

Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 18; 2Cor. 11; Ezekiel 25; Psalms 73.

September 22 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Sam. 18 David switches into full warrior mode.

Absalom Killed

2Sa 18:1 And Dawid **mustered the people who were with him, and set commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds over them.**

- ❖ **2Sa 18:2** And Dawid sent out one third of the people under the hand of Yo'ab,
- ❖ and one third under the hand of Abishai son of Tseruyah, Yo'ab's brother, and
- ❖ one third under the hand of Ittai the Gittite.
- ❖ And the sovereign said to the people, **"I shall certainly go out with you too."**

2Sa 18:3 But the people answered, **"Do not go out,** for if we flee away, they would not set heart upon us. Even if half of us die, they would not set heart upon us. For now, ten thousand are like us. Therefore, **it is better for you to support us from the city."**

2Sa 18:4 And the sovereign said to them, **"That which is good in your eyes I do."** And the sovereign stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds and by thousands.

David's heart as a father...

2Sa 18:5 And **the sovereign ordered Yo'ab, and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Be gentle with the young man Abshalom for my sake."** And all the people heard when the sovereign gave all the commanders orders concerning Abshalom.

- ❖ **2Sa 18:6** So the people went out into the field to meet Yisra'ël.
- ❖ And the battle was in the forest of Ephrayim,
- ❖ **2Sa 18:7** and the people of Yisra'ël were smitten there before the servants of Dawid.
- ❖ And the slaughter there that day was great – twenty thousand.
- ❖ **2Sa 18:8** And the battle there was scattered over the face of all the land, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

Much loss of life ensues as a result of the battle in the forest of Ephrayim. Israel suffered 20,000 lost lives. The terrain within the forest apparently was lethal. It is not unusual for YHWH to use His creation to aid the victory of His people.

Rev 12:16 And **the earth helped the woman,** and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Jos 10:11 And it came to be, as they fled before Yisra'ël and were on the descent of Bëyth Hōron, **that יהוה threw down large hailstones** from the heavens on them as far as Azëqah, and they died. **There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Yisra'ël had killed with the sword.**

2Sa 18:9 And when Abshalom met the servants of Dawid, **Abshalom was riding on a mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught hold in the terebinth. And he was suspended between the heavens and earth while the mule which was under him passed on.**

A certain man stays true to the command of King David concerning Abshalom.

2Sa 18:10 And a certain man saw it and informed Yo'ab, and said, **"Look, I saw Abshalom hanging in a terebinth tree!"**

2Sa 18:11 And Yo'ab said to the man who informed him, "Now look, you saw, and why did you not strike him to the earth there? Then I would have given you ten pieces of silver and a belt."

2Sa 18:12 But the man answered Yo'ab, **"Though I were to receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, I would not raise my hand against the son of the sovereign. Because in our hearing the sovereign commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Take heed, you who go against the youth, against Abshalom!'"**

We see here that Abshalom was still considered a 'youth'; therefore, inexperienced to the ways of combat and wise strategies. Most youths believe they are "10 foot tall and bullet proof" until they are proven otherwise.

2Sa 18:13 **"Otherwise I would have been untrue to my own life. For no matter is hidden from the sovereign, and you yourself would have set yourself against me."**

Joab ignores the command of King David and takes matters into his own hands and pierces Abshalom with three spears as he hung between the heavens and earth. Apparently, this doesn't kill him since we read that 10 of Joab's armor bearers strike Abshalom and put him to death.

Joab seems to have been in an unrelenting battlefield mode for complete victory and an end to this treason. However, there was no immediate threat to make him act rashly. He could have taken pause after hearing the report by the man reporting Abshalom's predicament. Abshalom was in a defenseless snare.

2Sa 18:14 And Yo'ab said, **"Let me not waste time here with you." And he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through Abshalom's heart, while he was still**

alive in the midst of the terebinth tree.

2Sa 18:15 And ten young men who bore Yo'ab's armor went around, and struck Abshalom and put him to death.

