

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 11; Psalm 144; Jeremiah 5; Matthew 19.

July 9 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Joshua 11

Conquests in Northern Canaan

Jos 11:1 And it came to be, when **Yabin sovereign of Hatzor heard**, that he sent to **Yobab sovereign of Madon**, and to the **sovereign of Shimron**, and to the **sovereign of Akshaph**,

Jos 11:2 and to the **sovereigns who were from the north**, in the mountains, and in the desert plain south of **Kinneroth**, and in the low country, and in the heights of **Dor** on the west –

Jos 11:3 the **Kena'anites in the east and in the west**, and the **Amorite**, and the **Hittite**, and the **Perizzite**, and the **Yebusite in the mountains**, and the **Hiwwite below Hermon** in the land of **Mitspah**.

Jos 11:4 And they went out, they and all their armies with them, as many people as numerous as the sand on the seashore, with very many horses and chariots.

Jos 11:5 **And all these sovereigns met together, and they came and camped together at the waters of Mērom to fight against Yisra'ēl.**

Wow! What a list of sovereigns! This was a major coalition that had been brought together to come against Israel; 'as numerous as the sand on the seashore, with many horses and chariots' (v. 4).

Jos 11:6 And **יהוה** said to Yehoshua, "Do not be afraid of their presence, for tomorrow about this time I am giving all of them over to Yisra'ēl, slain. Hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire."

Jos 11:7 And Yehoshua, and all the soldiers with him, came against them suddenly by the waters of Mērom, and they fell on them.

Jos 11:8 And **יהוה** gave them into the hand of Yisra'ēl, and they struck them and pursued them to Great Tsidon, and to Misrephoth Mayim, and to the Valley of Mitspeh eastward. And they struck them until no survivor was left to them.

Jos 11:9 And **Yehoshua did to them as יהוה said to him: he hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.**

Jos 11:10 And Yehoshua turned back at that time and **captured Hatzor, and struck its sovereign with the sword, for Hatzor was formerly the head of all those reigns.**

Jos 11:11 And they struck all the beings who were in it with the edge of the sword, putting them under the ban. He did not leave anyone breathing. Then he burned Hatzor with fire.

Jos 11:12 **And Yehoshua captured all the cities of those sovereigns, and all their sovereigns, and he struck them with the edge of the sword. He put them under the ban, as Mosheh the servant of יהוה commanded.**

Jos 11:13 However, **Yisra'ēl did not burn any cities that stood on their mounds, but Yehoshua**

burned only Hatzor.

Jos 11:14 **And all the spoil of these cities and the livestock, the children of Yisra'el took as booty for themselves. But they struck every man with the edge of the sword until they had destroyed them, and they did not leave anyone breathing.**

Jos 11:15 As יהוה had commanded Mosheh his servant, so Mosheh commanded Yehoshua, and so **Yehoshua did.** He did not turn aside a word of all that יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Jos 11:16 **Thus Yehoshua took all this land:** the mountain country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the low country, and the desert plain, and the mountains of Yisra'el and its low lands,

Jos 11:17 from Mount Halaq that goes up to S'ir, and as far as Ba'al Gaḏ in the Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon. And he captured all their sovereigns, and struck them and killed them.

Jos 11:18 Yehoshua fought with all those sovereigns for a long time.

Jos 11:19 **There was not a city that made peace with the children of Yisra'el, except the Hiwites, the inhabitants of Gib'on.** All the others they took in battle.

Jos 11:20 For it was of יהוה to strengthen their hearts, that they should come against Yisra'el in battle, in order to put them under the ban, so that they might have no favour, but that He might annihilate them, as יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Jos 11:21 And at that time Yehoshua came and cut off the Anaqim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Yehudah, and from all the mountains of Yisra'el. Yehoshua put them with their cities under the ban.

Jos 11:22 There were **none of the Anaqim left in the land of the children of Yisra'el;** only in Azzah, in Gath, and in Ashdoḡ some remained.

