

*Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 25; Zechariah 8; Rev. 12; John 11.*

## *December 21 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

### **2Chron 25**

#### **Amaziah Reigns in Judah**

**2Ch 25:1** Amatsyahu was **twenty-five years old when he began to reign**, and he reigned **twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim**. And the name of his mother was Yehoaddan of Yerushalayim.

**2Ch 25:2** And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, but not with a perfect heart.

**2Ch 25:3** And it came to be, upon his strong *control* of the reign, that he killed his servants who had struck his father the sovereign.

**2Ch 25:4** But he did not put their children to death, but did as it is written in the Torah in the Book of Mosheh, where יהוה commanded, saying, "Fathers are not put to death for their children, and children are not put to death for their fathers, but each one has to die for his own sin."

#### **Amaziah's Victories**

**2Ch 25:5** And Amatsyahu gathered Yehudah and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, according to the fathers' houses, for all Yehudah and Binyamin. And he registered them from twenty years old and above, and found them to be **three hundred thousand** choice men going out to the army, handling spear and shield.

**2Ch 25:6** And he **hired one hundred thousand mighty brave ones from Yisra'el** for one hundred talents of silver.

**2Ch 25:7** But a man of Elohim came to him, saying,

✚ "O sovereign, do not let the army of Yisra'el go with you, for יהוה is not with Yisra'el, with all the children of Ephrayim.

✚ **2Ch 25:8** "**But if you are going, do it!** Be strong in battle, *else* Elohim would make you fall before the enemy, for Elohim has power to help and to overthrow."

**2Ch 25:9** And Amatsyahu said to the man of Elohim, "**But what do we do about the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Yisra'el?**" And the man of Elohim answered, "**יהוה has more to give you than this.**"

**2Ch 25:10** **So Amatsyahu dismissed the army that had come to him from Ephrayim, to go back home. And they were greatly enraged against Yehudah, and they returned home in a rage.**

**2Ch 25:11** And Amatsyahu strengthened himself, and led his people, and went to the

### Valley of Salt and **struck ten thousand of the sons of Sě'ir.**

**2Ch 25:12** And the **sons of Yehuḏah took captive another ten thousand alive**, and they brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down from the top of the rock, and all of them were dashed to pieces.

**2Ch 25:13** And the soldiers of the army which Amatsyahu had sent back from going with him to battle, they raided the cities of Yehuḏah from Shomeron to Běyth Horon, and struck three thousand in them, and took much spoil.

### Amaziah's Idolatry

Idolatry. Adopting the idols of the world is a very serious matter even to this very day. Never underestimate the displeasure YHWH experiences; when believers blend with the paganistic traditions of men.

**2Ch 25:14** And it came to be, after Amatsyahu came from striking the Edomites, that he **brought the mighty ones of the people of Sě'ir, and set them up to be his mighty ones, and bowed down before them and burned incense to them.**

**2Ch 25:15** Therefore **the displeasure of יהוה burned against Amatsyahu**, and He sent him a prophet who said to him,

✚ **“Why have you sought the mighty ones of the people, which did not deliver their own people from your hand?”**

**2Ch 25:16** And it came to be, as he talked with him, that the sovereign said to him, “Have we appointed you counsellor to the sovereign? Stop! Why should they strike you?” **Then the prophet stopped and said, “I know that Elohim has counselled to destroy you, because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel.”**

### Israel Defeats Amaziah

**2Ch 25:17** And Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehuḏah took counsel and sent to Yo'ash son of Yeho'aḏaz, son of Yěhu, sovereign of Yisra'ěl, saying, “Come, let us look each other in the face!”

**2Ch 25:18** And Yo'ash sovereign of Yisra'ěl sent to Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehuḏah, saying, “The thistle that was in Leḃanon sent to the cedar that was in Leḃanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son as wife.’ And a wild beast that was in Leḃanon passed by and trampled the thistle.

**2Ch 25:19** “You have said, ‘See, I have stricken Eḏom,’ and your heart has lifted you up to boast. Now stay at home, why should you stir up yourself to evil, that you should fall – you and Yehuḏah with you?”