2Sa 18:16 **And Yo'ab blew with the shophar, and the people returned from pursuing Yisra'el, for Yo'ab had held the people back.**

2Sa 18:17 And they took Abshalom and threw him into a large pit in the forest, and heaped a very large pile of stones over him. And all Yisra'el fled, each one to his tent.

Abshalom was buried but not in a respectful royal way; but at least he was buried.

2Sa 18:18 And Abshalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a monument for himself, which is in the Sovereign's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." And he called the monument after his own name. And to this day it is called Abshalom's Monument.

David Hears of Absalom's Death

2Sa 18:19 And Ahima'ats son of Tsadoq said, "Please let me run and take the news to the sovereign, for הוה' has avenged him of his enemies."

2Sa 18:20 But Yo'ab said to him, "**You are not the man to take the news today**, but you shall take the news another day. But today you do not take news, because the sovereign's son is dead."

2Sa 18:21 And Yo'ab said to the Kushite, "**Go, inform the sovereign what you have seen.**" And the Kushite bowed himself to Yo'ab and ran.

2Sa 18:22 And Ahima'ats son of Tsadoq said again to Yo'ab, "And whatever might be, please let me also run after the Kushite." And Yo'ab said, "Why would you run, my son, there is no news to bring you reward."

2Sa 18:23 "And whatever might be," *he said*, "let me run." So he said to him, "Run." And Ahima'ats ran by the way of the plain, and passed the Kushite.

2Sa 18:24 Now Dawid was sitting between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, and lifted his eyes and looked and saw a man, running alone.

2Sa 18:25 So the watchman called out and told the sovereign. And the sovereign said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." And he came nearer and nearer.

2Sa 18:26 And the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called out to the gatekeeper and said, "See, a man, running by himself!" And the sovereign said, "This one is also bringing news."

2Sa 18:27 And the watchman said, “I see the running of the first is like the running of Aḥima'ats son of Tsadoq.” And the sovereign said, “This is a good man, and he comes with good news.”

2Sa 18:28 And Aḥima'ats called out and said to the sovereign, “Peace!” Then he bowed down with his face to the earth before the sovereign, and said, “Blessed be יהוה your Elohim, who has surrendered the men who raised their hand against my master the sovereign!”

2Sa 18:29 And the sovereign said, “Peace to the young man, to Abshalom?” And Aḥima'ats answered, “When Yo'ab sent the sovereign's servant and me your servant, I saw a great crowd, but I did not know why.”

2Sa 18:30 And the sovereign said, “Turn aside and stand here.” And he turned aside and stood still.

The Kushite states clearly the status of Abshalom. However, the indirect statement of Aḥima'ats, may have prepared David's heart to know something was amiss.

When I worked in the emergency department, we would keep families informed of a loved ones' critical state or code situation. We would share everything was being done; but, at the same time we would tell them there had not been a response to the emergency measures. This would give the family time to pray and hope for the best; yet they knew it was very possible, that their loved one may not live. Waiting until the last moment and just hitting them with the news that their loved one had died, would have been like pushing someone off a cliff.

No matter how small the prior notice may have been in King David's case concerning Abshalom; it was better than dropping the news all at once.

- ❖ King David already knew that Abshalom was at risk since he was amid the battle. Therefore, he knew there was always a possibility of him not surviving.
- ❖ King David first had seen Aḥima'ats running with news.
- ❖ King David then saw the Kushite coming with news.
- ❖ King David gets an indirect answer from Aḥima'ats.
- ❖ King David gets the news of Abshalom's demise from the Kushite.
- ❖ King David grieves for Abshalom. King David saw the darkness of His own sins; as well as the sins that had ensnared Abshalom. No parent wants to see their child die; much less in such a condition.

David's Grief

2Sa 18:31 And see, the Kushite came, and the Kushite said, “Receive news, my master the sovereign! For יהוה has avenged you this day of all those who rose against

you.”

