

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 22; Job 40; John 1; 2Cor. 10*

## *March 11 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Exodus 22**

In Exodus 22, we continue with covenant right rulings for ‘restitution’ among YHWH’s people. These ‘right rulings,’ within the Book of the Covenant, were given to the people so they could live in an orderly fashion. The **Book of the Covenant** promoted what was ‘right’ before the eyes of YHWH and among the brethren.

Also, within the Book of the Covenant, ‘social laws’ were given; not to be burdensome, but to again ensure that the people would do what was ‘right’. The people would subsequently be blessed and live full lives by heeding YHWH’s voice and following His Covenant.

Treating one another ‘justly’ promotes harmony. Taking advantage of others through stealing, killing, and destroying comes from the enemy.

**Exo 22:1** “When a man steals an ox or a sheep, and shall slaughter it or sell it, he repays five cattle for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

**Exo 22:2** “If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there is no guilt for his bloodshed.

**Exo 22:3** “If the sun has risen on him, there is guilt for his bloodshed, he shall certainly repay. If he has not the means, then he shall be sold for his theft.

**Exo 22:4** “If the theft is indeed found alive in his hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or sheep, he repays double.

**Exo 22:5** “When a man lets a field or vineyard be grazed *bare*, and lets loose his livestock, and it feeds in another man’s field, he repays from the best of his own field and the best of his own vineyard.

**Exo 22:6** “When fire breaks out and spreads to thorn bushes, so that stacked grain, or standing grain, or the field is consumed, he who kindled the fire shall certainly repay.

**Exo 22:7** “When a man gives silver or goods to his neighbour to guard, and it is stolen out of the man’s house, if the thief is found, he repays double.

**Exo 22:8** “If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought before Elohim to see whether he has put his hand into his neighbour’s goods.

**Exo 22:9** “For every matter of transgression, for ox, for donkey, for sheep, for garment, or for whatever is lost which another claims to be his, let the matter of them both come before Elohim. And whomever Elohim declares wrong repays double to his neighbour.

**Exo 22:10** “When a man gives to his neighbour a donkey, or ox, or sheep, or any beast to watch over, and it dies, or is injured, or is driven away while no one is looking,

**Exo 22:11** let an oath of יהוה be between them both, that he has not put his hand into his neighbour’s goods. And the owner of it shall accept that, and he does not repay.

**Exo 22:12** “But if it is indeed stolen from him, he repays to its owner.

**Exo 22:13** “If it is torn to pieces, then let him bring it for evidence, he does not repay what was torn.

**Exo 22:14** “And when a man borrows from his neighbour, and it is injured or dies while the owner of it is not present, he shall certainly repay.

**Exo 22:15** “But if its owner was with it, he does not repay. If it was hired, he is entitled to the hire.

### **Laws About Social Justice**

**Exo 22:16** “And when a man entices a maiden who is not engaged, and lies with her, he shall certainly pay the bride-price for her to be his wife.

**Exo 22:17** “If her father absolutely refuses to give her to him, he pays according to the bride-price of maidens.

**Exo 22:18** “Do not allow a practiser of witchcraft to live.

**Exo 22:19** “Anyone lying with a beast shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 22:20** “He who slaughters to an elohim, except to יהוה only, is put under the ban.

**Exo 22:21** “Do not tread down a sojourner or oppress him, for you were sojourners in the land of Mitsrayim.

**Exo 22:22** “Do not afflict any widow or fatherless child.

**Exo 22:23** “If you do afflict them at all – if they cry out to Me at all, I shall certainly hear their cry,

**Exo 22:24** and My wrath shall burn and I shall kill you with the sword, your wives shall be widows and your children fatherless.

**Exo 22:25** “If you do lend silver to any of My people, the poor among you, you are not to be like one that lends on interest to him. Do not lay interest on him.

**Exo 22:26** “If you take your neighbour’s garment as a pledge at all, you are to return it to him before the sun goes down.

**Exo 22:27** “For that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin. What does he sleep in? And it shall be that when he cries to Me, I shall hear, for I show favour.

