

*Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 3; 2Thes. 3; Daniel 7; Psalm 114 & 115.*

## *October 22 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **2Kings 3**

#### **Moab Rebels Against Israel**

**2Ki 3:1** **And Yehoram son of Ahab began to reign over Yisra'ël at Shomeron in the eighteenth year of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah, and reigned twelve years.**

**2Ki 3:2** And he did evil in the eyes of יהוה, but not like his father and mother; for he removed the statue of Ba'al which his father had made.

**2Ki 3:3** But he clung to the sins of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'ël sin. He did not turn away from them.

**2Ki 3:4** And **Měysha sovereign of Mo'ab was a sheep-breeder, and he paid the sovereign of Yisra'ël one hundred thousand lambs and the wool of one hundred thousand rams.**

**2Ki 3:5** And it came to be, when Ahab died, that the **sovereign of Mo'ab revolted against the sovereign of Yisra'ël.**

**2Ki 3:6** And Sovereign Yehoram went out of Shomeron at that time and mustered all Yisra'ël.

**2Ki 3:7** And he went and sent to Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah, saying, "The sovereign of Mo'ab has revolted against me. Do you go with me to fight against Mo'ab?" And he said, "I go up. I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses."

**2Ki 3:8** And he said, "Which way do we go up?" And he said, "By way of the Wilderness of Edom."

**2Ki 3:9** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël went, and the sovereign of Yehudah and the sovereign of Edom, and went round a journey of seven days. And **there was no water for the army, nor for the cattle that followed them.**

Yehoshaphat calls for a prophet of YHWH.

**2Ki 3:10** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël said, "What? Has יהוה called these three **sovereigns to give them into the hand of Mo'ab.**"

**2Ki 3:11** And Yehoshaphat said, "Is there no prophet of יהוה here? Then let us inquire

of יהוה through him.” One of the servants of the sovereign of Yisra’el then answered and said, **“Elisha son of Shaphat is here, who poured water out on the hands of Elyahu.”**

2Ki 3:12 **And Yehoshaphat said**, “The word of יהוה is with him.” And the sovereign of Yisra’el and Yehoshaphat and the sovereign of Edom went down to him.

2Ki 3:13 **And Elisha said to the sovereign of Yisra’el**,

- + **“What have I to do with you?** Go to the prophets of your father and the prophets of your mother.”
- + **And the sovereign of Yisra’el said to him**, “No, for יהוה has called these three sovereigns to give them into the hand of Mo’ab.”
- + 2Ki 3:14 **And Elisha said**, “**As יהוה of hosts lives, before whom I stand, if it were not that I regard the presence of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah, I would not look at you nor see you.**
- + 2Ki 3:15 “And now, bring me a harpist.” And it came to be, when the harpist played, that the hand of יהוה came upon him.

2Ki 3:16 **And he said**, “Thus said יהוה, ‘Make this wadi ditches – ditches.’

- + 2Ki 3:17 **“For thus said יהוה**, ‘You are not going to see wind, nor rain. Yet that wadi is to be filled with water, so that you, your cattle, and your beasts shall drink.’
- + 2Ki 3:18 **“And this shall be but a light matter in the eyes of יהוה. And He shall give Mo’ab into your hand.**
- + 2Ki 3:19 **“And you shall strike every walled city and every choice city, and shall cut down every good tree, and stop up every fountain of water, and ruin every good piece of land with stones.”**
- + 2Ki 3:20 **And it came to be in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that see, water came by way of Edom, and the land was filled with water.**
- + 2Ki 3:21 **And when all Mo’ab heard that the sovereigns had come up to fight against them, all who were able to bear arms and older were gathered, and they stood at the border.**
- + 2Ki 3:22 **And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun was shining on the water. And the Mo’abites saw the water on the other side as red as blood.**
  - o 2Ki 3:23 **And they said**, “This is blood. The sovereigns have indeed struck swords and have killed one another. And now, Mo’ab, to the spoil!”

The Moabites are delivered into their hands by YHWH.

2Ki 3:24 **And they came to the camp of Yisra’el, and Yisra’el rose up and struck the Mo’abites, so that they fled before them. And striking they struck the Mo’abites.**

2Ki 3:25 **And they broke down the cities, and each man threw a stone on every good**

piece of land and filled it. And they stopped up all the fountains of water and cut down all the good trees, until *only* the stones of Qir H̄araseth was left. And the slingers went round and struck it.

