one to put the murderer to death, to avenge the one who lost his life and for his family or clan.

**Num 35:16** But if he has stricken him with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall certainly be put to death.

**Num 35:17** And if he has stricken him with a stone in the hand, by which one could die, and he does die, he is a murderer. The murderer shall certainly be put to death.

**Num 35:18** Or if he has stricken him with a wooden instrument that could kill, and he does die, he is a murderer. The murderer shall certainly be put to death.

**Num 35:19** The revenger of blood himself puts the murderer to death. When he meets him, he puts him to death.

**Num 35:20** And if he thrusts him through in hatred, or throws *an object* at him while lying in wait, so that he dies,

**Num 35:21** or in enmity he strikes him with his hand so that he dies, the one who struck him shall certainly be put to death, for he is a murderer. The revenger of blood puts the murderer to death when he meets him.

**Num 35:22** But if he pushes him suddenly without enmity, or throws *an object* at him without lying in wait,

**Num 35:23** or uses a stone, by which a man could die, throwing it at him without seeing him, so that he dies, while he was not his enemy or seeking his harm,

#### Accidental Murders Brought Before Congregation under the Book of the Law

**Num 35:24** then **the congregation shall judge between him who struck someone and the revenger of blood, according to these right-rulings.**

**Num 35:25** And the congregation shall rescue the man-slayer from the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall return him to the city of refuge where he had fled, and he shall remain there **until the death of the high priest** who was anointed with the set-apart oil.

**Num 35:26** But if the man-slayer at any time goes outside the limits of the city of refuge where he fled,

**Num 35:27** and the revenger of blood finds him outside the limits of his city of refuge, and the revenger of blood executes the man-slayer, he is not guilty of blood,

**Num 35:28** because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest. **But after the death of the high priest the man-slayer is to return to the land of his possession.**

Must have more than one witness:

Num 35:29 And these shall be for a law of right-ruling to you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Num 35:30 Whoever strikes a being, the murderer **shall be executed by the mouth of witnesses, but one witness does not bear witness against someone to die.**

Num 35:31 And take no ransom for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death, but he shall certainly be put to death.

Num 35:32 And take no ransom for him who has fled to his city of refuge to return to dwell in the land before the death of the priest.

Num 35:33 And do not profane the land where you are, for blood profanes the land, and the land is not pardoned for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.

Num 35:34 And **do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell, for I, יהוה, am dwelling in the midst of the children of Yisra'ël.' "**

What do we take away from this chapter? YHWH is our avenger of blood; YHWH is also our refuge and redeemer who paid our sin debts in full; He is our city of refuge and we will be with Him forever more; because He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order that lives forever and ever.

**Question: So why wasn't Cain killed?** We understand that the 'preachers of righteousness' and the Melchizedek Priesthood predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Under the Melchizedek Priesthood there was grace provided; though there were also consequences. We see these glimmers of grace by YHWH, as in the case of Cain. The Book of the Law wasn't in place until after the sin of the golden calf. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was then established to implement the 'imposed' Book of the Law; to serve as a 'school master' and a 'witness against them'; UNTIL Yahusha would come and usher the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position.

Gen 4:13 And Qayin said to יהוה, "My punishment is too great to bear!

Gen 4:14 "See, You have driven me from the face of the ground today, and I am hidden from Your face. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and it shall be that anyone who finds me kills me."

Gen 4:15 And יהוה said to him, "Well, if anyone kills Qayin, vengeance is taken on him sevenfold." And יהוה **set up a sign for Qayin**, lest anyone finding him strikes him.

Gen 4:16 So Qayin went out from the presence of יהוה and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

Now that we see a different administration under the Book of the Law than under Covenant Torah; we can glean more insights by determining what time period an incident takes place; what priesthood was reigning; and what law were they under.

