

*Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 23; Hebrews 5; Joel 2; Psalm 142.*

## *November 10 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **2Kings 23**

King Josiah does a major clean-up of idols and idolatrous priests.

#### **Josiah's Reforms**

**2Ki 23:1** And the sovereign sent, and they gathered **all the elders of Yehudah and Yerushalayim to him.**

**2Ki 23:2** And the sovereign went up to the House of יהוה with all the men of Yehudah, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with him, and the priests and the prophets and all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the **Book of the Covenant** which had been found in the House of יהוה.

Here we see the Book of the Covenant mentioned by name which differs from the Book of the Law. The Book of the Covenant begins in Exodus 19 thru Exodus 24:11. The Book of the Law on the other hand begins at Exodus 24:12 and goes through Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy and into the opening chapters of Joshua. In 2Kings 23:2, it records that Josiah read the Book of the Covenant in the hearing of all gathered.

**2Ki 23:3** And the sovereign stood by the column and made a covenant before יהוה, to follow יהוה and to guard His commands and His witnesses and His laws, with all his heart and all his being, to establish the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

Josiah orders the Temple cleansed. Today we are the temple and daily we are being sanctified, set-apart for Him. Walking in covenant means 'keeping our 'house or temple' in order.

**2Ki 23:4** Then the sovereign commanded Hilqiyahu the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out of the Hēkal of יהוה

- ✚ all the objects that were made for Ba'al, and for Asherah, and for all the host of the heavens.
- ✚ And he burned them outside Yerushalayim in the fields of Qidron, and took their ashes to Bēyth Ēl.
- ✚ **2Ki 23:5** And he put down the **black-robed priests<sup>a</sup>** whom the sovereigns of

Yehuḏah had appointed to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Yehuḏah and in the places all around Yerushalayim, and those who burned incense to Ba'al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the constellations, and to all the host of the heavens. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Heb. kemarim.

### Beware of the Scribes

Luk 20:45 And in the hearing of all the people, He said to His taught ones,

Luk 20:46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the market-places, and the best seats in the congregations, and the best places at feasts,

Luk 20:47 who devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers. They shall receive greater judgment."

**Ellicott Notes:** The idolatrous priests.—The kēmārîm, or black-robed priests ([Hosea 10:5](#), of the priests of the calf-worship at Beth-el). Only occurring besides in [Zephaniah 1:4](#). Here, as in the passage of Hosea, the word denotes the unlawful priests of Jehovah, as contrasted with those of the Baal, mentioned in the next place. Whether the term really means black-robed, as Kimchi explains, is questionable. Priests used to wear white throughout the ancient world, except on certain special occasions. Gesenius derives it from a root meaning black, but explains, one clad in black, i.e., a mourner, an ascetic, and so a priest. Perhaps the true derivation is from another root, meaning to weave: weaver of spells or charms; as magic was an invariable concomitant of false worship. (Comp. [2Kings 17:17](#); [2Kings 21:6](#).) It is a regular word for priest in Syriac (chûmrâ; [Psalm 110:4](#); and the Ep. to the Heb., passim.)

- ✚ [2Ki 23:6](#) And he brought out the Asherah from the House of יהוה, to the wadi Qidron outside Yerushalayim, and burned it at the wadi Qidron and ground it to ashes, and threw its ashes on the burial-sites of the sons of the people.
- ✚ [2Ki 23:7](#) And he broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes that were in the House of יהוה, where the women wove tapestries for the Asherah.
- ✚ [2Ki 23:8](#) And he brought all the priests from the cities of Yehuḏah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geḇa to Be'ērsheḇa, and broke down the high places at the gates which were at the entrance of the Gate of Yehoshua the governor of the city, which were to the left of the city gate.
  - [2Ki 23:9](#) However, the priests of the high places did not come up to the slaughter-place of יהוה in Yerushalayim, but they ate unleavened bread among their brothers.
  - [2Ki 23:10](#) And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, so that no man could make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molek.
- ✚ [2Ki 23:11](#) And he did away with the horses that the sovereigns of Yehuḏah had given to the sun, at the entrance to the House of יהוה, by the room of Nathan-Meleḵ the eunuch, that were in the court. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire.
- ✚ [2Ki 23:12](#) And the slaughter-places that were on the roof of the upper room of Aḥaz, which the sovereigns of Yehuḏah had made,

- ✚ and the slaughter-places which Menashsheh had made in the two courtyards of the House of יהוה, the sovereign broke down, and rushed from there, and threw their dust into the wadi Qidron.

