

Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 17; 2Cor. 10; Ezekiel 24; Psalms 72.

September 21 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Sam. 17

Ahithophel's plan was to immediately pursue and overtake David.

2Sa 17:1 And Ahithophel said to Abshalom, "Please let me choose twelve thousand men, and let me arise and pursue David tonight,

2Sa 17:2 and come upon him while he is weary and weak. And I shall make him afraid and all the people who are with him shall flee. **And I shall strike the sovereign alone,**

2Sa 17:3 **and bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people should be at peace."**

Smith's Bible Dictionary summary of Ahithophel: Ahithophel (*brother of foolishness*), a native of Giloh, was a privy councilor of David, whose wisdom was highly esteemed, though his name had an exactly opposite signification. (2 Samuel 16:23) (B.C. 1055-1023.) He was the grandfather of Bathsheba. Comp. (2 Samuel 11:3) with 2Sam 23:34 Ahithophel joined the conspiracy of Absalom against David, and persuaded him to take possession of the royal harem, (2 Samuel 16:21) and recommended an immediate pursuit of David. His advice was wise; **but Hushai advised otherwise**. When Ahithophel saw that Hushai's advice prevailed, he despaired of success, and returning to his own home "put his household in order and hanged himself." (2 Samuel 17:1-23)

Sadly, Abshalom and the elders of Israel were pleased with Ahithophel's plan; which shows the vastness of the 'lostness' of not only Abshalom, but those surrounding Abshalom. Their desire was to waste no time in taking out David. Abshalom however, goes on to request advice from Hushai the Arkite.

2Sa 17:4 And **the saying pleased Abshalom and all the elders of Yisra'el.**

2Sa 17:5 But Abshalom said, "Now call Hushai the Arkite also, and let us hear what he says too."

2Sa 17:6 And Hushai came to Abshalom,

✚ and Abshalom spoke to him, saying, "Ahithophel has spoken according to this word. Should we do as he says? If not, speak up."

✚ 2Sa 17:7 And Hushai said to Abshalom, "The advice that Ahithophel has given is not good at this time."

✚ 2Sa 17:8 And Hushai said, "You know your father and his men, that they are

mighty men, and they are as bitter in being as a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is a man of battle, and would not spend the night with the people.

- ✚ 2Sa 17:9 “See, by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some place. And it shall be, when some of them fall at the first, that whoever hears it shall say, ‘There has been a slaughter among the people who are following Abshalom.’
- ✚ 2Sa 17:10 “And even he who is brave, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, would utterly melt. For all Yisra’ël knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are brave men.
- ✚ 2Sa 17:11 “**But I advise:** Let all Yisra’ël without fail be gathered to you, from Dan to Be’ërsheba, as numerous as the sand by the sea, and that you yourself go to battle.
 - 2Sa 17:12 “**And we shall come upon him in some place where he is found, and fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And there shall be left of him and of all the men with him not even one.**
 - 2Sa 17:13 “And if he withdraws into a city, then all Yisra’ël shall bring ropes to that city. And we shall pull it into the wadi, until there is not one small stone found there.”

YHWH ordains to nullify the good advice of Ahithophel. I would suppose ‘good’ in the sense that strategically it would have involved fewer men and would not have included the presence of Abshalom in the battle.

2Sa 17:14 **Abshalom and all the men of Yisra’ël then said,** “The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.” **For יהוה had ordained to nullify the good advice of Ahithophel, for the sake of יהוה bringing evil upon Abshalom.**

Hushai immediately sends David word of what was said; both of what Ahithophel proposed and what he had proposed. Hushai had to come up with a viable strategy which ultimately was ordained by YHWH; and thankfully YHWH was with David, and David acts quickly as a wise warrior. We see YHWH’s hand orchestrating Abshalom to be in their midst, and therefore vulnerable.

2Sa 17:15 **Hushai then said to Tsadoq and to Ebyathar the priests,** “Ahithophel has advised Abshalom and the elders of Yisra’ël such and such, but I have advised so and so.

2Sa 17:16 “And now, send hastily and inform Dawid, saying, ‘Do not spend this night in the desert plains of the wilderness, but pass over without fail, lest the sovereign and all the people with him be swallowed up.’ ”

2Sa 17:17 **And Yehonathan and Ahima'ats were stationed at Ĕn Roğël, and a female servant would come and inform them, and they would go and inform Sovereign Dawid, for they could not be seen entering the city.**

2Sa 17:18 **But a youth saw them, and informed Abshalom.** So the two of them went

away at once and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down into it.

2Sa 17:19 And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it, so the matter was not known.

The woman covers for Aḥima'ats and Yehonathan.

2Sa 17:20 And the servants of Aḥshalom came to the woman at the house and said, "Where are Aḥima'ats and Yehonathan?" And the woman said to them, "They have passed over the stream of water." And they looked and did not find them, and returned to Yerushalayim.