2Sa 18:32 And the sovereign said to the Kushite, “Peace to the young man, to Abshalom?” And the Kushite answered, “Let the enemies of my master the sovereign, and all who rise against you for evil, be as that young man is!”

2Sa 18:33 And the sovereign was shaken, and went up to the room over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said this, “O my son Abshalom! My son, my son Abshalom, if only I had died instead of you! O Abshalom my son, my son!”

2Corinthians 11

Paul and the False Apostles

2Co 11:1 I wish that you would bear with me in a little folly. But indeed, you are bearing with me.

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.

2Co 11:3 But I am afraid, **lest, as the serpent deceived Hawwah by his trickery, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Messiah.**

2Co 11:4 For, indeed, if he who is coming proclaims another יהושע,^a whom we have not proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different Good News which you have not accepted, you put up with it well enough!

Footnote: ^a [Mat 24:5](#) and [Mat 24:23-24](#), [Joh 5:43](#).

Mat 24:5 “For many shall come in My Name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they shall lead many astray.

Mat 24:23 “If anyone then says to you, ‘Look, here is the Messiah!’ or ‘There!’ do not believe.

Mat 24:24 “For false messiahs and false prophets shall arise, and they shall show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones.

Joh 5:43 “I have come in My Father’s Name and you do not receive Me, if another comes in his own name, him you would receive.

2Co 11:5 For I reckon that I am not inferior to the most eminent emissaries.

2Co 11:6 But even if I am unskilled in word,^b yet not in knowledge; but, in every way we have been manifested among you in all *matters*. Footnote: ^bOr *speech*.

2Co 11:7 **Or did I commit sin in humbling myself in order to exalt you, because I brought good news, the Good News of Elohim to you without being paid?**

2Co 11:8 Other assemblies I robbed, by receiving wages *from them* to serve you.

2Co 11:9 And **when I was present with you, and in need**, I was not a burden to anyone, **for what was lacking to me the brothers who came from Makedonia supplied**. And in every way I kept myself – and shall keep – from being a burden to you.

2Co 11:10 It is a truth of Messiah in me, that this boasting in me shall not be stopped in the districts of Achaia.

2Co 11:11 Why? Is it that I do not love you? Elohim knows!

2Co 11:12 And I shall go on doing as I do, in order to cut off the occasion from those desiring an occasion, so that in that which they boast, they might be found also as we are.

2Co 11:13 **For such are false emissaries, deceptive workers, masquerading as emissaries of Messiah.**

2Co 11:14 And no wonder! **For Satan himself masquerades as a messenger of light!**

2Co 11:15 **It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness,^c whose end shall be according to their works!^d** Footnotes: ^cSee [Mat 7:15-23](#), [2Pe 2:1-22](#). ^dSee [Mat 13:41-42](#).

A Tree and Its Fruit

Mat 7:15 “But beware of the false prophets,^b who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. Footnote: ^bSee also [Mat 7:23](#).

Mat 7:16 “By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

Mat 7:17 “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit.

Mat 7:18 “A good tree is unable to yield wicked fruit, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit.

Mat 7:19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 “So then, by their fruits you shall know them –

I Never Knew You

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens.

Mat 7:22 “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’

Mat 7:23 “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, **depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!**’^c [Psa 6:8](#). Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 7:15](#), and also [Mat 13:41-42](#).

False Prophets and Teachers

2Pe 2:1 But there also came to be false prophets^a among the people, as also among you there shall be false teachers, who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies, and deny the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Footnote: ^aSee also [2Pe 2:7-8](#), [2Pe 2:21](#) and [Mat 7:15-23](#).

2Pe 2:2 And many shall follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of,

2Pe 2:3 and **in greed, with fabricated words, they shall use you for gain**. From of old their judgment does not linger, and their destruction does not slumber.

2Pe 2:4 For if Elohim did not spare the messengers who sinned, but sent them to Tartaros,^b and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be kept for judgment, Footnote: ^bPossibly from Hebrew: Tahti - See Explanatory notes - She'ol.

