

*Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 13; 2Cor. 6; Ezekiel 20; Psalms 66 & 67.*

## *September 17 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **2Sam. 13**

#### **Amnon and Tamar**

**2Sa 13:1** And after this it came to be that Abshalom son of Dawid had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar, and Amnon son of Dawid loved her.

Like with David and Bathsheba, we once again see spiritual warfare working through the ‘eye gate’ of lust in Amnon. At this point, if not dealt with properly, it leads to ‘words and action.’ After action, sin brings death. Temptations of the enemy are used to steal, kill, and destroy life!

**2Sa 13:2** And Amnon was distressed, even to become sick, because of his sister Tamar – for she was a maiden – and it was hard in the eyes of Amnon to do whatever to her.

Amnon was under a heavy demonic lustful attack. We know this by the fact that it was affecting his health and ability to eat. Without recognizing that the enemy had him in the midst of spiritual warfare; he fails to fight his way out of it through prayers to YHWH. We are starting to see a generational curse of sexual lusts in David’s family.

**2Sa 13:3** And Amnon had a friend whose name was Yonadab son of Shim’ah, Dawid’s brother. Now Yonadab was a very wise man.

So, this ‘friend’ Yonadab is described as wise; meaning shrewd or cunning. We can tell by his advice that he lacks character and right standing with YHWH. To give such advice is against everything YHWH stands for.

**2Sa 13:4** And he said to him, **“Why are you, the sovereign’s son, becoming thinner day after day? Explain it to me.”** And Amnon said to him, **“I love Tamar, my brother Abshalom’s sister.”**

So, now the spiritual battle that was going on in Amnon's mind; has moved from his 'thoughts' to his 'lips' as he voices his sinful lustful stance. So now, the enemy is gaining ground. Now Yonadab is an accomplice and very much involved in this spiritual battle spilling over into the physical realm.

**2Sa 13:5** And Yonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be sick. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and make the food before my eyes so that I see it, and eat it from her hand.' "

Instead of Amnon, saying 'no, I could never do such'; he 'receives' the bad advice from Yonadab and acts on that bad advice! This would have been a good time to be wearing his Tzitzits!

**2Sa 13:6** So Amnon lay down and pretended to be sick. And when the sovereign came to see him, Amnon said to the sovereign, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me before my eyes, so that I eat from her hand."

**2Sa 13:7** And Dawid sent to Tamar, to the house, saying, "Please go to the house of your brother Amnon, and make food for him."

**2Sa 13:8** So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, while he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it, and made cakes before his eyes, and baked the cakes.

**2Sa 13:9** And she took the pan and turned them out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Make everyone go away from me." And they all went out from him.

At this point, even Tamar should have been questioning what was going on and requesting someone to closely standby. We are to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

**2Sa 13:10** And Amnon said to Tamar, "**Bring the food into the bedroom, that I eat from your hand.**" And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them to Amnon her brother in the bedroom.

Tamar misses the second clue that something may not be right.

**2Sa 13:11** And she brought them to him to eat, and he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."

Now Tamar is in the overpowering grasp of demonic forces manifesting in the physical realm through Amnon.

2Sa 13:12 And she answered him, “No, my brother, do not humble me, for it is not done so in Yisra’ël. Do not do this wickedness!

2Sa 13:13 **“And I, where could I take my shame? And you – you would be like one of the fools in Yisra’ël.** And now, please speak to the sovereign, for he would not withhold me from you.”

Tamar tries to reason with Amnon consumed by demonic forces of lusts. It goes in one ear and out the other. One cannot rationalize with an irrational person. Therefore, he rapes her and has her ushered out as if she was trash.

2Sa 13:14 **But he would not listen to her voice, and being stronger than she, he humbled her and lay with her.**

2Sa 13:15 Amnon then hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Arise, go!”

It doesn’t take long for Amnon’s satanic technicolor temptations he entertained in the battlefield of his mind; to turn into dark disgusting shame, guilt, and consequences.

This is why Yahusha told us to have His mind; and do the will of His Father as He had done. Paul tells us to meditate on:

Php 4:8 For the rest, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is righteous, whatever is clean, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there is any uprightness and if there is any praise – think on these.

Php 4:9 And what you have learned and received and heard and saw in me, practise these, and the Elohim of peace shall be with you.