Jos 11:23 **Thus Yehoshua took the entire land,** according to all that יהוה had said to Mosheh. And Yehoshua gave it as an inheritance to Yisra'el according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from fighting.

YHWH had strengthened the hearts of all these sovereigns so that they would come against Israel; therefore, playing right into the master plan of YHWH. Joshua was faithful to do all they YHWH had commanded him through Moses.

YHWH's ways are higher than our ways. We may think that YHWH bringing reigns of kings against Israel would have been a 'bad thing'; but it was just the opposite. We may not understand the 'why' behind things that happen; but we may rest in knowing nothing comes our way without first passing through the Master's hands. With that, we can rest in Him.

This understanding is very important to hold on to because we are entering the 'beginning of sorrows' mentioned in His Word. Knowing YHWH is in control, no matter what happens, is essential to stand and stay the course; and not look back, nor go back!

Psalm 144

YHWH teaches our hands to fight and prepares our fingers for battle. Our greatest military strategy is to lift our hands and fingers to YHWH in praise and thanksgiving like Paul and Silas. Prepare for spiritual warfare by being clothed in the full armor of YHWH. Know the significance behind each piece of armor [Eph. 6]. YHWH goes before us and with us. He is our strong tower; our deliverer; our shield. He is our refuge and our ever-present help in times of trouble.

He is King of the Universe and can call forth any and all elements in creation to come to our aid. He has at His command all the heavenly hosts available in the heavenly 'war room.' Each knows their assignment. Each stands ready.

My Rock and My Fortress

Psa 144:1 Blessed be יהוה my Rock, **Who is teaching my hands for fighting, My fingers for battle;**

Psa 144:2 My loving-commitment and my stronghold, My tower and my deliverer, My shield, and in whom I take refuge, Who is subduing peoples under me.

Psa 144:3 יהוה, what is man, that You should know him? Son of man, that You should think of him?

Psa 144:4 Man is like a breath, His days like a passing shadow.

Psa 144:5 **Incline Your heavens, O יהוה**, and come down; Touch the mountains that they smoke.

Psa 144:6 Send forth lightning and scatter them, Send forth Your arrows and confuse them.

Psa 144:7 Send forth Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters, From the hand of foreigners,

Psa 144:8 Whose mouth has spoken falsehood, And whose right hand is a right hand of lies.

Psa 144:9 **O Elohim, a new song I sing to You;** On a harp of ten strings I sing praises to You,

Psa 144:10 Who gives deliverance to sovereigns, Who rescues Dawid His servant From the evil sword.

Psa 144:11 Rescue me and deliver me from the hand of foreigners, Whose mouth has spoken falsehood, And whose right hand is a right hand of lies;

Psa 144:12 Because our sons are like plants Grown up in their youth; Our daughters like hewn stones, Polished, like a palace building;

Psa 144:13 **Let our storehouses be filled, Supplying all kinds; Let our sheep bring forth thousands And ten thousands in our fields;**

Psa 144:14 **Our cattle well-laden; No breaking in, no going out; And no crying in our streets.**

Psa 144:15 **Blessed are the people who have it so; Blessed are the people whose Elohim is יהוה!**

Jeremiah 5

'If there is **anyone** doing right-ruling, seeking the truth, **then I shall pardon her.**' [Jer. 5:1b]

How gracious YHWH was being! If there is just ANYONE! The house of Judah is about to seal her fate. Praise YHWH in His loving commitment, He tells us in Jer. 5:18; yet, He would not make a complete end to them.

YHWH speaks through Jeremiah very factually. I 'bullet' pointed the Scriptures to bring emphasis on YHWH's stated case against them. Point after point; fact after fact; YHWH, the Righteous Judge, states His case clearly and precisely through Jeremiah!

They were given every opportunity to repent but they refused. They are about to face a **national disaster**. They are about to be conquered by a merciless people. A people that have great hatred toward them and will not be swayed by beauty, gold, or donning of fine fabrics. A people of another language that will ravish the land like a swarm of locust. Judah does not heed the true warnings from Jeremiah but listens to their false prophets to their demise.