Today, the Chabad-Lubavitch Sanhedrin 'Court' system that was re-established in 2004, desires to put all people under their Babylonian Satanic Talmud that can convict someone to death by ONE witness even for reading the Bible or saying the Name of Yahusha HaMashiach or Jesus the Messiah. Their 'Talmud' is what they call 'Torah – the Bible'; but it most certainly is NOT. The enemy redefines terms to confuse. These are those that 'say they are Jews and are not' that Yahusha faced. He told us, if they hated Him, they would hate us that believe in Him. Case in point the HR5 Equality Act plays into the larger scheme.

### Jeremiah 3

**Jer 3:1** *Elohim* said, "If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man's, does he return to her again? Would not that land be made greatly unclean? **But you have committed whoring with many lovers. And would you return to Me?**" declares יהוה.

**Jer 3:2** "Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see: where have you not lain with men? Besides the ways you have sat for them like an Arabian in the wilderness. **And you made the land unclean with your whorings and your evil.**

**Jer 3:3** **"Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain. You have had a whore's forehead, you refuse to be ashamed.**

**Jer 3:4** "Shall you not from now on cry to Me, 'My father, You are the guide of my youth?'"

**Jer 3:5** Does one bear a grudge forever? Does one keep it to the end?' See, you have spoken and done the evils that you could."

#### Forehead

As the women veiled their faces, not to do so was a mark of shamelessness; "thou hadst a whore's forehead" (Jeremiah 3:3). The forehead is made the seat of boldness of speech and act (Ezekiel 3:7-9): "the house of Israel are stiff of forehead ... against their foreheads as an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead." Votaries of idols branded themselves with the idol's symbol. So Antiochus Epiphanes branded the Jews with the ivy leaf, Bacchus' symbol (2 Maccabees 6:7; 3 Maccabees 2:29). God's seal and name are in the foreheads of His servants, the conspicuous, noblest part of man's body, the seat of the understanding, whereon the helmet, "the hope of salvation," is worn (Ezekiel 9:4).

At the Exodus the mark was on the houses, for then it was families; here it is on the foreheads, for it is individuals whose safety is guaranteed by the Lord's mark. The mark on "the right hand and forehead" of the worshippers of the beast (Revelation 13:16) implies prostration of body and intellect to him. "In the forehead for possession, in the hand for work and service." God's name shall be "in the saints' foreheads." Their sonship shall no longer be a personal secret between them and God (Revelation 3:17), but shall be openly (Revelation 22:4) visible to all citizens of New Jerusalem's that the free flow of mutual

love among Christ's family will not be checked by suspicion as here.

Upon the harlot's (the apostate church) forehead was written "MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH." What a contrast to the inscription on the mitre on the high priest's forehead, "HOLINESS TO THE LORD" (Revelation 17:5; Exodus 28:36). In Ezekiel 16:12, "a jewel on thy forehead," rather "a ring in thy nose" (Isaiah 3:21). However, Persian and Egyptian women often wear jewels and strings of coins across the forehead.

<https://www.bible-history.com/faussets/f/forehead/>

### Faithless Israel Called to Repentance

Jer 3:6 And יהוה said to me in the days of Yoshiyahu [Josiah] the sovereign, "Have you seen what backsliding Yisra'ël has done? **She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there committed whoring.**

Jer 3:7 "And after she had done all these, I said 'Return to Me.' **But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Yehudah saw it.**

Jer 3:8 "And **I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Yisra'ël had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce;** yet her treacherous sister Yehudah did not fear, but went and committed whoring too.

Here in Jeremiah 3:8, we see YHWH's divorcement of Israel recorded. Judah turns out to be much worse, and eventually is exiled and burned to the ground. We understand that the only way YHWH would be able to take Israel back would be by laying down His life and taking it back up again.

The laws of divorcement were written in the Book of the Law (Deut. 24:1-4); and as we have discussed Yahusha was born under the Book of the Law during the reign of the Aaronic Levitical priesthood.

**Deu 24:1** "When a man takes a wife and shall marry her, then it shall be, if she finds no favour in his eyes because he has found a matter of uncoveredness<sup>a</sup> in her, and he shall write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Proof that she is not a maiden, indicating that she had previously been fornicating. See also [Mat 5:32](#) and [Mat 19:9](#).