2Sa 13:16 And she said to him, “No, for this evil of sending me away is worse than the other you have done to me.” But he would not listen to her.

Now Amnon adds grief upon grief to Tamar.

2Sa 13:17 And he called his young man serving him, and said, **“Now put this one out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her.”**

Now we will see Tamar’s garment change from one of purity to mourning and defilement.

2Sa 13:18 And she **had on a long coat,** for the sovereign’s maiden daughters wore such garments. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

2Sa 13:19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her long coat that was on her, and put her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly.

2Sa 13:20 And Abshalom her brother said to her, **“Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now, keep silent, my sister. He is your brother, do not take this matter to heart.”** So Tamar remained in the house of her brother Abshalom, **but was ruined.**

2Sa 13:21 And Sovereign Dawid heard all these reports, and he was very wroth.

2Sa 13:22 And Abshalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor evil. For Abshalom hated Amnon, because he had humbled his sister Tamar.

### Absalom Murders Amnon

2Sa 13:23 **And it came to be, after two years,** that Abshalom had sheep-shearers in Ba'al Hatsor, which is beside Ephrayim, and Abshalom invited all the sons of the sovereign.

2Sa 13:24 And Abshalom came to the sovereign and said, **“See, your servant has sheep-shearers. Please, let the sovereign and his servants go with your servant.”**

2Sa 13:25 But the sovereign said to Abshalom, **“No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be too heavy on you.”** And he urged him, but he would not go. And he blessed him.

2Sa 13:26 And Abshalom said, **“If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.”** And the sovereign said to him, **“Why should he go with you?”**

It seems David had an uneasiness with Abshalom requesting Amnon to go with him. Otherwise why would he question as to ‘why should he go with you?’ We should listen to our inner voice and ‘take pause.’

2Sa 13:27 And **Abshalom urged him, so he let Amnon and all the sons of the sovereign go with him.**

Abshalom with malice and forethought plans for the demise of Amnon. This case would almost qualify for Abshalom to be an ‘avenger of blood’; for in a way Tamar’s life was taken from her. We know today vengeance is His.

2Sa 13:28 And Abshalom had commanded his servants, saying,

- “Watch, and when the heart of Amnon is glad with wine,
- and I shall say to you, ‘Strike Amnon!’ then kill him.
- Do not be afraid. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and brave.”
- 2Sa 13:29 Then the servants of Abshalom did to Amnon as Abshalom had commanded.
- Then all the sons of the sovereign rose up, and each one mounted his mule and fled.

2Sa 13:30 And it came to be, while they were on the way, that news came to Dawid, saying, “Abshalom has stricken all the sons of the sovereign, and not one of them is left!”

2Sa 13:31 And the sovereign rose up and tore his garments and lay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their garments torn.

2Sa 13:32 And Yonadab son of Shim'ah, Dawid's brother, answered and said,

- “Do not let my master say they have killed all the young men, the sons of the sovereign, for **only Amnon is dead**. **For by the mouth of Abshalom this has been appointed from the day that he humbled his sister Tamar.**

2Sa 13:33 “And now, let not my master the sovereign take the matter to his heart, to think that all the sons of the sovereign are dead. **For only Amnon is dead.**”

### Absalom Flees to Geshur

2Sa 13:34 And Abshalom fled, and the young man who was watching lifted up his eyes and looked and saw many people were coming from the way behind him, on the side of the hill.

2Sa 13:35 Then Yonadab said to the sovereign, “Look, the sons of the sovereign are coming; as your servant said, so it is.”

2Sa 13:36 And it came to be, as soon as he had finished speaking, that look, the sons of the sovereign came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. And the sovereign too, and all his servants wept very bitterly.

2Sa 13:37 But Abshalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, sovereign of Geshur. And Dawid mourned for his son all the days.

2Sa 13:38 So Abshalom fled and went to Geshur, and **was there three years.**

2Sa 13:39 Sovereign Dawid then longed to go to Abshalom, for he had been comforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead.

