

Greetings, today our manna is Judges 2; Acts 6; Jeremiah 15; Mark 1.

July 19 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Judges 2

Israel's Disobedience – Now we see, because of their disobedience, YHWH did not go before them and they themselves could not drive out all the nation peoples and their mighty ones. They would be in their midst and they would become a snare.

The wheat and the tares to this day are growing side by side. Remember, wheat and tares look the same until the time of harvest. At the time of harvest, the wheat ‘bows its head’ but the tares ‘stand tall in defiance.’ Up until that point, we discern the best we can as to who is who, by their fruit. It isn’t always easy or obvious. One must develop excellent ‘fruit inspection’ skills.

Jdg 2:1 And the **Messenger of יהוה** came up from **Gilgal to Bokim**, and said, “I led you up from Mitsrayim and brought you to the land of which I swore to your fathers, **and I said, ‘I do not break My covenant with you,**

Jdg 2:2 and as for you, **do not make a covenant with the inhabitants of this land – break down their slaughter-places.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. What is this you have done?**

Jdg 2:3 “Therefore I also said, **‘I am not driving them out before you,** and they shall be adversaries to you, and their mighty ones shall be a snare to you.’ ”

Jdg 2:4 And it came to be, when the Messenger of יהוה spoke these words to all the children of Yisra’ēl, that the people lifted up their voice and wept.

Jdg 2:5 So they called the name of that place Bokim, and slaughtered there to יהוה.

BDB Definition: Bochim = “weeping”

1) a place near Gilgal (or Bethel), where sons of Israel wept

The death of Joshua and a lost generation – We read another account of the death of Joshua at 110 years of age and subsequently the death of the elders that had witnessed the great works of YHWH. Eventually a generation arises that does not know the work YHWH has done for Israel. This is what happens when we don’t diligently guard and teach His Word and are not careful to teach the next generation about His great love for us throughout the ages.

My friend, we are fast approaching such a generation. A generation without the knowledge of YHWH. May YHWH help us turn this generation back to Him through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh. May He grant us boldness; and may He show by the power of the Ruach HaKodesh, the power of His Name and His finished work; and great miracles of healing and restoration as He did for the believers in Acts 4.

Only when YHWH goes before us; only with Him pouring out a fresh infilling of His Ruach HaKodesh; can His power touch hearts, minds, souls, and spirits. He is the Vine; we are the branches; without Him we can do nothing.

Jdg 2:6 Then Yehoshua dismissed the people, and the children of Yisra'el went each to his own inheritance to possess the land.

Jdg 2:7 And the **people served יהוה all the days of Yehoshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Yehoshua,** who had seen all the great works of יהוה which He had done for Yisra'el.

Jdg 2:8 And Yehoshua son of Nun, the servant of יהוה, died, one hundred and ten years old.

Jdg 2:9 And they buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in the mountains of Ephrayim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.

Jdg 2:10 And all that generation were likewise gathered to their fathers, **and another generation arose after them who did not know יהוה nor the work which He had done for Yisra'el.**

Israel's Unfaithfulness – The children of Israel lose their way. They become deeply distressed. They are as a ship without a rudder being tossed to and fro.

Jdg 2:11 Then the **children of Yisra'el did evil in the eyes of יהוה, and served the Ba'als,**

Jdg 2:12 **and forsook יהוה Elohim of their fathers,** who had brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, and went after other mighty ones, of the mighty ones of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them, and provoked יהוה.

Jdg 2:13 **So they forsook יהוה and served Ba'al and the Ashtoreths.**

Jdg 2:14 And **the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'el.** Therefore He gave them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them. And He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, and they were unable to stand before their enemies any longer.

Jdg 2:15 Wherever they went out, the hand of יהוה was against them for evil, as יהוה had spoken, and as יהוה had sworn to them. And they were distressed – greatly.

YHWH Raises Up Judges – We will see the ebb and flow of obedience with the guidance of rulers that YHWH raises up; followed by periods of disobedience.

Jdg 2:16 Then יהוה raised up rulers who saved them from the hand of those who plundered them.

Jdg 2:17 However, they did not listen to their rulers either, but went whoring after other mighty ones, and bowed down to them. They soon turned aside from the way in which their fathers walked, in obeying the commands of יהוה – they did not do so.