Deu 24:2 and if she left his house and went and became another man's wife,

Deu 24:3 and the latter husband shall hate her and write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or when the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

Deu 24:4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled, for that would be an abomination before יהוה. And do not bring sin on the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

Jer 3:9 **“And it came to be, through her frivolous whoring, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and wood.**

Jer 3:10 **“And yet for all this her treacherous sister Yehudah has not turned to Me with all her heart, but falsely,” declares יהוה.**

Jer 3:11 And יהוה said to me, **“Backsliding Yisra’ël has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Yehudah.**

Jer 3:12 **“Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say,** ‘Return, O backsliding Yisra’ël,’ declares יהוה, ‘I shall not look on you in displeasure, for I am lovingly-committed,’ declares יהוה, ‘and I do not bear a grudge forever.

Jer 3:13 Only, acknowledge your crookedness, because you have transgressed against יהוה your Elohim, and have scattered your ways to strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice,’ declares יהוה.

Jer 3:14 **“Return, O backsliding children,” declares יהוה, “for I shall rule over you, and shall take you, one from a city and two from a clan,<sup>a</sup> and shall bring you to Tsiyon.**

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Isa 27:12](#).

The words Jeremiah proclaims in Jer. 3:12-14, have echoed through time to our very generation. We are the back-sliding Israel spoken of, that were scattered around the world after Israel’s northern exile to Assyria. Today, many of us have heard His voice and have started to be gathered, one from a city and two from a clan.

We strive to set-aside anything that hinders us from returning to our Beloved. We have acknowledged our crookedness and our transgressions against YHWH and have repented. We have turned away from doing things by the worldly paganistic man-made traditions with their cleverly disguised gods; and have ran back to our Groom, back to our first Love, back to communing with Him on Shabbats and His moedim, back to being betrothed to Him through the New Blood Ratified Covenant; we have vowed, ‘yes’ and we partake with Him in the covenant confirming meal. We rejoice knowing our Beloved draws nigh to us.

Jer 3:15 “And I shall give you shepherds according to My heart, and they shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jer 3:16 “And it shall be, when you have increased, and shall be fruitful in the land in those days,” declares יהוה, “that they no longer say, ‘The ark of the covenant of יהוה.’ Neither would it come to heart, nor would they remember it, nor would they visit it, nor would it be made again.

Jer 3:17 “At that time Yerushalayim shall be called the throne of יהוה, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the Name of יהוה, to Yerushalayim, and no longer walk after the stubbornness of their evil heart.

Jer 3:18 **“In those days the house of Yehudah shall go to the house of Yisra’ël,** and they

**shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.**

Here we see the two sticks, Judah and Israel, coming together as the ‘one new man’; Israel! YHWH has been faithful and has sent us shepherds such as, but not limited to, Dave Perry and Matthew Nolan, by teaching us who we are!

Through these shepherds we have gained knowledge and understanding of Covenant Torah and the Melchizedek Priesthood. Our dry bones have come to life through His Word being rightly divided and scriptural truths imparted.

Living water once again flows and we rejoice and are connected to our brothers and sisters all around the globe of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. We are one with Him, a coat of many colors; Israel, His first born. A beautiful tapestry of His loving commitment to us; knowing He never gave up! We long for the day when we tabernacle with Him in his very presence.

**Jer 3:19** “But I said, ‘How would I put you among the children and give you a pleasant land, a splendid inheritance of the hosts of nations?’ “And I said, ‘Call Me, “My Father,” and do not turn away from Me.’

**Jer 3:20** “But indeed as a wife betrays her husband, so have you betrayed Me, O house of Yisra’ël,” declares יהוה.

**Jer 3:21** A voice was heard on the bare heights, weeping supplications of the children of Yisra’ël, because they have perverted their way, they have forgotten יהוה their Elohim.

**Jer 3:22** “Return, O backsliding children, I shall make your backslidings cease.” “See, we have come to You, for You are יהוה our Elohim.

**Jer 3:23** “Truly, delusion comes from the high hills, the noisy throng on the mountains. Truly, in יהוה our Elohim is the deliverance of Yisra’ël.