## 2Corinthians 6

2Co 6:1 And working together, **we also call upon you not to receive the favor of Elohim in vain –**

2Co 6:2 For He says, **“In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in a day of deliverance I have helped you.” See, now is the well-accepted time, see, now is a day of deliverance – Isa 49:8.**

2Co 6:3 **giving no cause of stumbling in whatever, so that the service is not blamed.**

2Co 6:4 Rather, **we commend ourselves as servants of Elohim in every way:** in much endurance, in pressures, in hardships, in distresses,

2Co 6:5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in disturbances, in toils, in watchings, in fastings,

2Co 6:6 in cleanness, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Set-apart Spirit, in love unfeigned,

**2Co 6:7** in the word of truth, in the power of Elohim, through the weapons of righteousness, on the right and on the left,

**2Co 6:8** through esteem and disrespect, through evil report and good report; *regarded* as deceivers, and yet true;

**2Co 6:9** as unknown, and yet well-known; as dying, and see, we live; as disciplined, and yet not killed;

**2Co 6:10** as sad, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet enriching many; as having none, and yet possessing all.

**2Co 6:11** Our mouth has spoken openly to you, O Corinthians, our heart is wide open.

**2Co 6:12** You are not restrained by us, but you are restrained by your own affections.

**2Co 6:13** But for the same reward – I speak as to children – open wide *your hearts* too.

### The Temple of the Living Elohim

**2Co 6:14** **Do not become unevenly yoked with unbelievers.**

- For what partnership has righteousness and lawlessness?
- And what fellowship has light with darkness?
- **2Co 6:15** And what agreement has Messiah with Beliya'al?
- Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?
- **2Co 6:16** And what union has the Dwelling Place of Elohim with idols?
  - For you are a Dwelling Place of the living Elohim, as Elohim has said, **“I shall dwell in them and walk among them, and I shall be their Elohim, and they shall be My people.”**<sup>a</sup> [Lev 26:12](#) Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Exo 29:45](#), [Lev 26:12](#), [Jer 31:1](#), [Eze 37:27](#).



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## Unequally Yoked 2Cor. 6:14-16

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| 1. Righteousness is not yoked with what?                       | A. An unbeliever |
| 2. Light is not yoked with what?                               | B. Beliya'al     |
| 3. Messiah has no agreement with whom?                         | C. Darkness      |
| 4. A believer has no part in yoking with whom?                 | D. Idols         |
| 5. What does not have union with the Dwelling place of Elohim? | E. Lawlessness   |

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2Co 6:17 Therefore, “Come out from among them and be separate, says יהוה, and do not touch what is unclean, and I shall receive you. [Isa 52:11](#).

2Co 6:18 “And I shall be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says יהוה the Almighty.” [Isa 43:6](#), [Hos 1:10](#).

**Ezekiel 20** Ezekiel 20 continues in Scroll 2.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
PROPHET	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
2	20:1 - 23:49 (more rebellions of Israel, Judah & Jerusalem with opportunity for restoration)	05/10/07

**Israel's Continuing Rebellion** – YHWH has Ezekiel confront Israel; and He has a lot to say through him. YHWH acts for His Name's sake.

**Eze 20:1** And it came to be in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth of the new moon, that certain of the elders of Yisra'el came to inquire of יהוה, and sat before me.

Eze 20:2 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 20:3 “Son of man, speak to the elders of Yisra'el, and say to them, **Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- “Have you come to inquire of Me? As I live, I am not being inquired of by you,” declares the Master יהוה.’
- Eze 20:4 “Judge them, son of man, judge them! Make known to them the abominations of their fathers.

Eze 20:5 “And you shall say to them, **Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- “On the day when I chose Yisra'el and lifted My hand in an oath to the seed of the house of Ya'aqob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Mitsrayim, I lifted My hand in an oath to them, saying, **I am יהוה your Elohim.**’

Eze 20:6 “On that day I lifted My hand in an oath to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendor of all lands.

Eze 20:7 “And I said to them,

- ✚ ‘Each one of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes,
- ✚ and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Mitsrayim! **I am יהוה your Elohim.**’

**Eze 20:8 “But they rebelled against Me, and would not obey Me.”**

- ❖ All of them did not throw away the abominations which were before their eyes,
- ❖ nor did they forsake the idols of Mitsrayim.
- ❖ So I resolved to pour out My wrath on them to complete My displeasure against them in the midst of the land of Mitsrayim.