Utter idolatry and abominations had been set up and worshiped.

- ✚ 2Ki 23:13 And the sovereign defiled the high places that were before Yerushalayim, which were on the right hand of the Mountain of Destruction, which Shelomoh sovereign of Yisra'el built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Tsidonians, and for Kemosh the abomination of the Mo'abites, and for Milkom the abomination of the children of Ammon.
- ✚ 2Ki 23:14 And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Ashērim, and filled their places with the bones of men.
- ✚ 2Ki 23:15 And also the slaughter-place that was at Bēyth Ēl, and the high place which Yarob'am son of Nebat made, by which he made Yisra'el sin, both that slaughter-place and the high place he broke down. And he burned the high place and ground it to dust, and burned the Ashērah.
- ✚ 2Ki 23:16 Then Yoshiyahu turned, and saw the burial-sites that were there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the burial-sites and burned them on the slaughter-place, and defiled it according to the word of יהוה which the man of Elohim proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

2Ki 23:17 And he said, "What tombstone is this that I see?" And the men of the city said to him, "It is the burial-site of the man of Elohim who came from Yehudah and proclaimed these matters which you have done against the slaughter-place of Bēyth Ēl."

2Ki 23:18 And he said, "Let him alone, let no one move his bones." **So they left his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Shomeron.**

1Ki 13:1 And see, a man of Elohim went from Yehudah to Bēyth Ēl by the word of יהוה, while Yarob'am was standing by the slaughter-place to burn incense.

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1Ki 13:31 And it came to be, after he had buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saying, "When I am dead, then you shall bury me in the burial-site where the man of Elohim is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones.

1Ki 13:32 "For the word which he cried out, by the word of יהוה, against the slaughter-place in Bēyth Ēl, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Shomeron, shall certainly come to be."

- ✚ 2Ki 23:19 And Yoshiyahu also took away all the houses of the high places that were in the cities of Shomeron, which the sovereigns of Yisra'el had made to provoke. And he did to them according to all the deeds he did in Bēyth Ēl.
- ✚ 2Ki 23:20 And he slaughtered all the priests of the high places who were there, on the slaughter-places, and burned men's bones on them, and went back to

Yerushalayim.

### Josiah Restores the Passover – Praise Yah!

2Ki 23:21 **And the sovereign commanded all the people, saying, “Prepare the Pěsah to יהוה your Elohim, as it is written in this Book of the Covenant.”**

2Ki 23:22 For such a Pěsah had not been prepared since the days of the rulers who ruled Yisra’ěl, nor in all the days of the sovereigns of Yisra’ěl and the sovereigns of Yehudah,

2Ki 23:23 **but in the eighteenth year of Sovereign Yoshiyahu this Pěsah was prepared before יהוה in Yerushalayim.**

2Ki 23:24 And also, Yoshiyahu put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, and the household mighty ones and idols, and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Yehudah and in Yerushalayim, in order to establish the words of the Torah which were written in the book that Hīlqiyahu the priest found in the House of יהוה.

2Ki 23:25 **And before him there was no sovereign like him, who turned back to יהוה with all his heart, and with all his being, and with all his might, according to all the Torah of Mosheh; and after him none rose up like him.**

YHWH does not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath.

2Ki 23:26 However, יהוה did not turn from the fierceness of His great wrath, with which His wrath burned against Yehudah, **because of all the provocations with which Menashsheh had provoked Him.**

2Ki 23:27 And יהוה said, **“Even Yehudah I shall remove from My presence, as I have removed Yisra’ěl, and I shall reject this city Yerushalayim which I have chosen, and the House of which I said, ‘My Name is there.’ ”**

### Josiah's Death in Battle

2Ki 23:28 And the rest of the acts of Yoshiyahu, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudah?

2Ki 23:29 In his days Pharaoh Neḳo sovereign of Mitsrayim went up against the sovereign of Ashshur, to the River Euphrates. And Sovereign Yoshiyahu went out to him, and he killed him at Meḡiddo when he saw him.

