

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 21; Zechariah 5; Rev. 9; John 8.

December 18 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

2Chron 21

Jehoram Reigns in Judah

2Ch 21:1 And Yehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawid. **And Yehoram his son reigned in his place.**

2Ch 21:2 And he had brothers, the sons of Yehoshaphat: Azaryahu, and Yehi'ël, and Zekaryahu, and Azaryahu, and Miķa'ël, and Shephatyahu. **All these were sons of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yisra'ël.** [See note by Adam Clarke]

Adam Clarke 2 Chronicles 21:2 And he had brethren - the sons of Jehoshaphat, king of Israel. - Jehoshaphat certainly was not king of Israel, **but king of Judah.** יִשְׂרָאֵל Yisrael must be a corruption in the text, for יהודה Yehudah; which is the reading of the Syriac, Arabic, Septuagint, and Vulgate: the Chaldee, only agrees with the Hebrew text. And the reading of the versions is supported by thirty-eight of Kennicott's and De Rossi's MSS. The word Judah should therefore be restored to the text.

Brenton Septuagint reads: 2Ch 21:2 And he had brothers, the six sons of Josaphat, Azarias, and Jeiel, and Zacharias, and Azarias, and Michael, and Zaphatias: all these were **the sons of Josaphat king of Juda.**

2Ch 21:3 **And their father gave them many gifts of silver and gold and precious items, with walled cities in Yehudah, but he had given the reign to Yehoram because he was the first-born.**

Yehoram kills all his brothers with the sword and other of the heads of Israel. This portrays the thirst for power and control at a diabolic level to the point of possible possession.

2Ch 21:4 And when Yehoram had risen up over the reign of his father and strengthened himself, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also others of the heads of Yisra'ël.

2Ch 21:5 **Yehoram was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Yerushalayim.**

2Ch 21:6 And **he walked in the way of the sovereigns of Yisra'ël, as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife. And he did evil in the eyes of יהוה.**

2Ch 21:7 However, יהוה would not destroy the house of Dawid, because of the covenant He had made with Dawid, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons, all the days.

Edomites revolt.

2Ch 21:8 In his days the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Yehudāh, and appointed a sovereign over themselves.

2Ch 21:9 Then Yehoram went out with his officers, and all his chariots with him. And it came to be that **he rose by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the commanders of the chariots.**

2Ch 21:10 Thus the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Yehudāh to this day. Then Libnah revolted from under his hand, because he had forsaken יהוה Elohim of his fathers.

1Ch 6:57 And to the sons of Aharon they gave the cities of refuge: Hebron, and Libnah with its open lands, and Yattir, and Eshtemoa with its open lands,

2Ch 21:11 He had also made high places in the mountains of Yehudāh, and caused the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to commit whoring, and led Yehudāh astray.

Yehoram receives a letter from Eliyahu the prophet.

2Ch 21:12 And a letter came to him from Ēliyahu the prophet, saying, **Thus said יהוה Elohim of your father Dawid,**

- ✚ “Because you have not walked in the ways of Yehoshaphat your father,
- ✚ or in the ways of Asa sovereign of Yehudāh,
- ✚ 2Ch 21:13 but have walked in the way of the sovereigns of Yisra’ēl, and have made Yehudāh and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim to commit whoring like the whorings of the house of Aḥaḇ,
- ✚ and also have killed your brothers, those of your father’s household, who were better than yourself,

2Ch 21:14 **see, יהוה is going to**

- ✚ strike with a great blow among your people, your children, your wives, and all your possessions,
- ✚ 2Ch 21:15 and you, with many sicknesses, with disease of your intestines, **until your intestines come out because of the sickness, day by day.”**

2Ch 21:16 **And יהוה stirred up the spirit of the Philistines against Yehoram, and of the**

Arabians who were near the Kushites.