Jerusalem Refuses to Repent

Jer 5:1 "Diligently search the streets of Yerushalayim, and **please look, and know and seek in her open places if you find a man, if there is anyone doing right-ruling, seeking the truth, then I shall pardon her.**"

Jer 5:2 "Even when they say, 'As יהוה lives,' they swear falsely, for certain."

Jer 5:3 O יהוה, are Your eyes not on truth?

- *You have stricken them, but they have not grieved.*
- *You have consumed them, but they have refused to receive instruction.*
- *They made their faces stronger than rock, they refused to turn back.*

Jer 5:4 Then I said, "These are only the poor. They have been foolish, for they have not known the way of יהוה, the right-ruling of their Elohim.

Jer 5:5 "Let me go to the great men and speak to them, for they have known the way of יהוה, the right-ruling of their Elohim." **But these have altogether broken the yoke and torn off the bonds.**

Jer 5:6 **Therefore a lion from the forest shall strike them, a wolf of the deserts ravage them. A leopard is watching over their cities, whoever comes out of them is torn in pieces. For their transgressions have been many, their backslidings have been numerous.**

Brokenness, caused by adultery, strikes at the very heart of a person. It turns a person's world upside down. It is the ultimate 'slap in the face' by the one closest in that person's life. Essentially, it is being married to 'Judas of Iscariot' and being betrayed with 'a kiss.' When we turn our backs on YHWH and go after the things of this world; we are exhibiting 'Judas traits.'

A Judas ends up not only betraying their beloved; a Judas ends up betraying themselves. A Judas bites the hand that feeds them, utter foolishness. Sadly, we have all gone astray. We have all sinned and fallen short of faithfulness to YHWH.

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, went astray, each one of us has turned to his own way. And יהוה has laid on Him the crookedness of us all.

YHWH describes man's fallen condition precisely; then and now! Utter betrayal and whoredom!

Jer 5:7 “Why should I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me and sworn by those that are not mighty ones. When I had filled them up, they then committed adultery and they thronged to the house of a whore.

Jer 5:8 “They were like well-fed horses, every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.

Jer 5:9 “Would I not punish them for this?” declares יהוה. “And would I not revenge Myself on such a nation as this?

Jer 5:10 “Go up on her walls and destroy, but do not make a complete end. Take away her branches, for they do not belong to יהוה.

Jer 5:11 “For the house of Yisra'ël and the house of Yehudah have utterly betrayed Me,” declares יהוה.

Jer 5:12 They have been untrue to יהוה, and said, “It is not He. No evil comes upon us, nor do we see sword or scarcity of food.”

Jer 5:13 And the prophets have become wind, and the Word is not in them. Thus shall be done to them:

YHWH Proclaims Judgment

Jer 5:14 Therefore thus said יהוה Elohim of hosts,

- “Because you speak this word, see, **I am making My words in your mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.**

Jer 5:15 “See,

- **I am bringing a nation against you from afar, O house of Yisra'ël,** declares יהוה. “It is an enduring nation, it is an ancient nation, **a nation whose language you do not know, nor do you understand what they say.**

Jer 5:16 “Their

- quiver is like an open burial-site, **all of them are mighty men.**

Jer 5:17 “And they shall

- **eat up your harvest and your bread**, which your sons and daughters should eat.
- They shall **eat up your flocks and your herds**,
- they shall **eat up your vines and your fig trees**.
- With the sword **they shall demolish your walled cities**, in which you are trusting.

Jer 5:18 “**But even in those days,**” declares יהוה, “I shall not make a complete end of you.

Jer 5:19 “And it shall be, when they say, **‘Why does יהוה our Elohim do all this to us?’** then **you shall answer them**,

- ‘As you have forsaken Me and served foreign mighty ones in your land, so you shall serve foreigners in a land that is not yours.’

