

Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 14; 2Tim. 4; Hosea 7; Psalm 120, 121, 122

November 1 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

2Kings 14

Amaziah Reigns in Judah

2Ki 14:1 In the second year of Yo'ash son of Yo'ahaz, sovereign of Yisra'ël, Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yehudāh, began to reign.

2Ki 14:2 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yeho'addin of Yerushalayim.

2Ki 14:3 And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, but not like his father Dawid. He did according to all his father Yo'ash did.

2Ki 14:4 However, the high places were not taken away. The people still slaughtered and burned incense on the high places.

2Ki 14:5 And it came to be, as soon as the reign was strengthened in his hand,

- ❖ that he struck his servants who had stricken his father the sovereign.
 - 2Ki 14:6 But he did not put to death the children of the strikers, according to what is written in the Book of the Torah of Mosheh, in which יהוה commanded, saying, “Fathers are not put to death for the children, and children are not put to death for the fathers, but each one is put to death for his own sin.”
- ❖ 2Ki 14:7 He struck Edom in the Valley of Salt, ten thousand,
- ❖ and took Sela in battle, and called its name Yoqthe'ël to this day.

2Ki 14:8 Amatsyah then sent messengers to Yeho'ash son of Yeho'ahaz, son of Yēhu, sovereign of Yisra'ël, saying, “Come, let us look each other in the face!”

Ellicott's Excerpt Commentary: Come, let us look one another in the face.—A challenge to battle, the ground of which might be found in the outrages committed by the Israelite mercenaries on their homeward march. It appears likely, however, that Amaziah, intoxicated by his recent success, aimed at nothing less than the recovery of the Ten Tribes for the house of David. So Josephus (Antt. ix. 9, § 2), who gives what purport to be the letters which passed between the two kings on this occasion.

Make no mistake. We are in a war between good and evil; wheat and tares. The great tribulation is the final battle of the warring nations in Rebekah's womb; Esau & Jacob [Israel].

Gen 25:23 And יהוה said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples shall be

separated from your body. And one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older serve the younger.”

Gen 25:24 And when the days were filled for her to give birth, and see, twins were in her womb!

Gen 25:25 And the first came out red all over, like a hairy garment, so they called his name Ėsaw.

Gen 25:26 And afterward his brother came out, with his hand holding on to Ėsaw’s heel, so his name was called Ya’aqob. And Yitřaq was sixty years old when she bore them.

Victory is only achieved by entering through the Door, Yahusha HaMashiach, under His blood ratified covenant. We must have His blood covering the posts and lintel over our house; our body, soul, and spirit. Then, our garments are made spotless and we can put on and take up the full armor of YHWH. There is no ‘middle’ ground; no gray area. Choose you this day which side you serve; for one day we will face Him panim to panim; face to face. We must be set-apart to Him.

Jos 24:15 “And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve יהוה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But I and my house, we serve יהוה.”

2Ki 14:9 And Yeho’ash sovereign of Yisra’el sent to Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehudah, saying,

- ❖ “The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, ‘Give your daughter to my son as wife.’ And a wild beast that was in Lebanon passed by and trampled the thistle.
- ❖ **2Ki 14:10** “You have certainly stricken Edom, and your heart has lifted you up. Be esteemed and stay in your house. But why do you stir up yourself to evil, that you should fall – you and Yehudah with you?”

Ellicott’s Excerpt Commentary: **Give thy daughter to my son to wife.**—Perhaps hinting at Amaziah’s demand for the surrender of Israel (the “daughter” of Jehoash) to Judah (the “son” of Amaziah).

And there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon.—Rather, and the wild beasts that were in Lebanon passed over it. So LXX. and Vulg. It is obvious to compare with this brief but most pithy parable that of Jotham ([Judges 9:8-15](#)). The contrast between the northern and southern kingdoms in point of military strength and resources, and the disdainful tolerance with which the former regarded the latter, could hardly have found more forcible expression.

2Ki 14:11 But **Amatsyahu did not listen**, so Yeho’ash sovereign of Yisra’el went up, and he and Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehudah faced one another at Běyth Shemesh, which belongs to Yehudah.