**Jer 3:24** “For shame has devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.

**Jer 3:25** “We shall lie down in our shame, while our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against יהוה our Elohim, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and have not obeyed the voice of יהוה our Elohim.”

## Matthew 25

### The Parable of the Ten Virgins

**Mat 25:1** “Then the reign of the heavens shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 “And **five of them were wise, and five foolish.**

Mat 25:3 “Those who were foolish, having taken their lamps, took no oil with them,

Mat 25:4 but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 “**Now while the bridegroom took time, they all slumbered and slept.**

Mat 25:6 “And at midnight a cry was heard, ‘See, the bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him!’

Our common day term of ‘midnight’ was not used in historic biblical times. A phrase that may have been used would have been phrased ‘mid of night.’

Mat 25:7 “Then all those maidens rose up and trimmed their lamps.

Mat 25:8 “**And the foolish said to the wise,** ‘Give us of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

Mat 25:9 “**But the wise answered, saying,** ‘No, indeed, there would not be enough for us and you. Instead, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

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,

Five of the maidens thought they were ‘ready enough’; but they were not. They were not prepared for His return; they had a ‘head’ knowledge of Him but not a heart set-apart to Him. Abiding in Him means a person will not run out of oil. Abiding in Him means that person’s life will grow brighter and brighter through the Ruach HaKodesh.

The more we stay in obedience to His Covenant Word; the more we will have the mind of Yahusha and do the will of the Father; therefore, His light in us burns bigger and brighter. Our goal is to have our Spirit man, the Ruach HaKodesh, grow so big and bright within us that there is very little space for our fleshly soul realm.



The Door leading to the Bridegroom is presently open. Now, is the time to be set-apart to Him and to Him only. Now, is the time to receive a fresh anointing of freshly pressed pure oil. When the bridegroom shuts the door; then it is too late.

### The Parable of the Talents

**Mat 25:14** for it is like a man going from home, who called his own servants and delivered his possessions to them.

**Mat 25:15** “And to **one he gave five talents**, and to **another two**, and **to another one**, to each according to his own ability, and went from home.

**Mat 25:16** “And he who had received the five talents went and worked with them, and made another five talents.

**Mat 25:17** “In the same way, he with the two also, he gained two more.

**Mat 25:18** “But he who had received the one went away and dug in the ground, and hid the silver of his master.

**Mat 25:19** “And **after a long time** the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

**Mat 25:20** “And he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents. See, I have gained five more talents besides them.’

**Mat 25:21** “And his master said to him, ‘**Well done, good and trustworthy servant.** You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

**Mat 25:22** “Then he who had received two talents came and said, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents. See, I have gained two more talents besides them.’

**Mat 25:23** “His master said to him, ‘**Well done, good and trustworthy servant.** You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

**Mat 25:24** “And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed,

**Mat 25:25** and being afraid, I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’

**Mat 25:26** “And his master answering, said to him, ‘**You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.**

**Mat 25:27** **Then you should have put my silver with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.**

**Mat 25:28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to him who possesses ten talents.**

Mat 25:29 'For to everyone who possesses, more shall be given, and he shall have overflowing; but from him who does not possess, even what he possesses shall be taken away.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Luk 8:18](#).

**Mat 25:30 And throw the worthless servant out into the outer darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'**

There is a difference between dwelling in the promise land and possessing the promise land. The 12 tribes that entered the Promised Land were not only to dwell there but to possess the land. We too must possess what YHWH has given us. He has given us His priceless gift on His altar outside the camp, not to keep it to ourselves or hide it from others; but to share the Good News of the Covenant Confirming Gospel Message of LIFE!

Heb 13:12 And so יהושע' also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

### The Final Judgment

Mat 25:31 "And when the Son of Adam comes in His esteem, and all the set-apart messengers with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His esteem.

Mat 25:32 "And all the nations shall be gathered before Him, and He shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats.

Mat 25:33 "And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.

Mat 25:34 "Then the Sovereign shall say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the reign prepared for you from the foundation of the world –

Who does it say will speak to His sheep, the set-apart ones, on His right hand? The Sovereign. Yes, Yahusha returns as King of kings, and Master of master to gather His sheep.