**Exo 22:28** “Do not revile an elohim, nor curse a ruler of your people.

**Exo 22:29** “Do not delay *giving* your harvest and your vintage. Give Me the first-born of your sons.

**Exo 22:30** “Likewise you are to do with your oxen, with your sheep. It is to be with its mother seven days. On the eighth day you give it to Me.

**Exo 22:31** “And you are set-apart men to Me, and you do not eat any meat which is torn to pieces in the field, you throw it to the dogs.

**Job 40**

YHWH adjusts Job's perspective about who He (YHWH) is compared to mankind. The verses go into how YHWH sees all that takes place on this earth and nothing escapes Him. He pronounces His strength and courage far beyond that of Behemoth. YHWH is the Righteous Ruler. YHWH is the Almighty. YHWH fears no one and nothing. YHWH is Omniscient, Omnipresent, and Omnipotent!

One day, every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess, that Yahusha HaMashiach is Elohim! All praise and glory to YHWH!

**Job 40:1** And יהוה answered Iyob, and said,

**Job 40:2** “Should a reprover contend with the Almighty? Let him who reproves Eloah answer it.”

**Job Promises Silence**

**Job 40:3** And Iyob answered יהוה and said,

**Job 40:4** “See, I am insignificant, what would I answer You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

**Job 40:5** Once I have spoken, but I have no answer – and twice, but I say no more.”

**YHWH Challenges Job**

**Job 40:6** Then יהוה answered Iyob out of the whirlwind, and said,

**Job 40:7** “Now gird up your loins like a man; I ask you, and you answer Me.

**Job 40:8** Would you also set aside My judgment? Would you pronounce Me wrong, and you be declared righteous?

**Job 40:9** Or do you have an arm like Ėl? Or do you thunder with a voice like His?

**Job 40:10** Deck yourself, please, with excellency and grandeur, and put on esteem and splendour.

**Job 40:11** Scatter abroad the rage of your wrath, and look on everyone who is proud and bring him low.

**Job 40:12** Look on everyone who is proud, humble him. And tread down the wrongdoers in their place.

**Job 40:13** Hide them in the dust together, bind their faces in obscurity.

**Job 40:14** Then even I would confess to you that your own right hand does save you.

**Job 40:15** See now, Behemoth, which I made along with you – he eats grass like an ox.

**Job 40:16** See now, his strength is in his loins, and his power is in his stomach muscles.

**Job 40:17** He bends his tail like a cedar; the sinews of his thighs are knit together.

**Job 40:18** His bones are like tubes of bronze, his ribs like bars of iron.

**Job 40:19** He is the beginning of the ways of Ēl. His Maker brings near His sword.

**Job 40:20** For the mountains yield food for him, and all the beasts of the field play there.

**Job 40:21** He lies under the slender trees, under cover of reed and swamp.

**Job 40:22** The slender trees cover him with their shade; the willows by the stream surround him.

**Job 40:23** See, if a river rages, he is not alarmed; he feels safe, even if the Yardēn gushes into his mouth,

**Job 40:24** Before his eyes, shall he be caught, with snares? Or *his* nose pierced?

## John 1

This WHOLE chapter is ‘off the chart’ awesome! The first 5 verses beautifully reflect the oneness of YHWH, Yahusha, and the Ruach HaKodesh. These verses state all that He is.

### The Word Became Flesh

**Joh 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.

**Joh 1:2** He was in the beginning with Elohim.

**Joh 1:3** All came to be through Him,<sup>a</sup> and without Him not even one came to be that came to be. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Eph 3:9](#), [Col 1:16](#), [Heb 1:2](#), [Heb 11:3](#), [2Pe 3:5](#), [Psa 33:6](#).

**Joh 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Joh 1:5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John continues and writes of John the Baptist whom Elohim sent as a witness of the Light to come, Yahusha. It is stated that Yahusha came to his own, but they did not receive Him. Yet those that did receive Him, believing in His Name, became the children of Elohim. His Name is very powerful and that is the reason that His Name continues to be attacked, changed, suppressed, and so forth.

