

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 21 & 22; 1Cor. 3; Ezekiel 1; Psalms 37.

August 29 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 21 & 22

David and the Holy Bread

1Sa 21:1 And Dawid came **to Nob**, to **Ahimelek the priest**. And Ahimelek trembled when he met Dawid, and asked him, "Why are you alone, and no one is with you?"

TSK Cross Reference states:

Nob: Nob appears to have been a sacerdotal city of Benjamin or Ephraim. Jerome says, that in his time the ruins of it might be seen not far from Diospolis or Lydda. But the Rabbins assert that Jerusalem might be seen from this town. The tabernacle resided some time at Nob; and after it was destroyed, it was removed to Gibeon; "and the day of Nob and Gibeon were fifty-seven years." Maimonides in Bethhabbechirah, c. 1. [1Sa 22:19](#); [Neh 11:32](#); [Isa 10:32](#)

to Ahimelech: [1Sa 14:3](#), called Ahiah, [1Sa 22:9-19](#), called also Abiathar, [Mar 2:26](#)

Mar 2:26 "How he went into the House of Elohim, while **Ebyathar was high priest**, and ate the showbread, which is not right to eat, except for the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?"

1Sa 21:2 **And Dawid said to Ahimelek the priest**, "The sovereign has commanded me a word, and said to me, 'Let no one know whatever of the word about which I send you, and which I have commanded you.' And I have directed my young men to such and such a place.

David exercises cautious wording. Jonathan had alerted David to Saul's evil plans for David's demise. Some may say David was telling a lie; but that in my opinion, would not fit with his character and integrity at this point in his life.

David was not supposed 'to know' about Saul's plans. Jonathan had confided in David in confidence. In addition, to tell of such 'evil plans' devised by King Saul, would not reflect well on Saul nor the position he held. Love covers a multitude of sin. Could it be that David, though being sought out by Saul, still felt a duty to protect him?

We must also consider that David may have felt; the less the priest knew, the less danger he would be in.

1Sa 21:3 "And now, what do you have on hand? Give five loaves into my hand, or whatever is found."

1Sa 21:4 And the priest answered Dawid and said, "There is no ordinary bread on hand, but there is set-apart bread – provided the young men have kept themselves from women."

1Sa 21:5 And Dawid answered the priest, and said to him, "Truly, women have been kept from us about three days since I came out. And the vessels of the young men are set-apart, and it is an ordinary mission, and also, it was set-apart in the vessel today."

David was an extraordinary leader. He had YHWH's Spirit upon him; he had been anointed to be the future King of Israel; he was in the righteous, priestly and kingly order of Melchizedek. Even Aḥimeleḵ was concerned and surprised by David's presence and safety when he asked, "Why are you alone, and no one is with you?"

The name Aḥimeleḵ = "my brother is king" or "brother of Melek"

Aḥimeleḵ is identified as the priest; yet, his name reflects 'my brother is king.' We see the Melchizedek undertones even in the priest's name. David's answer to Aḥimeleḵ gave the priest shalom and confidence that David's request could be filled without issue.

1Sa 21:6 Then the priest gave him set-apart *bread*, for there was no bread there except the showbread which had been taken from before יהוה, in order to put hot bread in on the day it is taken away.

David was in the priestly-kingly line of the Melchizedek Order. We see both David and Solomon perform duties of priests and we even see David dressed in a priestly fashion. Therefore, David was set-apart; as was the showbread.

2Sa 6:14 And Dawid danced before יהוה with all his might. And Dawid was wearing a linen shoulder garment.

David had to flee for his very life. He left with bare minimums and he trusted YHWH to provide; and provide He did. YHWH provides for David in his wilderness experience in the same way He provided for the Israelites out of Egypt. YHWH will provide for us as well in our wilderness experiences.

1Sa 21:7 Now one of the servants of Sha'ul was there that day, detained before יהוה. And his name was **Do'ēg, an Edomite**, the chief of the herdsmen who belonged to Sha'ul.

The significance and the presence of Do'ēg will resurface in 1Samuel 22.

1Sa 21:8 And Dawid said to Ahimelek, "Is there not here on hand a spear or a sword? For I have brought neither my sword nor my weapons with me, because the matter of the sovereign was urgent."

1Sa 21:9 And the priest said, "The **sword of Golyath the Philistine**, whom you struck in the Valley of Ēlah. See, it is wrapped in a garment behind the shoulder garment. If you would take it, take it. For there is none other except this one here." And Dawid said, "There is none like it, give it to me."

The very sword David retrieved after slaying Goliath; is the sword YHWH makes sure is kept back for 'such a time' of need. Not only was it kept; but it was wrapped in a 'garment' behind the 'shoulder garment' almost identifying it for its future possessor, David.