2Ki 14:12 And **Yehudah was smitten before Yisra’el, and they each fled to his tent.**

2Ki 14:13 And Yeho’ash sovereign of Yisra’el caught Amatsyahu sovereign of

Yehuḏah, son of Yeho'ash, son of Aḥazyahu, at Běyth Shemesh.

- ❖ And they came to Yerushalayim and he broke through the wall of Yerushalayim from the Gate of Ephrayim to the Corner Gate, four hundred cubits,
- ❖ **2Ki 14:14** and took all the gold and silver, and all the objects that were found in the House of יהוה and in the treasuries of the sovereign's house, and hostages, and returned to Shomeron.

2Ki 14:15 And the rest of the acts of Yeho'ash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amatsyahu sovereign of Yehuḏah, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl?

2Ki 14:16 So **Yeho'ash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Shomeron with the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl. And Yarob'am his son reigned in his place.**

2Ki 14:17 And Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, sovereign of Yehuḏah, lived fifteen years after the death of Yeho'ash son of Yeho'ahaz, sovereign of Yisra'ěl.

2Ki 14:18 And the rest of the acts of Amatsyahu, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehuḏah?

2Ki 14:19 **And they made a conspiracy against him in Yerushalayim, and he fled to Lakish. And they sent after him to Lakish and killed him there,**

2Ki 14:20 **and brought him on horses, and he was buried at Yerushalayim with his fathers in the City of Dawid.**

2Ki 14:21 **And all the people of Yehuḏah took Azaryah, who was sixteen years old, and set him up to reign instead of his father Amatsyahu.**

2Ki 14:22 He built Ĕylath and restored it to Yehuḏah, after the sovereign slept with his fathers.

Jeroboam II Reigns in Israel

2Ki 14:23 **In the fifteenth year of Amatsyahu son of Yo'ash, the sovereign of Yehuḏah, Yarob'am son of Yo'ash, the sovereign of Yisra'ěl, began to reign in Shomeron, and reigned forty-one years.**

2Ki 14:24 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**. He did not turn away from all the sins of Yarob'am son of Neḅat, who had made Yisra'ěl sin.

2Ki 14:25 He restored the border of Yisra'ěl from the entrance of Ḥamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl, which He had spoken through His servant Yonah son of Amittai, the prophet who was from Gath Ḥěpher.

2Ki 14:26 For יהוה saw that the affliction of Yisra'ěl was very bitter. And there was no one, neither shut up nor left at large, to help Yisra'ěl.

2Ki 14:27 And יהוה had not said that He would blot out the name of Yisra'ěl from under the heavens, **but saved them by the hand of Yarob'am son of Yo'ash.**

2Ki 14:28 And the rest of the acts of Yarob'am, and all that he did, and his might, how he fought, and how he recovered Dammeseq and Ḥamath for Yehuḏah in Yisra'ěl, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl?

2Ki 14:29 **So Yarob'am slept with his fathers, the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl. And**

Zekaryah his son reigned in his place.

2Tim. 4

Paul urgently charges Timothy to share the Good News. Paul knew the days would come when people would **turn away from sound doctrine** and flow with ‘another gospel’ that tickled their ears or in other words ‘fit their own lifestyle and ways’. **Today this is happening!**

Yet, we should persevere with the Good News even more!!!

2Ti 4:1 In the sight of Elohim and the Master **יהושע** Messiah, who shall judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His reign, I earnestly charge you:

2Ti 4:2 Proclaim the Word! Be urgent in season, out of season. **Convict,^a warn,** appeal, with all **patience and teaching.** Footnote: ^aOr: *confute, or prove them wrong.*

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](#).

2Ti 4:4 and **they shall indeed turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to myths.**

Paul recaps his current condition and foresees that great Day!

2Ti 4:5 But you be sober in all *matters*, suffer hardships, do the work of an evangelist, accomplish your service completely.

2Ti 4:6 For **I am already being poured out**, and the time of my departure has arrived.

2Ti 4:7 **I have fought the good fight**, I have **finished the race**, I have **guarded the belief**.

2Ti 4:8 For the rest, there is laid up for me the **crown of righteousness**, which the Master, the righteous Judge, shall give to me **on that Day**, and **not to me only but also to all those loving His appearing.**

Paul closes 2Timothy with some personal notations. He shares with Timothy those that stood by his side; those that did not; and those that did him evil. Through everything, Paul shares that YHWH stood with Him and strengthened him. Paul had covered the full gamut in sharing the Good News with the poorest of poor to sovereigns.

