

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 27 & 28; Zechariah 10; Rev. 14 John 13.

December 23 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

2Chron 27 & 28 The reigns of Jotham and Ahaz – 16 good years and 16 bad years respectively.

Jotham Reigns in Judah

2Ch 27:1 Yotham was **twenty-five years old** when he began to reign, and he reigned **sixteen years in Yerushalayim**. And his mother's name was Yerushah the daughter of Tsadoq.

2Ch 27:2 And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, according to all that his father Uzziyahu had done. Only, he did not come into the Hēkal of יהוה. And the people continued to act corruptly.

✚ **2Ch 27:3** He built the Upper Gate of the House of יהוה,

✚ and he built much on the wall of Ophel.

✚ **2Ch 27:4** And he built cities in the hill country of Yehudah,

✚ and in the forests he built palaces and towers.

✚ **2Ch 27:5** And he fought with the sovereign of the Ammonites and *had* strong victory over them. And the children of Ammon gave him in that year one hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley.

This is what the children of Ammon paid him, also in the second and third years.

2Ch 27:6 And Yotham strengthened himself, for he prepared his ways before יהוה his Elohim.

2Ch 27:7 And the rest of the acts of Yotham, and all his battles and his ways, see, they are written in the book of the sovereigns of Yisra'el and Yehudah.

2Ch 27:8 He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 27:9 So Yotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of Dawid. And his son Ahaz reigned in his place.

2Chron 28 A long 16 years of evil reign begins...

Ahaz Reigns in Judah

2Ch 28:1 Ahaz was **twenty years old** when he began to reign, and **he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim**. And he **did not do what was right** in the eyes of יהוה, as his father Dawid had done,

2Ch 28:2 and **walked in the ways of the sovereigns of Yisra'el, and made moulded**

images for the Ba'als.

- ❖ **2Ch 28:3** And he himself burned incense in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom,
- ❖ and burned his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom יהוה dispossessed from before the children of Yisra'ël,

H2011 הַנּוֹם hinnôm

BDB Definition: Hinnom = "lamentation" 1) a valley (deep and narrow ravine) with steep, rocky sides located southwest of Jerusalem, separating Mount Zion to the north from the hill of evil counsel' and the sloping rocky plateau of the 'plain of Rephaim' to the south

- ❖ **2Ch 28:4** and slaughtered and burned incense on the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

Spiritually, the valley of Hinnom could be any place that promotes the killing of the unborn; performs infanticide; or other children sacrifices. This is bowing down to Baal. There is forgiveness to those involved through repentance in Yahusha HaMashiach. For such are not only sins of individuals – they are sins that quickly fill up a nation's 'cup of iniquity.'

Judah Defeated

Ahaz shows no repentance whatsoever! He actually 'doubles down' on acts of evil. He chooses to open his soul and flesh to evil and to reject YHWH. This not only affects Ahaz but all of Judah. Many innocent lives are harmed by those given over to the evil one.

2Ch 28:5 Therefore יהוה his Elohim

- ❖ gave him into the hand of the sovereign of Aram,
- ❖ and they struck him, and took many of them away as captives,
- ❖ and brought them to Darmeseq.
- ❖ And he was also given into the hand of the sovereign of Yisra'ël, who struck him with a great slaughter.
- ❖ **2Ch 28:6** And Pegah son of Remalyahu killed **one hundred and twenty thousand** in Yehudah in one day, all brave men, because they had forsaken יהוה Elohim of their fathers.
- ❖ **2Ch 28:7** **And Zikri, a mighty man of Ephrayim,**
 - killed Ma'asëyahu son of the sovereign,
 - and Azriqam the officer over the house,
 - and Elqanah who was second to the sovereign.
- ❖ **2Ch 28:8** And the children of Yisra'ël **took captive** from their brothers **two hundred thousand women, sons and daughters.**

- ❖ And they also seized from them much spoil, and they brought the spoil to Shomeron.

The devastating blow by Israel upon Judah turns into a ravenous ‘mob rule.’ Thankfully YHWH’s prophet Oded awakens their spirits to the depravity of their acts. Touching Yah’s anointed is touching the ‘apple of His eye.’ He sees and knows all; He remembers and acts. Be angry and sin not; there is a righteous anger.