David Flees to Gath

1Sa 21:10 And Dawid rose and fled that day from before Sha'ul, and went to Aġish the sovereign of Gath.

1Sa 21:11 But the servants of Aġish said to him, "Is this not Dawid the sovereign of the land? Did they not sing of him to each other in dances, saying, 'Sha'ul struck his thousands, and Dawid his ten thousands'?"

1Sa 21:12 And Dawid took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Aġish the sovereign of Gath,

1Sa 21:13 and changed his behavior before them, and feigned madness in their hands, and scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down on his beard.

1Sa 21:14 Then Aġish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is acting like a madman. Why do you bring him to me?"

1Sa 21:15 "Am I short of madmen, that you have brought this one to act as a madman near me? Should this one come into my house?"

David had to quickly make himself the 'least desirable' as possible; otherwise, Akish may have used him as a negotiating pawn and realized what a true 'trophy' had just entered his presence! David's acting skills worked and he was removed from what could have been eminent danger. David was a 'fugitive' in so many words; and would need to be 'wise as a serpent.'

1Sam. 22

David at the Cave of Adullam

1Sa 22:1 And Dawid went from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. **And his brothers and all his father's house heard it, and went down to him there.**

Adullam = "justice of the people"

1) a town of the Canaanites allotted to Judah and lying in the lowlands; site of the cave where David hid

1Sa 22:2 And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone bitter in being gathered to him. So he became head over them, and there were about four hundred men with him.

True leaders that rightly rule gain a following; and fill a void amid unjust ruling of unequal weights and measure. David's name had travelled before him; as well as being known for his bravery and integrity. Those pursuing righteousness and right ruling; follow and recognize those of like mindedness. Four hundred men chose to be 'all in.'

1Sa 22:3 And Dawid went from there to Mitspeh of Mo'ab and said to the sovereign of Mo'ab, **"Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what Elohim does for me."**

Mizpeh = "watchtower"

1) a city in the district of the Shephelah or lowlands of Judah

2) a place in Moab on the east of the Jordan

3) a place in Gilead

4) a place near Mount Hermon

5) a place in Benjamin; also 'Mizpah'

1Sa 22:4 And **he left them with the sovereign of Mo'ab, and they dwelt with him all the time that Dawid was in the stronghold.**

David made provision of safety for his parents. Again, thinking of others before himself and honoring his father and mother as YHWH commands.

1Sa 22:5 And the **prophet Gad** said to Dawid, **“Do not remain in the stronghold. Leave, and go to the land of Yehudah.”** So Dawid left and went into the Hareth woods.

Hareth = “forest”

1) a forest whose site is now unknown

Saul Kills the Priests at Nob

1Sa 22:6 And Sha’ul heard that Dawid and the men who were with him had been discovered, while Sha’ul was in Gib’ah, sitting under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants standing about him.

1Sa 22:7 And Sha’ul said to his servants who were standing around him, **“Hear now, you Binyamites! Does the son of Yishai give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds?”**

1Sa 22:8 **“For all of you have conspired against me, and there is no one who reveals to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Yishai.** And there is not one of you who is grieved for me or reveals to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day.”

1Sa 22:9 And **Do’ēg the Edomite**, who was set over the servants of Sha’ul, answered and said, **“I saw the son of Yishai going to Nob, to Aḥimeleḵ son of Aḥitub.**

1Sa 22:10 **“And he inquired of יהוה for him, gave him food, and gave him the sword of Golyath the Philistine.”**

Saul’s servants may have very well formed a conspiracy of silence before Saul. His behavior had become erratic and unfounded toward David. David had gained the respect and favor of these very same servants. Sadly, Do’ēg the Edomite, decides to disclose what limited and ‘partial’ information he had. Clearly, he wasn’t privy to the entire words spoken.

1Sa 22:11 And the sovereign sent someone to call Aḥimeleḵ the priest, son of Aḥitub, and all his father’s house, the priests who were in Nob. And they all came to the sovereign,

1Sa 22:12 and Sha’ul said, **“Hear now, son of Aḥitub!”** And he answered, **“Here I am, my master.”**

1Sa 22:13 And Sha’ul said to him, **“Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Yishai, by giving him bread and a sword, and have inquired of Elohim for him, to rise against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?”**

1Sa 22:14 And Aḥimeleḵ answered the sovereign and said, **“And who among all your**

servants is so trustworthy as Dawid, who is the sovereign's son-in-law, and has turned aside to your counsel, and is esteemed in your house?