**Joh 1:6** There was a man sent from Elohim, whose name was Yoḥanan.

**Joh 1:7** This one came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all might believe through him.

**Joh 1:8** He was not that Light, but that he might bear witness of that Light.

**Joh 1:9** He was the true Light, which enlightens every man, coming into the world.

**Joh 1:10** He was in the world, and the world came to be through Him, and the world did not know Him.

**Joh 1:11** He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

**Joh 1:12** But as many as received Him, to them He gave the authority to become children of Elohim, to those believing in His Name,

**Joh 1:13** who were born, not of blood nor of the desire of flesh nor of the desire of man, but of Elohim.

**Joh 1:14** And the Word became flesh and pitched His tent among us, and we saw His esteem, esteem as of an only brought-forth of a father, complete in favour and truth.

**Joh 1:15** Yohanan bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, **‘He who comes after me has become before me, because He was before me.’**”

**Joh 1:16** And out of His completeness we all did receive, and favour upon favour,

**Joh 1:17** **for the Torah was given through Mosheh – the favour and the truth came through יהושע Messiah.**

The Torah, the Book of the Law, was given through Moses but favor and the truth came through **our covenant relationship with Yahusha HaMashiach**. The Book of the Law was a tutor UNTIL Yahusha would come fulfilling the death penalty arm of Gen. 15; and connecting us back to the Promise YHWH gave Abraham in Gen. 12! **John 1:17** is crossed referenced with **Rev. 5:8-10** and many other supporting Scriptures.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>This fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.”<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Dan 7:18-27.

**Joh 1:18** No one has ever seen Elohim.<sup>b</sup> The only brought-forth Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He did declare. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Joh 5:37, Joh 6:46, 1Jn 4:12.

The Word became flesh and pitched His tent among man (paraphrase John 1:14). A few major points to remember when speaking of Yahusha in the flesh.

1. Yahusha **DID** come in the flesh, the likeness of flesh (Rom. 8:3)
2. He came in the likeness of flesh because His flesh was from heaven (John 6:51); not made of clay like the first Adam.
3. If you have ever heard the cliché that YHWH was a 100% God and 100% man, know that that has been a phrase that has been taught and used by many; but is very misleading and misrepresents the Gospel message. That phrase is not even mathematically possible. Yahusha was 100% Elohim that came in the likeness of flesh from heaven.

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

**Joh 6:48** “I am the bread of life.

**Joh 6:49** “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.

**Joh 6:50** “**This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven**, so that anyone might eat of it, and not die.

**Joh 6:51** “**I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven**. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

**Joh 6:52** The Yehudim, therefore, were striving with one another, saying, “How is this One able to give us *His* flesh to eat?”

**Joh 6:53** יהושע therefore said to them, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Ađam and drink His blood, you possess no life in yourselves.**

**Joh 6:54** “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood possesses everlasting life, and I shall raise him up in the last day. [ISR]

**1Jn 4:2** By this you know the Spirit of Elohim: Every spirit that confesses that יהושע Messiah has come in the flesh is of Elohim,

**1Jn 4:3** and **every spirit that does not confess that יהושע Messiah has come in the flesh is not of Elohim**. And this is the *spirit* of the anti-messiah which you heard is coming, and now is already in the world. [ISR] (emphasis mine)

### The Testimony of John the Baptist

**Joh 1:19** Now this was the witness of Yoħanan when the Yehudim sent from Yerushalayim priests and Lēwites to ask him, “Who are you?”

**Joh 1:20** And he confessed, and did not deny, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.”

**Joh 1:21** And they asked him, “What then, are you Ēliyahu?” So he said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” And he answered, “No.”

**Joh 1:22** Therefore they said to him, “Who are you, so that we give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?”

As we continue, we read there were those that were sent by the Yehudim to John the Immerser in the wilderness to inquire who he was. John the Immerser answers:

**Joh 1:23** He said, “**I am a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of יהוה,’** Isa 40:3 as the prophet Yeshayahu said.”