Pro 16:18 Before destruction comes pride, And before a fall a haughty spirit!

**2Ch 25:20** **But Amatsyahu did not listen**, for it came from Elohim, in order to give them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought the mighty ones of Eḏom.

**2Ch 25:21** So Yo'ash sovereign of Yisra'ěl went out. And he and Amatsyahu sovereign

of Yehudah faced one another at Běyth Shemesh, which belongs to Yehudah.

**2Ch 25:22** **And Yehudah was smitten before Yisra'ěl, and they each fled to his tent.**

**2Ch 25:23** **And Yo'ash the sovereign of Yisra'ěl**

- ✚ caught Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehudah, son of Yo'ash, son of Yeho'aḥaz, at Běyth Shemesh,
- ✚ and brought him to Yerushalayim,
- ✚ and broke down the wall of Yerushalayim from the Gate of Ephrayim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits,
- ✚ **2Ch 25:24** and took all the gold and the silver, and all the utensils that were found in the House of Elohim with Oběd-Eḡom, and the treasures of the sovereign's house, and hostages, and returned to Shomeron.

**2Ch 25:25** **And Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yehudah, lived fifteen years after the death of Yo'ash son of Yeho'aḥaz, sovereign of Yisra'ěl.**

**2Ch 25:26** And the rest of the acts of Amatsyahu, from the first to the last, see, are they not written in the book of the sovereigns of Yehudah and Yisra'ěl?

**2Ch 25:27** **And from the time that Amatsyahu turned away from following יהוה,** they made a conspiracy against him in Yerushalayim, and he fled to Laḡish. And they sent after him to Laḡish and killed him there,

**2Ch 25:28** **and they brought him on horses and buried him with his fathers in the City of Yehudah.**

**Zechariah 8** Thus said YHWH of hosts...

### The Coming Peace and Prosperity of Zion

**Zec 8:1** And the word of יהוה of hosts came, saying,

**Zec 8:2** **“Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ ‘I shall be jealous for Tsiyon with great jealousy, with great wrath I shall be jealous for her.’

**Zec 8:3** **“Thus said יהוה,**

- ✚ ‘I shall return to Tsiyon,
- ✚ and I shall dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim.
- ✚ And Yerushalayim shall be called: **City of the Truth, and the Mountain of יהוה of hosts, the Set-apart Mountain.’**

**Zec 8:4** **“Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ ‘Again old men and old women shall dwell in the streets of Yerushalayim, each one with his staff in his hand because of great age,
- ✚ **Zec 8:5** and the streets of the city shall be filled with boys and girls playing in its

streets.'

**Zec 8:6 "Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'If it is marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in My eyes?' declares יהוה of hosts.

**Zec 8:7 "Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'See, I am saving My people **from the land of the sunrise and from the land of the sunset.**
- ✚ **Zec 8:8** And I shall bring them back, and they shall dwell in the midst of Yerushalayim.
- ✚ And they shall be My people, and I shall be their Elohim, **in truth and in righteousness.**

**Zec 8:9 "Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'Let your hands be strong, you who are listening in these days to these words, from the mouth of the prophets, of the day the foundation was laid for the House of יהוה of hosts, the Hēkal that was to be rebuilt.
- ✚ **Zec 8:10** For before these days there was not a wage for a man, nor a hire for beast, and there was no peace for him who went out or came in, because of his enemies, and I set all men one against another.

**Zec 8:11 But now I am not as in the former days to the remnant of this people,' declares יהוה of hosts.**

- ✚ **Zec 8:12** Because of the sowing of peace the vine does give its fruit,
- ✚ the ground does give her increase,
- ✚ and the heavens do give their dew.
- ✚ And I shall cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these.

**Zec 8:13 And it shall be,**

- ✚ as you were a curse among the nations, O house of Yehudāh and house of Yisra'el, so I shall save you, and you shall be a blessing.
- ✚ Do not fear, let your hands be strong.'