Jdg 2:18 And when יהוה raised up rulers for them, יהוה was with the ruler and saved them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the ruler, for יהוה had compassion on their groaning because of those who oppressed them and crushed them.

Jdg 2:19 And it came to be, when the ruler was dead, that they would turn back and do more corruptly than their fathers, to go after other mighty ones, to serve them and bow down to them. They did not refrain from their practices and from their stubborn way.

Jdg 2:20 And the displeasure of יהוה burned against Yisra'el, and He said, "Because this nation has transgressed My covenant that I commanded their fathers, and has not obeyed My voice,

Jdg 2:21 I also shall no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Yehoshua left when he died,

Jdg 2:22 in order to try^a Yisra'el by them, whether they would guard the way of יהוה, to walk in them as their fathers guarded them, or not. Footnote: ^aSee [Deu 8:2](#).

Jdg 2:23 So יהוה left those nations, without driving them out at once, and did not give them into the hand of Yehoshua.

Acts 6

We are about to see a 'good problem!' The 'body' of believers was growing and now they were experiencing 'growing pains.' More servants were needed to care for the flock. But CAUTION HERE - just not 'any' warm body will do! The people were to choose among them seven men known to be filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and wisdom.

Notice in [Acts 6:7](#) it states a 'great many of the priests' were obedient to the belief. What priests are these? These are the priests that had been serving under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Now, by faith they believed in Yahusha HaMashiach. Let us review a few questions and answers at this point.

What priesthood and law reigned during the time of Yahusha on earth?

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the Book of the Law

What priesthood and law are reigning during Acts that we are still presently fulfilling with the Great Commission?

Melchizedek Priesthood and Covenant Torah – Yahusha once again elevated the Melchizedek Priesthood to its reigning position through the New Covenant confirming gospel message ratified with His blood.

Our Savior, King & High Priest Yahusha Belongs to: the tribe of Judah (not Levi)
Is after the Order of: Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4)

Therefore, believers are His Kingdom of Priests (1Pet 2:9; Rev. 1:5-6; Rev. 5:9-11; Ex. 19:4-6): A holy nation; a set-apart people of every tribe (including Levitical), tongue, people, & nation



Seven Chosen to Serve

Act 6:1 And in those days, when the taught ones were increasing, there arose a grumbling against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were overlooked in the daily serving.

Act 6:2 So the twelve summoned the group of the taught ones and said, “It is not pleasing for us to leave the Word of Elohim and serve tables.

Act 6:3 “Therefore, brothers, seek out from among you seven men who are known to be filled with the Set-apart Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint for this duty,

Act 6:4 but we shall give ourselves continually to prayer and to serving the Word.”

Act 6:5 And the word pleased the entire group. And they chose Stephanos, a man filled with belief and the Set-apart Spirit, and Philip, and Prochoros, and Nikanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nikolaos, a convert from Antioch,

Act 6:6 whom they set before the emissaries. And when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

Act 6:7 And the Word of Elohim spread, and the number of the taught ones increased greatly in Yerushalayim, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the belief.

1Ti 3:8 Likewise attendants are to be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for filthy gain,

1Ti 3:9 holding to the secret of the belief with a clean conscience.

1Ti 3:10 And let these also be proved first, then let them serve, if they are unprovable.

Note about Nikolaos: Nicolas is given a false association by some to the Nicolaitans; but other commentators state he was of good character and was falsely associated with the Nicolaitans because 'they said' their origin was from Nicolas. Nicolas was a Greek Heathen proselyte that converted to Yahusha and the Gospel message.

The 'clergy' of the Nicolaitans had a reputation of lording over the 'laity' and their doctrine was hated by Yahusha. (Rev. 2:6 and Rev 2:15.)

Stephen Is Seized – Satan doesn't throw stones at dead birds and this we will see is the case for Stephen metaphorically; but sadly also physically. Such a major shift in priesthood and law, either brings great joy or tensions and disputes; especially during the period of lack of faith and/or transitioning knowledge of Scripture. Most people resist change and cling to the mentality of 'we have always done it this way.'

We see the adversary using the flesh of mankind to stir up the people, the elders, and the scribes to seize Stephen and bring him to the council. Notice that the mob mentality against such a righteous believer was spawned by gossip and hearsay.

Attacks on the righteous ones are very well known by YHWH. YHWH is the 'Avenger of Blood' of His people.