**Joh 1:24** And those sent were of the Pharisees,

**Joh 1:25** and they asked him, saying, “Why then do you immerse if you are not the Messiah, nor Ēliyahu, nor the Prophet?”

**Joh 1:26** Yoħanan answered them, saying, “**I immerse in water, but in your midst stands One whom you do not know,**

**Joh 1:27** the One coming after me, who has become before me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loosen.”

**Joh 1:28** This took place in Běyth Anyah beyond the Yarděn, where Yoħanan was

immersing.

### Behold, the Lamb of Elohim

He states the One coming after him, was in their midst but they did not know Him. This One, John said, I am not worthy to even loosen his sandal strap. In other words, Yahusha, had come in the esteem of YHWH with all power and authority (sandals were symbolic of authority). Yahusha was and is the Messiah.

Yahusha comes to John the Immerser the next day and is immersed by John. This was the transference from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to the Melchizedek Priesthood. Transference of priesthods took place by being mikvah'd by the acting high priest. John the Baptist was the true high priest functioning in the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple system.

We saw this same process in Exodus for the priestly transference between Moses, a Melchizedek preacher of righteousness, perform the priestly washings of Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu as they were assigned to implement the imposed Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The Melchizedek order continued in a denigrated position UNTIL Yahusha would come.

**Joh 1:29** On the next day Yoḥanan saw יהושע coming toward him, and said, **“See, the Lamb of Elohim who takes away the sin of the world!”**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Mat 1:21](#), [Tit 2:14](#), [1Jn 3:5](#) and [1Jn 3:8](#).

**Joh 1:30** “This is He of whom I said, ‘After me comes a Man who has become before me, for He was before me.’<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup>See [Joh 1:15](#).

**Joh 1:31** “And I did not know Him, but that He might be revealed to Yisra’ël, therefore I came immersing in water.”

**Joh 1:32** And Yoḥanan bore witness, saying, **“I have seen the Spirit coming down from heaven like a dove and remain on Him.”**

John saw the Spirit come down upon Yahusha like a dove. It’s interesting to note the location of where this took place. Joh 1:28 **This took place in Běyth Anyah** (Bethany) beyond the Yarděn, where Yoḥanan was immersing.

Why is this interesting? Because before Yahusha’s ascension: Luk 24:50 And He led them out as far as **Běyth Anyah**, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. Luk 24:51 And it came to be, while He was blessing them, that He was parted from them and was taken up into the heaven.

John testifies:

**Joh 1:33** “And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to immerse in water said to me, ‘Upon whom you see the Spirit coming down and remaining on Him, this is He who immerses in the Set-apart Spirit.’

**Joh 1:34** “And I have seen and have witnessed that this is the Son of Elohim.”

In the rest of John Chapter 1, we see the first disciples called over several days to follow Yahusha: Andrew, Peter, Philip, Nathaniel. Earlier, John the Immerser had identified Yahusha to two of his taught one, as the Lamb of Elohim! We also read that Yahusha change Peter’s name in John 1:42.

### **Yahusha Calls the First Disciples**

**Joh 1:35** Again the following day, Yoḥanan was standing with two of his taught ones,

**Joh 1:36** and looking at יהושע walking, he said, “See the Lamb of Elohim!”

**Joh 1:37** And the two taught ones heard him speaking, and they followed יהושע.

**Joh 1:38** And יהושע turning, and seeing them following, said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to Him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are You staying?”

**Joh 1:39** He said to them, “Come and see.” They went and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day. Now it was about the tenth hour.

**Joh 1:40** Andri, the brother of Shim’on Kěpha, was one of the two who heard from Yoḥanan, and followed Him.

**Joh 1:41** First he found his own brother Shim’on, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means the Anointed).

**Joh 1:42** And he brought him to יהושע. And looking at him, יהושע said, “You are Shim’on the son of Yonah, you shall be called Kěpha” (which means a Stone).