2Pe 2:5 and did not spare the world of old, but preserved Noah, a proclaimer of righteousness, and seven others, bringing in the flood on the world of the wicked,

2Pe 2:6 and having reduced to ashes the cities of Sodom and Amorah condemned them to destruction – having made them an example to those who afterward would live wickedly,

2Pe 2:7 and rescued righteous Lot, who was oppressed with the indecent behavior of the lawless^c Footnote: ^cThe Greek word here, and in 2Pe 3:17, is *athesmos* (not the usual one, *anomos*) but it also means “lawless.”

2Pe 2:8 (for day after day that righteous man, dwelling among them, tortured his righteous being by seeing and hearing their lawless works),

2Pe 2:9 **then יהוה knows how to rescue the reverent ones from trial and to keep the unrighteous unto the day of judgment, to be punished,**

2Pe 2:10 and most of all those walking after the flesh in filthy lust and despising authority – bold, headstrong, speaking evil of esteemed ones,

2Pe 2:11 whereas messengers who are greater in strength and power do not bring a slanderous accusation against them before the Master.

2Pe 2:12 But these, like natural unreasoning beasts, having been born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheme that which they do not know, shall be destroyed in their destruction,

2Pe 2:13 being about to receive the wages of unrighteousness, deeming indulgence in the day of pleasure, spots and blemishes, reveling in their own deceptions while they feast with you,

2Pe 2:14 having eyes filled with an adulteress, and unable to cease from sin, enticing unstable beings, having a heart trained in greed, children of a curse,

2Pe 2:15 **having left the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Bil'am the son of Be'or, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,**^d Footnote: ^d 2Pe 2:11-15, compare with Eze 7:1-11:25.

2Pe 2:16 but he was rebuked for his transgression: a dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man restrained the madness of the prophet.

2Pe 2:17 These are fountains without water, clouds driven by a storm, to whom the blackest darkness is kept forever.

2Pe 2:18 For speaking arrogant nonsense, they entice – through the lusts of the flesh, through indecencies – the ones who have indeed escaped from those living in delusion,

2Pe 2:19 promising them freedom, though themselves being slaves of corruption – for one is a slave to whatever overcomes him.

2Pe 2:20 **For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Master and Savior יהושע Messiah, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the first.**

2Pe 2:21 **For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the set-apart command^e delivered unto them.** Footnote: ^eThe singular “command” often means “commands” – see 1Ti 6:14, Deu 17:20, Psa 19:8.

2Pe 2:22 For them the proverb has proved true, **“A dog returns to his own vomit,”** Pro 26:11 and, **“A washed sow returns to her rolling in the mud.”**

Mat 13:41 **“The Son of Adam shall send out His messengers, and they shall gather out of His**

reign all the stumbling-blocks,^f and those doing lawlessness,^g [Zep 1:3](#). Footnotes: ^fOr all the causes of sinning/offence. ^gThe Darnel of [Mat 13:25](#).

[Mat 13:42](#) and shall throw them into the furnace of fire – there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Paul's Sufferings as an Apostle

[2Co 11:16](#) Again I say, let no one think me to be a fool. And if otherwise, at least receive me as a fool, for me to also boast a little.

[2Co 11:17](#) What I speak, I speak not according to the Master, but as in foolishness, in this boldness of boasting.

[2Co 11:18](#) **Since many boast according to the flesh, I too shall boast.**

[2Co 11:19](#) For you, being wise, put up with

- ❖ fools gladly!
- ❖ [2Co 11:20](#) For you put up with it if anyone enslaves you,
- ❖ if anyone devours you,
- ❖ if anyone takes from you,
- ❖ if anyone exalts himself,
- ❖ if one hits you in the face.

[2Co 11:21](#) **To my shame, I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold – I say it in foolishness – I am bold also.**

✚ [2Co 11:22](#) Are they Hebrews? So am I.

✚ Are they of Yisra'el? So am I.