2Ch 28:9 **But a prophet of יהוה was there, whose name was Odëd.** And he went out before the army that came to Shomeron, and said to them, “See, because יהוה Elohim of your fathers was displeased with Yehudāh, He has given them into your hand, and you have killed them in a rage that reaches up to the heavens.

2Ch 28:10 “And now you are planning to make the children of Yehudāh and Yerushalayim your male and female slaves, but are you not also guilty before יהוה your Elohim?”

2Ch 28:11 “Now therefore, listen to me, and return the captives whom you have taken captive from your brothers, for **the heat of the wrath of יהוה is upon you.**”

2Ch 28:12 And some of the heads of the children of Ephrayim: Azaryahu son of Yehoḥanan, Berekyahu son of Meshillēmoth, and Yehizqiyahu son of Shallum, and Amasa son of Ḥadlai, stood up against those who came from the army,

2Ch 28:13 and said to them, “**Do not bring the captives here, to bring on us guilt before יהוה. Are you planning to add to our sins and to our guilt? For our guilt is great, and burning is the wrath on Yisra’ēl.**”

2Ch 28:14 **And the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the leaders and all the assembly.**

2Ch 28:15 And the men who were designated by name rose up and took the captives, and from the spoil they put on all the naked among them, dressed them and gave them sandals, and gave them food and drink, and anointed them, and let all the weak ones ride on donkeys, and brought them to their brothers at Yeriḥo, the city of palm trees, then returned to Shomeron.

Ahaz asks Ashshur [Assyria] for help and it backfires.

2Ch 28:16 At that time Sovereign Ahaz sent to the sovereigns of Ashshur to help him.

2Ch 28:17 **For the Edomites had come again, and struck Yehudāh, and took away captives.**

- ❖ 2Ch 28:18 And the Philistines invaded the cities of the low country and of the South of Yehudāh, and captured Bēyth Shemesh, and Ayalon, and Gedēroth, and Soḳo with its villages, and Timnah with its villages, and Gimzo with its villages, and dwelt there.

- ❖ 2Ch 28:19 **For יהוה had brought Yehudāh low because of Aḥaz**

sovereign of Yisra'ël, for he brought about a lack of restraint in Yehuḏah and trespassed against יהוה.

- ❖ **2Ch 28:20** And Tiglath-Pileser the sovereign of Ashshur came against him and distressed him, and did not strengthen him,
 - **2Ch 28:21** though Aḥaz had taken some of the treasures from the House of יהוה, from the house of the sovereign, and from the leaders, and he gave it to the sovereign of Ashshur, but he did not help him.

Ahaz's Idolatry

Ahaz 'doubles down' on idolatry and does acts of desecration to the House of Elohim.

2Ch 28:22 And in the time of his distress Sovereign Ahaz trespassed even more against יהוה – this Sovereign Ahaz –

- ❖ **2Ch 28:23** and he slaughtered to the mighty ones of Darmeseq, those striking him, saying, "Because the mighty ones of the sovereigns of Aram help them, I slaughter to them and they help me." But they were to cause him and all Yisra'ël to stumble.
- ❖ **2Ch 28:24** And Aḥaz gathered the utensils of the House of Elohim, and cut in pieces the utensils of the House of Elohim, and shut the doors of the House of יהוה, and made for himself slaughter-places in every corner of Yerushalayim.
- ❖ **2Ch 28:25** And in every city, even the cities of Yehuḏah, he made high places to burn incense to other mighty ones, and provoked יהוה Elohim of his fathers.

2Ch 28:26 And the rest of his acts and all his ways, from first to last, see, they are written in the book of the sovereigns of Yehuḏah and Yisra'ël.

2Ch 28:27 So Aḥaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Yerushalayim, **but they did not bring him into the burial-sites of the sovereigns of Yisra'ël. And Hizqiyahu his son reigned in his place.**

Zechariah 10 Read and rejoice!

The Restoration for Judah and Israel

Zec 10:1 Ask יהוה for rain in the time of the latter rain, יהוה who makes storm clouds. And He gives them showers of rain, the plants in the field to everyone.

Zec 10:2 For the household idols spoke emptiness, the diviners saw falsehood, and relate dreams of deceit, they comfort in vain. **Therefore they have wandered about like sheep. They are afflicted, for there is no shepherd.**^a Footnote: ^a [Eze 34:5](#) and [Eze 34:8](#).