Aḥima'ats and Yehonathan makes their way to inform David.

2Sa 17:21 And it came to be, after they had left, that they came up out of the well and went and informed Sovereign Dawiḍ, and said to Dawiḍ, "Arise and pass over the water quickly. For thus Aḥithophel has advised against you."

2Sa 17:22 And Dawiḍ and all the people who were with him rose up and passed over the Yardēn. And by morning light not even one remained who had not gone over the Yardēn.

2Sa 17:23 And Aḥithophel saw that his advice was not followed, so he saddled his donkey, and rose up and went home to his house, to his city. Then he gave command to his house, and hanged himself, and died. And he was buried in his father's burial-site.

2Sa 17:24 And Dawiḍ came to Maḥanayim. And Aḥshalom passed over the Yardēn, he and all the men of Yisra'ēl with him.

2Sa 17:25 And Aḥshalom appointed Amasa over the army instead of Yo'ab. Now Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Yithra, a Yisra'ēli, who had gone in to Aḥiḡayil the daughter of Naḥash, sister of Tseruyah, Yo'ab's mother.

Ellicott's Insights to (25) Amasa.—Joab having adhered to David and gone away with him, Absalom chose his cousin to succeed him as commander-in-chief.

Ithra an Israelite.—Called in [1Chronicles 2:17](#). Jether the Ishmeelite. Jether and Ithra are merely different forms of the same name; but Israelite is probably an error for Ishmeelite. The LXX. has, in the Alexandrian copy, Ishmaelite, and in the Vatican, Jezreelite.

Abigail the daughter of Nahash.—Since this Abigail is said to be "sister to Zeruah," and in [1Chronicles 2:16](#) both Abigail and Zeruah are said to be the sisters of Jesse's sons, it follows, either that sister is used in the sense of half-sister, or else that Nahash, usually a man's name, was the name of Jesse's wife. It is impossible to decide certainly. The Jewish tradition that Nahash is another name for Jesse has no support.

2Sa 17:26 **And Yisra'ël and Abshalom encamped in the land of Gil'ad.**

Ellicott's Insight – (26) Pitched in the land of Gilead.—Gilead is the tract of country on the east of the Jordan, extending from the land of Moab on the south to Bashan on the north, the valley of the Hieromax forming probably its northern boundary. The site of Mahanaim has not been identified, but it was almost certainly within the territory of Gilead. Absalom, however, did not actually reach Mahanaim before he met and was defeated by the forces of David.

2Sa 17:27 **And it came to be, when Dawid had come to Maḥanayim, that Shobi** son of Naḥash from Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Maḥir son of Ammi'ël from Lo Deḅar, and Barzillai the Gil'adite from Roḡelim,

2Sa 17:28 brought beds and basins, and earthen vessels and wheat, and barley and flour, and roasted *grain* and beans, and lentils, and parched *vegetables*,

2Sa 17:29 and honey and curds, and sheep and cheese of the herd, for Dawid and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

Ellicott's insights: (27) Shobi the son of Nahash.—The narrative pauses in its course a moment to speak of the assistance sent to David during the time he was at Mahanaim and while Absalom had been gathering his forces. Among those whose friendly assistance was conspicuous was "Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon." Hanun, king of the Ammonites, was a son of Nahash, and was conquered by David at Rabbah ([2Samuel 10:1](#); [2Samuel 12:29-31](#)). It is very possible that after dismantling the royal city David had left a brother of the late king as governor over the conquered territory, and that he now came forward to show his gratitude and faithfulness. It is also possible that Shobi was the son of some Israelite named Nahash, who lived in the conquered city of Rabbah.

Machir the son of Ammiel.—See note on [2Samuel 9:4](#). David now reaps a reward for his kindness to the crippled son of Jonathan.

2Sa 9:4 So the sovereign said to him, "**Where is he?**" And Tsiḅa said to the sovereign, "See, he is **in the house of Makir son of Ammi'ël**, in Lo Deḅar."

2Sa 9:5 And Sovereign Dawid sent and brought him out of the house of Maḥir son of Ammi'ël, from Lo Deḅar.

2Sa 9:6 And **Mephibosheth son of Yehonathan, son of Sha'ul, came to Dawid**, and fell on his face and did obeisance. And Dawid said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Here is your servant!"

2 Sam. 9:(4) Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar.—From [2Samuel 17:27-29](#), the situation of Lo-debar must have been east of the Jordan, and near Mahanaim, and Machir appears as a man of wealth and position. Up to this time he was probably secretly an adherent to the house of Saul; but David's kindness to his master's son won his heart, and afterwards, **in David's own great distress during his flight from Absalom, he proved a faithful friend.** If this Ammiel is the same with the one mentioned in [1Chronicles 3:5](#) (called Eliam in [2Samuel 11:3](#)), Machir must have been the brother of Bath-sheba; but the name was not an uncommon one.