**Zec 8:14 "For thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'As I purposed to do evil to you when your fathers provoked Me,' declares יהוה of hosts, 'and I did not relent,
- ✚ **Zec 8:15** so again in these days **I have purposed to do good to Yerushalayim and to the house of Yehudāh.**
- ✚ Do not fear!

**Zec 8:16 These are the words you should do:**

- ✚ speak the truth to one another,
- ✚ judge with truth and right-ruling for peace in your gates.
- ✚ [Zec 8:17](#) And do not plot evil in your heart against another,
- ✚ and do not love a false oath. For all these I hate,' declares יהוה."

[Zec 8:18](#) **And the word of יהוה of hosts came to me, saying,**

[Zec 8:19](#) **"Thus said יהוה of hosts,** 'The fast of the fourth, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth *months*, are to be joy and gladness, and pleasant appointed times for the house of Yehudah – and they shall love the truth and the peace.'

**Adam Clarke Commentary: Zechariah 8:19**

**The fast of the fourth month** - To commemorate the taking of Jerusalem; [2Ki 25:3](#); [Jer 39:2](#); [Jer 52:6](#), [Jer 52:7](#).

**The fast of the fifth** - In memory of the ruin of the temple, [2Ki 25:8](#); [Jer 52:12](#), [Jer 52:13](#).

**The fast of the seventh** - For the murder of Gedaliah, Jeremiah 41:1-17.

**The fast of the tenth** - In commemoration of the siege of Jerusalem, which began on the tenth day of the tenth month; [2Ki 25:1](#); [Jer 52:4](#); [Eze 24:1](#), [Eze 24:2](#); and see on [Zec 7:3](#) (note), [Zec 7:5](#) (note).

**Cheerful feasts** - Ye shall find all your evils so completely redressed, that these mournful fasts shall be turned into joyful feasts.

[Zec 8:20](#) **"Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'Peoples shall yet come, inhabitants of many cities,
- ✚ [Zec 8:21](#) and the inhabitants of the one go to another, saying, "Let us earnestly go and pray before יהוה', and seek יהוה of hosts. I myself am going."
- ✚ [Zec 8:22](#) And many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek יהוה of hosts in Yerushalayim, and to pray before יהוה.'

[Zec 8:23](#) **"Thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ✚ 'In those days **ten men from all languages of the nations take hold, yes, they shall take hold of the edge of the garment of a man, a Yehudi, saying, "Let us go with you, for we have heard that Elohim is with you."** ' ' b Footnote: b [Joh 4:22](#).

The garment is singular; the garment belongs to a man, a Yehudi; this Yehudi is Yahusha HaMashiach. Yahusha was from the tribe of Judah and He is our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. He is the Word; He is the Good News of the Covenant Confirming Gospel Message. We are His kingdom of priest; His royal ambassadors fulfilling the great commission.

**Gill's Bible Exposition on Zec. 8:23:** Thus saith the Lord of hosts,.... For the further confirmation and illustration of this prophecy:

in those days it shall come to pass; this shall be done in the times of the preaching of the Gospel by Christ and his apostles:

that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew: which may be understood either of our Lord Jesus Christ; who was a Jew by nation, the Jews were his own people, and Judea his nation; by descent, he springing from the tribe of Judah, and the family of David; by religion, being made under the Jewish law; by his habit and dress, by which, as well as by his language, the woman of Samaria knew he was a Jew, [John 4:9](#) and very probably he wore the fringe the Jews did on the border of his garment, [Matthew 9:20](#) and which the Jewish doctors think is here meant (t) by the skirt; but this may intend, in a spiritual sense, the skirt being put for the whole garment, [Ezekiel 16:8](#), the robe of Christ's righteousness, which sensible sinners take hold of by faith, and put it on as their justifying righteousness: and "ten men" out of "all nations" being said to do it, and this number signifying many, [Leviticus 26:26](#) may denote that the number of them that believe in Christ for righteousness, and are justified by it, are many, [Isaiah 53:11](#) though they are but few when compared with others; and that as God has chosen, Christ has redeemed, so the Spirit calls some out of all nations; and God is the God of the Gentiles as well as of the Jews, since the one are justified by him as well as the other, [Romans 3:29](#) or this may be understood of any of the apostles of Christ, who were all Jews; and especially the Apostle Paul, who was the apostle of the Gentiles; who were sent into all the world to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles, by which means they came to hear it; and many of them out of every nation laid hold on the skirts of these men; believed and embraced the doctrines they preached; were greatly affected towards them; gave up themselves to them; consorted with them; accompanied them, and cleaved unto them; did not care to part with them, as children, that lay hold on their parents' skirts, will not leave them, but go with them where they go, as follows:

saying, We will go with you; either with Christ, resolving to follow him whithersoever he goes; to hold to him the Head; to abide by his truths and ordinances; to walk on in his ways, whatever they suffer for his name's sake: or with his ministers and people, determining to go along and join with them in all religious exercises; see [Ruth 1:16](#),

for we have heard that God is with you: with Christ, as he always was; in the council and covenant of grace before time, and at the beginning of time to his incarnation; and during his state of humiliation, and in his sufferings and death; and now in his state of exaltation; hence his name "Ithiel", God with me, [Proverbs 30:1](#) or with his ministers and people, which he has promised to be unto the end of the world; and this the Gentiles heard and understood, by the power that went along with their ministry, to the conversion of multitudes of sinners; and by the miracles which they wrought, for the confirmation of the doctrines they delivered.

## Revelation 12

### 2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfUo\\_gEIAi-if](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfUo_gEIAi-if)

Revelation 12 appears to be the full-term birthing of the 'one new man', Israel. In Yahusha, we are 'born again' or 'born anew'. Yahusha is the head [Col. 1:18] of the 'one new man' and we are the \_\_\_\_. Correct. We are the body. When a child is delivered, the head comes first and then the body.

In Revelation 12, we will see the birthing process depicted in the heavenlies, as the woman gives birth to a male child, 'Israel'; made up of his descendants from the 12 Patriarchs. The 12 Patriarchs seem to be depicted by her crown of 12 stars. I see the woman as the bride. When the chaste bride, without spot or blemish, gives birth; we will see the true 'birthing' of the nation of Israel. The male child is made up of all believers in Yahusha, living stones from all around the world making up a coat of many colors. Within the congregation of believers, you have the bride, the attendants, and the wedding guests – but they are still one body.

The woman is still very much a part of the 'one new man'; the woman is part of the child being birthed – Israel. She is represented in both. The bride and birth mother are 'set apart'; yet, is still a member of the body, much like a rib, 'within' the child being born.

We see this same depiction through Miriam (Mary), the virgin who gave birth to Yahusha, Messiah. She was His earthly birth mother; yet, she is also His child; and part of the bride as well. We can see the same 'shadow type' in Eve.

### **Jerusalem from above is **the mother** and **the bride****

Gal 4:26 But the Yerushalayim above is free, which is **the mother** of us all.

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

Rev 21:10 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the set-apart Yerushalayim, descending out of the heaven from Elohim,

For an additional example, we look at Yahusha as the Son of Elohim. But Yahusha is also the Groom. Yahusha is also the 'head' of the child being birthed as the 'one new man'. The child represents Israel becoming one again, through Yahusha. We see the multi-faceted roles of Yahusha being in the Father and the Father in Him. Yahusha is YHWH in Son. Together we are all one body with many parts; roles; and functions!

No longer do we belong to a particular nation or people group; though we function on earth within those parameters. We belong to the body of believers that are coalescing into the one new man. No longer is our family, just within our immediate family. We have brothers and sisters in the U.S.; in Canada; in China; in India; in Australia; in Africa; etc. Together, we make up the TRUE Israel.

This is the secret of Elohim. The birth pangs and ‘false labor pains’, have begun as the ‘child’ is reaching full gestation or full term. The child will be ‘birthed’, as we will see in Revelation 12, BEFORE she labors; before the ‘great pains’ of the greater tribulation.

Isa 66:7 “Before she labored, she gave birth; before a pain came to her, she was delivered of a male child.”