His wrath burns against the shepherds and He lays a charge against the leaders. This still applies today. There are many hirelings and Christian Zionists in the pulpits and leadership positions that have 'sold out' the sheep. The flocks are weak, ill, and gaunt. They are fed doctrines of leaven [false doctrines] and each week grow more complacent and apathetic as they are led to feed in fields of poisonous plants and vipers, by streams of rapids and strong currents.

But know this, the Good Shepherd is coming for His flock.

Zec 10:3 "My wrath burns against the shepherds, and I lay a charge against the leaders. For יהוה of hosts shall visit His flock, the house of Yehudah, and make them like His splendid horse in battle.

Zec 10:4 "From him comes the corner-stone, from him the tent peg, from him the battle bow, from him every ruler, together.

Zec 10:5 "And they shall be like mighty men, who trample down the mud of the streets in the battle. And they shall fight because יהוה is with them, and the riders on horses shall be put to shame.

Zec 10:6 "And I shall make the house of Yehudah mighty, and save the house of Yosēph. 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.

Zec 10:7 "And Ephrayim shall be as a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as if with wine. And their children shall see and rejoice, their heart exulting in יהוה.

Zec 10:8 "I shall whistle for them and gather them, for I shall ransom them. And they shall increase as they once increased.

Zec 10:9 "Though I sow them among peoples, they shall remember Me in places far away. And they shall live, together with their children, and they shall return.

Zec 10:10 "And I shall bring them back from the land of Mitsrayim, and gather them from Ashshur, and bring them into the land of Gil'ad and Leḇanon, until no more room is found for them.

Zec 10:11 "And He shall pass through the sea of distress, and strike the waves of the sea, and all the depths of the River shall dry up. And the pride of Ashshur shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Mitsrayim be taken away.

Zec 10:12 "And I shall make them mighty in יהוה, so that they walk up and down in His Name," declares יהוה.

Revelation 14

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Rev 14:1 And I looked and saw a Lamb standing on Mount Tsiyon, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father's Name^a written upon their foreheads. Footnote: ^aSome texts read: *having His Name and His Father's Name*.

YHWH's kingdom of priests after the order of Melchizedek, are sealed with the Name of YHWH on their forehead; and here it is footnoted in some translations they have 'His Name and His Father's Name'; indicating the Name of Yahusha also. **This is to designate them as 'Set-apart' not only to YHWH but to Yahusha.** This is affirmed in Rev. 14:4 below.

We see a type and shadow of this during the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood in Exodus.

Exo 28:35 "And it shall be upon Aharon to attend in, and its sound shall be heard when he goes into the set-apart place before יהוה and when he comes out, so that he does not die.

Exo 28:36 "And you shall make a plate of clean gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet: SET-APARTNESS TO יהוה'.

Exo 28:37 "And you shall put it on a blue cord, and it shall be on the turban – it is to be on the front of the turban.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a voice out of the heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder, and I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps.

Rev 14:3 And they sang a renewed song before the throne, and before the four living creatures, and the elders. And **no one was able to learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth.**

The 144,000 are part of the body of the one-new man; and they are positionally very close to YHWH. They have proven their love and devotion to Him by going through the fires of 'great tribulation' and standing firm; even unto death.

Rev 14:4 They are those who were not defiled with women, for they are maidens. They are those following the Lamb wherever He leads *them* on. They were redeemed from among men, **being first-fruits to Elohim and to the Lamb.**

Rev 14:5 And in their mouth was found no falsehood, for they are blameless before the throne of Elohim.

We learned previously that the 144,000 are possibly a set-apart subsection of all that come out of the 'great distress' or the 'great tribulation'. These appear to be YHWH's set-apart remnant; the faithful ones even prior to the great tribulation.

They are made up of 12,000 from each tribe listed in Rev. 7. Then we read...

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders responded, saying to me, **"Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?"**

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, "Master, you know." And he said to me, **"These are those coming out of the great distress, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."**

Rev 7:15 "Because of this they are before the throne of Elohim, and serve Him day and night in His Dwelling Place. And He who sits on the throne shall spread His Tent over them.

Rev 7:16 **"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, neither shall the sun strike them, nor any heat, Isa 49:10."**

Rev 7:17 because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne **shall shepherd them Eze 34:23** and lead them to **fountains of waters of life. Jer 2:13, Jer 17:13** And Elohim **shall wipe away every tear from their eyes."** Isa 25:8.