**2Ki 3:26** And when the sovereign of Mo'ab saw that the battle was too strong for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, to break through to the sovereign of Edom, but they could not,

**2Ki 3:27** then took his eldest son who would have reigned in his place, and offered him as an ascending offering upon the wall. And there was great wrath against Yisra'ël. And they left him and returned to the land.

#### Ellicott's Excerpt Commentary:

His eldest son—i.e., the despairing king of Moab took his own son and heir.

Offered him for a burnt offering.—**To Chemosh**, without doubt, by way of appeasing that wrath of the god which seemed bent on his destruction. (Comp. the words of Mesha's inscription: "Chemosh was angry with his land." Note, 2Kings 1:1.) There is a reference to such hideous sacrifices in Micah 6:7, "Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions?" In dark times of national calamity, the Hebrews were prone, like their neighbours, to seek help in the same dreadful rites. (Comp. the case of Manasseh, 2Chronicles 33:6; see also Psalms 106:37-39.) From the cuneiform records we learn that the sacrifice of children was also a Babylonian practice. (Amos 2:1 refers to a totally different event from that recorded in the text.)

Upon the wall.—Of Kir-haraseth. This was done that the besiegers might see, and dread the consequences, believing, as they would be likely to do, that the Divine wrath was now appeased.

#### **2Thes. 3**

Paul concludes 2 Thessalonians written by his own hand. 2Th 3:17 The greeting of Sha'ul with my own hand, which is a sign in every letter, thus I write.

Paul requested and knew the importance of prayer! Not placing our petitions before YHWH, is like trying to drive a car without fuel. He is the Vine we are the branches; without Him we can do nothing.

We should pray for one another and be diligent in spreading the Good News by being led by His Ruach HaKodesh. We should not become idle; but fill our days with His Word and doing good toward one another. Paul also addresses the importance of providing for one's own needs; and not being a burden on those around us. If there is a true need among the brethren, then absolutely provide; but some among the Thessalonians upon hearing that the Day of Elohim was near; reasoned in themselves, why should they labor daily.

We most certainly should understand that His return draws nigh, but at the same time understand that we are not guaranteed of tomorrow; and that today may be our last day. Today is the day of salvation. We should live everyday as our last! Each day He gives us, is an opportunity to be His ambassadors on earth and be about His kingdom work. We should imitate Him and His faithful ones in our daily lives; and not become idle which invites missed opportunities and sin.

### Pray for Us

**2Th 3:1** For the rest, brothers, pray for us, so **that the Word of יהוה spreads rapidly and be praised, as also with you,**

**2Th 3:2** and that we might be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men, for not all have belief.

**2Th 3:3** But the Master is trustworthy, who shall establish you and guard you from the wicked one.

**2Th 3:4** And we trust in the Master as to you, both that you do and shall do what we command you.

**2Th 3:5** And the Master direct your hearts into the love of Elohim and into the endurance for Messiah.

### Warning Against Idleness

**2Th 3:6** But we command you, brothers, in the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah, **that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which you received from us.**

**2Th 3:7** For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not disorderly among you,

**2Th 3:8** nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but worked with labor and toil night and day, in order not to burden any of you,

**2Th 3:9** not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example, for you to imitate us.

**2Th 3:10** For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone does not wish to work, neither let him eat.

**2Th 3:11** For we hear of some among you walking disorderly, not working at all, but are busybodies.

**2Th 3:12** But we command and urge such, through our Master יהושע Messiah, to settle down, work and eat their own bread.

**2Th 3:13** And you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

**2Th 3:14** And if anyone does not obey our word in this letter, note that one, and do not keep company with him, so that he is put to shame.

**2Th 3:15** However, do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

### Benediction

2Th 3:16 And the Master of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Master be with you all.

2Th 3:17 The greeting of Sha'ul with my own hand, which is a sign in every letter, thus I write.

2Th 3:18 The favor of our Master יהושע Messiah be with you all. Aměn.

## Daniel 7

### Daniel's Vision of the Four Beasts

**Dan 7:1** In the first year of Bēlshatstsar sovereign of Babel, Dani'ēl had a dream and visions of his head on his bed. Then he wrote down the dream, giving a summary of the matters.

Dan 7:2 Dani'ēl spoke and said,

- ✚ "I was looking in my vision by night and saw the four winds of the heavens stirring up the Great Sea.

Rev 7:1 And after this I saw four messengers standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

- ✚ Dan 7:3 "And **four great beasts** came up from the sea, different from one another.