2Ch 21:17 And they came up into Yehudah and broke into it, and captured all the possessions that were found in the sovereign's house, and also his sons and his wives, so that **there was not a son left to him except Yeho'ahaz, the youngest of his sons.**

2Ch 21:18 And after all this יהוה plagued him in his intestines with a disease for which there was no healing.

The intestinal disease was without healing and at the end of two years he torturously died in great pain as his intestines came out.

2Ch 21:19 And it came to be in the course of time, at the end of two years, that his intestines came out because of his sickness, and he died in great pain. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers.

2Ch 21:20 He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Yerushalayim, **to no one's regret, and passed away.** And they buried him in the City of Dawid, **but not in the burial-sites of the sovereigns.**

Zechariah 5

The 6th vision of Zechariah – A vision of a flying scroll; A vision of a woman in an ephah measure.

Recap to date of the visions given to Zechariah speaking the message.

The 1st vision: Described a warning vision, a timing vision, and a preparation vision. The red horse connected us to the vision of Revelation 6, but these in Zechariah 1 are **standing in the shade as if waiting** and their colors are red, sorrel, and white; not white, red, black, and pale green. These had gone throughout the earth and reported all is peaceful. This appears to be the 'calm before the storm.' This is **before** the white horse goes out to conquer followed by the red horse of war and death. The sorrel or chestnut colored horse could mean that since it was a time of peace, bread and health prevailed.

The 2nd vision: Described the 4 horns - horns are connected to powerful nations. Craftsmen are builders; with the Master Craftsman, Yahusha, being the repairer of the breach, along with his apprentices – His set-apart ones – those of the four encampments around the Dwelling Place.

The 3rd vision: A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line: Measuring is a metaphor for

judgment. Jerusalem was to be **measured**. Spiritual Jerusalem is the bride and does not always refer to a 'physical' Jerusalem.

The 4th vision: The 4th vision of Joshua the High Priest. Keep in mind, that the name Joshua in this context of Zechariah, appears to be a type and shadow referring to Yahusha. Yahusha took our sins and laid down His life for us.

The 5th vision of Zechariah – A lampstand with a bowl on top – and on the stand 7 Lamps with 7 spouts – two olive trees on either side of the bowl - two gold pipes – Zerubbabel: YHWH will build His house. Haggai gave us several insights to the days of Zerubbabel; and the type and shadow of how Zerubbabel will be represented in the end of days. YHWH has stirred up the spirit within His kingdom of priests as He coalesces us, Israel, **into the one new man**: the temple made of living stones of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. We are built on the Rock of salvation. We are the New Jerusalem from above.

A Vision of a Flying Scroll

Zec 5:1 And I lifted up my eyes again, and looked and saw a flying scroll.

Zec 5:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" And I answered, "I see a flying scroll, twenty cubits long and ten cubits wide."

The flying scroll represents a curse that goes over the face of **ALL the earth**. The flying scroll has been given several analogies such as a scroll listing a catalog of crimes committed or the words 'flying scroll' was used as to describe something that Zechariah had never seen before; such as a lead cylinder type container like a nuclear missile. We will use deductive reasoning by letting Scripture clarify Scripture as we proceed.

What we do know is this:

1. It is a curse.
2. It comes from YHWH.
3. It goes over ALL the earth.
4. It targets the thief and those that swear falsely by His Name.
5. It has specific dimensions.
6. It is cylindrical.

Zec 5:3 **And he said to me, "This is the curse that goes forth over the face of all the earth: 'everyone who is stealing shall go unpunished,' on the one side, according to it, and, 'everyone who has sworn *falsely* shall go unpunished,' on the other side, according to it."**

I found the TS2009 translation confusing for Zec 5:3, so a few other translations follow:

Brenton Septuagint: Zec 5:3 And he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth: for every thief shall be punished with death on this side, and every false swearer shall be punished on that side.

KJV: Zec 5:3 Then said he unto me, This *is* the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for every one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side according to it; and every one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side according to it.

