

*Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 4; Psalm 129; 130; 131; Isaiah 64; Matthew 12*

## *July 2 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Joshua 4**

How did Gilgal get its name? We find the answer in Joshua 5:9.

Jos 5:9 And יהוה said to Yehoshua, "Today I have rolled away the reproach of Mitsrayim from you." So the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day.

Gilgal would become their base camp in the promised land. Gilgal represents 'new beginnings.' A place where one can begin again. Gilgal means, rolling: a wheel. YHWH rolled away their disgrace they experienced in Egypt just like he rolls away and removes our sins as far as the east is from the west.

**BDB Definition:** Gilgal = "a wheel, rolling"

1) the first site of an Israelite camp west of the Jordan, east of Jericho, here Samuel was judge, and Saul was made king; later used for illicit worship...

YHWH teaches us through cyclic repetitions. We will know the end from the beginning.

Isa 46:10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from of old that which has not yet been done, saying, 'My counsel does stand, and all My delight I do,' .

Two, twelve stone memorials, will be set up in Joshua 4. The twelve stones represent 'Israel'. One set of stones would be placed in the camp at Gilgal and the other in the midst of the Jordan; both connected to where the priests stood with the Ark of the Covenant.

Now let us fast forward. This is probably the same location where Yahusha was mikvah'd by John the Baptist. The **twelve stones** were memorials that we are still learning from today. Even in Revelation Chapter 12 we see the circular 12 stars making up the crown of the woman about to give birth to Israel whom Yahusha is the head [Col. 1:18]. Yahusha, our Rock of salvation, would have been standing on the 12 stones representing Israel. We are built on His foundation!

In Yahusha's triumphal entry; He was carried on a colt that had never been yoked; but was then yoked to Him; Yahusha passed through the 'sea' of people praising Him; Yahusha replied to the Pharisees, "I say to you that if these shall be silent, **the stones** would cry out." [Luke 19:40b]

All creations 'witnesses' to who YHWH is! These memorial stones we are reading about today have witnessed to every generation since!



### Twelve Memorial Stones from the Jordan

**Jos 4:1** And it came to be, when the entire nation had completely passed over the Yardēn, that יהוה spoke to Yehoshua, saying,

**Jos 4:2** "Take for yourselves twelve men from the people, one man from every tribe,

**Jos 4:3** and command them, saying, 'Take for yourselves **twelve stones from here, out of the midst of the Yardēn, from the place where the priests' feet stood firm. And you shall bring them with you and leave them in the camp in which you spend the night.**' "

**Jos 4:4** And Yehoshua called the twelve men whom he had appointed from the children of Yisra'ēl, one man from every tribe,

**Jos 4:5** and **Yehoshua said to them**, "Pass over before the ark of יהוה your Elohim into the midst of the Yardēn, and each one of you take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ēl,

**Jos 4:6** so that this shall be **a sign** in your midst when your children ask in time to come, saying, '**What do these stones mean to you?**'

**Jos 4:7** "Then you shall answer them that the waters of the Yardēn were cut off before the ark of the covenant of יהוה. When it passed over the Yardēn, the waters of the Yardēn were cut off. And these stones shall be for a remembrance to the children of Yisra'ēl forever."

**Jos 4:8** And the children of Yisra'ēl did so, as Yehoshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Yardēn, as יהוה had spoken to Yehoshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ēl, and **took them over with them to their camp, and laid them down there.**

**Jos 4:9** Yehoshua also **set up twelve stones in the midst of the Yardēn, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood. And they are there to this day.**

**Jos 4:10** And the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Yardēn until every matter was finished that יהוה had commanded Yehoshua to speak to the people, according to all that Mosheh had commanded Yehoshua. And **the people hastened and passed over.**

**Jos 4:11** And it came to be, when all the people had completely passed over, that the ark of יהוה and the priests passed over in the presence of the people.

**Jos 4:12** And the sons of Re'ubĕn, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Menashsheh passed over in fives before the children of Yisra'ĕl, as Mosheh had spoken to them.