- ✚ Dan 7:4 "The first was **like a lion, and had eagle's wings.** I was looking until its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and it was given a man's heart.

There are several possible interpretations of what nations these animals represent, and most have good supportive reasonings behind their conclusions. As time goes on, these prophesies will become clearer. Keep in mind these prophesies may have 2-3 fulfillments with the last fulfillment applying to the end of days.

- ✚ Dan 7:5 "And see, another beast, **a second, like a bear.** And it was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said this to it, 'Arise, devour much flesh!'

- ✚ Dan 7:6 "After this I looked and saw **another, like a leopard,** which had on its back four wings of a bird.

- ✚ The beast also had **four heads,** and rule was given to it.

- ✚ Dan 7:7 "After this I looked in the night visions and saw **a fourth beast, fearsome and burly, exceedingly strong. And it had great iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and trampled down the rest with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.**

- ✚ Dan 7:8 "I was thinking about the horns, then saw another horn, **a little one,** coming up among them, and three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots before it. And see, eyes like the eyes of a man were in this horn, and a mouth speaking great words.

### The First Beast

Rev 13:1 And I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having **seven heads and ten horns**, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads names of blasphemy.

Rev 13:2 And the beast I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and great authority.

Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads, as having been slain to death, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the earth marvelled after the beast.

Rev 13:4 And they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast? Who is able to fight with him?"

Rev 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great *matters* and blasphemies, and he was given authority to do so forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against Elohim, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tent, and those dwelling in the heaven.

The commonality of these beasts whether in Daniel or in Revelation, is that they consist of multiple nations that have made unholy alliances. They also seem to all be infused with 'anti-messiah' authority from the dragon, Satan. The three horns that are plucked up show that they don't mind devouring certain alliances.

### The Ancient of Days Reigns

**Dan 7:9** "I was looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days was seated. His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like clean wool, His throne was flames of fire, its wheels burning fire.

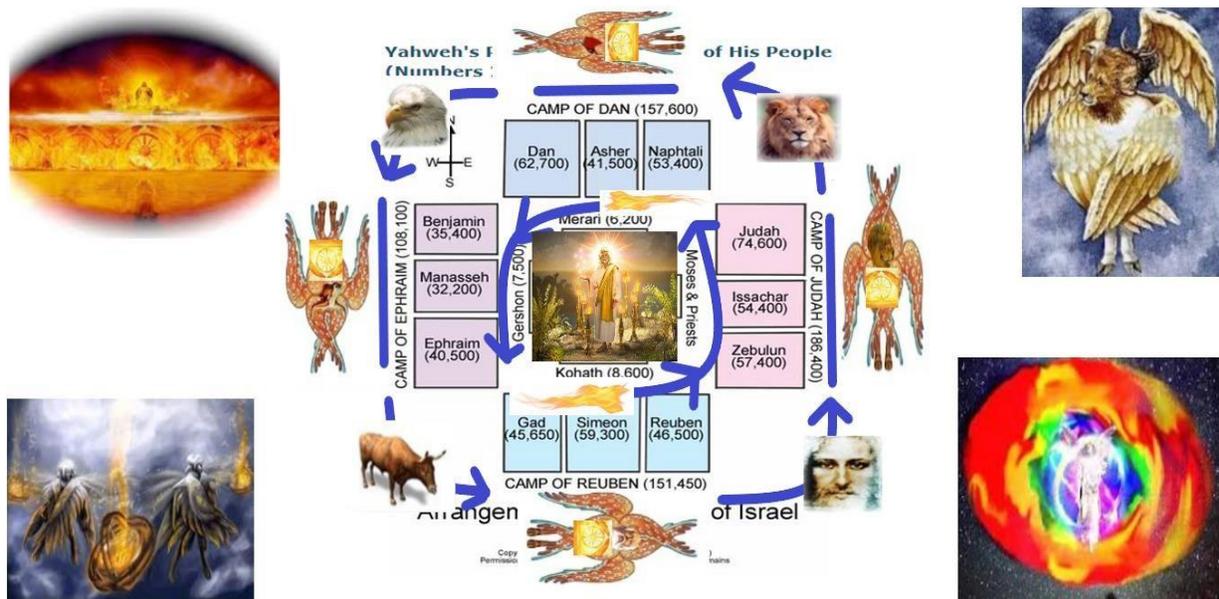
**Dan 7:10** "A stream of fire was flowing and coming forth from His presence, **and a thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him**, the Judge was seated, and the books were opened.