Zec 5:4 **"I shall send it out,"** declares יהוה of hosts, "and it shall come into the house of the thief and the house of the one who shall swear falsely by My Name. And it shall remain in the midst of his house and shall consume it, both its timber and stones."

Question: How will the 'curse' know who is who? We find answers in Rev. and Exodus.

1. Those that belong YHWH will be sealed.
 - a. Rev 9:4 And it was said to them that they shall not harm the grass of the earth, or any green *matter*, or any tree, **but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads.**
2. Those that are in covenant with Yahusha have their being, their temple, under His blood.
 - a. Exo 12:13 'And the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And **when I see the blood, I shall pass over you, and let the plague not come on you to destroy you** when I strike the land of Mitsrayim.

Question: Who sends out this curse? YHWH [Zec. 5:4]

Question: Where will the curse go? Into the house of the thief and the one that swears falsely by His Name. It shall remain and consume its timber and stones.

Timber can mean tree or carpenter. Several times in Scripture, trees are used as a metaphor to refer to people. Stone can mean to build; or mason. So possibly, this is conveying that the body or house of the thief or those that swear falsely by His Name; or those that have tried to usurped his authority, names, and symbols; or those that are masons that build a man-made false temple with hewn stone; such people that steal and represent Him falsely will be consumed.

A Vision of a Woman in a Ephah-measure

Zec 5:5 And the messenger who was speaking with me came out and said to me, **"Lift up your eyes now, and see what this is that is going forth."**

Zec 5:6 And I said, **"What is it?"** And he said, **"It is an ephah-measure that is going**

forth.” Again he said, “This is their appearance throughout the earth:

Zec 5:7 “And see, a lead cover lifted up, and this: a woman sitting inside the ĕphah-measure!”

Excerpt from Gill’s Exposition: ...And this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah; who, in [Zechariah 5:8](#), is called “wickedness”; and here represented by a “woman”, because, say some, the woman was first in the transgression; or rather because sin is flattering and deceitful, and draws into the commission of it, and so to ruin: and this woman, wickedness, intends wicked men; all the wicked among the Jews, and even all the wicked of the world; who sit in the “ephah”, very active and busy in filling up the measure of their sins, and where they sit with great pleasure and delight; very openly and visibly declare their sin, as Sodom, and hide it not; in a very proud and haughty manner, with great boldness and impudence, and in great security, without any concern about a future state, promising themselves impunity here and hereafter...

Another point of view about the woman, is that the word ‘woman’ may have been a transcription error; for the Hebrew letters spelling woman and fire, differ by only one letter. If this can be proven, then this would give legitimacy toward the possible description of a flying container such as a fiery nuclear missile.

Zec 5:8 And he said, “This is Wrongness!” And he threw her down into the ĕphah-measure, and threw the lead weight over its mouth.

Zec 5:9 And I lifted up my eyes, and looked and saw two women, coming with the wind in their wings. And they had wings like the wings of a stork, and they lifted up the ĕphah-measure between earth and the heavens.

Zec 5:10 Then I said to the messenger who was speaking to me, “Where are they taking the ĕphah-measure?”

Zec 5:11 And he said to me, “To build a house for it in the land of Shin’ar. And it shall be established and set there on its own base.”

Shinar relates to Babylon which can describe a physical location and/or a spiritual condition. The twelve tribes have been dispersed ALL over the earth. This earth is fallen, and ‘Babylon’ can be used to describe its spiritual fallen state. Those that reject YHWH are established on a base of sinking sand and not upon the Rock of salvation.

For those that view this vision militarily, one could conclude that a wicked curse of nuclear warfare would eventually find its base in Shinar in the middle east.

We will keep these possibilities in mind as we proceed.

Revelation 9

2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo_gEIAi-if

In Revelation 9, the 5th and 6th trumpets are sounded!

The 5th trumpet sounds:

Rev 9:1 And the fifth messenger sounded, and I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth. And the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the pit of the deep, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, also the air, because of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And out of the smoke locusts came upon the earth, and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth possess authority.