**Jos 4:13** About forty thousand armed ones of the army passed over before יהוה for battle, to the desert plains of Yeriho.

We must realize that when we 'cross over' in Yahusha, we are 'justified'; but we must still journey and do 'our part' in the sanctification process. We are one body with many members, and we function together with Him. This is what we see the 2 ½ tribes doing. They are committed to still serving as part of the army of Israel to 'possess' the promised land! Dwelling and possessing are two different stages.

**Jos 4:14** On that day יהוה made Yehoshua great before the eyes of all Yisra'ĕl. And they feared him, as they had feared Mosheh, all the days of his life.

**Jos 4:15** And יהוה spoke to Yehoshua, saying,

**Jos 4:16** "Command the priests who bear the ark of the Witness, and let them come up from the Yardĕn."

**Jos 4:17** And Yehoshua commanded the priests, saying, "Come up from the Yardĕn."

**Jos 4:18** And it came to be, when the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of יהוה had come from the midst of the Yardĕn, and the soles of the priests' feet touched the dry land, that the waters of the Yardĕn returned to their place and flowed over all its banks as before.

**Jos 4:19** And the people came up from the Yardĕn on the tenth day of the first new moon, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Yeriho.

The Timing – on the tenth day of Abib

Note: Even His Moedim are Cyclic!

- **Joshua 4:19** And the people came up from the Yardĕn on the tenth day of the first month, and they camped in Gilgal on the east border of Yeriho. (This means they would be selecting their spotless lamb on this day for Passover)
- **Joshua 5:10** And the children of Yisra'ĕl camped in Gilgal, and performed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening on the desert plains of Yeriho
- From the Passover at the Exodus to the Entry of the Promised Land 40 years later—we see every event timed perfectly.
- As we learn more about Him, we understand the importance of keeping **His moedim, His appointed times.**
- There is so much wisdom He teaches us behind **His rehearsals.** He wants us to understand the how, what, when, why, where through his feasts that reveal Himself

and His timing of prophetic events.

- Everything YHWH does is fine-tuned and perfect.
- All creation carries out their assign purpose according to their innate intelligent design.

Jos 4:20 And those **twelve stones which they took out of the Yardĕn, Yehoshua set up in Gilgal.**

Jos 4:21 And he said to the children of Yisra'ĕl, saying, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, '**What are these stones?**'

Jos 4:22 then you shall let your children know, saying, 'Yisra'ĕl passed over this Yardĕn on dry land,'

Jos 4:23 for יהוה your Elohim **dried up the waters of the Yardĕn** before you until you had passed over, **as יהוה your Elohim did to the Sea of Reeds**, which He dried up before us until we had passed over,

Jos 4:24 so that **all the peoples of the earth shall know the hand of יהוה, that it is strong, so that you shall fear יהוה your Elohim forever.**"

**Psalms 129; 130; 131** O Yisra'ĕl, wait for יהוה, Now and forever.

### They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth

**Psa 129:1** "Often they have distressed me from my youth." Let Yisra'ĕl now say,

**Psa 129:2** "Often they have distressed me from my youth, But they have not overcome me.

**Psa 129:3** "The ploughers ploughed on my back, They made their furrows long."

**Psa 129:4** יהוה is righteous, He has cut the cords of the wrong in two.

**Psa 129:5** Let all those who hate Tsiyon Be put to shame and turned back.

**Psa 129:6** Let them be as the grass on the house-tops, Which withers before it grows up,

**Psa 129:7** That shall not fill the reaper's hand, Nor the sheaves *fill* the binder's bosom.

**Psa 129:8** And those who pass by shall not say, "The blessing of יהוה be upon you; We have blessed you in the Name of יהוה!"

Zion can represent a place; but Zion also represents the people of YHWH. The enemy has even distorted the true meaning of Zion.

### My Soul Waits for YHWH

**Psa 130:1** Out of the depths I have cried to You, O יהוה.

**Psa 130:2** יהוה, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my prayers.

Psa 130:3 O Yah, if You should watch crookednesses, O יהוה, who would stand?

Psa 130:4 **But with You there is forgiveness,** That You might be feared.