Act 6:8 And Stephanos, filled with belief and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

Act 6:9 But some of those of the so-called Congregation of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Kilikia and Asia), rose up, disputing with Stephanos,

Act 6:10 but they were unable to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

Act 6:11 Then **they instigated men to say**, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Mosheh and Elohim."

Act 6:12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, so they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.

Act 6:13 And **they set up false witnesses who said**, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this set-apart place and the Torah,

Act 6:14 for we have heard him saying that this יהושע of Natsareth shall overthrow this place and change the institutes which Mosheh delivered unto us."

Act 6:15 And all who sat in the council, looking steadily at him, saw his face was like the face of a heavenly messenger.

Stephen was so close and dear to YHWH, his face shone. Being in His presence, reflects on our faces and within our whole being!

Jeremiah 15

YHWH Will Not Relent – Not even if Moses and Samuel were to stand before Him would He relent! That is a very powerful statement!

Jer 15:1 And יהוה said to me, "Even if Mosheh and Shemu'el were to stand before Me, My being is not toward this people. Send them away from My presence, let

them go.

Jer 15:2 “And it shall be, when they say to you, ‘Where do we go?’ then you shall say to them, ‘Thus said יהוה,

- “Those for death, to death.
- And those for the sword, to the sword.
- And those for scarcity of food, to scarcity of food. And those for captivity, to captivity.” ’

Four kinds appointed over them:

Jer 15:3 “And I shall appoint over them four kinds,” declares יהוה,

- “the sword to kill,
- the dogs to drag,
- the birds of the heavens and
- the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy.

Make them for a horror... When a nation’s cup of iniquity is full; it leaves YHWH no other choice but to rightly rule. There is a limit, a ‘tipping point,’ in which the nation will reap what THEY have sown.

Jer 15:4 “And I shall make them for a horror to all the reigns of the earth, on account of Menashsheh son of Hizqiyahu, sovereign of Yehudah, because of what he did in Yerushalayim.

Jer 15:5 “For who has compassion on you, O Yerushalayim? And who mourns for you? And who turns aside to ask how you are doing?

Jer 15:6 “You who have forsaken Me,” declares יהוה, “you have gone backward. Therefore I shall stretch out My hand against you and destroy you. I have been weary of relenting!

- Jer 15:7 “And I shall winnow them with a winnowing fan in the gates of the land.
- I shall bereave,
- I shall destroy My people. They would not turn back from their ways.
- Jer 15:8 “Their widows shall be more numerous than the sand of the seas.
- I shall bring against them, against the mother of the young men, a ravager at noon.
- I shall cause agitation and sudden alarm to fall on her, suddenly.
- Jer 15:9 “She who has borne seven shall pine away. She shall breathe her last. Her sun shall go down while it is yet day. She shall be put to shame and be humiliated. And their remnant I give up to the sword before their enemies,” declares יהוה.

Lam 1:1 How alone she sits, The city once great with people! Like a widow she has

become, One great among the nations! A princess among provinces has become a slave!
Lam 1:2 She weeps bitterly at night, And her tears are upon her cheeks. Among all her lovers there is no comforter for her. All her friends have betrayed her, They have become her enemies.

Lam 1:3 Yehudāh has gone into exile, Because of affliction and because of harsh labour. She has dwelt among nations, She has found no rest. All her pursuers have overtaken her Between narrow places.

Lam 1:4 The ways to Tsiyon mourn For no one comes to the appointed times.^a All her gates are deserted, Her priests sigh, her maidens are afflicted, And she has bitterness.

Footnote: ^aOr *festivals*.

Jeremiah's Complaint – Jeremiah rightfully earned the title of the ‘weeping prophet.’ His heart broke for His people as did YHWH’s.

Jer 15:10 **Woe to me, my mother**, that you have borne me, a man of strife and a man of contention to all the earth! I have neither lent for interest, nor have men lent to me for interest. **All of them are reviling me.**

Jer 15:11 **יהוה** said, “Did I not direct you for *your* good? Did I not intercede for you in a time of evil and in a time of distress against the enemy?”

Jer 15:12 “Does one break iron, iron or bronze from the north?”

Jer 15:13 “Your wealth and your treasures I give as plunder, not for price, **because of all your sins, even in all your borders.**

Jer 15:14 “And I shall cause them to pass over with your enemies into a land which you did not know, **for a fire is kindled in My displeasure, which burns upon you.**”

Jeremiah cries out to YHWH to remember him.