**Eze 20:9 “But I acted for My Name’s sake, that it should not be profaned before the eyes of the nations among whom they were – before whose eyes I had made Myself known to them, to bring them out of the land of Mitsrayim.”**

- Eze 20:10 “So I took them out of the land of Mitsrayim, and I brought them into the wilderness.
- Eze 20:11 “And I gave them My laws and showed them My right-rulings, ‘which, if a man does, he shall live by them.’
- Eze 20:12 “And I also gave them My Sabbaths, to be a sign<sup>a</sup> between them and Me, to know that I am יהוה who sets them apart. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Exo 31:13-17](#).
- Eze 20:13 “But the house of Yisra’el rebelled against Me in the wilderness. They did not walk in My laws, and they rejected My right-rulings, which, if a man does, he shall live by them.
- And they greatly profaned My Sabbaths.
- Then I said I would pour out My wrath on them in the wilderness, to consume them.
- Eze 20:14 “But I acted for My Name’s sake, not to profane it before the nations, before whose eyes I had brought them out.
- Eze 20:15 “And I Myself also lifted My hand in an oath to them in the wilderness, not to bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, the splendor of all lands,
  - Eze 20:16 because they rejected My right-rulings and did not walk in My laws, and they profaned My Sabbaths. For their heart went after their idols.

**Eze 20:17 “And My eye pardoned them, from destroying them. And I did not make an end of them in the wilderness.”**

- Eze 20:18 “And I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the laws of your fathers, nor observe their rulings, nor defile yourselves with their idols.
- Eze 20:19 I am יהוה your Elohim. Walk in My laws, and guard My right-rulings, and do them.
- Eze 20:20 And set apart My Sabbaths, and they shall be a sign between Me and you, to know that I am יהוה your Elohim.’

**Eze 20:21 “But the children rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My laws, and My right-rulings they did not guard to do them, which, if a man does, he shall live by them.”**

They profaned My Sabbaths, so I resolved to pour out My wrath on them to complete My displeasure against them in the wilderness.

- Eze 20:22 “But I held back My hand and acted for My Name’s sake, not to profane it before the eyes of the nations, before whose eyes I had brought them out.
- Eze 20:23 “Also, I Myself lifted My hand in an oath to those in the wilderness, **to scatter them among the nations and disperse them throughout the lands,**
  - Eze 20:24 because they had not done My right-rulings, and they rejected My laws, and they profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were on their fathers’ idols.
  - Eze 20:25 “And I also gave them up to laws that were not good, and right-rulings by which they would not live.<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> Psa 81:12, Isa 30:28, Act 7:42, Rom 1:24-28, 2Th 2:11.
  - Eze 20:26 “And I defiled them by their own gifts, **as they passed all their first-born through the fire, so that I might stun them, so that they know that I am יהוה.”**’

Eze 20:27 “Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Yisra’ël, and you shall say to them, **‘Thus said the Master יהוה,’**

- ✚ “In this your fathers have further reviled Me, by committing trespass against Me.
- ✚ Eze 20:28 “When I brought them into the land for which I had lifted My hand in an oath to give them, and they saw all the high hills and all the thick trees, they slaughtered their slaughterings there and provoked Me with their offerings there. And they sent up their sweet fragrance there and poured out their drink offerings there.
- ✚ Eze 20:29 “And I said to them, **‘What is this high place to which you go?’ So its name is called High Place to this day.”**’

Eze 20:30 “Therefore say to the house of Yisra’ël, **‘Thus said the Master יהוה,’**

- ❖ “Are you defiling yourselves in the way of your fathers?
- ❖ And do you whore after their abominations?
- ❖ Eze 20:31 “For when you lift up your gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day.
- ❖ And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Yisra’ël? As I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “I am not being inquired of by you.
- ❖ Eze 20:32 “And what comes in your spirit shall never be, when you say, ‘Let us be like the nations, like the tribes in other lands, serving wood and stone.’

**YHWH Will Restore Israel** – Praise YHWH, His loving commitment fails not! Praise Him for never giving up on us!

Eze 20:33 **“As I live,” declares the Master יהוה,**

- “do not I, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, reign over you?”
- **Eze 20:34** “And **I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out.**”

Amo 9:9 “For look, I am commanding, and I shall **sift<sup>b</sup>** the house of Yisra’el among all the nations, as one **sifts<sup>b</sup>** with a sieve, yet not a grain falls to the ground. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Or *shake – shakes*.