Psa 130:5 I looked to יהוה, My being has looked, And for His word I have waited.

Psa 130:6 My being *looks* to יהוה More than those watching for morning, watching for morning.

Psa 130:7 **O Yisra'el, wait for יהוה; For with יהוה there is loving-commitment. And with Him is much redemption,**

Psa 130:8 **For He shall redeem Yisra'el From all his crookednesses.**

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### I Have Calmed and Quieted My Soul

**Psa 131:1** O יהוה, my heart has not been proud, Nor have my eyes been haughty. Neither have I concerned myself with great matters, Nor with those too wondrous for me.

Psa 131:2 Have I not calmed, and kept my being silent, Like one weaned by its mother? My being is like one weaned.

Psa 131:3 **O Yisra'el, wait for יהוה, Now and forever.**

### Isaiah 64

All of us have sinned and fallen short of His glory; we come to Him unclean, and He makes us clean. Without Him our righteousness is but soiled rags. Without Him we are as helpless as a fading withering leaf. We each have at one point, gone our own way, and have ended up at a dead-end; entrapped in the exile of this fallen world. We are but clay in His hands and thankfully He has shown us mercy and grace.

He has not forgotten us nor forsaken us. He doesn't want His people caught off guard. He has revealed what is to come if only His people read His Word and seek His face.

1Th 5:4 But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

1Th 5:5 For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

1Th 5:6 So, then, we should not sleep, as others do, but we should watch and be sober.

**Isa 64:1** Oh, that You would tear the heavens open, come down, that mountains shall shake before You –

Isa 64:2 as when fire burns twigs, as fire makes water boil – to make Your Name known to Your adversaries, so that nations tremble before You.

Isa 64:3 When You did awesome *matters*, which we did not expect, You came down, mountains did shake before You!

Isa 64:4 **Since the beginning of the ages they have not heard nor perceived by the ear,**

nor has the eye seen any Elohim besides You, who acts for those who wait for Him.

Isa 64:5 You **shall meet him who rejoices and does righteousness**, who remembers You in Your ways. See, You were wroth when we sinned in them a long time. And should we be saved?

Isa 64:6 **And all of us have become as one unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as soiled rags.** And all of us fade like a leaf, and our crookednesses, like the wind, have taken us away.

Isa 64:7 And there is no one who calls on Your Name, who stirs himself up to be **strengthened<sup>a</sup>** in You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our crookednesses. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Commonly understood as “Take hold of.”

Isa 64:8 And now, O יהוה, You are our Father. **We are the clay, and You our potter. And we are all the work of Your hand.**

Isa 64:9 Do not be wroth, O יהוה, nor remember crookedness forever. See, please look, all of us are Your people!

Isa 64:10 **Your set-apart cities have become a wilderness, Tsiyon has become a wilderness, Yerushalayim a waste.**

Isa 64:11 Our set-apart and comely House, where our fathers praised You, has been burned up with fire. And all that we treasured has become a ruin.

Isa 64:12 In view of all this, would You restrain Yourself, O יהוה? Would You keep silent and afflict us beyond measure?

## Matthew 12

### Yahusha Is Lord of the Sabbath

Mat 12:1 At that time יהושע went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His taught ones were hungry, and began to pluck heads of grain, to eat.

Mat 12:2 And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to Him, “Look, Your taught ones are doing what is not right to do on the Sabbath!”

Mat 12:3 But He said to them, “Have you not read what Dawid did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him:

Mat 12:4 how he went into the House of Elohim and ate the showbread which was not right for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?

Mat 12:5 “Or did you not read in the Torah that on the Sabbath the priests in the Set-apart Place profane the Sabbath, and are blameless?

Mat 12:6 “But I say to you that in this place there is One greater than the Set-apart Place.

Mat 12:7 “And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire compassion and not offering,’ Hos 6:6 you would not have condemned the blameless.

Mat 12:8 “For the Son of Adam is Master of the Sabbath.”<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also Gen 2:2-3.