Jer 15:15 You Yourself know, O **יהוה**. **Remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on these who persecute me.** In Your patience, do not take me away. Know that **for You I have suffered reproach.**

- **Jer 15:16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and**
- **Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart. For Your Name is called on me, O יהוה Elohim of hosts.**

Jer 15:17 **I have not sat in the company of the mockers,** nor do I exult. I have sat alone because of Your hand, for You have filled me with displeasure.

Jer 15:18 Why is my pain without end and my wound incurable, which refuses to be healed? Are You to me like a failing stream, as waters not steadfast?

Jer 15:19 Therefore thus said **יהוה**, “If you turn back, then I shall bring you back. Before Me you shall stand. And if you take out the precious from the worthless, you

shall become as My mouth. Let them return to you, but do not return to them.

Jer 15:20 “And I shall make you to this people **a strong bronze wall**. And **they shall fight against you, but not overcome you**. For I am with you to save you and deliver you,” declares **יהוה**.

Jer 15:21 “And **I shall deliver you from the hand of evil-doers, and I shall ransom you from the grip of the ruthless.**”

Mark 1

What is not often taught or understood is that John the Immerser was **the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood**. Though Caiaphas was eligible for such a role, he was not the best qualified. **Caiaphas was man’s choice; John the Immerser was YHWH’s choice.**

I believe it is important for us to look at some backgrounds –

First, we will look at **Caiaphas**:

According to Josephus, Caiaphas was appointed in AD 18 by the Roman [prefect](#) who preceded [Pontius Pilate](#), [Valerius Gratus](#).^[1]

Caiaphas was the son-in-law of [Annas](#) (also called Ananus^[5]) the son of Seth. Annas was deposed, but had five sons who served as high priest after him. The terms of Annas, Caiaphas, and the five brothers are:

- Ananus (or [Annas](#)) the son of Seth (6–15)
 - Eleazar the son of Ananus (16–17)
 - *Caiaphas*, properly called Joseph son of Caiaphas (18–36), who had married the daughter of Annas (John 18:13)
 - Jonathan the son of Ananus (36–37 and 44)
 - [Theophilus ben Ananus](#) (37–41)
 - Matthias ben Ananus (43)
 - [Ananus ben Ananus](#) (63)

In June 2011, archaeologists from [Bar-Ilan University](#) and [Tel Aviv University](#) announced the recovery of a stolen ossuary, plundered from a tomb in the [Valley of Elah](#). The [Israel Antiquities Authority](#) declared it authentic, and expressed regret that it could not be studied *in situ*.^[9] It is inscribed with the text: "Miriam, daughter of Yeshua, son of Caiaphas, Priest of **Ma'aziah** from Beth 'Imri". **Based on it, Caiaphas can be assigned to the priestly course of Ma'aziah, instituted by king David.** <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caiaphas>

1Ch 24:18 The three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four and twentieth to **Maaziah**.

Now, we will look at **John the Immerser and his parents**:

John's Father:

Accomplishments of Zechariah

Zechariah served God devoutly in the temple. He obeyed God as the angel had instructed him. As John the Baptist's father, he raised his son as a Nazarite, a holy man pledged to the Lord. Zechariah contributed, in his way, to God's plan to save the world from sin.

Reference to Zechariah in the Bible

Luke 1:5-79

Occupation

Priest in the Jerusalem temple.

Family Tree

Ancestor - Abijah

Wife - Elizabeth

Son - John the Baptist

<https://www.learnreligions.com/zechariah-father-of-john-the-baptist-701075>

John's Mother:

Elizabeth in the Bible is the wife of [Zechariah](#), mother of John the Baptist, and a relative of [Mary the mother of Jesus](#). Her story is told in Luke 1:5-80. The Scriptures describe Elizabeth as a woman who is "righteous in the eyes of God, careful to obey all of the Lord's commands and regulations" (Luke 1:6).

Family Tree

Ancestor - Aaron

Husband - Zechariah

Son - John the Baptist

Kinswoman - Mary, the mother of Jesus

<https://www.learnreligions.com/elizabeth-mother-of-john-the-baptist-701059>

John the Immerser:

The following was declared by Yahusha Himself about John the Immerser:

Luk 7:26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

Luk 7:27 This is *he*, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Luk 7:28 For I say unto you, **Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist:** but he that is least in the kingdom of God [Elohim] is greater than he.