1Sa 22:15 **"Have I today begun to inquire of Elohim for him? Far be it from me! Let not the sovereign lay a case against his servant, or against any in the house of my father. For your servant knew not of all this, little or much."**

Aḥimeleḵ spoke truth to Saul; however, it is impossible to 'rationalize' with 'irrational behavior.' Saul had become mentally deranged; he had become a 'madman.'

1Sa 22:16 And the sovereign said, **"You shall certainly die, Aḥimeleḵ, you and all your father's house!"**

1Sa 22:17 The sovereign then said to the guards who stood about him, "Turn and put the priests of יהוה to death, because their hand also is with Dawid, and because they knew when he fled and did not reveal it to me." **But the servants of the sovereign would not lift their hands to come against the priests of יהוה.**

How refreshing to see servants of conviction that will not raise a hand against YHWH's anointed; even if an earthly king says to do so. Similar choices will be placed upon individuals in the end of days.

1Sa 22:18 And the sovereign said to Do'ēg, **"You turn and come against the priests!"** So **Do'ēg the Edomite** turned and came against the priests, and put to death on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen shoulder garment.

1Sa 22:19 And he struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, from men even to women, from children even to nursing infants, and oxen and donkeys and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

Edomites are no respecter of YHWH's anointed. They are descendants of Esau and reflect the ongoing battle of Esau and Jacob [Israel] to this day. Their color is 'red' for the bloodshed they leave in their wake.

1Sa 22:20 And one of the sons of Aḥimeleḵ son of Aḥitub, **named Ebyathar**, escaped and fled after Dawid.

1Sa 22:21 And Ebyathar reported to Dawid that Sha'ul had killed the priests of יהוה.

1Sa 22:22 And Dawid said to Ebyathar, **"I knew that day, when Do'ēg the Edomite was there, that he would certainly inform Sha'ul. I am accountable for all the lives of your father's house."**

1Sa 22:23 **"Remain with me, do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life, but with me you are safe."**

David doesn't shirk responsibility; he possibly may be taking upon himself more than is warranted.

Abiathar = "my father is great"

1) priest, son of Ahitub (Ahimelech), faithful to David, but later rebelled with Adonijah

1Corinthians 3

Divisions in the Assembly

1Co 3:1 And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual ones but as to fleshly, as to babes in Messiah.

1Co 3:2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food, for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able,

1Co 3:3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is envy, and strife, and divisions among you, are you not fleshly and walking according to man?

1Co 3:4 For when one says, "I am of Sha'ul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not fleshly?

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos, and what is Sha'ul, but servants through whom you believed, as the Master assigned to each?

1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but Elohim was giving growth.

We all have different functions in the body; to make everyone fit into one mold by following a particular leader is ridiculous. We each have different gifts, insights, and functions and should carry out our priestly duties and not play childish fleshly games. It is Elohim who gives growth; it is Elohim who assigns; we each should work out our own salvation with fear and trembling rather than be preoccupied with judging others; otherwise, a person may very well be bringing judgment onto themselves. We should be speaking life and encouragement for each to fulfill their calling and not cause envy, strife, and division among the brethren.

1Co 3:7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is any at all, but Elohim who gives the increase.

1Co 3:8 And he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1Co 3:9 For we are fellow workers of Elohim, you are the field of Elohim, the building of Elohim.

1Co 3:10 According to the favor of Elohim which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But each one should look how he builds on it.

1Co 3:11 For no one is able to lay any other foundation except that which is laid,

which is יהושע Messiah.

1Co 3:12 And if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1Co 3:13 each one's work shall be revealed, for the day shall show it up, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire shall prove the work of each one, what sort it is.

Here Paul is describing the time when believers will appear before the judgment seat or the 'bema' seat of YHWH; to see what works they have done in the body survive the fiery test unto receiving their rewards. Believers do not appear before the 'Great White Throne Judgment.' They only appear before the Bema Seat Judgment to receive their rewards.

1Co 3:14 **If anyone's work remains, which he has built on, he shall receive a reward.**

1Co 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, but so as through fire.

In our day, this same question should be asked to believers and asked often! 'Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?'

Most believers still remain on the 'milk of the word' and know not that they are the temple; and know not that they ARE Israel, the one new man!

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?

1Co 3:17 If anyone destroys the Dwelling Place of Elohim, Elohim shall destroy him. For the Dwelling Place of Elohim is set-apart, which you are.

1Co 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become foolish, so that he might become wise.

1Co 3:19 **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Elohim. For it has been written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," Job 5:13.**

1Co 3:20 **and again, "יהוה knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are worthless." Psa 94:11.**

1Co 3:21 So then, let no one boast in men, **for all belongs to you,**

1Co 3:22 whether Sha'ul or Apollos or Kēpha, or the world, or life, or death, or the present or the future – all belongs to you.