The scripture state **they are maidens**; undefiled by women. I lean toward this meaning they remained faithful and set-apart to Yahusha [YHWH in Son]; and have washed their garments white in the blood of the Lamb.

Maidens are described in 2Corinthians:

2Co 11:2 For I am jealous for you with a jealousy according to Elohim. **For I gave you in marriage to one husband, to present you as an innocent maiden to Messiah.**

Rev 14:4 They are those who were not defiled with women, for they are maidens. They are those following the Lamb wherever He leads *them* on. **They were redeemed from among men, being first-fruits to Elohim and to the Lamb.**

Rev. 14:4c is interesting. We know they have gone through the great tribulation, so what first fruits are they? I would have to say they are the first fruits of the Fall Moedim – are they the 'oil' from the olive press? Or maybe the grapes from the harvest BEFORE the winepress wrath of YHWH? We do know there will be those that go through the great tribulation; but not the wrath of YHWH.

This may also be connected to the following verse.

Mat 20:16 "Thus the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."^b

Footnote: ^bSee [Mat 22:14](#)

We then read about the three Angelic Messages carrying the Gospel to every tongue, tribe, people, and nation! YHWH's love for mankind is so great; He desires that NONE perish! No one is overlooked; everyone is given opportunity to know Him.

First Angelic Message

Rev 14:6 And **I saw another messenger** flying in mid-heaven, holding the everlasting Good News to announce to those dwelling on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people.

Rev 14:7 saying with a loud voice, "Fear Elohim and give esteem to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven and the earth, and sea, and fountains of water."

Second Angel Message

Rev 14:8 And **another messenger** followed, saying, "**Babel is fallen, is fallen,**^b Isa 21:9 that great city, because she has made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her whoring."

Footnote: ^bAlso see Jer 51:8.

My present understanding is that the end of days proves the earthly Jerusalem as 'Mystery **Babylon**' along with those nations that have joined her in her whoring. Though she has had true believers within her; she has been overtaken by those that say they are Jews and are not; but are of the Synagogue of Satan. Those that are following **Babylonian Talmud**; instead of His true Word of YHWH.

Jer 51:7 Babel was a golden cup in the hand of יהוה, making drunk all the earth.^b The nations drank her wine, that is why the nations went mad! Footnote: ^bSee Rev 17:1-18.

Jer 51:8 Babel shall suddenly fall and be broken. Howl for her! Take balm for her pain – if so be, she might be healed.

Rev 17:1 And one of the seven messengers who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying to me, "Come, I shall show you the judgment of the great whore sitting on many waters,^a
Footnote: ^aSee Rev 17:15.

Rev 17:2 with whom the sovereigns of the earth committed whoring, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her whoring."^b Footnote: ^b Jer 51:7.

Rev 17:3 And he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast covered with names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Rev 17:4 And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, holding in her hand a golden cup filled with abominations and the filthiness of her whoring,^b Footnote: ^b Jer 51:7.

Rev 17:5 and upon her forehead a name written, a secret: BABEL THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE WHORES AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

Rev 17:6 And I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the set-apart ones, and with the blood of the witnesses of יהושע. And having seen her, I marvelled – greatly marvelled!

We will get more into the seven headed beast with 10 horns in chapter 17.

"The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, etc."
Gen. 49:10. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him comes the chief ruler [prince]; but the Birthright is Joseph's," 1 Chron. 5:2.

REMEMBER: The Great Tribulation is the final battle of the 'birthright' war! We know Esau's color is 'red'; therefore, easily connects to the 'scarlet' beast and the shedding of innocent blood.

Third Angelic Message

Rev 14:9 And a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, "If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,

Rev 14:10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulfur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb.

Rev 14:11 "And the smoke of their torture goes up forever and ever. And they have no rest day or night, those worshipping the beast and his image, also if anyone receives the mark of his name."

The following two verses are cross-referenced to the 'remnant seed of the woman' that the dragon goes to fight in Rev. 12:17.

Rev 14:12 Here is the endurance of the set-apart ones,^c here are those guarding the commands of Elohim and the belief of יהושע. Footnote: ^cSee also Rev 12:17.

Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice out of the heaven saying to me, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Master from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "in order that they rest from their labors, and their works follow with them."

Rev. 12:17 is possibly the bridal remnant that are living – because it states they are actively guarding the commands of YHWH and possess the witness of Yahusha.

Rev 12:17 And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight with the remnant of her seed, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of יהושע Messiah.