That phrase in **Luke 7:28** is key to identifying who the most qualified ‘High Priest’ of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood truly was. Even Chabad.org editorial reveals the same. I am NOT promoting at ALL Chabad.org. They are the very ones that are still blind and promote a 3rd temple that will be utilized by the anti-messiah and not Yahusha. They do NOT to this day recognize Yahusha HaMashiach as the Messiah. The Bible says if a person does not have the Messiah; neither do they have the Father YHWH. We should pray that the lost shall one day see.

Excerpt: How Is a High Priest Selected? By [Naftali Silberberg](#)

The Torah⁴ describes the high priest as the one who is “the greatest from amongst his brethren.” What defines his greatness? This has been interpreted as greatness in piety (“awe of G-d”), wisdom, handsomeness, wealth (which, if necessary, is supplied to him), and strength.⁵

https://www.chabad.org/library/article_cdo/aid/994923/jewish/How-Is-a-High-Priest-Selected.htm

With this understanding of who John the Immerser truly was; changes everything. A person now more fully understands the magnitude in which John the Immerser was preparing the way for Yahusha!

Yes, John was turning the hearts of the people back to YHWH; but He was also extremely necessary for the priestly transference from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to Yahusha as the Priest after the order of Melchizedek. This process under the Book of the Law would require Yahusha to be mikvah’d by John the Immerser!

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

Mar 1:1 The beginning of the Good News of **יהושע** Messiah, the Son of Elohim.

Mar 1:2 As it has been written in the Prophets, “**See, I send My messenger before Your face,**

who shall prepare Your way before You, [Mal 3:1](#).

[Mar 1:3](#) a voice of one crying in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way of יהוה, make His paths straight.’ ” [Isa 40:3](#).

[Mar 1:4](#) Yohanan came immersing in the wilderness and proclaiming an immersion of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

[Mar 1:5](#) **And all the country of Yehudah, and those of Yerushalayim, went out to him and were all immersed by him in the Yardēn River, confessing their sins.**

Recall what happen in the [Book of Matthew](#) when Judas Iscariot confessed his sins before the priests in the corrupt temple system. Nothing! They had no compassion whatsoever; they had used Judas for their own purposes! This should clearly show [the evil intent that had crept into the temple system in Jerusalem](#).

[Mat 27:3](#) **Then Judas**, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, **repented himself**, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver **to the chief priests and elders**,

[Mat 27:4](#) **Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood.** And they said, **What is that to us? see thou to that.**

[Mat 27:5](#) And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

[Mat 27:6](#) And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

[Mar 1:6](#) And Yohanan was clothed with camel’s hair and a leather girdle around his waist, and eating locusts and wild honey.

[Mar 1:7](#) And he proclaimed, saying, **“After me comes One who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loosen.**

[Mar 1:8](#) **“I indeed did immerse you in water, but He shall immerse you in the Set-apart Spirit.”**

The Baptism of Yahusha

[Mar 1:9](#) **And it came to be in those days that יהושע came from Natsareth of Galil, and was immersed by Yohanan in the Yardēn.**

The location of this immersion in the Jordan is felt to have been at the same place where Joshua crossed into the Promised Land with the children of Israel. The place where the twelve stones had been placed in the Jordan by the feet of the priest carrying the Ark of the Covenant.

[Mar 1:10](#) And immediately, coming up from the water, **He saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove.**

[Mar 1:11](#) **And a voice came out of the heavens, “You are My Son, the Beloved, in whom I**

did delight.”

The Temptation of Yahusha

Mar 1:12 And immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.

Mar 1:13 And He was there in the **wilderness forty days**, tried by Satan, and was with the wild beasts. And the messengers attended Him.

There is a pattern of the wilderness and witnessing. Yahusha gives us all a powerful witness in the wilderness for 40 days against Satan. John the Immerser prepared the way for Yahusha in the wilderness; and many repented and were baptized. Moses and Joshua led the children of Israel through the wilderness and they were a powerful witness to the other nations of how their Elohim was the mightiest and greatest of all. In the end of days, the woman will be taken to the wilderness for 3 ½ years where she will be nourished; and she herself will be a witness. My point is that there is a definite pattern between wilderness and witnessing.