1Co 3:23 **And you belong to Messiah, and Messiah belongs to Elohim.**

Ezekiel Introduction

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART

SCROLL	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
0	(Descriptive docket) 1:2-3 (only date NOT affixed by Ezekiel - a descriptive scribal tab written in the third person)	7/05/05 (only date NOT affixed by Ezekiel - a descriptive scribal tab written in the third person)
1	8:1 - 19:14 (the present state of Israel, temple abominations, wicked slain, the glory departs- E, opportunity of regathering, Judah & Jerusalem's guilt)	06/05/06
2	20:1 - 23:49 (more rebellions of Israel, Judah & Jerusalem with opportunity for restoration)	05/10/07
3	24:1 - 25:17 (the proclamations against the surrounding territories)	10/10/09
4	29:1-16 (proclamation against Egypt)	10/12/10 (#17 year jump from 29:16 - 29:17)
5	26:1 - 28:26 (proclamation against Tyre & its King (S.a.tan) with a future blessing)	7/01/11
6	30:20-26 (proclamation against Pharaoh)	01/07/11
7	31:1-18 (Egypt cut down like a tree)	03/01/11
8	32:17 - 33:20 (Egypt assigned to pit)	7/15/12
9	32:1-16 (lamentation for Egypt)	12/01/12 (**fall of Egypt came before fall of Jerusalem)
10	33:21 - 39:29 (fall of Jerusalem - any prophetic aspect of Volume closes here)	10/05/12
11	40:1 - 48:35 (regulated to back of Volume as an appendix. Ez. as ambassador with a Provisional Constitution, inc.temple visions, a conditional offer of national restoration contingent on both houses repenting. This would have been an interim constitution "until the time of reformation when the seed would come.")	10/04/25 (after 13 year silence) 43:10 purpose: to shame Israel into repentance
12	29:17 - 30:19 (Babylon will plunder Egypt)	01/01/27
13	1:1-2 - 7:27 (Priestly Commission of judgment discharged as rebellious Israel has rejected the constitution set forth)	04/05/30

Above chart provided by Torah to the Tribes based on T. H. Whitehouse's White Paper

Excerpts from T. H. Whitehouse's paper:

"The Book of *Ezekiel* is a collection of documents containing that prophet's own personal statements and records of visions, prophetic revelations and Divine commissions given to him from time to time during a period extending over twenty-five years.

The Book contains thirteen such documents, and there may have been another, the earliest of which, however, was not preserved, although the date of it is given. Each documental section of the Book is carefully dated, and it should be observed that in some cases the date covers a group of allied documents, the matter of all of which was conveyed to the prophet at about the date given.

These dates, and the order in which they are placed in the text, must be regarded as having a profound significance in the intelligent appreciation of Ezekiel's life-work, and the interpretation of his messages; especially his visions of a rebuilt temple at Jerusalem and the re-constitution of the then captive nation Israel on the basis of a revised and prolonged Levitical dispensation.

Whether attributable to careless editing, or whatever cause, it is beyond question that the whole collection of documents is very loosely arranged, without any consistent regard to the consecutive order of the dates given. This will be seen from the following table:" (See Above Table – Anyone seriously studying the Bible should read through Whitehouse's document on Ezekiel. I will attach a file I found on his work.)

----- another excerpt follows:

"The Book deals with both houses, Israel and Judah, separately as well as in common, contemporaneously as well as prophetically, right up to the time of our Lord's return and reign as King. The 'house of Israel' wherever mentioned as such is to be taken literally as meaning that

house and nothing else; represented there by the Israel settlements in the province of Ecbatana in Media. They were within easy reach of Ezekiel, who lived among the earlier exiles of Judah within the north-eastern borders of Babylonia: he visited them (chs. 2 and 3), and was visited by their deputations (chs. 14 and 20), and he prophesied many things concerning them and their chequered but wonderful future.

It would appear that, before allowing the judgment of dispersion to fall on the House of Israel, God had graciously determined to give them a last opportunity for repentance and restoration; and of this purpose He made Ezekiel the missionary ambassador. This final approach of Divine grace to the apostate nation, and their failure to embrace His mercy, stand for ever in this Book as the justification before men of His determinate counsel and foreknowledge expressed in the many other prophecies relating to Israel's long course of regenerative correction and discipline.