2Ki 23:30 **And his servants conveyed his body in a chariot from Meḡiddo, and brought him to Yerushalayim, and buried him in his own burial-place. And the people of the land took Yeho’ahaz son of Yoshiyahu, and anointed him, and set him up to reign in his father’s place.**

### Jehoahaz's Reign and Captivity

2Ki 23:31 **Yeho’ahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he**

**reigned three new moons in Yerushalayim.** And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Yirmeyahu of Libnah.

2Ki 23:32 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, according to all that his fathers did.

2Ki 23:33 And Pharaoh Neḳo imprisoned him at Riblah in the land of Hamath, to keep him from reigning in Yerushalayim. And he imposed on the land a fine of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

A talent is approximately 57 lbs. Therefore, the fine Pharaoh Neḳo's imposed was 5700 lbs. of silver and 57 lbs. of gold.

2Ki 23:34 And **Pharaoh Neḳo set up Elyaqim son of Yoshiyahu to reign in place of his father Yoshiyahu, and changed his name to Yehoyaqim.** And Pharaoh took Yeho'ahaz and went to Mitsrayim, and he died there.

2Ki 23:35 And Yehoyaqim gave the silver and gold to Pharaoh. Only, he taxed the land to give silver according to the mouth of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and gold from the people of the land, from every one according to his assessment, to give it to Pharaoh Neḳo.

### Jehoiakim Reigns in Judah

2Ki 23:36 **Yehoyaqim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign,** and he **reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim.** And his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedayah of Rumah.

2Ki 23:37 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, according to all that his fathers did.

### Hebrews 5

The author of Hebrews continues to tear down the misconceptions of the three pillars of Judaism. The audience is living during the major shift from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood of being under the tutor, the Book of the Law; to now being a kingdom of priests under the Melchizedek Priesthood and Covenant Torah. For life in Him, this shift must take place and be clearly understood.

So far, the author has corrected their misconception of angels; their deity perception of Moses; and now addresses the great transference shift from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood to the Melchizedek Priesthood. He told the audience in the book of Hebrews to closely consider:

Heb 3:1 Therefore, set-apart brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, **closely consider the Emissary and High Priest of our confession, Messiah יהושע**,

Heb 3:2 who was trustworthy **to Him who appointed Him, as also Mosheh in all His house.**<sup>a</sup>

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Num 12:7.

Heb 3:3 For this One has been deemed worthy of more esteem than Mosheh, as much as He

who built the house enjoys more respect than the house.

**Heb 5:1** For every priest taken from among men is appointed on behalf of men in matters relating to Elohim, to offer both gifts and offerings for sins,

**Heb 5:2** being able to have a measure of feeling for those not knowing and being led astray, since he himself is also surrounded by weakness.

**Heb 5:3** And on account of this he has to offer for sins – as for the people, so also for himself.

**Heb 5:4** And no one obtains this esteem for himself, but he who is called by Elohim, even as Aharon also was.

**Heb 10:11** And indeed every priest stands day by day doing service, and repeatedly offering the same **slaughter offerings which are never able to take away sins.**

**Heb 10:12** But **He, having offered one slaughter offering for sins for all time,** sat down at the right hand of Elohim,

Now closely consider the following verses of Hebrews 5 expounding on Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. See the Scriptures referenced to the reading audience. Keep in mind the occurrences in the Gospels and the Book of Acts have **already taken place** and the Good News has been shared among the people. The letters written by Paul had been distributed among many of the assemblies. The truths spoken were undeniable as they are to this day.

**Heb 5:5** So also the Messiah did not extol Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him, **“You are My Son, today I have brought You forth.”**<sup>a</sup> Psa 2:7.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Heb 1:5 and Psa 2:7.

**Heb 5:6** As He also says in another place, **“You are a priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq,”** Psa 110:4.

**Heb 5:7** who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and petitions with strong crying and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His reverent fear,

**Heb 5:8** though being a Son, He learned obedience by what He suffered.

**Heb 5:9** **And having been perfected, He became the Causer of everlasting deliverance to all those obeying Him.**<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> Joh 3:36, Joh 14:15, Joh 14:23, Joh 15:10, Act 3:22-23.

**Heb 5:10** **having been designated by Elohim a High Priest “according to the order of Malkitsedeq.”**

### Warning Against Apostasy

**Heb 5:11** concerning whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing.

**Heb 5:12** For indeed, **although by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first elements of the Words of Elohim.** And you have become such as need milk and not solid food.