Rev 9:4 And it was said to them that they shall not harm the grass of the earth, or any green *matter*, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but to torture them for five months. And their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days men shall seek death and shall not find it. And they shall long to die, but death shall flee from them.

Rev 9:7 And the locusts looked like horses prepared for battle, and on their heads were crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

Rev 9:8 And they had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

Rev 9:9 And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron, and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots of many horses running into battle.

Rev 9:10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings. And in their tails is their authority to harm men five months.

Rev 9:11 And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon.

Rev 9:12 The first woe is past. See, two woes are still coming after this.



Rev 9:1 And the **fifth messenger** sounded, and **I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth.** And **the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.**

Who is this **star** that John sees?

John either sees **Lucifer** being kicked out of the heavens or possibly another demonic Principality such as Abaddon. In **Rev. 12:9** we clearly see the Devil, Satan, cast down from heaven. Some believe that Abaddon and Satan are synonymous; and

others do not.

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.

In Rev. 9:11-12 we read:

Rev 9:11 And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon.**

Rev 9:12 The first woe is past. See, two woes are still coming after this.

When Satan is cast down, we see Satan mocked by his evil minions in Isaiah 14:10.

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.’

Isa 14:12 “How you have fallen from the heavens, O Hēlēl,^c son of the morning! You have been cut down to the ground, you who laid low the nations! Footnote: ^cThe Shining One.

Let’s look at the definition of ‘Lucifer’:

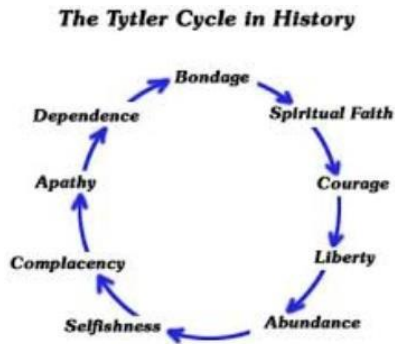
H1966 הלל הילל BDB Definition:

Lucifer = “light-bearer”

1) shining one, morning star, Lucifer

1a) of **the king of Babylon and Satan (figuratively)**

2) ‘Helel’ describing the king of Babylon



History repeats itself in a cyclic fashion. What we saw happen in Hezekiah's day; will happen again. Nations are fast approaching complete bondage by the global cabal. Nations just prior to bondage, experience complacency; apathy; and dependency. [See chart]

However, His kingdom of priests, His overcomers, are scattered throughout all the nations. We are His holy set-apart nation. Our brothers and sisters are world-wide.

The Book of Revelation reveals the collapse of worldly systems and bondage during the tribulation; but be of good cheer, for **YHWH [Yahusha in Son] has overcome the world.**

With **the fifth trump of Rev. 9:1**, the enemy, Satan or other Principality, is cast from heaven to earth and is given the key to the pit of the deep. When the pit is opened it isn't pretty. It is a horrific scene for those left on this earth.

Rev 9:2 And he opened the pit of the deep, and smoke went up out of the pit like the smoke of a great furnace. And the sun was darkened, also the air, because of the smoke of the pit.

Rev 9:3 And out of the **smoke locusts came upon the earth**, and authority was given to them as the scorpions of the earth possess authority.

The locust receive orders:

Rev 9:4 And it was said to them that **they**

shall not harm the grass of the earth, or any green matter, or any tree, but only those men who do not have the seal of Elohim upon their foreheads.

Rev 9:5 And it was given to them that **they should not kill them, but to torture them for five months.** [Cross-ref Rev. 7:3] And their torture was like the torture of a scorpion when it stings a man.

Rev 9:6 And in those days **men shall seek death and shall not find it.** And they shall long to die, but death shall flee from them.