Jer 5:20 **“Declare this in the house of Ya‘aqob and proclaim it in Yehudah, saying,**

Jer 5:21 Hear this now,

- foolish people without heart,
- who have eyes and see not, and
- who have ears and hear not:

Jer 5:22 **‘Do you not fear Me?’** declares יהוה.

- ‘Do you not tremble at My presence, who have placed the sand as the boundary of the sea, by an everlasting law, and it does not pass over it? Though its waves toss to and fro, they are not able; though they roar, they do not pass over it.

Jer 5:23 But this people

- has a backsliding and rebellious heart,
- they have turned aside and gone away.

Jer 5:24 And **they do not say in their heart**, “Let us now fear יהוה our Elohim, who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He guards for us, the *required-by*->law, *weeks*^a of the harvest.” Footnote: ^aLit. *Shabu’oth*.

Jer 5:25 Your

- crookednesses have turned these away, and
- your sins have kept the good from you.

Jer 5:26 **For among My people are**

- found wrong men who lie in wait as one who sets snares.
- They have set up a trap, they catch men.

Jer 5:27 **As a cage is filled with birds, so their houses are filled with deceit.**

- Therefore they have become great and grown rich.

Jer 5:28 **They have become**

- fat, they are sleek.
- They also overlook the deeds of the wrong.
- They did not rightly rule the cause of the fatherless, so that they prosper.
- And the right of the needy they did not rightly rule.

Jer 5:29 **‘Would I not punish them for this?’** declares יהוה. **‘Would I not revenge Myself on such a nation as this?’**

Jer 5:30 **“An astounding and horrible matter has come to be in the land:**

Jer 5:31

- The prophets have prophesied **falsely**,^b and
- the priests rule by their own hand, and
- My people have **loved it so**.^c And what are you going to do at the end of it? Footnotes:
^bSee [Jer 27:14-15](#). ^c [Isa 30:10](#), [2Ti 4:3](#).

[Isa 30:10](#) who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us what is right. **Speak to us what is smooth, prophecy deceits.**

 2Ti 4:3 For **there shall be a time when they shall not bear sound teaching**, but according to their own desires, they shall **heap up for themselves teachers tickling the ear**,^b Footnote: ^b [Isa 30:10](#), [Jer 5:31](#), [Rom 16:18](#).

Matthew 19

The House of Israel and the House of Judah had both been unfaithful to YHWH. They both committed great whoredoms. In Jeremiah 3:8, YHWH gives the House of Israel a certificate of divorce; yet, her sister Judah was more treacherous than she! He sends the House of Judah into exile and burns down her temple and devastates her lands; yet we know, He relents from making a complete end of her.

Only by Yahusha laying down His life and taking it back up again would He be able to take Israel back as His betrothed; and one day reunite the two houses into one stick; Israel, His firstborn; the one new man.

Teaching About Divorce

Mat 19:1 And it came to be, when יהושע had ended these words, that He left Galil and came to the borders of Yehudah beyond the Yardēn.

Mat 19:2 And large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there.

Mat 19:3 And the **Pharisees came to Him, trying Him**, and saying to Him, “Is it right for a man to put away his wife for every reason?”

Mat 19:4 And He answering, said to them, “Did you not read that He who made them at the beginning **made them male and female**, [Gen 1:27](#); [Gen 5:2](#).

[Gen 1:27](#) And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them.

[Gen 5:2](#) Male and female He created them, and He blessed them, and called their name ‘Adam’ in the day they were created.

Mat 19:5 and said, ‘**For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?**’ [Gen 2:24](#).

Gen 2:23 And the man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one is called ‘woman,’ because she was taken out of man.”

Gen 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, yet they were not ashamed.

Mat 19:6 “So that they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what Elohim has joined together, let man not separate.”

Mat 19:7 They said to Him, “Why then did Mosheh command to **give a certificate of divorce**, [Deu 24:1](#), [Deu 24:3](#) and to put her away?”