**Heb 5:13** For everyone partaking of milk is inexperienced in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

**Heb 5:14** But solid food is for the mature whose senses have been trained by practice to discern both good and evil.

In the close of Hebrews 5, He warns the audience not to turn back; not to fall away. Who begins a race and then turns back the other direction? The audience was learned but were still on the milk of the word and not the meat of the word.

The bride of Messiah, feeds on the meat of the Word. **She has become one with Him.**

Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but feeds and cherishes it, **as also the Master does the assembly.**

Eph 5:30 Because **we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.**

Eph 5:31 **“For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”** Gen 2:24.

Eph 5:32 This **secret is great,** but I speak concerning Messiah and the assembly.

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## Joel 2

### The Day of YHWH

**Joe 2:1 Blow a shophar in Tsiyon, and sound an alarm in My set-apart mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the earth tremble, for the day of ה' is coming, for it is near:**

- ✚ **Joe 2:2** a day of darkness and gloom,
- ✚ a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains – **a people many and strong, the like of whom has never been, nor shall there ever be again after them, to the years of many generations.**
- ✚ **Joe 2:3** Ahead of them a fire has consumed, and behind them a flame burns.
- ✚ Before them the land is like the Garden of Ėden, and behind them a desert waste. **And from them there is no escape.**
- ✚ **Joe 2:4** Their appearance is like the appearance of horses, and they run like steeds.

- ✚ [Joe 2:5](#) As the noise of chariots they leap over mountain tops, as the noise of a flaming fire consuming stubble, as a mighty people set in battle array.
- ✚ [Joe 2:6](#) Before them peoples are in anguish, all faces become flushed.
- ✚ [Joe 2:7](#) They run like mighty men, they climb the wall like men of battle, every one goes on his way, and they do not break ranks.
- ✚ [Joe 2:8](#) And they do not press one another, every one goes in his path. They fall among the weapons, but they do not stop.
- ✚ [Joe 2:9](#) They rush on the city, they run on the wall. They climb into the houses, they enter at the windows like a thief.
- ✚ [Joe 2:10](#) The earth shall tremble before them, the heavens shall shake. Sun and moon shall be darkened, and the stars withdraw their brightness.

[Joe 2:11](#) And יהוה shall give forth His voice before His army, for His camp is very great, for mighty is the doer of His word. For the day of יהוה is great and very awesome, and who does bear it?

**TSK Cross-reference:** [Joel 2:2](#) **A day of darkness:** "The quantity of these insects," says a French author, "is incredible to all who have not themselves witnessed their astonishing numbers; the whole earth is covered with them for the space of several leagues. The noise they make in browsing on the trees and herbage may be heard at a great distance, and resembles that of an army in secret. Wherever their myriads spread, the verdure of the country disappears; trees and plants, stripped of their leaves and reduced to their naked boughs and stems, cause the dreary image of winter to succeed in an instant to the rich scenery of spring. When these clouds of locusts take their flight, to surmount any obstacles or to traverse more rapidly a desert soil, the heavens may literally be said to be obscured by them." [Joe 2:10](#), [Joe 2:31](#), [Joe 3:14-15](#); [Exo 20:21](#); [Psa 97:2](#); [Isa 5:30](#), [Isa 8:22](#); [Jer 13:16](#); [Amo 5:18-20](#); [Zep 1:14-15](#); [Heb 12:18](#); [Jud 1:13](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[Rev 9:8](#) And they had hair like women's hair, and their teeth were like lions' teeth.

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

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

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

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

## Return to YHWH

Joe 2:12 “Yet even now,” declares יהוה, “turn to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning.”

- + Joe 2:13 And tear your heart and not your garments,
- + and turn back to יהוה your Elohim, for He shows favour and is compassionate, patient, and of great loving-commitment, and He shall relent concerning the evil.
- + Joe 2:14 Who knows – He might turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind Him, a grain offering and a drink offering for יהוה your Elohim?

Joe 2:15 Blow a shophar in Tsiyon, set apart a fast, call an assembly.

Joe 2:16 Gather the people, set the assembly apart, assemble the elders, gather the children and nursing babes. Let a bridegroom come out from his room, and a bride from her dressing room.