Amo 9:10 “All the sinners of My people are going to die by the sword, those who are saying, ‘Evil does not overtake us nor meet us.’”

- **Eze 20:35** “And I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and shall enter into judgment with you face to face there.
  - **Eze 20:36** “As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Mitsrayim, so I shall enter into judgment with you,” declares the Master יהוה’.

1Co 10:5 However, with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 And these became examples for us, so that **we should not lust after evil, as those indeed lusted.**

1Co 10:7 And **do not become idolaters** as some of them, as it has been written, “**The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play.**” Exo 32:6.

1Co 10:8 **Neither should we commit whoring**, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,

1Co 10:9 **neither let us try Messiah**, as some of them also tried, and were destroyed by serpents,

1Co 10:10 **neither grumble**, as some of them also grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

- **Eze 20:37** “**And I shall make you pass under the rod, and shall bring you into the bond of the covenant.**”
  - **Eze 20:38** and **purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me.** From the land where they sojourn I bring them out, but they shall not come into the land of Yisra’el. And you shall know that I am יהוה’.

Mat 25:32 “And all the nations shall be gathered before Him, and **He shall separate them one from another**, as **a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats.**”

Mat 25:33 “And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left.”

**Eze 20:39** “As for you, **O house of Yisra’el,**” **thus said the Master יהוה’.**

- ✚ “Go, serve each of you his idols, and afterwards, if you are not listening to Me.
- ✚ But do not profane My set-apart Name any more with your gifts and your idols.
- ✚ Eze 20:40 **“For on My set-apart mountain,**

- on the mountain height of Yisra’ël,” declares the Master יהוה,
- “there all the house of Yisra’ël, all of them in the land, shall serve Me.

Rev 12:1 And a great sign was seen in the heaven: a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

- There I shall accept them,
- and there I shall require your offerings
- and the first-fruits of your offerings,
- together with all your set-apart gifts.
- Eze 20:41 “As a sweet fragrance I shall accept you when I bring you out from the peoples.

Amo 9:14 “And I shall turn back the captivity of My people Yisra’ël. And they shall build the waste cities and inhabit them. And they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them, and shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

- And I shall gather you out of the lands where you have been scattered.
- And I shall be set-apart in you before the nations.

Eze 20:42 “And you shall know that I am יהוה, when I bring you into the land of Yisra’ël, into the land for which I lifted My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

1Jn 5:20 And we know that the Son of Elohim has come and has given us an understanding, so that we might know the true One. **And we are in the true One, in His Son יהושע Messiah.** This is the true Elohim and everlasting life.

Eze 20:43 “And there you shall remember your ways and all your deeds with which you were defiled. And you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you did.

Eze 20:44 “**And you shall know that I am יהוה,** when I have dealt with you for My Name’s sake, not according to your evil ways nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Yisra’ël,” declares the Master יהוה.’ ”

Eze 20:45 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 20:46 “Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop *word* against the south and prophesy against the forest land, the South.

Eze 20:47 “And you shall say to the forest of the South, **‘Hear the word of יהוה! Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- “See, I am kindling a fire in you, and it shall devour every green tree and every

dry tree in you – the blazing flame is not quenched. And it shall burn all faces from the south to the north.

- **Eze 20:48** “And all flesh shall see that I, יהוה, have kindled it, it is not quenched.” ’ ’ ”

Isa 24:1 See, יהוה is making the earth empty and making it waste, and shall overturn its surface, and shall scatter abroad its inhabitants.

Isa 24:2 And it shall be – as with the people so with the priest, as with the servant so with his master, as with the female servant so with her mistress, as with the buyer so with the seller, as with the lender so with the borrower, as with the creditor so with the debtor;

Isa 24:3 the earth is completely emptied and utterly plundered, for יהוה has spoken this word.

Isa 24:4 The earth shall mourn and wither, the world shall languish and wither, the haughty people of the earth shall languish.

Isa 24:5 For the earth has been defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the Torot,<sup>a</sup> changed<sup>b</sup> the law, broken the everlasting covenant.<sup>c</sup> Footnotes:

<sup>a</sup>Torot - plural of Torah - teaching. <sup>b</sup> Jer 23:36. <sup>c</sup>See also [Isa 13:9](#), [Isa 13:11](#), [Isa 26:21](#), [Isa 66:24](#), [Mic 5:15](#), [Zep 1:2-18](#).