✚ Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I.

✚ [2Co 11:23](#) Are they servants of Messiah? – I speak as beside myself –

- I am more, in labors much more,
- in stripes above measure,
- in prisons more frequently,
- in deaths many times.
- [2Co 11:24](#) Five times I received from the Yehudim forty stripes less one.^e
Footnote: ^eSee [Deu 25:3](#).
- [2Co 11:25](#) Three times I was beaten with rods,
- once I was stoned,
- three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have been in the deep,
- [2Co 11:26](#) in many travels,
- in dangers of waters,
- in dangers of robbers,
- in dangers from my own race,
- in dangers from the nations,
- in dangers in the city,
- in dangers in the desert,
- in dangers in the sea,
- in dangers among false brothers;
- [2Co 11:27](#) in toil and hardship,
- in watchings often,

- in hunger and thirst,
- in fastings often,
- in cold and nakedness,
- **2Co 11:28** besides the *matters* from outside, what comes upon me daily:
 - the anxiety for all the assemblies.

2Co 11:29 Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn *inwardly*?

2Co 11:30 If I have to boast, I shall boast of matters that show up my weakness.

2Co 11:31 **The Elohim and Father of our Master יהושע Messiah, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying.**

2Co 11:32 In Dammeseq the governor, under Aretas the sovereign, was guarding the city of the Dammasqiyim, wishing to seize me,

2Co 11:33 **but through a window I was let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped from his hands.**

Paul gives us insight to the persecution of the righteous; and shows his faithfulness to stand as one who had endured more than most. He is attempting to wake up and ‘shake up’ the Corinthians to their poor discernment of those that are false prophets within and without.

If they needed a ‘standard’ of measure, Paul would be a perfect example. There were extreme tensions in the ushering in of the New Covenant Confirming Gospel message of Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. There was a great divine change taking place between the priesthoods and the law.

There was a change in reign, and it was mighty and powerful and carnal men fought it tooth and nail. They savagely wanted to tear it apart at any cost. Anytime there was an opportunity to place a stumbling block among believers; they ceased the opportunity.

It is no different today. We should cling to Yahusha, the Word. We should be leery of ‘new’ document discoveries that are ‘unearthed.’ We should question if they were not ‘planted’ as a stumbling block. We should master the Bible knowing that YHWH is perfectly capable of preserving His Word; and all should guard against ‘adding to’ or ‘taking away’ from His Word. We should tread carefully and be ever alert to the schemes of the enemy.

Ezekiel 25 Ezekiel 25 concludes Scroll 3.

| EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART | | |
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| FORM | Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse) | Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoiachin's captivity) |
| 3 | 24:1 - 25:17 (the proclamations against the surrounding territories) | 10/10/09 |

Keep in mind, the great tribulation is about the final war between Esau and Jacob [Israel].

Prophecy Against Ammon

Eze 25:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 25:2 “Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against them.

Zep 2:8 “I have heard the reproach of Mo’ab, and the reviling’s of the children of Ammon, with which they have reproached My people, and exalted themselves against their borders.

Zep 2:9 “Therefore, as I live,” declares יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’el, “Mo’ab shall be like Se’dom, and the children of Ammon like Amorah – a possession for weeds and a pit of salt, and a waste forever, the remnant of My people plunder them, and the rest of My nation possess them.”

Zep 2:10 This is what they get for their pride, because they have reproached and exalted themselves against the people of יהוה of hosts.

Zep 2:11 יהוה shall be awesome to them, for He shall make all the mighty ones of the earth to shrivel, while all the coastlands of the nations bow down to Him, each one from his place.

Amo 1:13 Thus said יהוה, “For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four, I do not turn it back, because they ripped open the pregnant women in Gil’ad, to enlarge their border.

Amo 1:14 “So I shall kindle a fire upon the wall of Rabbah, and it shall consume its palaces, with a shout in the day of battle, with a storm in the day of the whirlwind.

Amo 1:15 “And their sovereign shall go into exile, he and his heads together,” said יהוה.