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.^a Footnote: ^aSee 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.

Ezekiel 24 Ezekiel 24 begins Scroll 3.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
PROPHET	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
3	24:1 - 25:17 (the proclamations against the surrounding territories)	10/10/09

The Siege of Jerusalem

YHWH clearly warns Jerusalem of their impending demise through Ezekiel.

Eze 24:1 And in the ninth year, in the tenth new *moon*, on the tenth of the new *moon*, the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 24:2 “Son of man, write down the name of the day, for on this same day the sovereign of Babel has thrown himself against Yerushalayim.

Eze 24:3 “And speak a parable to the rebellious house, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה’,

- “Put on a pot, put it on, and also pour water into it.
- Eze 24:4 “Gather pieces of meat in it, every good piece, the thigh and the shoulder, fill it with choice bones.
- Eze 24:5 “Take the choice of the flock, also pile bones under it, cook it thoroughly, also let the bones cook in it.”

Eze 24:6 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה,

- “Woe to the city of blood, to the pot in which there is rust, and whose rust has not gone out of it!
- Bring it out piece by piece, on which no lot has fallen.
- Eze 24:7 “For her blood is in her midst. She has set it on a shining rock.

- She did not pour it on the ground, to cover it with dust.
- **Eze 24:8** “To stir up wrath and take vengeance, I have set her blood on a shining rock, so that it would not be covered.”

Eze 24:9 **Therefore thus said the Master יהוה,**

- ❖ “Woe to the city of blood! Let Me also make the pile great.
- ❖ **Eze 24:10** “Heap on the wood, kindle the fire, cook the meat well, mixing in the spices, and let the bones be burned up.
- ❖ **Eze 24:11** “And set it on the coals, empty, so that it gets hot, and its bronze glows. And its filthiness shall be melted in it, and its rust be consumed.
- ❖ **Eze 24:12** “She has wearied herself with sorrows, and her great rust has not gone from her. Into the fire with her rust!
- ❖ **Eze 24:13** “In your filthiness is wickedness.
- ❖ Because I have cleansed you, but you are not clean.
- ❖ You shall not be cleansed of your filthiness any more, till I have caused My wrath to rest upon you.

Eze 24:14 **“וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה, הִנֵּה אֲנִי עוֹשֶׂה אֵת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי, וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֲנִי לֹא אֲחַזֵּק, וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֲנִי לֹא אֲחַנּוּן, וְאֵת אֲשֶׁר אָמַרְתִּי אֲנִי לֹא אֲחַנּוּן. כַּדְּבָרֵי אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ וְכַדְּבָרֵי אֲשֶׁר עָשִׂיתָ יִשְׁפֹּטוּ אֹתְךָ,” דֵּבַר יְהוָה.’ ”**

Ezekiel's Wife Dies

Eze 24:15 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 24:16 **“Son of man, see, I am taking away from you the desire of your eyes with one stroke. But do not mourn, nor weep, nor let your tears run down.**

- ✚ **Eze 24:17** “Groan silently, make no mourning for the dead.
- ✚ Bind your turban on your head, and put your sandals on your feet.
- ✚ Do not cover your upper lip, and do not eat man’s bread of sorrow.”

Eze 24:18 And I spoke to the people in the morning, and in the evening my wife died. And the next morning I did as I was commanded.

Eze 24:19 **And the people said to me,** “Would you not explain to us what these matters you are doing mean to us?”

Eze 24:20 **And I said to them,** “The word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 24:21 **Speak to the house of Yisra’el, “Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- ❖ ‘See, I am profaning My set-apart place – the pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and the delight of your being.
- ❖ And your sons and daughters whom you left behind shall fall by the sword.
- ❖ **Eze 24:22** And you shall do as I have done, do not cover your upper lip nor eat man’s bread of sorrow,
- ❖ **Eze 24:23** and let your turbans remain on your heads and your sandals on your feet.

- ❖ Do not mourn, nor weep, but you shall pine away in your crookednesses and groan with one another.
- ❖ [Eze 24:24](#) And Yehezqēl shall be a sign to you. Do according to all that he has done. **When this comes, you shall know that I am the Master יהוה.' ”**

[Eze 24:25](#) And you, son of man, on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their adorning, the desire of their eyes, and the lifting up of their being, their sons and their daughters,

[Eze 24:26](#) **on that day one that has escaped shall come to you to let you hear it with your ears.**

[Eze 24:27](#) On that day your mouth shall be opened to him who has escaped, and you shall speak and no longer be silent. And you shall be a sign to them. **And they shall know that I am יהוה.' ”**

Psalm 72 This Psalm would be beautiful to proclaim daily.