I contemplate that the Great Tribulation or Great Distress may begin when Satan has been cast down to earth (Rev. 12:13) as he goes to fight with the remnant of the seed of the woman. I understand that when Satan is cast down to earth; this would correlate to the 3rd 'Woe' which would not tie into **Rev. 9:1 the sounding of the 5th Trumpet with the star falling from heaven.**

Rev 9:1 And the **fifth messenger** sounded, and **I saw a star from the heaven which had fallen to the earth.** And the key to the pit of the deep was given to him.

The following is a list of groups based on Scripture, that I understand to be present on earth at the beginning of or during the 'Great Distress' or the 'Great Tribulation.'

1. **The woman** is given two wings of a great eagle and flies to her place in the wilderness where she is nourished for 3 ½ years **from the presence of the serpent (Satan)**. (Rev. 12:14)
2. **The remnant of the seed of the woman**. Rev 12:17 And the dragon (Satan) 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.
3. **The 144,000 that were sealed with the seal of Elohim**. 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.
4. The Unbelievers that do NOT have the seal of Elohim and either become believers or they don't.

When the 5th Trumpet is sounded:

- **Lucifer or a Principality or 'Beast' is cast down to earth**
- **Locust torment mankind for 5 months without the seal of Elohim – they seek death but cannot find it.** The descriptions of the locust are given in Rev. 9:7 – Rev. 9:11.
- **The messenger of the pit of the deep** is king over the locust, whose name in Hebrew is **Abaddon**, but in Greek he has the name **Apolluon**.
- **The First Woe Passes** – there are two more woes.

Rev 9:10 And they have tails like scorpions, and stings. And in their tails is their authority to **harm men five months.**

Rev 9:11 And they have over them a sovereign, the messenger of the pit of the deep, whose name in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he has the name Apolluon. [Some define Abaddon as 'the destroyer angel of the Abyss' – others say he is Satan – At this point, I am keeping them as two separate entities.]

The 6th Trumpet is sounded:

Rev 9:13 And the sixth messenger sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden slaughter-place which is before Elohim,

Rev 9:14 saying to the sixth messenger who had the trumpet, **"Release the four messengers, those having been bound at the great river Euphrates."**

Rev 9:15 And the four messengers, those having been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.

Rev 9:16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was two hundred million, and I heard the number of them.

Rev 9:17 And this is how I saw the horses in the vision and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, and hyacinth blue, and sulphur yellow. And the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, and smoke, and sulphur.

Rev 9:18 A third of mankind was killed by these three *plagues*, by the fire and the

smoke and the sulphur which came out of their mouths.

Rev 9:19 For the authority of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails, for their tails are like serpents, having heads. And with them they do harm.

Rev 9:20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the **works of their hands**, that they should not worship the demons, and **idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood, which are neither able to see, nor to hear, nor to walk.** [Psa 115:4-7](#), [Psa 135:15-17](#), [Dan 5:23](#).

Rev 9:21 And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their drug sorceries, nor of their whoring, nor of their thefts.

- Four evil messengers are let loose that had been bound at the great river Euphrates. [These evil messengers possibly are the bound defeated Principalities that once were associated with Babylon; Medo-Persia; Greece; and Rome.]
Dan 10:13 "But the head of the rule of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. And see, Miḵa'ēl, one of the chief heads, came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the sovereigns of Persia.
- These four messengers had been prepared for the specific hour/day/month/year to kill 1/3 of mankind. [x-Ref. 7:1?]
- Their army consists of 200 million

Description:

Rev 9:17 And this is how I saw the horses in the vision and those who sat on them, having breastplates of fiery red, and hyacinth blue, and sulphur yellow. And the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions, and out of their mouths came fire, and smoke, and sulphur.

Method of Annihilation:

By three *plagues*, by **the fire** and **the smoke** and **the sulphur** which came out of their mouths.

Rev 9:19 For the authority of the horses is in their mouth and in their tails, for their **tails are like serpents, having heads**. And with them they do harm.

These descriptions definitely reflect weapons of warfare entities. The rest of mankind surviving do not repent of their idolatry; demon worship; murders; drug sorcery; thefts; whoring.