Today, there is an earthly nation that is ‘called’ Israel in the promise land. This nation is in the ‘general area’ of the promise land spoken of in Deuteronomy. Satan usurps ‘names’ and ‘lands’ to counterfeit events in the Bible and to confuse people; so much so, that many end up ‘funding the enemy of YHWH’; and one could even say, they end up ‘sleeping with the enemy.’

Because, believers have not always diligently studied His Word; and instead mainly have listened to various voices preaching His Word; we at times have gotten off course. Preaching and teaching are very good ways of learning and for deceiving. HOWEVER, we as good Bereans, should search the Scriptures to ‘see if these things be so.’ Believers make up the ‘one new man’; we are not Baptist, Catholics, Muslims, Hindus, Jews, Buddhist, we are a set-apart people, that have ‘come out her My people’ to form a holy nation, betrothed to Yahusha HaMashiach. He is returning for His bride; not for people following the traditions of men and man-made religions.

These all may speak ‘some truth’; but ‘some truth’ equals falsehood by the blending of His pure Word with pagan principles.

Even with sharing these devotionals, these are ‘my understandings’ to date; but each of you should diligently study His Word to see if my points are on track; or if there are other Scriptures, we should consider that may shed more light. This is how we help one another stay on the narrow path. Sharing is great; but searching His Word is greater!

Now, let’s look at the verses in Revelation 12. It opens with the astronomical skies [not to be confused with Satan’s astrology] depicting a great sign. A woman, the ‘Virgin’ constellation, is clad with the sun, and the moon under her feet with twelve stars crowning her head (made up of constellations and planetary bodies). The 12 stars, the sun, and the moon correlate to the dream of Joseph in Gen. 37:9.

Gen 37:9 And he dreamed still another dream and related it to his brothers, and said, “See, I have dreamed another dream, and see, the sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me.”

Notice that in Joseph's dream, there were 11 stars; and now, in Revelation 12 there are 12 stars, with the earthly parents of Joseph, being depicted by the sun and the moon. We read:

**Rev 12:1** And a great sign was seen in the heaven: **a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.**

Rev 12:2 And being pregnant, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.<sup>a</sup>

Rev 12:3 And another sign was seen in the heaven: and see, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on his heads.

Rev 12:4 **And his tail draws a third of the stars of the heaven and throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, to devour her child as soon as it was born.**

Rev 12:5 And she bore a male child<sup>a</sup> who was to shepherd all nations with a rod of iron.

**Psa 2:9 And her child was caught away to Elohim and to His throne.** Footnote:

<sup>a</sup>See also [Isa 26:17](#), [Isa 66:7](#), [Mic 4:9-10](#).

Rev 12:6 **And the woman fled into the wilderness**, where she has a place prepared by Elohim, to be nourished there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

- We see, the woman does experience the beginning of labor; but gives birth prior to the greater tribulation.
- Cosmic battle ensues in the heavenlies; as the child is birthed; and Satan is cast down with 1/3 of the fallen angels.
- She bares a male child. This I see as the 'one new man' with Yahusha as the head.
- The child, not the woman, is caught away to Elohim and to His throne. This doesn't necessarily mean in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaven. The heavenly Jerusalem could very well be hovering in the first heaven, visible in our atmosphere at that time; but not yet sitting down upon the defiled earth; but awaits the 'new earth' to be created. It may hover like the pillar of cloud by day.
- The woman; the bride; is given two wings like an eagle and flies into the wilderness.
- The woman has a place **prepared by Elohim** in the wilderness to be nourished for 1,260 days; or the next 42 months.
- Then we read:

### Satan Thrown Down to Earth

Rev 12:7 And there came to be fighting in the heaven: Miḳa'el and his messengers fought against the dragon. And the dragon and his messengers fought,

Rev 12:8 but they were not strong enough, nor was a place found for them in the heaven any longer.

Rev 12:9 **And the great dragon was thrown out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who leads all the world astray. He was thrown to the earth, and his**

**messengers** were thrown out with him.

Rev 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in the heaven, “Now have come the deliverance and the power and the reign of our Elohim<sup>b</sup> and the authority of His Messiah, for the accuser of our brothers, who accused them before our Elohim day and night, has been thrown down. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Rev 11:15](#).