The Divine care and foresight would not allow the prophet to go on such a dangerous expedition and present himself among the rebellious people empty-handed and without credentials. He was therefore furnished with tangible evidences of the validity of his mission in the form of a written scheme, Divinely dictated, of national restoration and reconstruction, and elaborate and exactly drawn plans for a new temple, with all its appointed ritual and priestly service: all of which should come into operation in their own land, but all made definitely contingent on both houses repenting and seeking God's favor."

Ezekiel 1 Chapter 1 consists of a 'docket entry' and is felt to be part of the 13th Scroll based on T. H. Whitehouse's research and the date entries within the chapters!

Docket Entry is Scroll '0': Ezekiel Chapter 1 verses 2 & 3.

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Ezekiel in Babylon

Eze 1:1 And it came to be in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth of the new *moon*, as **I was** among the exiles by the River Keḅar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of Elohim.

Eze 1:2 On the fifth of the new *moon*, in the fifth year of Sovereign Yehoyaḳin's exile,

Eze 1:3 the word of יהוה came expressly to Yeḥezqēl the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Kasdim by the River Keḅar. And the hand of יהוה **came upon him** there.

13th Scroll **Ezekiel Chapter 1:** is verse 1; then skips over the 'date docket entry' of verses 2 & 3; to the rest of Ezekiel Chapter 1 as being within the 13th Scroll.

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1:1-2 - 7:27 (Priestly Commission of judgment discharged as rebellious Israel has rejected the constitution set forth)

04/05/30

When reading verses 2 & 3; the date docket entry – Scroll '0' is written in 3rd person, 'the hand of YHWH came upon him' and not in 1st person with Ezekiel referring to himself, as 'I was' or 'I looked.'

The Glory of YHWH – The following is felt to be part of Scroll 13.

Therefore, we begin with these 'first' 7 Chapters of the book of Ezekiel which should have been placed chronologically at the end of Ezekiel. Please read T. H. Whitehouse's white paper which supports this understanding. This has huge implications which we should all take pause to evaluate.

Eze 1:1 And it came to be in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth of the new *moon*, as **I was** among the exiles by the River Keḇar, the heavens were opened and I saw **visions of Elohim**.

I will now share my understanding of what is being described in **Ezekiel Chapter 1**. This understanding came to me as we went through our devotional in the Book of Revelation. It is one of the most profound understandings I have ever grasped from His Word. My understanding may be disregarded by some; mocked by others; but hopefully embraced by many for serious consideration.

Ezekiel is seeing "visions of Elohim." Therefore, Ezekiel is seeing into the very presence, the throne room of Elohim.

[Ezekiel 1:2-3 above noted as 'date docket entry']

Eze 1:4 And **I looked** and saw **a whirlwind coming out of the north, a great cloud** with fire flashing itself. And brightness was all around it, and out of its midst like glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire,

Heb 12:1 We too, then, **having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us**, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us,

Heb 12:2 looking to the Prince and Perfecter of our belief, **יהושע**, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the stake, having despised the shame, **and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim**.

Heb 12:29 for indeed, our **Elohim is a consuming fire.** [Deu 4:24](#).

Ezekiel 1:4 encompasses the same language as used in the opening and closing verses of Hebrews Chapter 12. Wherever He is; His witnesses are. Acts 1:8 identifies believers as His witnesses. YHWH is described as a consuming fire.

Joh 14:20 "In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Eze 1:5 and out of the midst of it came what looked like four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had **the likeness of a man.**

Eze 1:6 And each one had four faces, and each one had four wings.

Eze 1:7 And their feet were straight feet, and the soles of their feet were like the sole of a calves' foot. And they sparkled like the appearance of polished bronze,

Eze 1:8 and under their wings on their **four sides were the hands of a man.** And each of the four had faces and wings –

Excerpt from Oct 4th devotional:

Secrets of Solomon's Temple: <http://www.templesecrets.info/index.html>

The Ten Wheeled Lavers as Ten Fingers [Remember the hands of a man in Ezekiel's vision]

Solomon's artisans also constructed **ten bronze wheeled lavers, symbolizing the ten fingers of the hands,** I Kings 7:27-39; II Chronicles 4:6. Since the Temple was in the hidden form of a man, these correspond to the ten fingers of Jacob, King Messiah, and the Levite High Priest.

Eze 1:9 their wings touched one another. They did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward.

To help understand what Ezekiel beheld, we must compare the similar scene as to what John beheld in Revelation. We clearly know that John, in the Spirit, saw the day of YHWH:

Rev 1:10a **I came to be in the Spirit on the Day of יהוה**

We read:

Rev 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. See, the **Lion of the tribe of Yehudah,^a the Root of Dawid,^b** overcame to open the scroll and to

loosen its seven seals.” Footnotes: ^a [Gen 49:9-10](#), [Heb 7:14](#). ^b [Isa 11:1](#) and [Isa 11:10](#).