Eze 25:3 “And you shall say to the Ammonites, **‘Hear the word of the Master יהוה! Thus said the Master יהוה,’**

- **“Because you said, ‘Aha!’**
 - against My set-apart place when it was profaned,
 - and against the land of Yisra’el when it was ruined,
 - and against the house of Yehudah when they went into exile,
- **Eze 25:4** therefore, see, I am giving you as a possession to the men of the East,
 - and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings among you –
 - they shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk.
- **Eze 25:5** “And I shall make Rabbah a pasture for camels

- and Ammon a resting place for flocks. **And you shall know that I am יהוה."**

Eze 25:6 **For this is what the Master יהוה said,**

- ❖ "Because you clapped your hands,
- ❖ and you stamped your feet,
- ❖ and rejoiced with all the scorn of your being against the land of Yisra'el,
- ❖ **Eze 25:7 therefore see, I Myself shall stretch out My hand against you,**
 - and give you as plunder to the nations.
 - And I shall cut you off from the peoples,
 - and make you perish from the lands.
 - I shall destroy you, **and you shall know that I am יהוה."**

Prophecy Against Moab and Seir

Eze 25:8 **This is what the Master יהוה said, "Because Mo'ab and Sē'ir say, 'See, the house of Yehudah is like all the nations,'**

Oba 1:1 The vision of Obadyah: This is what the Master יהוה said concerning Edom. We have heard a report from יהוה, and a messenger has been sent among the nations, saying, "Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle!"

Oba 1:2 "See, I have made you small among the nations, you are greatly despised.

Oba 1:3 "The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, whose dwelling is high, who say in your heart, 'Who shall bring me down to the ground?'

Oba 1:4 "Though you rise high as the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, from there I shall bring you down," declares יהוה.

Oba 1:5 "If thieves came to you, if robbers by night, how ruined you would have been! Would they not steal till they had enough? If grape-gatherers had come to you, would they not leave gleanings?

Oba 1:6 "How Ĕsaw shall be searched out! His hidden treasures shall be sought out!

Oba 1:7 "All your allies shall send you forth to the border, your friends shall deceive you and overpower you. They make your bread a snare under you, without you discerning it!

Oba 1:8 "In that day," declares יהוה, "I shall destroy the wise men from Edom, and discernment from the mountains of Ĕsaw!

Oba 1:9 "And your mighty men shall be discouraged, O Tēman, so that everyone from the mountains of Ĕsaw is cut off by killing-.

Eze 25:9 **therefore, see,**

- ✚ I am opening the flank of Mo'ab on the side of the cities, on the side of his cities on its frontiers, the splendour of the land, Bēyth Yeshimoth, Ba'al Me'on, and Qiryathayim,
- ✚ **Eze 25:10 and I shall give it, together with the Ammonites, as a possession to the men of the East, so that the Ammonites are no more remembered among the nations.**
- ✚ **Eze 25:11 "Also on Mo'ab I execute judgments, and they shall know that I am יהוה."**

Prophecy Against Edom

Eze 25:12 **Thus said the Master יהוה**, “Because of what Edom has done against the house of Yehudah by taking vengeance, so that they became very guilty, and they have taken vengeance on them,”

Edom's Violence Against Jacob

Oba 1:10 “Because of your violence against your brother Ya'aqob, let shame cover you. And you shall be cut off forever.

Oba 1:11 “In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that strangers took captive his wealth, when foreigners entered his gates and cast lots for Yerushalayim, you also were like one of them!

Oba 1:12 “And you should not have looked on your brother's day in the day of his estrangement, nor rejoiced over the children of Yehudah in the day of their destruction, nor made your mouth great in the day of distress,

Oba 1:13 nor have entered the gate of My people in the day of their calamity, nor looked down on their evil in the day of their calamity, nor have seized their wealth in the day of their calamity,

Oba 1:14 nor have stood at the parting of the way to cut off his fugitives, nor handed over his survivors in the day of distress.