Satan is in a weakened state; yet, remains powerful. He is confined to do his deeds now from the earth with the technology developed to date; which by this time, is very advanced and encompasses, ‘Artificial Intelligence.’ Satan’s minions respond to him and mockingly ask...

Isa 14:10 “All of them respond and say to you, **‘Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us?’**

Isa 14:11 **Your arrogance has been brought down to She’ol, and the sound of your stringed instruments: the maggot is spread under you, and worms cover you.’**

Rev 12:11 “And they overcame him because of the Blood of the Lamb, and because of the Word of their witness, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Rev 12:12 “Because of this rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the earth and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, knowing that he has little time.”

Even those that come to belief during the greater tribulation; see the change. They become firm in their belief; and they overcome him by the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of their witness. They see YHWH is the Way and they do not love their lives to the death. **They are redeemed.**

I believe the 144,000 will also take part in the great tribulation; because the 144,000 seem to come out of the **‘great distress’**. These are possibly part of the remnant seed of the woman.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders responded, saying to me, “Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?”

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, “Master, you know.” And he said to me, “**These are those coming out of the great distress**, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 12:13 And when the dragon saw that he had been thrown to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male child.

**Rev 12:14** And the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished **for a time and times and half a time**, [Dan 7:25](#), [Dan 12:7](#) from the presence of the serpent.

**Rev 12:15** And out of his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by the river.

**Rev 12:16** And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

**Rev 12:17** And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and **he went to fight with the remnant of her seed**, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of [יהושע](#) Messiah.

I have previously shared my views on 'the woman'. Now, I would like to focus on the 'remnant of her seed' in Rev. 12:17. They are identified as those [guarding the commands of Elohim](#) and [possessing the witness of Yahusha HaMashiach](#), the Messiah. The remnant of her seed is probably the 'remnant bride' which may be the 144,000; or, they are at least part of the remnant bride.

[I see there being several harvests in the end of days: Barley; Wheat; and the Grape/Olive harvests.](#) These harvests are associated with His moedim. Therefore, I see advocates of pre- tribulation; mid-tribulation; post-tribulation pre-wrath; all having a part of the truth concerning the end-time harvests. We see the two prophets called up in Rev. 11; we see the child caught up in Rev. 12; We see the woman given two wings and flies to the wilderness to be nourished etc. There are several 'catching aways.'

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

So, while we have breath, we praise Him, we ask Him **to 'Restore!'** the ancient paths; His good ways! To set our feet on the narrow path being prepared for His return, as the King of kings; our righteous High Priest after the order of Melchizedek!

## **John 11**

**Ecc 7:1** A *good* name is better than precious oil, [and the day of death than the day of one's birth.](#)

### **The Death of Lazarus**

**Joh 11:1** And a certain one was sick, El'azar from Bēyth Anyah, the village of Miryam and her sister Martha.

**Joh 11:2** (Now it was Miryam who anointed the Master with perfume and wiped His feet

with her hair, whose brother El'azar was sick).

**Joh 11:3** Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, “Master, see, he whom You love is sick.”

**Joh 11:4** But when יהושע heard, He said, “This sickness is not unto death, but for the esteem of Elohim, so that the Son of Elohim might be esteemed by it.”

**Joh 11:5** Now יהושע loved Martha and her sister and El'azar .

**Joh 11:6** Therefore, when He heard that he was sick, then indeed He stayed at the place where He was, two more days.

**Joh 11:7** Then after this He said to the taught ones, “Let us go back to Yehudah.”

**Joh 11:8** The taught ones said to Him, “Rabbi, the Yehudim were but now seeking to stone You, and are You going back there?”

**Joh 11:9** יהושע answered, “Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

**Joh 11:10** “But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.”

**Joh 11:11** He said this, and after that He said to them, “Our friend El'azar has fallen asleep, but I am going there, to wake him up.”