The rest of Revelation 14 speaks of Yahusha harvesting the earth. He is clearly presented as King! All the earth has been given the Gospel message and warnings in the last hour. Now it is time for the final harvest.

We notice three messengers involved with the harvest. Two of them come out of the Dwelling Place and one of them comes out of the slaughter place.

With the first angelic 'harvest' messenger: We see Yahusha thrust His sickle on the earth and it was reaped.

The second angelic 'harvest' messenger holds a sharp sickle.

The third angelic 'harvest' messenger calls to the second messenger with the sharp sickle and says:

Rev 14:14 And I looked and saw a white cloud, and sitting on the cloud was **One like the Son of Adam**, Dan 7:13 having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:15 **And another messenger** came out of the Dwelling Place, crying with a loud voice to the One sitting on the cloud, "Send Your sickle and reap, because the hour has come for You to reap, **because the harvest of the earth is ripe.**"

Rev 14:16 And the One sitting on the cloud thrust in His sickle on the earth, and the earth was reaped.

[Note Rev. 14:16 shows Yahusha harvesting the earth, but His harvest is not thrown into the winepress. Rev. 14:17 says 'another messenger' held a sharp sickle too, and he gathered the clusters of the vine of the earth and throws them into the great winepress of YHWH's wrath.]

Rev 14:17 **And another messenger** came out of the Dwelling Place which is in the heaven, and he too held a sharp sickle.

Rev 14:18 **And another messenger** came out from the slaughter-place, having authority over the fire, and he cried with a loud cry to him having the sharp sickle, saying, **"Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe."**

Rev 14:19 And the messenger thrust his sickle into the earth and gathered the vine of the earth, and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of Elohim.

Rev 14:20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the bridles of the horses, for about **one thousand six hundred stadia**^d.
Footnote: ^dApprox. 296 kilometres or 184 miles.

John 13

It was before the Feast of the Passover and Yahusha's 'hour' had come for Him to move out of the world to the Father. Supper had taken place and Satan had already put in the heart of Judas to betray Him. Yahusha rose from supper; laid His garments aside; and having taken a towel, girded himself to wash the disciples' feet.

Yahusha Washes the Disciples' Feet

Joh 13:1 And before the Festival of the Pěsah, יהושע **knowing that His hour had come** that He should move out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

Joh 13:2 And supper taking place, the devil having already put it into the heart of Yehudah from Qerioth, *son* of Shim'on, to deliver Him up,

Joh 13:3 יהושע, knowing that the Father had given all into His hands, and that He had come from Elohim and was going to Elohim,

Joh 13:4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, and having taken a towel, He girded Himself.

Joh 13:5 After that He put water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the taught ones, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

Joh 13:6 And so He came to Shim'on Kěpha, and he said to Him, **"Master, do You wash my feet?"**

Joh 13:7 יהושע answered and said to him, **"You do not know what I am doing now, but you shall know after this."**

Peter at first objects to Yahusha washing his feet but later understands when Yahusha says: "If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."

Joh 13:8 Kěpha said to Him, **"By no means shall You wash my feet, ever!"** יהושע answered him, **"If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me."**

Joh 13:9 Shim'on Kěpha said to Him, **"Master, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!"**

Joh 13:10 יהושע said to him, **"He who has had a bath does not need to wash, except his feet, but is clean altogether. And you are clean, but not all of you."**

Joh 13:11 For He knew who would deliver Him up, so He said, "You are not all clean."

Joh 13:12 **So when He had washed their feet and taken His garments, and sat**

down again. He said to them, **“Do you know what I have done to you?”**

Moses was also instructed to wash Aaron and his sons. This is a priestly process of incoming priests in order to be set-apart to YHWH. This is performed by another priest and is an outward act revealing an inward change of submission to YHWH's authority by having entered into covenant with Yahusha and walking in obedience to YHWH.

Exo 29:4 “Then you shall bring Aharon and his sons to the door of the Tent of Appointment, **and wash them with water.**

Lev 8:6 So Mosheh brought Aharon and his sons and **washed them with water,**

Yahusha is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. He was from the tribe of Judah, not from the tribe of Levi. He followed the priestly requirements by having John the Immerser, mikvah (immerse) Him for the proper transition between priesthoods. Similar to when Moses consecrated and ordained Aaron and his sons.