### **Yahusha Calls Philip and Nathanael**

**Joh 1:43** On the following day יהושע wished to go to Galil, and He found Philip and said to him, “Follow Me.”

**Joh 1:44** And Philip was from Běyth Tsaïḏa, the city of Andri and Kěpha.

**Joh 1:45** Philip found Nethan’ěl and said to him, “We have found Him whom Mosheh wrote of in the Torah, and the prophets: יהושע of Natsareth – the son of Yosěph.”

**Joh 1:46** And Nethan’ěl said to him, “Is it possible for any good *matter* to come out of Natsareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

**Joh 1:47** יהושע saw Nethan’ěl coming toward Him, and said of him, “See, truly a Yisra’ēli, in whom is no deceit!”

**Joh 1:48** Nethan’ěl said to Him, “From where do You know me?” יהושע answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”

**Joh 1:49** Nethan’ěl answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of Elohim! You are the Sovereign of Yisra’ēl!”

Then later we read that Yahusha spoke to Nathaniel and told him:

**Joh 1:50** יהושע answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? Greater than that you shall see.”

**Joh 1:51** And He said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, from now on you shall see the heaven opened, and the messengers of Elohim ascending and descending upon the Son of Adam.”<sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup> [Gen 28:12](#).

Yahusha quotes from [Gen 28:12](#). This is what Jacob had experienced in his dream at Luz (almond tree). Jacob renames Luz to Beyth El (House of Elohim). A direct connection to YHWH. Through Yahusha’s torn flesh, the veil of the temple was ripped in two from top to bottom, and now we can come boldly into His Presence.

## 2Corinthians 10

Ministry is not easy. We see accusations are even raised against Paul, the best of the best! Paul was YHWH’s chosen vessel to face all these challenges. We too will have challenges as we each walk in our role of ministry as His kingdom of priests of the Melchizedek order.

### Paul Defends His Ministry

**2Co 10:1** And I, Sha’ul, myself appeal to you, through the meekness and gentleness of Messiah – I who am indeed lowly when face to face with you, but bold toward you when absent!

**2Co 10:2** But I pray, that when I am present, I might not be bold with that bravery by which I think to be bold against some who reckon us as if we walked according to the flesh.

**2Co 10:3** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not fight according to the flesh.

- ✚ **2Co 10:4** For the weapons we fight with are not fleshly but mighty in Elohim for overthrowing strongholds,
- ✚ **2Co 10:5** overthrowing reasonings
- ✚ and every high matter that exalts itself against the knowledge of Elohim,
- ✚ taking captive every thought to make it obedient to the Messiah,
- ✚ **2Co 10:6** and being ready to punish all disobedience, when your obedience is complete.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Joh 3:36](#).

**2Co 10:7** Take a look at what you are facing. If anyone seems to trust in himself that he is of Messiah, let him reckon again for himself, that as he is of Messiah, so also are we.

**2Co 10:8** For even if I should boast somewhat more about our authority, which the Master gave us for building up, and not for overthrowing you, I shall not be put to

shame,

2Co 10:9 lest I seem to frighten you away by letters.

2Co 10:10 Because they say,

- ✚ “His letters are truly weighty and strong,
- ✚ but his bodily presence is weak,
- ✚ and his speech amounts to naught.”

2Co 10:11 Let such a one take this into account, that what we are in word by letters when absent, such we are also in deed when we are present.

- ✚ 2Co 10:12 For we do not presume to count ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves.
- ✚ But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.
- ✚ 2Co 10:13 But we shall not boast beyond measure, but within the measure of the limits Elohim assigned unto us, to reach even to you.
- ✚ 2Co 10:14 For we are not overextending ourselves, as if we did not reach to you, for we also came to you with the Good News of the Messiah,
- ✚ 2Co 10:15 not boasting beyond measure in the labors of others, but having an expectation, that as your belief grows, we shall be greatly enlarged by you, according to our limits,
- ✚ 2Co 10:16 to bring the Good News in the parts beyond you – not to boast in another’s limits in what has been accomplished.

2Co 10:17 But **“He who boasts, let him boast in יהוה.”** Jer 9:24.

2Co 10:18 For not he who commends himself is approved, but he whom the Master commends.

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