Deu 24:1 “When a man takes a wife and shall marry her, then it shall be, if she finds no favour in his eyes because he has found a matter of uncoveredness^a in her, and he shall write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, Footnote: ^aProof that she is not a maiden, indicating that she had previously been fornicating. See also [Mat 5:32](#) and [Mat 19:9](#).

Deu 24:2 and if she left his house and went and became another man’s wife,

Deu 24:3 and the latter husband shall hate her and write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or when the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

Deu 24:4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled, for that would be an abomination before יהוה. And do not bring sin on the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

Mat 19:8 He said to them, **“Because of the hardness of your hearts, Mosheh allowed you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.”**

Mat 19:9 **“And I say to you, whoever puts away his wife, except on the ground of whoring, and marries another, commits adultery. And whoever marries her who has been put away commits adultery.”**^a Footnote: ^aSee footnote [Mat 5:32](#).

Mat 19:10 His taught ones said to Him, “If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is good not to marry.”

Mat 19:11 And He said to them, **“Not all receive this word, but only those to whom it has been given,”**

Mat 19:12 **for there are eunuchs who were so born from their mother’s womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the reign of the heavens. He who is able to receive it, let him receive it.”**

Let the Children Come to Me

Mat 19:13 Then young children were brought to Him to lay His hands on them and pray, and the taught ones rebuked them.

Mat 19:14 But יהושע said, **“Allow the young children and do not stop them from coming to Me, for of such is the reign of the heavens.”**

Mat 19:15 And having laid hands on them He went from there.

We must all come to Him with child-like faith. We come to Him with a sincere heart and a heart of repentance. He receives us just as we are, but He refuses to leave us that way. We are no longer our own; but we are betrothed to Him. He lovingly and patiently matures us into His bride.

The Rich Young Man

Mat 19:16 And see, one came and said to Him, **“Good Teacher, what good shall I do to have everlasting life?”**

Mat 19:17 And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim. But if you wish to enter into life, guard the commands.”^b Footnote: ^bSee also [Luk 10:28](#), [Joh 12:50](#), [Rev 22:14](#).

[Rev 22:14](#) “Blessed are those doing^b His commands,^c so that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city. Footnotes: ^bSee [Mat 19:17](#). ^cLong before the books were compiled to form “The New Testament,” [Rev 22:14](#) was quoted, as it is here given, by Tertullian (CE 208), and by Cyprian (CE 251) – see the well-known *Antenicene Fathers*.

Mat 19:18 He said to Him, “Which?” And יהושע said, “ ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ [Exo 20:13-16](#), [Deu 5:17-20](#).”

Mat 19:19 ‘Respect your father and your mother,’ [Exo 20:12](#), [Deu 5:16](#) and ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ ” [Lev 19:18](#).

Mat 19:20 The young man said to Him, “All these I have watched over from my youth, what do I still lack?”

When the rich young ruler asked Yahusha which commands; **that was actually a very wise question.** Yahusha was laying the ‘groundwork’ to elevate the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position. We know based on Hebrews 7:12 that with a change in priesthood comes a change in law. The Melchizedek Priesthood administers Covenant Torah; or ‘Royal’ Law as stated in James 2. Yahusha is the Melchizedek. Melchizedek is both kingly and priestly.

[Jas 2:8](#) If you really fulfill **the royal law** according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

[1Pe 2:9](#) But you are a **chosen race**,^b [Deu 10:15](#) **a royal priesthood**,^c [Isa 61:6](#) a **set-apart nation**,^d [Exo 19:6](#) a **people for a possession**,^e [Isa 43:2](#) that you should

proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light,
Footnotes: ^bAlso see [Isa 43:20](#). ^cAlso see [Isa 66:21](#). ^dAlso see [Deu 7:6](#). ^eAlso see [Exo 19:5](#), [Tit 2:14](#).

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,^f but now the **people of Elohim**;^f who had **not obtained compassion**,^f but now **obtained compassion**.^f [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#).

Footnote: ^fAlso see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

To this day, there is a deep void of understanding about: ‘What law are you under?’ Some would say ‘no law’; others would say ‘all law’; and finally, others would say Covenant Torah [Law]. The last answer is correct.