As his kingdom of priests of the Melchizedek order, we too, must follow Yahusha's example. He has once again proposed to His Bride. Through His death, burial, and resurrection, He complied scripturally to be able to take back His bride. As believers, we accept His proposal of the New Covenant which was ratified by the blood of the Lamb once and for all; and we partake of the covenant confirming meal of bread and wine. Mikvahs [Immersion] and foot washings show we acknowledge that all power and authority is His; that **He has washed us**, He has made full atonement; and we stand in Him as His holy nation.

Joh 13:13 “You call me Teacher and Master, and you say well, for I am.

Joh 13:14 “Then if I, Master and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

Joh 13:15 “For I gave you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Joh 13:16 “Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than he who sent him.

Joh 13:17 “If you know these *teachings*, blessed are you if you do them.

Yahusha continues by letting them know he would be betrayed by one of them. He wanted them to know beforehand, so they would have yet another confirmation of who He truly was. He points out the individual, Judas Iscariot, to John, the disciple Yahusha loved; and fulfills prophesy of Psalm 41:9.

Joh 13:18 “I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen, but that the Scripture might be filled, **‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel**

against Me.’ [Psa 41:9](#).

[Joh 13:19](#) “Now I say to you, before it takes place, that when it does take place, you shall believe that I am.

[Joh 13:20](#) “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send, receives Me. And he who receives Me, receives Him who sent Me.”

One of You Will Betray Me

[Joh 13:21](#) When יהושע had said this He was troubled in spirit, and witnessed and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, one of you shall deliver Me up.”

[Joh 13:22](#) The taught ones looked at one another, doubting of whom He spoke.

[Joh 13:23](#) And one of His taught ones, whom יהושע loved, was reclining on the bosom of יהושע.

[Joh 13:24](#) Shim'on Kěpha then motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

[Joh 13:25](#) And leaning back on the breast of יהושע he said to Him, “Master, who is it?”

[Joh 13:26](#) יהושע answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.” And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Yehudah from Qerioth, son of Shim'on.

At the timing the bread was given to Judas; Satan entered him. This appears to have been a full bodily possession of Judas by Satan. Satan is the highest ruling [principality](#); then there are the [powers](#); then the demonic [rulers of darkness](#), and [spiritual wickedness](#) in heavenly places. Yahusha tells him, ‘What you do, do quickly.’

[Joh 13:27](#) And after the piece of bread, Satan entered into him. יהושע, therefore, said to him, “What you do, do quickly.”

[Joh 13:28](#) But no one at the table knew why He said this to him,

[Joh 13:29](#) for some were supposing, because Yehudah had the bag, that יהושע was saying to him, “Buy what we need for the festival,” or that he should give somewhat to the poor.

[Joh 13:30](#) So, having received the piece of bread, he then went out straightaway, and it was night.

A New Commandment

After Judas went out, Yahusha declares that esteem [glory] to the Son of Adam and to Elohim has been achieved. He leaves the taught ones with [a new commandment](#) to love one another as He had loved them. [By this all men shall know that you are my taught ones](#). Love lets others see YHWH’s glory living in us and through us. Love never fails.

[Joh 13:31](#) When, therefore, he went out, יהושע said, “Now the Son of Adam has been

esteemed, and Elohim has been esteemed in Him.

Joh 13:32 “If Elohim has been esteemed in Him, Elohim shall also esteem Him in Himself, and straightaway esteem Him.

Joh 13:33 “Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You shall seek Me, and as I said to the Yehudim, ‘Where I am going, you are unable to come,’ I now also say to you.

Joh 13:34 “A renewed command I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

Joh 13:35 “By this shall all know that you are My taught ones, if you have love for one another.”

Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

The chapter closes with Yahusha foretelling Peter’s denial of Him three times before the cock crows. Like Peter, at times our spirit is willing, but our flesh is weak. We will later see a whole different Peter after he receives the Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit. Praise Yah, that greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world! We can do all things through Yahusha that strengthens us.

Joh 13:36 Shim'on Kěpha said to Him, “Master, where are You going?” יהושע answered him, “Where I am going you are unable to follow Me now, but afterwards you shall follow Me.”

Joh 13:37 Kěpha said to Him, “Master, why am I unable to follow You now? I shall lay down my life for You.”

Joh 13:38 יהושע answered him, “Shall you lay down your life for Me? Truly, truly, I say to you, the cock shall not crow at all until you have denied Me three times.

“If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

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