Paul longed to see Timothy and asked him to try to come see him before winter. He asked for his cloak, books, and especially the parchments. I pray, Timothy did get to see Paul; yet, if he didn't, they are united now.

Personal Instructions

2Ti 4:9 Do your best to come to me soon,

2Ti 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and went to Thessalonike, Crescens to Galatia, Titos to Dalmatia.

2Ti 4:11 Luqas alone is with me. Take Marqos and bring him with you, for he is of good use to me for service.

2Ti 4:12 And Tuchikos I have sent to Ephesos.

2Ti 4:13 Bring the cloak that I left with Karpos at Troas when you come, and the books, especially the parchments.

2Ti 4:14 Alexander the coppersmith did many evils to me. The Master shall **repay him according to his works**. [Psa 28:4](#), [Psa 62:12](#).

2Ti 4:15 You, too, beware of him, for he strongly opposed our words.

2Ti 4:16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. Let it not be held against them.

2Ti 4:17 But the Master stood with me and did strengthen me, so that through me the preaching might be completely accomplished, and that all the nations should hear. And I was **rescued out of the lion's mouth**. [Psa 22:21](#).

2Ti 4:18 And the Master shall rescue me from every wicked work and save me for His heavenly reign. To Him be esteem forever and ever. Aměn!

Final Greetings

2Ti 4:19 Greet Prisca and Aqulas, and the house of Onesiphoros.

2Ti 4:20 Ęrastos stayed in Corinth, but I left Trophimos sick in Miletos.

2Ti 4:21 Do your best to come before winter. Eubulos greets you, and Pudes, and Linos, and Klaudia, and all the brothers.

2Ti 4:22 The Master **יהושע** Messiah be with your spirit. Favour be with you. Aměn.

Stay in His Word day and night. In this way we have the mind of Yahusha and accomplish the will of His Father, YHWH. He is in us and we are in Him.

[Deu 6:6](#) "And these Words^a which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, Footnote:

^aSee footnote at [Deu 5:22](#).

Deu 6:7 and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,

Deu 6:8 and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

Deu 6:9 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deu 6:10 "And it shall be, when יהוה your Elohim brings you into the land of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, to give you great and good cities which you did not build,

Deu 6:11 and houses filled with all kinds of goods, which you did not fill, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied –

Deu 6:12 be on guard, lest you forget יהוה who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.

Deu 6:13 "Fear יהוה your Elohim and serve Him, and swear by His Name.

Hosea 7

Hos 7:1 "Whenever I would heal Yisra'el, then the crookedness of Ephrayim is uncovered, and the evil deeds of Shomeron. For they have wrought falsehood, and a thief comes in, a band of robbers raids outside.

Hos 7:2 "And they do not say to their hearts that I remember all their evil. **Now their own deeds have surrounded them, they have been before Me.**

Hos 7:3 "With their evil they make a sovereign glad, and rulers with their lies.

Hos 7:4 "**All of them are adulterers**, as an oven heated by a baker, who ceases stirring the fire after kneading the dough, until it is leavened.

Hos 7:5 "In the day of our sovereign rulers became sick, inflamed with wine. He extended his hand with scoffers.

Hos 7:6 "For they have drawn near, their heart is like an oven. While they lie in wait all the night their baker sleeps. In the morning it burns like a flaming fire.

Hos 7:7 "All of them are as hot as an oven, and they consumed their rulers. **All their sovereigns have fallen – not one among them calls on Me.**

Hos 7:8 "Ephrayim **mixes** himself among the peoples, Ephrayim has become a cake unturned.

Hos 7:9 "**Strangers have devoured his strength, but he does not know it.** Grey hairs are also sprinkled on him, and he does not know it.

Hos 7:10 "**And the Excellency of Yisra'el did witness to his face, but they did not return to יהוה their Elohim, nor did they seek Him for all this.**

Hos 7:11 "And Ephrayim has become a simple dove without heart, **they have called on Mitsrayim, they have gone to Ashshur.**

Hos 7:12 "When they go I spread My net over them, I bring them down like the birds of the heavens, I chastise them as their congregation has heard.