Rev 5:6 And I looked and saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders a Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, **which are the seven Spirits of Elohim** sent out into all the earth.

Rev 5:7 And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him sitting on the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and **have redeemed us** to Elohim by Your blood **out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation**,^c

Footnote: ^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 and **made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim**, and we shall reign upon the earth.”^d Footnote: ^d [Dan 7:18-27](#).

Those singing that the Lamb of Elohim has ‘redeemed us’ and ‘made us sovereigns and priests to OUR Elohim’ are:

1. The four living creatures
2. The 24 elders

Therefore, this is **showing us** that the ‘four living creatures’ and the ‘24 elders’ ARE THE REDEEMED in His presence.

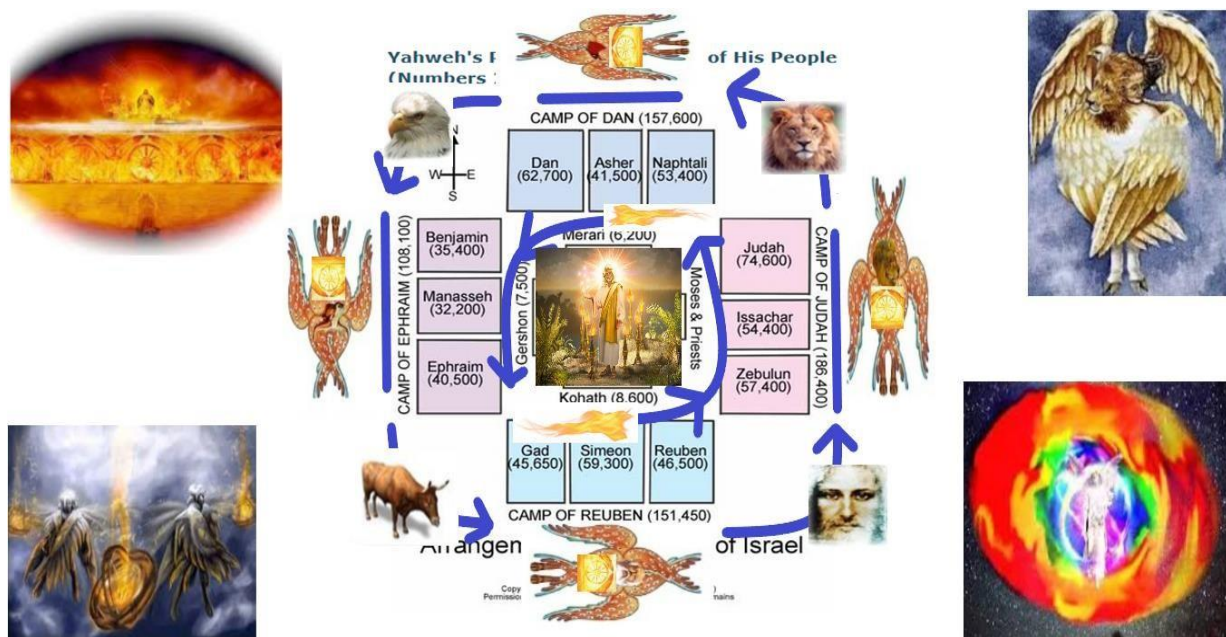
So why do they have the descriptions of a man, an eagle, a lion, and an ox [calf] with wings and eyes?

Rev 4:7 And the first living creature was like a **lion**, and the second living creature like a **calf**, and the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a flying **eagle**. [Eze 1:10](#).

Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, **each having six wings**, [Isa 6:2](#) were covered with eyes around and within. And they do not cease, day or night, saying, “**Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart, יהוה Ėl Shaddai, Isa 6:3 who was, and who is, and who is coming!”**

We learned about this in our study of the encampments in the wilderness around the Dwelling Place of YHWH. The lion, calf, man, and eagle depict the 'lead banner' of each quadrant of ISRAELITES surrounding the Dwelling place. The six wings depict the 3 total tribes in each quadrant represented by one set of wings each; with only the lead banner's head showing. 'Covered with eyes' tells us that the souls of men that possessed the 'Spirit of Elohim' are joined with Him at death; and their bodies in the grave remain until the resurrection. Those that go before us will receive their glorified bodies first; then the rest of us will be changed in the twinkle of an eye.

YHWH is an Elohim of the LIVING not the dead! [Please see the following graphic.]



Joh 11:21 Martha, then, said to יהושע, "Master, if You had been here, my brother would not have died.