Joe 2:17 Let the priests, servants of יהוה, weep between the porch and the slaughter-place. And let them say, “Spare Your people, O יהוה, and do not give Your inheritance to reproach, for the nations to rule over them. Why should they say among the peoples, ‘Where is their Elohim?’ ”

## YHWH Had Pity

Joe 2:18 And let יהוה be jealous for His land, and spare His people.

Joe 2:19 And let יהוה answer and say to His people,

- + “See, I am sending you the grain and the new wine and the oil,
- + and you shall be satisfied by them.
- + And no longer do I make you a reproach among the nations.

Joe 2:20 “And the Northerner I shall remove far from you, and drive him away into a dry and deserted land, with his face toward the eastern sea and his rear toward the western sea. And his stench shall come up and his smell rise, for he has done greatly.”

Joe 2:21 Do not fear, O soil, be glad and rejoice, for יהוה has done greatly!

Joe 2:22 Do not fear, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness shall spring forth, and the tree shall bear its fruit, the fig tree and the vine shall yield their strength.

Joe 2:23 And you children of Tsiyon, be glad and rejoice in יהוה your Elohim, for He shall give you the **Teacher of Righteousness**, and cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain, as before.

- + Joe 2:24 And the threshing-floors shall be filled with grain, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.

The below four types of locusts are symbolic of the four world-empires, Assyria, Babylon, Greece, and Rome, which were to lay waste the Holy Land. However, knowing prophecies have two to three fulfillments, there will be another fulfillment of the locust from the pit in the end of days.

Praise Yah that He will restore to His people what the locust has taken away.

Zec 10:6 “And I shall make the house of Yehudah mighty, and save the house of Yosëph. And I shall bring them back, because I have compassion on them. And they shall be as though I had not pushed them aside. For I am יהוה their Elohim, and I answer them.

- ✚ Joe 2:25 **“Then I shall repay you the years that the**
  - swarming locust has eaten,
  - the crawling locust, and
  - the consuming locust, and
  - the gnawing locust, My great army which I sent among you.
- ✚ Joe 2:26 “Then you shall eat – eat and be satisfied – and shall praise the Name of יהוה your Elohim, who has done with you so wondrously. And My people shall never be put to shame.
- ✚ Joe 2:27 “And you shall know that I am in the midst of Yisra’ël,<sup>a</sup> and that I am יהוה your Elohim and there is no one else. And My people shall never be put to shame. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See footnote [Isa 24:23](#).

### YHWH Will Pour Out His Spirit

Joe 2:28 “And after this it shall be that I pour out My Spirit on all flesh.

- ✚ And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
- ✚ your old men dream dreams,
- ✚ your young men see visions.
- ✚ Joe 2:29 “And also on the male servants and on the female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days.
- ✚ Joe 2:30 “And I shall give signs in the heavens and upon the earth: blood and fire and columns of smoke,
- ✚ Joe 2:31 the sun is turned into darkness,
- ✚ and the moon into blood,
- ✚ before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה.

Joe 2:32 “And it shall be that **everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be delivered.**<sup>b</sup> For on Mount Tsiyon and in Yerushalayim there shall be an escape<sup>c</sup> as יהוה has said, and among the survivors whom יהוה calls. Footnotes: <sup>b</sup> [Act 2:21](#), [Rom 10:13](#). <sup>c</sup> [Isa 4:2-3](#), [Oba 1:17](#), [Rev 14:1](#).

## Psalm 142

Cry out and declare His Word and promises by faith; otherwise, we are just speaking words without passion, zeal, nor authority. We are to boldly proclaim His Word.

### You Are My Refuge

**Psa 142:1** I cry out to יהוה with my voice; I pray to יהוה with my voice.

**Psa 142:2** I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my distress.

**Psa 142:3** When my spirit grew faint within me, Then You know my path. In the way in which I walk They have hidden a trap for me.

**Psa 142:4** Look to the right hand and see, And no one is concerned for me; No refuge remains to me; No one inquires after my being.

**Psa 142:5** I cried out to You, O יהוה: I said, **"You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living."**

**Psa 142:6** "Listen to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are too strong for me.

**Psa 142:7** "Bring my being out of prison, To give thanks to Your Name. Let the righteous gather around me, Because You deal kindly with me."

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