**Dan 7:11** "I was looking. Then, because of the sound of the great words which the horn was speaking, I was looking until the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given to the burning fire,

**Dan 7:12** and **the rest of the beasts had their rule taken away**. But a lengthening of life was given to them, for a season and a time.

YHWH reigns; His head is like clean wool; His garment white as snow; His throne is flames of fire; its wheels are burning fire; a stream of fire flows from His presence; thousands of thousand serve Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stand before Him; the Judge is seated; the books are opened.

YHWH reigns outside of time. YHWH is Omnipresent. YHWH's throne is surrounded by thousands upon thousands. I believe these thousands upon thousands are not only angelic beings but souls of believers [until they are given their resurrected bodies]. For this reason, the following is a graphic I put together that may give an idea of how YHWH is One with His people; the one new man with Yahusha HaMashiach as the head (Col. 1:18). The thousands surround His Dwelling Place just as they did in the wilderness encampments. They also have mobility in the heavens like a whirlwind or a wheel inside a wheel.



### The Son of Man Is Given Dominion

Dan 7:13 "I was looking in the night visions and saw One like the [Son of Enosh,<sup>a</sup>](#) coming with the clouds of the heavens! And He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Son of Enosh - This Aramaic term is similar to the Hebrew 'Ben Adam,' (Son of Adam) but not the exact equivalent of it.**

Dan 7:14 "And to Him was given rulership and preciousness and a reign, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His rule is an everlasting rule which shall not pass away, and His reign that which shall not be destroyed."

As with John the Revelator, Daniel sees into the Day of YHWH.

## Daniel's Vision Interpreted

Dan 7:15 "As for me, Dani'ël, my spirit was pierced within my body, and the visions of my head alarmed me.

Dan 7:16 "I drew near to one of those who stood by, and asked him the certainty of all this. **And he spoke to me and made known to me the interpretation of the matters:**

- + Dan 7:17 These great beasts, which are four, are **four sovereigns** which rise up from the earth.
- + Dan 7:18 **Then the set-apart ones of the Most High** shall receive the reign, and possess the reign forever, even forever and ever.'

The set-apart ones are His kingdom of Melchizedek priests from every tongue, tribe, people and nation.

- + Dan 7:19 "**Then I desired for certainty concerning the fourth beast**, which was different from all the others, very fearsome, with its teeth of iron and its nails of bronze, which devoured, crushed, and trampled down the rest with its feet,
  - o Dan 7:20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and of the other *horn* that came up, before which three fell – this horn which had eyes and a mouth which spoke great *words*, whose appearance was greater than his fellows.
- + Dan 7:21 "I was looking, and **this horn was fighting against the set-apart ones, and was prevailing against them,**

Rev 13:5 And he was given a mouth speaking great *matters* and blasphemies, and he was given authority to do so forty-two months.

Rev 13:6 And he opened his mouth in blasphemies against Elohim, to blaspheme His Name, and His Tent, and those dwelling in the heaven.

Rev 13:7 And **it was given to him to fight with the set-apart ones and to overcome them.** And authority was given to him over every tribe and tongue and nation.

- + Dan 7:22 **until the Ancient of Days came, and right-ruling was given to the set-apart ones of the Most High, and the time came and the set-apart ones took possession of the reign.**

Like John the Revelator, Daniel draws close to one who stood by in the vision and inquires what the vision of the beasts meant [Daniel 7:16].

Dan 7:23 "This is what he said,

- + 'The fourth beast **is the fourth reign on earth**, which is different from all other reigns, and it devours all the earth, tramples it down and crushes it.
- + Dan 7:24 And the **ten horns are ten sovereigns from this reign.** They shall rise, and another shall rise after them, and it is different from the first ones, and it humbles three sovereigns,

- ✚ **Dan 7:25** and it speaks words against the Most High, and it wears out the set-apart ones of the Most High, and it intends to change appointed times<sup>b</sup> and law, and they are given into its hand for a time and times and half a time. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>This is another word for *festivals*.

This seems to be clearly speaking of the great tribulation. The anti-messiah spirit counterfeits what YHWH has in place. The enemy desires to change the Sabbath to SUNday worship; the enemy desires to change YHWH's moedim, His appointed times, to pagan man-made holidays. The enemy desires to be worshipped and desires to take the place of Yah.