The Day of the Lord Is Near

Oba 1:15 “For the day of יהוה is near upon all the nations. As you have done, it shall be done to you, your reward shall come back on your own head.

Oba 1:16 “For as you have drunk on my set-apart mountain, so do all the nations drink continually. And they shall drink and shall swallow, and they shall be as though they had never been.

Eze 25:13 **therefore thus said the Master יהוה**,

- “I shall stretch out My hand against Edom,
- and I shall cutoff man and beast from it and lay it waste – from Těman even to Deđan they shall fall by the sword.
- Eze 25:14 “And I shall lay My vengeance on Edom by the hand of My people Yisra'ěl.
- And they shall do in Edom according to My displeasure and according to My wrath. So they shall know My vengeance,” declares the Master יהוה.

Prophecy Against Philistia

Eze 25:15 **Thus said the Master יהוה**, “Because the Philistines have acted in vengeance, and took vengeance with scorn in their being, to destroy with lasting enmity,”

Eze 25:16 **therefore thus said the Master יהוה**,

- ❖ “See, I am stretching out My hand against the Philistines, and I shall cut off the Kerěthites and destroy the remnant of the seacoast,
- ❖ Eze 25:17 and execute great vengeance on them with raging reproofs. And they

shall know that I am יהוה, when I lay My vengeance upon them.” ’ ”

Joe 3:4 “And also, what are you to Me, O Tsor and Tsidon, and all the coasts of Philistia? Are you repaying Me? And if you are repaying Me, I would swiftly and speedily return your reward on your own head.

Joe 3:5 “For you have taken My silver and My gold, and brought My treasures into your temples,
Joe 3:6 and the people of Yehudāh and the people of Yerushalayim you have sold to the sons of Yawan, to remove them far from their borders.

Joe 3:7 “See, I am stirring them up out of the place to which you have sold them, and I shall return on your own head what you have done,

Joe 3:8 and shall sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Yehudāh, and they shall sell them to the Shebaites, to a nation far off. For יהוה has spoken.”

Joe 3:9 Proclaim this among the nations, “Prepare for battle! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of battle draw near, let them come up.

Joe 3:10 “Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears, let the weak say, ‘I am strong.’ ”

Joe 3:11 Hasten and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. O יהוה, let Your mighty men come down here.

Joe 3:12 “Let the nations be aroused, and come up to the Valley of Yehoshaphat. For there I shall sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Joe 3:13 “Put in the sickle, for the harvest has grown ripe. Come, go down, for the winepress is filled, the vats overflow, for their evil is great.”

Joe 3:14 Crowds, crowds in the valley of decision! For the day of יהוה is near in the valley of decision.

Joe 3:15 Sun and moon shall become dark, and stars shall withdraw their brightness.

Joe 3:16 And יהוה shall roar from Tsiyon, and give forth His voice from Yerushalayim. And the heavens and earth shall shake, but יהוה shall be a refuge for His people, and a stronghold for the children of Yisra’ēl.

The Glorious Future of Judah

Joe 3:17 “Then you shall know that I am יהוה your Elohim, dwelling in Tsiyon, My set-apart mountain.^a And Yerushalayim shall be set-apart, and foreigners shall not pass through her again.

Footnote: ^aSee [Joe 3:21](#) and footnote at [Isa 24:23](#).

Joe 3:18 “And it shall be in that day that the mountains drip with new wine, and the hills flow with milk. And all the streams of Yehudāh shall be flooded with water, and a fountain flow from the House of יהוה and water the wadi Shittim.

Joe 3:19 “Mitsrayim shall become a ruin, and Eđom a ruin, a wilderness, because of violence done to the people of Yehudāh, whose innocent blood they shed in their land.

Joe 3:20 “But Yehudāh shall dwell forever, and Yerushalayim to all generations.

Joe 3:21 “And I shall avenge their blood, which I have not avenged. And יהוה shall be dwelling in Tsiyon!”