Well if we are under Covenant Torah, who is our High Priest? _____

Correct. Yahusha. Or do you wait for another? There is no other except for the counterfeit Anti-messiah.

Well if we are under Covenant Torah and our High Priest is Yahusha, where is His temple? Is it the one being promoted by the Temple Institute? No! We are the temple! There is no need to buy coins to help build a ‘temple’ for the anti-messiah with their desire to return to animal blood sacrifices!

KJV: 1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

1Co 6:19 **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?***

1Co 6:20 **For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**

ISR: 1Co 6:18 Flee whoring. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits whoring sins against his own body.

1Co 6:19 **Or do you not know that your body is the Dwelling Place of the Set-apart Spirit who is in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not your own?**

1Co 6:20 **For you were bought with a price, therefore esteem Elohim in your body and in your spirit,^b which are of Elohim. Footnote: ^bSee [1Co 7:23](#), [1Pe 1:18-19](#).**

Yahusha answers the rich young ruler by referring to Covenant Torah. He recites several of the commandments stated in the Book of the Covenant; our marriage Ketubah. Yes, we also see these commandments dovetail into the Book of the Law section [Ex. 24:12 – Deut. 31:26]. This dovetailing shows us that these commands originated under covenant or royal Torah; which means those that dovetail are still applicable under Covenant Torah. We can find Covenant Torah details nestled in or weaved throughout Book of the Law.

The Book of the Law administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was a tutor pointing us to Yahusha. Revelation of Yahusha can constantly be found within the Book of the Law; Tabernacle/Temple system. It was a 'parable' [Heb. 9:9], to show us all that Yahusha would fulfill!

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,^a Footnote: a Num. 15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

Heb 9:9 which **was a parable** for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed **until a time** of setting *matters* straight.

Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 **entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.**

To gain a better understanding between Covenant Torah under the Melchizedek Priesthood and Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, one may want to read the book by Dr. David L. Perry, Th. D. 'Back to the Melchizedek Future'.

Mat 19:21 **יהושע** said to him, "If you wish to be perfect, go,^c sell what you have and give to the poor, and you shall have^d treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me." Footnotes: ^c Luk 12:33, Luk 16:9, Act 2:45, Act 4:34. ^d Mat 6:20.

Mat 19:22 And when the young man heard the word, he went away sad, because he had many possessions.

Mat 19:23 And **יהושע** said to His taught ones, "Truly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter into the reign of the heavens.

Mat 19:24 “And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel^e to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the reign of Elohim.” Footnote: ^eAramaic “gamla”, which is camel or rope.

Now we are about to read another very pertinent question. “Who then is able to be save?” The Book of the Law was a combination of Blessings and Curses; Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal. Blessings if you obeyed; but potentially life-taking if you did not.

Only through the precious blood of the Lamb can our garments be washed without spot or blemish. By grace we are save through faith [Eph. 2:8]. Yahusha, our Melchizedek High Priest, made full atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar! With mankind, under the Book of the Law, the Aaronic Levitical High Priest could only cover the sins annually on the Day of Atonement. It was IMPOSSIBLE for us to make it to heaven without faith! For YHWH our Elohim so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son. For those before Yahusha; the people still exercised faith looking forward to the Messiah; and now, we live after Yahusha’s completed work stating, ‘It is finished!’

Mat 19:25 And when His taught ones heard it, they were very astonished, saying, “Who then is able to be saved?”

Mat 19:26 **And looking intently יהושע said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with Elohim all is possible.”**

Mat 19:27 Then Kěpha answering, said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. What then shall we have?”

Mat 19:28 And יהושע said to them, “Truly I say to you, when the Son of Ađam sits on the throne of His esteem, you who have followed Me in the rebirth, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra’ěl.

Mat 19:29 **“And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.”**

Mat 19:30 **“But many who are first shall be last, and the last first.”**

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*