Joh 11:22 "But even now I know that whatever You might ask of Elohim, Elohim shall give You."

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?"

[Please read John 11:26 again]

Mat 22:32 'I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of

Ya'aqob'? Exo 3:6. **Elohim is not the Elohim of the dead, but of the living."**

Mat 22:33 And when the crowds heard, they were astonished at His teaching.

We too should be astonished! We should break forth in praise! We should rejoice for better is the day of one's death; than one's birth! [Paraphrased Ecc. 7:1] Rejoice, for absent from the body is present with YHWH; and again, I say rejoice!

Our believing loved ones that have passed on, will not have their souls sleeping in an unclean corpse; if there is even a corpse. **Before** Yahusha **opened the door** leading to the very presence of YHWH; those that died prior, went to the comfort side of Sheol in Abraham's bosom. **Then, after Yahusha was FIRST to ascend and make atonement; then, they could enter into His presence.**

John clearly sees souls beneath the altar [Rev. 6:9]; he speaks to fellow servants [Rev. 22:9]; and yes, John also sees myriads of angelic beings.

Rev 6:9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.

Rev 22:9 And he said to me, "See, do not! For **I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who are guarding the words of this book.** Worship Elohim."

Eze 1:10 **And the likeness of their faces:** the face of a man, and each of the four had the face of a lion on the right side, and each of the four had the face of an ox on the left side, and each of the four had the face of an eagle.

Eze 1:11 Such were their faces. Their wings were spread upward, two of each touched one another, and two covered their bodies.

Eze 1:12 And each one went straight forward, **going wherever the spirit was to go**, and they did not turn when they went.

The Ruach HaKodesh within us IS OUR SPIRIT. Our soul is our mind, will, and emotions that has been washed by the blood of the Lamb; therefore, our soul along with His Ruach is united with Him upon experiencing the 'shadow' of death. He has redeemed us! O' death where is thy sting! [1Cor. 15:55]

Therefore, wherever the spirit was to go in Ezekiel; THEY went.

Eze 1:13 **And the likeness of the living creatures:** their appearance was like burning coals of fire, and like the appearance of torches, moving back and forth among the living

creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went lightning.

Eze 1:14 And the living creatures ran back and forth, like the appearance of a flash of lightning.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Eze 1:15 And I looked at the living creatures, and saw a wheel on the earth beside each living creature with its four faces.

Eze 1:16 The appearance of the wheels and their works was like the appearance of beryl, and all four had the same form. The appearance of their works was, as it were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel.

Eze 1:17 When they went, they went in any one of four directions, they did not turn aside when they went.

Eze 1:18 And their rims were high and awesome, and their rims were covered with eyes, all around the four of them.

The eyes represent the redeemed believers in His presence!

Eze 1:19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them. And when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up.

Eze 1:20 Wherever the spirit was to go, they went, because there the spirit went. And the wheels were lifted together with them, **for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.**

Eze 1:21 When those went, these went; when those stood, these stood. And when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels **were lifted up together** with them, **for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels.**

Eze 1:22 And a likeness was over the heads of the living creatures, an expanse like the appearance of an awesome crystal, stretched out over their heads.

Eze 1:23 And under the expanse their wings were straight, one toward another. Each one had two which covered one side, and each one had two which covered the other side of the body.

Eze 1:24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of many waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a tumult like the noise of an army. And when they stood still, they let down their wings.

Ezekiel appears to be describing the positions of their wings in motion and when standing still; but with either, they all traveled together as One – traveling entwined and propelled by the spirit.

Eze 1:25 And a voice came from above the expanse that was over their heads. When

they stood, they dropped their wings.

Eze 1:26 And above the expanse over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone. And on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man high above it.

This is Yahusha in their very presence! Praise YHWH! They are echad; and we are echad with YHWH Yahusha!

Eze 1:27 And from the appearance of His waist and upward I saw what looked like glowing metal with the appearance of fire all around within it. And from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw what looked like fire, and brightness all around.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the esteem of יהוה. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

Rev 4:3 And He who sat there was like a jasper and a ruby stone in appearance. And there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Rev 1:7 See, He is coming with the clouds, Dan 7:13 and every eye shall see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of Him. Zec 12:10 Yes, Aměn.

So, this is my understanding, that the redeemed are the great cloud of witnesses that travel with Him in the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud. It doesn't get any better than that! HE IS THE ELOHIM OF THE LIVING!

Family Activity Sheet on following page:

Family activity of identifying the 'Camps of Israel' in the Wilderness



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WORKSHEET

CAMP OF ISRAEL

Read Numbers 2. The people of Israel camped around the Tabernacle in the wilderness. Write the name of each tribe of Israel inside a box below.