John 8

John 8 opens with the accusation of a 'woman caught in the act of adultery.' Yahusha uses this as a **'transitional'** teachable moment. Yahusha was ushering in a change in priesthood and a change in law. A change from the Aaronic Levitical priesthood back to the Melchizedek Priesthood. A change from the blessings and curses under the Book of the Law; to the blessings, grace, and mercy under Covenant Torah. Under the Book of the Law, adultery came with a death penalty. Under Covenant Torah grace and forgiveness is offered.

Which priesthood are you under? Which law or Torah are you under: Book of the Law or Covenant Torah? All Torah is profitable, but we must rightly divide Torah based on the time period in history and the associated reigning priesthood in place.

Yahusha is YHWH in Son. He knows what those around Him are thinking and planning. He knew Nathaniel was under the fig tree; in John 7, He knew that the Yehudim were seeking to kill Him; He knew Judas Iscariot was going to betray him; He knew Peter would deny Him three times before the cock crowed; He knows the thoughts of man and He knows what is in them!

These seething slivering brood of vipers, who refuse to repent, crawl into an ever deepening and widening hole. However, Yahusha is on a mission and they play perfectly into His hand. He is ushering in the Kingdom of Elohim; He is ushering in the Melchizedek Priesthood; He is ushering in the New Blood Ratified Covenant; in which the command, 'Do Not Commit Adultery', is VERY MUCH a part of!

He even raises the standard of this command to include looking with lust at individuals. Today, adultery is promoted by viewing pornography; reading soft porn romance novels; watching soap operas; and much more. You see, in order to have adultery there must be the presence of an adulteress Jezebel spirit like spoken of in Proverbs 5; to lure the victim into its snare. Jezebel spirits work through both males and females.

The difference between committing adultery under the Book of the Law; and committing adultery under the Book of the Covenant; is death verses His grace and mercy, respectively. Yahusha is in the very process of ushering in His Kingdom and His forgiveness through His blood **for those that repent and receive**.

But this transition between the priesthoods and laws hasn't fully happened yet, has it?
No, it has not. We are seeing it take place slowly but surely; day by day. Just as with night dawning into day or as the day fades into night, we are seeing the twilight of the transition between priesthoods.

So, they bring this woman caught in the very act of adultery forward; the other party isn't present. Where do they bring her? Into the Set-apart place where Yahusha is teaching! The enemy wants an audience, because this time; the enemy really thinks Yahusha is cornered. Adrenalin of evil is pulsating through their flesh. In their eyes, they have been successful so far by seeing the Jezebel spirit at work to ensnare the woman. The taste of blood is on their lips of these ravenous wolves.

Joh 8:1 And יהושע went to the Mount of Olives.

Joh 8:2 And at dawn He came again into the Set-apart Place, and all the people were coming to Him. And having sat down, He was teaching them.

Joh 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And having set her in the midst,

The scribes and Pharisees pose a question in hopes to ensnare Yahusha.

Joh 8:4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.

Joh 8:5 "And in the Torah Mosheh commanded us that such should be stoned. What then do You say?"

Joh 8:6 And this they said, trying Him, so that they might accuse Him. But יהושע, bending down, wrote on the ground with the finger, as though He did not hear.

As they continue to question Him, Yahusha straightens up and makes one statement that stops them in their tracks.

Joh 8:7 But as they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

Joh 8:8 And bending down again, He wrote on the ground.

Joh 8:9 And when they heard it, being reproved by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning from the older ones until the last. And יהושע was left alone, and the

woman standing in the middle.

Joh 8:10 And יהושע, straightening up and seeing no one but the woman, said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Did no one condemn you?”

Joh 8:11 And she said, “No one, Master.” And יהושע said to her, “Neither do I condemn you. **Go and sin no more.**”^a Footnote: ^aSee also [Joh 5:14](#), [Rom 6:16-20](#), [1Co 15:34](#), [1Pe 2:24](#), [1Pe 4:1-2](#), [1Jn 3:4-10](#), [1Jn 5:18](#).