Hos 7:13 "**Woe to them, for they have strayed from Me!** Destruction to them, because they have transgressed against Me! And I Myself have ransomed them, yet they have spoken falsehoods against Me,

Hos 7:14 and did not cry out to Me with their heart when they wailed upon their beds.

For grain and new wine they assemble themselves; they turn away from Me.

Hos 7:15 “And I instructed, I strengthened their arms, but they plot evil against Me.

Hos 7:16 “They return but not above. They have been like a slack bow. Their rulers fall by the sword for the cursings of their tongue. This is their scorn in the land of Mitsrayim.

The prophet Hosea’s main message was to unveil whoredom; adultery; and the birthing of corruption through unfaithful affairs among YHWH’s people. The surrounding pagan nations used Israel; abused them; then usurped the land, the people, and possessions once given to them by their first love YHWH.

His people turned a deaf ear to YHWH’s commands and His ways; and did not repent. They took up the ways of the pagan nations with drunkenness; orgies; and Ba’al worship. They had lost their saltiness and were trampled upon.

Today, what are YHWH’s people doing? Are they following His Word and His Word only; or are they ‘mixing’ YHWH’s Word with the ways of the world of Ba’al. Is Halloween okay to observe if it is called ‘Harvest Fest?’ Is the obelisk tree on Dec. 25th okay to bow before if Luke 2 is read? Or would it be best to observe His appointed times; the way He has told us to do in His Word?

Each must choose; and each choice has consequences. It is not what things ‘mean to us’; it is all about what it means to Him. In a marriage, is it okay just to be unfaithful sometimes? I believe the answers to these questions are obvious. Choose and walk in His ways and His ways only.

Psalm 120, 121, 122

No matter where we are YHWH watches over us. We are the apple of His eye. When Balak wanted to curse Israel from the high places; YHWH used Balaam’s mouth to bless Israel. When Judah was exiled to Babylon, YHWH worked through King Cyrus to let Ezra and Nehemiah return to rebuild the temple and the wall. When Israel was held captive in Egypt, YHWH led them out through Moses.

For a season, we may dwell among those of false lips and treacherous tongues. We presently live among those that call good – evil; and evil – good. It is YHWH that will bring right-ruling among the nations and it is YHWH that says vengeance is His.

Deliver Me, O YHWH

Psa 120:1 In my distress I cried to יהוה, And He answered me.

Psa 120:2 יהוה, deliver my being from false lips, From a treacherous tongue.

Psa 120:3 What would one give to you, Or what would one do to you, O treacherous tongue?

Psa 120:4 Sharp arrows of a mighty man, With coals of the broom-wood!

Psa 120:5 Woe to me for I have sojourned in Meshek, I have dwelt among the tents of Qēḏar!

Psa 120:6 **My being has dwelt too long With him who hates peace.**

Psa 120:7 I am *for* peace; But when I speak, they are for fighting.

My Help Comes from YHWH

Psa 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; Where does my help come from?

Psa 121:2 My help comes from יהוה, Maker of the heavens and earth.

Psa 121:3 He does not allow your foot to be moved; He who watches over you does not slumber.

Psa 121:4 **See, He who is guarding Yisra'el Neither slumbers nor sleeps.**

Psa 121:5 יהוה is your guard; יהוה is your shade at your right hand.

Psa 121:6 The sun does not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.

Psa 121:7 יהוה guards you from all evil; He guards your being.

Psa 121:8 יהוה guards your going out and your coming in Now and forever.

Let Us Go to the House of YHWH

Psa 122:1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the House of יהוה."

Psa 122:2 Our feet have been standing Within your gates, O Yerushalayim!

Psa 122:3 **Yerushalayim is built As a city that is bound together,**

Psa 122:4 Where the tribes have come up, The tribes of Yah, A witness to Yisra'el, To give thanks to the Name of יהוה.

Psa 122:5 For there **the thrones of right-ruling were set,** The **thrones of the house of Dawid.**

Psa 122:6 Pray for the peace of Yerushalayim, Let those who love You be at rest.

Psa 122:7 Peace be within your walls, Rest in your citadels.

Psa 122:8 For the sake of my brothers and companions, I say, "Peace be within you."

Psa 122:9 For the sake of the House of יהוה our Elohim I seek your good.

'Come let us look one another in the face.'

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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