Give the King Your Justice

Psa 72:1 O Elohim, give the sovereign Your right-rulings, And Your righteousness to the Son of a sovereign.

[Heb 1:8](#) But to the Son *He* says, **“Your throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever, a sceptre of straightness is the sceptre of Your reign.**

[Heb 1:9](#) **“You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Because of this, Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”**

[Psa 45:6-7.](#)

[Psa 72:2](#) Let Him rule Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with right-ruling.

[Rev 19:11](#) And I saw the heaven opened, and there was a white horse. And **He who sat on him was called Trustworthy and True, and in righteousness He judges and fights.**^a Footnote:

^aSee [Act 10:42](#).

[Psa 72:3](#) Let the mountains bring peace to the people, And the hills, by righteousness.

[Joel 3:18](#) **“And it shall be in that day that the mountains drip with new wine, and the hills flow with milk. And all the streams of Yehudāh shall be flooded with water, and a fountain flow from the House of יהוה and water the wadi Shittim.**

[Psa 72:4](#) Let Him rightly rule the poor of the people, Save the children of the needy, And crush the oppressor.

[Mat 11:5](#) **“Blind receive sight and lame walk, lepers are cleansed and deaf hear, [Isa 35:5-6](#)**

dead are raised up and **poor are brought the Good News.** [Isa 61:1.](#)

Psa 72:5 Let them fear You with the sun, *shining* And before the moon, in all generations.

Luk 1:32 “**He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High. And יהוה Elohim shall give Him the throne of His father Dawid.**

Luk 1:33 “**And [He shall reign over the house of Ya’aqob forever, and there shall be no end to His reign.](#)”^b Footnote: ^bSee [Psa 2:1-12](#), [Psa 89:14-34](#), [Isa 9:7](#), [Isa 16:5](#), [Jer 23:3-6](#), [Jer 30:9](#), [Eze 37:24](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Dan 7:18-27](#), [Mic 5:2-4](#), [Act 1:6-7](#), [Rev 11:15](#).**

Psa 72:6 Let Him come down like rain upon the mown grass, Like showers, watering the earth.

Psa 72:7 Let the righteous flourish in His days, With plenty of peace, Till the moon is no more.

Psa 72:8 And let Him rule from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth.

Psa 72:9 Let those dwelling in the desert bow before Him, And His enemies lick the dust.

Psa 72:10 Let the sovereigns of Tarshish and of the isles bring presents; The sovereigns of Sheḅa and Seḅa offer gifts.

Psa 72:11 And let all sovereigns bow down before Him, All nations serve Him.

Hos 14:5 “**[I shall be like the dew to Yisra’ēl. He shall blossom like the lily, and strike out his roots like Lebanon.](#)**

Hos 14:6 “His **branches shall spread**, and his **splendor shall be like an olive tree**, and his **fragrance like Lebanon.**

Hos 14:7 “**[Those who dwell under his shadow shall return.](#)** They shall revive like grain, and **blossom like the vine**, and **become as fragrant as the wine of Lebanon.**

Psa 72:12 For He delivers the needy when he cries, And the poor, who has no helper.

Psa 72:13 He spares the poor and needy, And He saves the lives of the needy.

Psa 72:14 He redeems their life from oppression and from violence; And their blood is precious in His eyes.

Psa 72:15 And He shall live, And the gold of Sheḅa be given to Him, And prayer be made for Him continually; Let Him be blessed all day long.

Psa 72:16 Let there be plenty of grain in the earth, On the top of the mountains, Let its fruit wave like Lebanon, And those of the city flourish like grass of the earth.

Psa 72:17 Let His Name be forever, His Name continue before the sun; And let them bless themselves in Him; Let all nations call Him blessed.

The Thousand Years

Rev 20:1 And I saw a messenger coming down from the heaven, having the key to the pit of the deep and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he seized the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound

him for a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 and he threw him into the pit of the deep, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should lead the nations no more astray until the thousand years were ended. And after that he has to be released for a little while.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones – and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them – and the lives of those who had been beheaded because of the witness they bore to יהושע and because of the Word of Elohim, and who did not worship the beast, nor his image, and did not receive his mark upon their foreheads or upon their hands. **And they lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years**

Rev 20:5 (and the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended) – this is the first resurrection.

Rev 20:6 Blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the first resurrection. The second death possesses no authority over these, but **they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

Psa 72:18 Blessed be יהוה Elohim, Elohim of Yisra'el, He alone is doing wonders!

Psa 72:19 And blessed be His esteemed Name forever! And let all the earth Be filled with His esteem. Aměn and Aměn.

Psa 72:20 The prayers of Dawid the son of Yishai are ended.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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