Mat 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food,

- I was thirsty and you gave Me drink,
- I was a stranger and you took Me in,
- [Mat 25:36](#) was naked and you clothed Me,
- I was sick and you visited Me,

- I was in prison and you came to Me.’

**Mat 25:37** “Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying, ‘Master, when did we see You hungry and we fed *You*, or thirsty and gave *You* to drink?’

**Mat 25:38** And when did we see You a stranger and took *You* in, or naked and clothed *You*?

**Mat 25:39** And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and we came to You?’

**Mat 25:40** “And the Sovereign shall answer and say to them,

- ‘Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.’

**Mat 25:41** “He shall then also say to those on the left hand,

- ‘Go away from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his messengers –
- **Mat 25:42** for I was hungry and you gave Me no food,
- I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink,
- **Mat 25:43** I was a stranger and you did not take Me in,
- was naked and you did not clothe Me,
- sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’

**Mat 25:44** “Then they also shall answer Him, saying, ‘Master, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not serve You?’

**Mat 25:45** “Then He shall answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’

**Mat 25:46** “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.”

His kingdom of priests is to be about His kingdom work; to seek and to save that which is lost through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh; to reach out to the downtrodden; to help widows and orphans; to care for the sick; visit those in prison etc. We should be ever ready to share the Good News and give our personal testimony. We are His witnesses.

## Philippians 3

The words of Paul in Philippians 3 are precise and moving. They are a true testimony to the esteem of YHWH and His Son.

### Righteousness Through Faith in Christ

**Php 3:1** For the rest, my brothers, rejoice in יהוה. To write the same *matters* to you is truly no trouble to me, and for you it is safe.

**Php 3:2** Look out for dogs, look out for the evil workers, look out for the mutilation!

**Php 3:3** For we are the circumcision, who are serving Elohim in the Spirit, and boasting in Messiah יהושע, and do not trust in the flesh,

**Php 3:4** though I too might have trust in the flesh. If anyone else thinks to trust in the flesh, I more –

**Php 3:5** circumcised the eighth day, of the race of Yisra'el, of the tribe of Binyamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews, according to Torah a Pharisee,

**Php 3:6** according to ardour, persecuting the assembly; according to righteousness that is in the law, having become blameless.

**Php 3:7** But what might have been a gain to me, I have counted as loss, because of Messiah.

**Php 3:8** What is more, I even count all to be loss **because of the excellence of the knowledge of Messiah יהושע my Master**, for whom I have suffered the loss of all, and count them as refuse, in order to gain Messiah,

**Php 3:9** and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through belief in Messiah, the righteousness which is from Elohim on the basis of belief,

**Php 3:10** to know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,

**Php 3:11** if somehow I might attain to the resurrection from the dead.

*Press on with our sanctification process...*

**Php 3:12** Not that I have already received, or already been perfected, but I press on, to lay hold of that for which Messiah יהושע has also laid hold of me.

**Php 3:13** Brothers, I do not count myself to have laid hold of it yet, but only this: forgetting what is behind and reaching out for what lies ahead,

**Php 3:14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of Elohim in Messiah יהושע.

**Php 3:15** As many, then, as are perfect, should have this mind. And if you think differently in any respect, Elohim shall also reveal this to you.

**Php 3:16** But to what we have *already* attained – walk by the same rule, be of the same mind.

**Php 3:17** Become joint imitators of me, brothers, and look at those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

**Php 3:18** For many – of whom I have often told you, and now say to you even weeping – walk as enemies of the stake of Messiah.

**Php 3:19** Their end is destruction, their mighty one is their stomach, and their esteem is in their shame – they mind the earthly.

*Unto our glorification...*

**Php 3:20** For our citizenship is in the heavens, from which we also eagerly wait for the Saviour, the Master יהושע Messiah,

**Php 3:21** who shall change our lowly body, to be conformed to His esteemed body, according to the working by which He is able even to bring all under His control.

*Shabbat Shalom, Libby*