The following is one of several 'possible' considerations:

- *The First Reich: The Holy Roman Empire (800/962 - 1806)*
  - The Second Reich: The German Empire (1871 - 1918)
  - The Third Reich: Nazi Germany (1933 - 1945)
- <https://www.thoughtco.com/the-other-reichs-1220797>
- The Fourth Reich: Satan's Beast Kingdom
    - Different than all other reigns
    - Devours all the earth; tramples it down and crushes it.
    - The 10 horns are ten sovereigns from this reign.
      - They rise and another rises after them; and it is different from the first ones and humbles 3 of the sovereigns.
    - Speaks words against the Most High
    - Wears out the set-apart ones of the Most High
    - Intends to change appointed times and law (YHWH's moedim)
    - They are given into its hands for time, times, & half a time (3 ½ years)

**Dan 7:26** But the Judgment shall sit, and they shall take away its rule, to cut off and to destroy, until the end.

**Dan 7:27** And the reign, and the rulership, and the greatness of the reigns under all the heavens, shall be given to the people, the set-apart ones of the Most High. His reign is an everlasting reign, and all rulerships shall serve and obey Him.<sup>1</sup>

**Dan 7:28** "This is the end of the matter. As for me, Dani'ël, my thoughts greatly alarmed me, and my color changed. And I kept the matter in my heart."<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>The end of the Aramaic text.

Daniel had seen much in his lifetime, so for Daniel to say his color changed and that he was greatly alarmed, should propel us to stay close to YHWH and be clothed with His armor! The end of days, the great tribulation, will be the worst of the worst of days on earth; except when YHWH pours out His Wrath directly against the enemy and all those that deny YHWH and His Son, Yahusha HaMashiach.

## Psalm 114 & 115

All creation responded to YHWH as He led His people out of Egypt. Creation knows their Creator.

By just observing His creation; people can also obtain much wisdom about the Omnipotent; Omniscient; and Omnipresent YHWH. All of creation stands as witnesses to who He is. The heavens declare His glory!

The nations observing the exodus generation, saw the mighty acts of the One true living Elohim, YHWH. To the Name of YHWH give esteem! The pagan nations worship idols of silver and gold made by men's hands; pagan idols having no ability to even speak nor hear. Only the Name of YHWH should be given esteem; Him and Him only.

**Psa 114:1** When Yisra'ël went out of Mitsrayim, The house of Ya'aqob from a people of strange language,

Psa 114:2 Yehudah became His set-apart place, And Yisra'ël His rule.

Psa 114:3 The sea saw it and fled; The Yardēn turned back.

Psa 114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, The little hills like lambs.

Psa 114:5 Why was it, O sea, that you fled? O Yardēn, that you turned back?

Psa 114:6 O mountains, that you skipped like rams? O little hills, like lambs?

Psa 114:7 Tremble, O earth, from the face of the Master, From the face of the Eloah of Ya'aqob,

Psa 114:8 Who turned the rock into a pool of water, The flint into a fountain of water.

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### To Your Name Give Glory

**Psa 115:1** Not to us, O יהוה, not to us, But to Your Name give esteem, For Your loving-commitment, For Your truth.

Psa 115:2 Why should the nations say, "Where now is their Elohim?"

Psa 115:3 But our Elohim is in the heavens; Whatever pleased Him, He has done.

Psa 115:4 Their idols are silver and gold, The work of men's hands.

Psa 115:5 They have mouths, but they do not speak; They have eyes, but they do not see;

Psa 115:6 They have ears, but they do not hear; They have noses, but they do not smell;

Psa 115:7 They have hands, but they do not handle; They have feet, but they do not walk; They make no sound through their throat.

Psa 115:8 The ones who make them, shall become like them – All who trust in them.

Psa 115:9 O Yisra'ël, trust in יהוה; He is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:10 O house of Aharon, trust in **יהוה**; He is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:11 You who fear **יהוה**, trust in **יהוה**; He is their help and their shield.

Psa 115:12 **יהוה** has remembered us; He blesses us; He blesses the house of Yisra'el; He blesses the house of Aharon.

Psa 115:13 **He blesses those who fear יהוה, The small and the great.**

Psa 115:14 **יהוה** gives you increase more and more, You and your children.

Psa 115:15 You are blessed by **יהוה**, Who made the heavens and earth.

Psa 115:16 **The heavens are the heavens of יהוה; But He has given the earth to the children of men.**

Psa 115:17 **The dead do not praise Yah, Nor any going down to silence.**

Psa 115:18 **But we, we bless Yah Now and forever. Praise Yah!**

### *Four Great Beasts*

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