The diagram shows the Tabernacle, a large rectangular structure with a central entrance. It is surrounded by 12 empty rectangular boxes, one for each tribe of Israel. The boxes are arranged as follows: three at the top, two on each side (left and right), and three at the bottom.

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Psalm 37 Read and feed on His Word...

TSK Commentary notes:

This is the third alphabetical Psalm. It seems to have been intended as an instructive and consoling ode for the captives in Babylon, who might feel themselves severely tempted when they saw those idolaters in prosperity, and themselves in adversity.

He Will Not Forsake His Saints

Psa 37:1 Aleph Do not fret because of evil-doers, Do not be envious of the workers of unrighteousness.

Psa 37:2 For they soon wither like grass, And fade like green plants.

Psa 37:3 Bét Trust in יהוה, and do good; Dwell in the earth, and feed on steadfastness.

Psa 37:4 And delight yourself in יהוה, And let Him give you the desires of your heart.

Psa 37:5 Gimel Commit your way to יהוה, And trust in Him, and He does it.

Psa 37:6 And He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your right-ruling as midday.

Psa 37:7 Dalet Rest in יהוה, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man doing wicked devices.

Psa 37:8 Hē Abstain from displeasure, and forsake wrath; Do not fret, also to do evil.

Psa 37:9 For evil-doers are cut off; But those who wait on יהוה, [They shall inherit the earth.^a](#)

Footnote ^aAlso see [Psa 37:11](#), [Psa 37:22](#), [Psa 37:29](#), [Psa 37:34](#) and [Mat 5:5](#).

Psa 37:10 Waw Yet a little while and the wrong is no more; And you shall look on his place, But it is not.

Psa 37:11 But the meek ones shall inherit the earth, And delight themselves in plenty of peace.

Psa 37:12 Zayin The wrong plots against the righteous, And gnashes his teeth at him.

Psa 37:13 יהוה laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

Psa 37:14 Het The wrong have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cause the poor and needy to fall, To slay those who walk straightly.

Psa 37:15 Their sword does enter into their own heart, And their bows are broken.

Psa 37:16 Tet Better is the little of the righteous one, Than the riches of many wrongdoers.

Psa 37:17 For the arms of the wrongdoers are broken, But יהוה sustains the righteous.

Psa 37:18 Yod יהוה knows the days of the perfect, And their inheritance is forever.

Psa 37:19 They are not ashamed in a time of evil, And in the days of scarcity of food they are satisfied.

Psa 37:20 Kaph But the wrongdoers shall perish; And the enemies of יהוה, Like the splendour of the meadows they vanish, Like smoke they vanish away.

Psa 37:21 Lamed The wrongdoer is borrowing and does not repay, But the righteous one shows favour and gives.

Psa 37:22 For His blessed ones inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him are cut off.

Psa 37:23 Mem The steps of a man are ordered by יהוה, And He delights in his way.

Psa 37:24 Though he falls, he is not cast down, For **יהוה** is supporting his hand.

Psa 37:25 Nun I have been young, and now I am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Or his seed begging bread.

Psa 37:26 All day long he is showing favour and lending; And his seed is for a blessing.

Psa 37:27 Samek Turn away from evil, and do good; And dwell forever.

Psa 37:28 For **יהוה** loves right-ruling, And does not forsake His lovingly-committed ones; They shall be guarded forever, But the seed of the wrongdoers is cut off.

Psa 37:29 The righteous shall inherit the earth, And dwell in it forever.

Psa 37:30 Pe The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of right-ruling.

Psa 37:31 The Torah of his Elohim is in his heart;^b His steps do not slide. Footnote: ^b [Deu 6:6](#), [Psa 40:8](#), [Psa 119:11](#), [Isa 51:7](#).

Psa 37:32 Tsadi The wrong one is watching for the righteous, And is seeking to slay him.

Psa 37:33 יהוה does not leave him in his hand, Or let him be declared wrong when he is judged.

Psa 37:34 Qoph Wait on **יהוה** and guard His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the earth – When the wrongdoers are cut off, you shall see it.

Psa 37:35 Resh I have seen the wrongdoer in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.

Psa 37:36 Yet he passed away, and see, he was not; And I sought him, but he was not found.

Psa 37:37 Shin Watch the perfect, and observe the straight; For the latter end of each is peace.

Psa 37:38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The latter end of the wrong shall be cut off.

Psa 37:39 Taw But the deliverance of the righteous is from **יהוה**, Their strength in time of distress.

Psa 37:40 And **יהוה** does help them and deliver them; He delivers them from the wrongdoers and saves them, Because they took refuge in Him.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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