We are in, or nearly approaching the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium, depending on what calendar you look at. Yahusha is the Elohim of the Sabbath. Those in Him have entered into rest with Him. In Him is shalom. He gives us rest. He desires covenant compassion; and not book of the law offerings without love and compassion.

### A Man with a Withered Hand

**Mat 12:9** And having left there, He went into their congregation.

**Mat 12:10** And see, there was a man having a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, “Is it right to heal on the Sabbath?” – so as to accuse Him.

**Mat 12:11** And He said to them, “What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, shall not take hold of it and lift it out?”

**Mat 12:12** “How much more worth is a man than a sheep! So it is right to do good on the Sabbath.”

**Mat 12:13** Then He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And he stretched it out, and it was restored, as healthy as the other.

**Mat 12:14** But the Pharisees went out and took counsel against Him, so as to destroy Him.

Yahusha provides a ‘teachable’ moment when He encounters a man with a withered hand. He shares a story of rescuing a sheep on the Sabbath, which demonstrates ‘**compassion.**’ If compassion is shown to a sheep; how much more should compassion be shown to mankind on a Sabbath.

Yahusha provided compassionate healing; while in contrast the Pharisees exhibited hatred and the desire to destroy Him; clearly good vs. evil; good fruit versus bad fruit.

### YHWH's Chosen Servant

**Mat 12:15** But **יהושע**, knowing it, withdrew from there. And large crowds followed Him, and He healed them all,

**Mat 12:16** and warned them not to make Him known,

**Mat 12:17** in order that what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, might be filled, saying,

**Mat 12:18** **“See, My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My being did delight. I shall put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall declare right-ruling to the nations.**

**Mat 12:19** **“He shall not strive nor cry out, nor shall anyone hear His voice in the streets.**

**Mat 12:20** **“A crushed reed He shall not break, and smoking flax He shall not**

**quench, till He brings forth right-ruling forever.**

**Mat 12:21** “**And the nations shall trust in His Name.**”<sup>b</sup> [Isa 42:1-4](#). Footnote: <sup>b</sup>This is according to the Shem-Tob<sup>h</sup> Hebrew text. However, this passage is a quote from [Isa 42:1-3](#) where it reads *right-ruling unto truth*.

At our weakest point, He is strongest in our lives. His power is perfected in weakness [2Cor. 12:9]. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He was the One that fulfilled all prophecy spoken of Him.

### **Blasphemy Against the Holy Spirit**

**Mat 12:22** Then they brought to Him one who was demon-possessed, blind and dumb. And He healed him, so that the blind and dumb man both spoke and saw.

**Mat 12:23** And all the crowds were amazed and said, “Is this the Son of Dawid?”

**Mat 12:24** **But when the Pharisees heard it they said, “This one does not cast out demons except by Be’elzebul, the ruler of the demons.”**

**Mat 12:25** And **יהושע** knew their thoughts, and said to them, “Every reign divided against itself is laid waste, and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.

**Mat 12:26** “And if Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then does his reign stand?”

**Mat 12:27** “And if I, by Be’elzebul, do cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Because of this they shall be your judges.

**Mat 12:28** “But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of Elohim, then the reign of Elohim has come upon you.

**Mat 12:29** “Or how is one able to enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he shall plunder his house.

**Mat 12:30** “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

**Mat 12:31** “Because of this I say to you, all sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven men.

**Mat 12:32** “And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Adam, it shall be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Set-apart Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

These verses speak to the unpardonable sin, the blasphemy against the Spirit of YHWH, the Ruach HaKodesh. Yahusha immediately tells them in Matthew 12:25 what would happen by them accusing Him, Yahusha, of casting out the demons by Be’elzebul and not by the Spirit of Elohim.

Forty years later, the city of Jerusalem would be laid waste. The only ones that would be protected would be those under the blood of the Lamb being led by the Ruach HaKodesh.

### A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

**Mat 12:33** “Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten, for a tree is known by its fruit.

**Mat 12:34** “Brood of adders! How are you able to speak what is good – being wicked? For the mouth speaks from the overflow of the heart.