Yahusha Begins His Ministry

Mar 1:14 And after Yoḥanan was delivered up, **יהושע came to Galil, proclaiming the Good News of the reign of Elohim.**

Mar 1:15 and saying, “The time has been filled, and **the reign of Elohim has come near. Repent, and believe in the Good News.**”

Yahusha Calls the First Disciples

Mar 1:16 And walking by the Sea of Galil, He saw Shim'on, and Andri his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers.

Mar 1:17 And **יהושע** said to them, “Come, follow Me, and **I shall make you become fishers of men.**”

Mar 1:18 And **immediately** they left their nets and followed Him.

Mar 1:19 And having gone on a little from there, He saw Ya'aqob the son of Zaḅdai, and Yoḥanan his brother, and they were in the boat mending their nets.

Mar 1:20 And **immediately** He called them, and leaving their father Zaḅdai in the boat with the hired servants, they went after Him.

Yahusha Heals a Man with an Unclean Spirit

Mar 1:21 And they went into Keph̄ar Naḥum, and immediately on the Sabbath He went into the congregation and taught.

Mar 1:22 And they were astonished at His teaching, for He was teaching them as possessing authority, and not as the scribes.

Mar 1:23 And there was a man in their congregation with an unclean spirit, and he cried out,

Mar 1:24 saying, “Ha! What have we to do with You, יהושע of Natsareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are: the Set-apart One of Elohim!”

Notice that Yahusha didn’t engage in any lengthy conversation with the unclean spirit. Once the unclean spirit is noted, He cast it out.

Mar 1:25 And יהושע rebuked him, saying, “Be silenced, and come out of him!”

Mar 1:26 And throwing him into convulsions, the unclean spirit called out with a loud voice, and came out of him.

Mar 1:27 And they were all so amazed, as to reason among themselves, saying, **“What is this, a fresh teaching?”** With authority He commands **even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him!**

Mar 1:28 And news about Him immediately spread into all the country around Galil.

As far as I have determined, the casting out of unclean spirits came with the authority of the Good News brought by Yahusha HaMashiach. These acts are recorded in the New Testament or Brit Hadasha.

Yahusha Heals Many

Mar 1:29 And coming out of the congregation, they went straight to the house of Shim'on and Andri, with Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan.

Mar 1:30 And the mother-in-law of Shim'on lay sick with inflammation, and immediately they spoke to Him about her.

Mar 1:31 And having come, **He took her by the hand and lifted her up, and immediately the inflammation left her, and she served them.**

Mar 1:32 And when evening came, when the sun had set, **they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed.**

Mar 1:33 And the entire city had gathered at the door.

Mar 1:34 And He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons, and **was not allowing the demons to speak, because they knew Him.**

Yahusha Preaches in Galilee

Mar 1:35 **And having risen very early in the morning, while still dark, He went out, and went away to a lonely place, and there He prayed.**

Mar 1:36 And Shim'on and those who were with Him searched for Him,

Mar 1:37 and when they found Him, they said to Him, “All are seeking You.”

Mar 1:38 And He said to them, **“Let us go into the neighboring towns, so that I proclaim there also, because for this I have come forth.”**

Mar 1:39 And He was proclaiming in their congregations, in all Galil, and casting out demons.

Yahusha Cleanses a Leper

Mar 1:40 And a leper came to Him, calling upon Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, “If You desire, You are able to make me clean.”

Mar 1:41 And יהושע, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, “I desire it. Be cleansed.”

Mar 1:42 And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.

Mar 1:43 And having strictly warned him, He immediately sent him away,

Mar 1:44 and said to him, “See, say none at all to anyone, but go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing what Mosheh ordered, as a witness to them.”

Mar 1:45 But he went out and began to publish it so much, and to spread the word, that יהושע was no longer able to openly enter the city, **but was outside in lonely places**. Yet they came to Him from all directions.

The faith in Yahusha of the man with leprosy healed him. Yahusha tells him to go and present himself to the priest and offer for his cleansing that Moses ordered as a witness to them. We see by Yahusha’s statement, that the Book of the Law was still in place and still followed at this point.

The healed leper instead goes and publishes his healing and it prevents Yahusha from being able to openly enter the city. Therefore, once again the wilderness is where much of His witnessing and healings would take place.

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