Psalm 73

Sometimes we all observe the wrong doers and ponder how they seem not to have a care in this world. They speak loftily, mock, boast, and speak against the things of heaven, yet seem to prosper richly. Even worse, some use the auspices of religion to catapult themselves to esteem and not YHWH.

However, it is not difficult to see how the wrong doers prosper. They network. They join their secret societies. They raise their children in junior secret societies. Not that they are so much 'secret'; but **the enemy holds a 'secret' against them**. The enemy promises them the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life; and they take the bait. The enemy promises them the esteem of man; like Balak did to Balaam. It may all seem wonderful at first; popular and cool! But the real secret is that it all ends in death and destruction.

The penalty for sin is death. **The things of this world are Satan's snare**. It is the biggest Ponzi scheme ever! A person devotes their lives to meaningless things or sells their souls for 'eye candy' in exchange for utter darkness and destruction! The enemy only comes to steal, kill, and destroy. It is like crawling into bed with a lion. How would that work out? For those in this snare, wake up! Are you 'investing' your time in Him or 'wasting' your time in Satan's world?

We all at one time lived in the things of the world. We were born into this worldly slavery system. Some of us took longer than others to wake up or '**connect the dots of deception**', until we found the Door that leads to life; Yahusha HaMashiach [Jesus the Messiah]. Our treasures are not on this earth but are stored in heaven. The illusion is that worldly men 'think' they are prosperous; while they are utterly poor and destitute.

Elohim Is My Strength and Portion Forever

Psa 73:1 Elohim is truly good to Yisra'el, To those whose heart is clean.

Psa 73:2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, My steps had nearly slipped.

Psa 73:3 For I was envious of the boasters, When I saw the peace of the wrong-doers.^a **Footnote:** ^aSee [Job 21:7](#), [Jer 12:1-2](#), [Psa 73:17](#) and [Psa 92:6-7](#).

Psa 73:4 For death has no pangs for them, And their strength is firm.

Psa 73:5 They are not in trouble as other men, And they are not plagued like other men.

Psa 73:6 So pride is their necklace, The garment of violence covers them.

Psa 73:7 Their eyes bulge from fatness; Their heart overflows with imaginations.

Psa 73:8 They mock and speak in the evil of oppression; They speak loftily.

Psa 73:9 They have set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth, *saying*:

Psa 73:10 “Therefore His people return here, And waters of a filled *cup* are drained by them!”

Psa 73:11 And they have said, “How could Ėl know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?”

Psa 73:12 See, these are the wrong, And always at ease, They have amassed wealth!

Psa 73:13 Indeed, in vain have I cleansed my heart, And washed my hands in innocence.

Psa 73:14 For I am plagued all day long, And my reproof is every morning.

Psa 73:15 If I had said, “Let me speak thus,” See, I would have deceived A generation of Your children.

Psa 73:16 Yet, when I tried to understand this, It was labor to my eyes –

Psa 73:17 *Until* I went into the set-apart place of Ėl; Then I perceived their end.

Psa 73:18 Indeed, You set them in slippery places; You make them fall to ruins.

Psa 73:19 How suddenly they are ruined! Completely swept away through destructions.

Psa 73:20 יהוה, when You awake You despise their image, As one does a dream after waking.

Psa 73:21 For my heart was in a ferment, And I was pierced in my kidneys.

Psa 73:22 I was stupid and ignorant, I was like a beast toward You.

Psa 73:23 Yet I am always with You, You took hold of my right hand.

Psa 73:24 You lead me by Your counsel, And afterward receive me unto esteem.

Psa 73:25 Whom do I have in the heavens? And I have desired no one besides You on earth.

Psa 73:26 My flesh and my heart shall waste away, *But* Elohim is the rock of my heart And my portion forever.

Psa 73:27 For look, those who are far from You perish; You shall cut off all those Who go whoring away from You.

Psa 73:28 But as for me, it is good to be near Elohim. I have made my refuge in the Master יהוה, To declare all Your works.

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