Yahusha allows time for His statement to sink in to ‘the accuser of the brethren.’ He bends down and writes on the ground. Much focus has been on trying to figure out what He wrote; **but the more important act we should see** is this; He was causing everyone to take pause; **taking pause allows inner reflection and controls and calms heated situations**. Quieting the surrounding noise; letting the adrenaline rush subside; lifts away acting impulsively. In the quietness is when YHWH divinely works on hearts. **In the silence of the pause**, His still small voice pierces their consciences and does a mighty work.

Conscience defined by Strong’s G4893: *suneidēsis soon-i’-day-sis* From a prolonged form of G4894; *co-perception*, that is, moral *consciousness*: - conscience.

And the root G4894 means: *suneidō soon-i’-do* From G4862 and G1492; **to see completely**; used (like its primary) only in two past tenses, respectively meaning to *understand* or *become aware*, and to *be conscious* **or (clandestinely) informed of**: - consider, know, be privy, be ware of.

As Yahusha wrote on the hard ground in silence; **their hard hearts were reproved by their consciences** as Yahusha’s challenge churned in their minds; their own sins surfaced that were **engraved in their memories**; like the ocean waves that reveal seashells in the sand.

The accuser of the brethren, departs; and Yahusha asks the woman where are her accusers? Did no one condemn you? She responds, “No one, Master.” Yahusha tells her, ‘Neither do I condemn you. Go and sin no more.’

From then on, the whole city would be reminded of this precedence by the woman’s very presence. They had witness a **change of law** that did not put her to death; as was the punishment for adultery required under the Book of the Law. Yahusha was ushering in a ‘change of priesthood’ which would bring a ‘change in law.’

Heb 7:12 For the **priesthood being changed**,^b of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

What started out as being the worse day of the woman's life; turned out to be the best day! She calls Yahusha Master and she is offered His grace and mercy!

I Am the Light of the World

Joh 8:12 Therefore יהושע spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but possess the light of life." ^b

Footnote: ^bSee also [Joh 11:9-10](#), [Joh 7:53-8:11](#) does not appear in the Aramaic Peshitta or Aramaic Old Syriac texts.

Joh 8:13 The Pharisees, therefore, said to Him, "You bear witness about Yourself, Your witness is not true."

Joh 8:14 יהושע answered and said to them, "Even if I witness concerning Myself, My witness is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going. But you do not know from where I come, or where I go.

Joh 8:15 "You judge according to the flesh, I judge no one.

Joh 8:16 "But even if I do judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone *in it*, but I and the Father who sent Me.

Joh 8:17 "And in your Torah also, it has been written that the witness of two men is true.

Joh 8:18 "I am One who witnesses concerning Myself, and the Father who sent Me witnesses concerning Me."

Joh 8:19 Therefore they said to Him, "Where is Your Father?" יהושע answered, "You know neither Me nor My Father. If you knew Me, you would have known My Father also."

Joh 8:20 These words יהושע spoke in the treasury, teaching in the Set-apart Place. And **no one laid hands on Him, because His hour had not yet come.**

Covenant Torah is being ushered in? The 'power' shift is taking place. The Light of the world has come. In John 8:19, it states clearly that no one can know the Father without knowing the Son, Yahusha.

Joh 8:21 Therefore יהושע said to them again, "I am going away, and you shall seek Me, and you shall die in your sin. Where I go you are unable to come."

Joh 8:22 Then the Yehudim said, "Shall He kill Himself, because He says, 'Where I go you are unable to come'?"

Yahusha tells the Yehudim where they are from and where He is from.

Joh 8:23 And He said to them, **"You are from below, I am from above. You are of this world, I am not of this world.**

Joh 8:24 “Therefore I said to you that you shall die in your sins. For if you do not believe that I am He, you shall die in your sins.”