**Joh 11:12** Therefore the taught ones said to Him, “Master, if he has fallen asleep he shall recover.”

**Joh 11:13** But יהושע had spoken about his death, whereas they thought that He spoke of taking rest in sleep.

**Joh 11:14** So then יהושע said to them plainly, “El'azar has died.

**Joh 11:15** “And for your sake I am glad I was not there, in order for you to believe. But let us go to him.”

**Joh 11:16** T'oma, who is called the Twin, then said to his fellow taught ones, “Let us also go, so that we die with Him.”

### **I Am the Resurrection and the Life**

**Joh 11:17** Therefore, when יהושע arrived, He found that he had already been four days in the tomb.

**Joh 11:18** Now Bēyth Anyah was near Yerushalayim, about [fifteen stadia<sup>a</sup>](#) away.

**Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>About 3 kilometres or 2 miles.

**Joh 11:19** And many of the Yehudim had come to Martha and Miryam, to comfort them concerning their brother.

**Joh 11:20** Martha, then, when she heard that יהושע was coming, met Him, but Miryam was sitting in the house.

**Joh 11:21** Martha, then, said to יהושע, “Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

**Joh 11:22** “But even now I know that whatever You might ask of Elohim, Elohim shall give You.”

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

If Martha would have answered totally correct. Yahusha would not have need to go on and clarify that He was the Resurrection and the Life. This should dispel the thought that our soul sleeps in the grave in a rotting corpse. Clean does not dwell in unclean.

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all.  
Do you believe this?"

Do we believe this? Martha's statement in John 11:27 seems to convey that she didn't fully understand but she did believe that Yahusha was the Messiah. Afterall, at this point, she was overwhelmed with grief.

Joh 11:27 She said to Him, "Yes, Master, I believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, who is coming into the world."

Lazarus (El'azar) is sick. He is the brother to Mary (Miriam) and Martha. (Note: It is this Mary that later anoints the Master with perfume and wipes His feet with her hair.) Mary and Martha send word to Yahusha to inform him of Lazarus's illness.

Upon hearing Lazarus is ill, Yahusha tells the 'why' behind this sickness. Often, we ask, why did this have to happen? Here Yahusha explains the 'why'.

Joh 11:4 But when יהושע heard, He said, "**This sickness is not unto death, but for the esteem of Elohim, so that the Son of Elohim might be esteemed by it.**"

The scripture clearly states that Yahusha loved Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. This is important to know because His delay in responding could be viewed as a lack of caring. After two days of receiving word, he tells his taught ones, 'Let us go back to Judah'. They question his logic in returning to Judah since they know the Yehudim were out to stone him there.

He then tells them plainly, that Lazarus is dead and that He was glad He was not there so that His taught ones would believe. Believe what? What was this all about? Yahusha was teaching them and others present that He was the Resurrection AND the Life!

Lazarus had been in the tomb 4 days; leaving no doubt that he was dead. Mourners surrounded Mary and Martha; as well as Yehudim that had come to comfort them. Yahusha encounters both Martha and Mary just outside the village. He had only been about 2 miles away from them when all this was taking place. Again, He could have come immediately and healed Lazarus and all would have rejoiced; but Yahusha loved them MORE than that. **He wanted them to rejoice and know that He was the Resurrection AND the Life** because it wouldn't be long before His appointed time of the Passover when they would see Him placed in a similar tomb.

### Yahusha Weeps

**Joh 11:28** And having said this she went away and called her sister Miryam secretly, saying, "The Teacher is here and calls you."

**Joh 11:29** When she heard, she rose up quickly and came to Him.

**Joh 11:30** And יהושע had not yet come into the village, but was in the place where Martha met Him.

**Joh 11:31** Therefore the Yehudim who were with her in the house, and were comforting her, when they saw that Miryam rose up quickly and went out, followed her, saying, "She is going to the tomb to weep there."

**Joh 11:32** Miryam, therefore, when she came where יהושע was, and saw Him, she fell down at His feet, saying to Him, "Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died."