Isa 24:6 Therefore a curse shall consume the earth, and those who dwell in it be punished. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned, and few men shall be left.

**Eze 20:49** And I said, **“Ah, Master יהוה! They are saying of me, ‘Is he not speaking parables?’ ”**

**TSK Cross-reference: Ezekiel 20:49** Is it not his usual custom to deal in enigmas? His figures are not to be understood; we should not trouble ourselves with them. God therefore commands the prophet to declare, in the next chapter, the same things in the plainest terms, so that they should not complain of his parables. [Mat 13:13-14](#); [Joh 16:25](#); [Act 17:18](#)

## Psalm 66 & 67

Psalm 66 & 67 calls for much rejoicing for those in Him; yet, His eyes keep watch on the nations. There are many besides Balaam, that pretend obedience to Him. We see this every day, people that have a ‘head’ knowledge of Him, but their ‘hearts’ are far from Him and entangled in the world.

### How Awesome Are Your Deeds

**Psa 66:1** Shout with joy to Elohim, All the earth!

**Psa 66:2** Sing out the splendor of His Name; Make His praise esteemed.

**Psa 66:3** Say to Elohim, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power **Your enemies pretend obedience to You.**

**Psa 66:4** **“All the earth bow to You, They sing praises to You, They praise Your Name.”**

Selah.

**Psa 66:5** Come and see the works of Elohim, Awesome acts toward the sons of men.

**Psa 66:6** He has turned the sea into dry land, They went through the river on foot.

There we rejoiced in Him,

**Psa 66:7** Who rules by His power forever; **His eyes keeping watch on the nations;**  
**Let the rebellious not exalt themselves.** Selah.

But those that know Him should and shall rejoice in His blessings and sing Him praises. Like the many miracles and great watch care He gave His people in the first exodus; yet, once more He will again lead us out as we have read in Isaiah 11:11-16. Once more He will strike the waters and lead his people to tread the dry ground in sandals.

Isa 11:15 And יהוה shall put under the ban the tongue of the Sea of Mitsrayim, and **He shall wave His hand over the River with the might of His Spirit, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and shall cause *men* to tread it in sandals.**

We can NEVER praise Him and bless Him enough for ALL that He has done! Though we are still being sanctified; though there is still prophecy to be fulfilled; we know He is with us and will never leave us or forsake us!

**Psa 66:8** **Bless our Elohim, you peoples! And sound His praise abroad,**

**Psa 66:9** Who keeps us in life, And does not allow our feet to be moved.

**Psa 66:10** For You, O Elohim, have proved us; You have refined us as silver is refined.

Our prayers matter!

**Psa 66:11** You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our loins.

**Psa 66:12** You have let men ride at our head; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to plenty.

**Psa 66:13** I enter Your house with ascending offerings; I complete my vows to You,

**Psa 66:14** That which my lips have uttered And my mouth spoke in my distress.

**Psa 66:15** Ascending offerings of fatlings I offer to You, With the incense of rams; I offer bulls with goats. Selah.

**Psa 66:16** Come, hear, all you who fear Elohim, And I relate what He has done for my being.

**Psa 66:17** I called to Him with my mouth, And praise was in my tongue.

**Psa 66:18** If I have seen wickedness in my heart, יהוה would not hear.

**Psa 66:19** Truly, Elohim has heard me; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer.

**Psa 66:20** **Blessed be Elohim, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His loving-**

commitment from me!

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### Make Your Face Shine upon Us

**Psa 67:1** Elohim does favor us and bless us, Cause His face to shine upon us. Selah.

**Psa 67:2** For Your way to be known on earth, Your deliverance among all nations.

**Psa 67:3** Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim, Let all the peoples praise You.

**Psa 67:4** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You judge the peoples uprightly, And lead the nations on earth. Selah.

**Psa 67:5** Let the peoples praise You, O Elohim; Let all the peoples praise You.

**Psa 67:6** The earth shall give her increase; Elohim, our own Elohim, blesses us!

**Psa 67:7** Elohim blesses us! And all the ends of the earth fear Him!

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