Joh 8:25 Then they said to Him, “Who are You?” And יהושע said to them, “Altogether that which I even say to you!

Joh 8:26 “I have much to say and to judge concerning you. But He who sent Me is true, and what I heard from Him, these *Words* I speak to the world.”

Joh 8:27 They did not know that He spoke to them of the Father.

Joh 8:28 So יהושע said to them, “When you lift up the Son of Adam, then you shall know that I am He, and that I do none at all of Myself, but as My Father taught Me, these *words* I speak.

Joh 8:29 “And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do what pleases Him.”

Joh 8:30 As He was speaking these words, many believed in Him.

Yahusha continues to witness to the Yehudim.

The Truth Will Set You Free

Joh 8:31 So יהושע said to those Yehudim who believed Him, “If you stay in My Word, you are truly My taught ones,

Joh 8:32 and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Joh 8:33 They answered Him, “We are the seed of Abraham, and have been servants to no one at any time. How do you say, ‘You shall become free’?”

Joh 8:34 יהושע answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone doing sin is a servant of sin.

Joh 8:35 “And the servant does not stay in the house forever – a son stays forever.

Joh 8:36 “If, then, the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Joh 8:37 “I know that you are the seed of Abraham, but you seek to kill Me, because My Word has no place in you.

Joh 8:38 “I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have heard from your father.”

You Are of Your Father the Devil

Joh 8:39 They answered and said to Him, “[Abraham is our father.](#)”^c יהושע said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham. **Footnote:** ^cSee footnote [Mat 3:9](#), [Rom 9:8](#).

Joh 8:40 “But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has spoken to you the truth which I heard from Elohim. Abraham did not do this.

Joh 8:41 “You do the works of your father.” Then they said to Him, “We were not born of whoring, we have one Father: Elohim.”

Joh 8:42 יהושע said to them, “If Elohim were your Father, you would love Me, for I

came forth from Elohim, and am here. For I have not come of Myself, but He sent Me.

Joh 8:43 “Why do you not know what I say? Because you are unable to hear My Word.

Joh 8:44 “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you wish to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks of his own, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Joh 8:45 “And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me.

Joh 8:46 “Who of you proves Me wrong concerning sin? And if I speak the truth, why do you not believe Me?

Joh 8:47 “He who is of Elohim hears the Words of Elohim, therefore you do not hear because you are not of Elohim.”

The Yehudim do not have spiritual eyes to see nor ears to hear. They flip the conversation to accuse Yahusha of having a demon. The enemy is always ready to call good evil and evil good. Then Yahusha closes with:

Before Abraham Was, I Am

Joh 8:48 The Yehudim answered and said to Him, “Do we not say well that You are a Shomeroni and have a demon?”

Joh 8:49 יהושע answered, “I do not have a demon, but I value My Father, and you do not value Me.

Joh 8:50 “And I do not seek My own esteem, there is One who is seeking and is judging.

Joh 8:51 “Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone guards My Word he shall never see death at all.”

Joh 8:52 The Yehudim said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, and the prophets. And You say, ‘If anyone guards My Word he shall never taste death at all.’

Joh 8:53 “Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died. Whom do You make Yourself?”

Joh 8:54 יהושע answered, “If I esteem Myself, My esteem is none at all. It is My Father who esteems Me, of whom you say that He is your Elohim.

Joh 8:55 “And you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say, ‘I do not know Him,’ I shall be like you, a liar. But I do know Him and I guard His Word.^d Footnote:

^dSee also [Joh 15:10](#).

Joh 8:56 “Your father Abraham was glad that he should see My day, and he saw it and did rejoice.”

Joh 8:57 The Yehudim, therefore, said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?”

Joh 8:58 יהושע said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I am.”^e Footnote: ^eSee also [Joh 1:1](#), [Joh 6:62](#), [Joh 17:5](#), [Heb 11:26](#)

Joh 8:59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but יהושע was hidden and went out of the Set-apart Place, going through the midst of them, and so passed by.

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