**Joh 11:33** יהושע, therefore, when He saw her weeping, and the Yehudim who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled,

**Joh 11:34** and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Master, come and see."

**Joh 11:35** יהושע wept.

**Joh 11:36** The Yehudim therefore said, "See how He loved him!"

**Joh 11:37** And some of them said, "Was this One, who opened the eyes of the blind, not also able to prevent this one from dying?"

**So why did Yahusha weep?** He wept because He empathized with the people and their limited understanding. He wept because He saw little faith and hope. He wept for their anguish of heart. He wept for the 'thought' that He would not be there for them. He did not weep because of the death of Lazarus; because He knew he has conquered death. He was the Resurrection AND the Life. He had to teach this very difficult lesson with those closest to Him and to the gathering crowd; all the tears would turn into rejoicing! Well maybe not 'all'; some of them would be the very ones to instigate a plan against Yahusha; their evil plan would instead be used as the backdrop of His coming Resurrection.

## Yahusha Raises Lazarus

**Joh 11:38** יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, therefore, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

**Joh 11:39** יְהוֹשֻׁעַ said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who had died, said to Him, "Master, already he smells, for it is four days."

**Joh 11:40** יְהוֹשֻׁעַ said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you believe, you shall see the esteem of Elohim?"

**Joh 11:41** So they took away the stone where the dead man was laid. And יְהוֹשֻׁעַ lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me.

**Joh 11:42** "And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the crowd standing by I said this, in order that they believe that You sent Me."

**Joh 11:43** And when He had said this, He cried with a loud voice, "Ei'azar, come out!"

**Joh 11:44** And he who died came out bound feet and hands with wrappings, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. יְהוֹשֻׁעַ said to them, "Loosen him, and let him go."

As the stone of Lazarus' grave is rolled away; Yahusha cries with a loud voice to the very dead Lazarus, 'Lazarus, come out!' Lazarus hobbles out all bound in his linen burial wrappings and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Lazarus was loosened from his wrappings and lived! Please note all the similarities between Lazarus' burial and Yahusha's; the grave; the stone rolled away; the head cloth.

Those that did NOT believe and rejoice; go and report to the Pharisees. The Pharisees feared losing **their 'power and honor of man' and 'their' nation**. Subsequently, Caiaphas (Qayapha) being high priest that year, unknowingly proclaims the prophesy of Yahusha's death for the nation by saying: Joh 11:50 neither do you consider that **it is better for us that one man die for the people than that the entire nation should perish.**"

John 11:52 tells us even more! Joh 11:52 and not for the nation only, but to gather together into one the children of Elohim who were scattered abroad. This is speaking of the 'one new man' in Yahusha HaMashiach! We are included in this! He will be gathering the children of Elohim from all around the world! Praise Yah!

## The Plot to Kill Jesus

**Joh 11:45** Therefore many of the Yehudim who had come to Miryam, and had seen what יְהוֹשֻׁעַ did, believed in Him.

**Joh 11:46** But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them what יְהוֹשֻׁעַ did.

**Joh 11:47** So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, "What

shall we do? Because this Man does many signs.

**Joh 11:48** “If we let Him alone like this, they all shall believe in Him, and the Romans shall come and take away from us both our place and nation.”

**Joh 11:49** And one of them, Qayapha, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know naught,

**Joh 11:50** neither do you consider that it is better for us that one man die for the people than that the entire nation should perish.”

**Joh 11:51** But he did not say this from himself, but being high priest that year he prophesied that יהושע was about to die for the nation,

**Joh 11:52** and not for the nation only, but to gather together into one the children of Elohim who were scattered abroad.

**Joh 11:53** So from that day on they plotted to kill Him.

**Joh 11:54** יהושע therefore no longer went openly among the Yehudim, but went from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ephrayim, and remained there with His taught ones.

**Joh 11:55** Now the Pěsaḥ of the Yehudim was near, and many went from the country up to Yerushalayim before the Pěsaḥ, to set themselves apart.

**Joh 11:56** And so they were seeking יהושע, and spoke among one another, standing in the Set-apart Place, “What do you think? Is He not coming to the festival at all?”

**Joh 11:57** And both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone knew where He was, he should disclose it, in order for them to seize Him.

*A woman clothed with the sun...*

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