**Mat 12:35** “The good man brings forth what is good from the good treasures of his heart, and the wicked man brings forth what is wicked from the wicked treasure.

**Mat 12:36** “And I say to you that for every idle word men speak, they shall give an account of it in the day of judgment.

**Mat 12:37** “For by your words you shall be declared righteous, and by your words you shall be declared unrighteous.”

Those that have received Yahusha will appear before Him at the Bema Seat Judgement to be given their rewards done in Him and for Him, through His Spirit. These are those whose sins have been forgiven.

Those that reject Yahusha, and thereby reject the Ruach HaKodesh that comes through repentance and faith, will go through the Great White Throne Judgement. They will be judged according to their words; placed in comparison to His Word. They will fall short. Most, if not all, will not even be able to speak.

### The Sign of Jonah

**Mat 12:38** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from You.”

**Mat 12:39** But He answering, said to them, “A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Yonah.

**Mat 12:40** “For as **Yonah was three days and three nights in the stomach of the great fish, Jon 1:17** so shall the **Son of Adam be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.**

**Mat 12:41** “Men of Ninewēh shall stand up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Yonah, and look, a greater than Yonah is here.

**Mat 12:42** “The sovereignty of the South shall rise up in the judgment with this generation and shall condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Shelomoh, and look, a greater than Shelomoh is here.

Yahusha’s new covenant confirming gospel message is clearly articulated by Paul:

1Co 15:3 For I delivered to you at the first that which I also received: that Messiah died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that **He was raised the third day, according to the Scriptures,**

1Co 15:5 and that He was seen by Kěpha, then by the twelve.

1Co 15:6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brothers at one time, of whom the greater part remain till now, but some have fallen asleep.

1Co 15:7 After that He was seen by Ya’aqob, then by all the emissaries.

1Co 15:8 And last of all He was seen by me also, as if to one born prematurely.

1Co 15:9 For I am the least of the emissaries, who am not worthy to be called an emissary, because I persecuted the assembly of Elohim.

### Return of an Unclean Spirit

**Mat 12:43** “Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none.

**Mat 12:44** “Then it says, ‘I shall return to my house from which I came.’ And when it comes, it finds it empty, swept, and decorated.

**Mat 12:45** “Then it goes and takes with it **seven other spirits more wicked than itself**, and they enter and dwell there. And the last of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.”

If a person does not have the Ruach HaKodesh, he is vulnerable to demonic possession and strong man spirits. If someone comes desiring deliverance, yet in their heart they don’t truly desire and receive the Deliverer; then that one is worse off than before.

Therefore, ‘deliverance’ should not be done to individuals that do NOT want to receive the Ruach HaKodesh. The ultimate goal would be to bind and cast out any demonic spirits; and loose within the individual the Ruach HaKodesh by their faith.

Keep in mind, believers can be ‘oppressed’ by evil spirits, but no longer ‘possessed’ by evil spirits. Today we still see believers that are oppressed with drugs, alcohol, depression, suicidal tendencies, and so forth. These can be conquered through the sanctification process of His Word.

### Yahusha’s Mother and Brothers

**Mat 12:46** And while He was still talking to the crowds, see, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him.

**Mat 12:47** And one said to Him, “See, Your mother and Your brothers are standing

outside, seeking to speak with You.”

**Mat 12:48** But He answering, said to the one who spoke to Him, “Who is My mother and who are My brothers?”

**Mat 12:49** And having stretched out His hand toward His taught ones, He said, “See My mother and My brothers!

**Mat 12:50** “For whoever does the desire of My Father who is in the heavens is My brother and sister and mother.”<sup>C</sup> Footnote: <sup>C</sup>See [Luk 8:21](#) where the wording differs slightly.

In Him, we become a ‘kingdom of priests’ under the order of Melchizedek. This priesthood **does not require** the ‘proper earthly mother / father lineage’ connected to Aaron as did the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Those that desire His Father in heaven, become Yahusha’s brother, sister, and mother. We are one in Him and we are now connected as one family. Our earthly parents and siblings are earthly. Our spiritual family is spiritual; and are those that have ‘crossed over.’

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