

*Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 11 & 12; Amos 7; Hebrews 13; Luke 2.*

## November 18 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### 1Chron. 11

#### David Anointed King

**1Ch 11:1** And all Yisra'el came together to Dawid at Hebron, saying, "See, we are your bone and your flesh.

**1Ch 11:2** "Also, in time past, even when Sha'ul was sovereign, you were the one who led Yisra'el out and brought them in. And יהוה your Elohim said to you, 'Shepherd My people Yisra'el, and be ruler over My people Yisra'el.' "

**1Ch 11:3** So all the elders of Yisra'el came to the sovereign at Hebron, and Dawid made a covenant with them at Hebron before יהוה. And they anointed Dawid sovereign over Yisra'el, according to the word of יהוה by Shemu'el.

David is anointed sovereign over Israel by the elders of Israel. We also read of this account in 2Samuel 5.

#### David Takes Jerusalem

**1Ch 11:4** And Dawid and all Yisra'el went to Yerushalayim, which is Yebus, where the Yebusites were, the inhabitants of the land.

**1Ch 11:5** And the inhabitants of Yebus said to Dawid, "You do not come in here." But Dawid captured the stronghold of Tsion, the City of Dawid.

**1Ch 11:6** And Dawid said, "Whoever strikes the Yebusites first becomes chief and commander." And Yo'ab son of Tseruyah went up first, and became chief.

**1Ch 11:7** And Dawid dwelt in the stronghold, so they called it the City of Dawid.

**1Ch 11:8** And he built the city around it, from Millo round about, and Yo'ab revived the rest of the city.

**1Ch 11:9** And Dawid went on and became great, and יהוה of hosts was with him.

#### David's Mighty Men

David's mighty men received his respect. They were faithful military men that stood by his side, had his back, risked their lives, and fought for Israel. They are honored through Scripture by making note of their names and their accomplishments.

**1Ch 11:10** And these were the heads of the mighty men whom Dawid had, who

**strengthened themselves with him in his reign, with all Yisra'él, to set him up to reign over Yisra'él, according to the word of יהוה'.**

1Ch 11:11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom Dawid had:

- + Yashob'am son of a Haķmonite, chief of the thirty. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred, slain at one time.
- + 1Ch 11:12 And after him was El'azar son of Dodo, the Ahohite, **who was one of the three mighty men.**

- o 1Ch 11:13 He was with Dawid at Pasdammim, and the Philistines were gathered there for battle, and a portion of the field was filled with barley, and the people had fled before the Philistines.
- o 1Ch 11:14 But they took their stand in the midst of that field, and delivered it, and struck the Philistines. Thus יהוה' saved them by a great deliverance.

The heroic account of three of the brave thirty chiefs.

1Ch 11:15 And **three of the thirty chiefs** went down to the rock to Dawid, into the cave of Aqullam, while the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Repha'im.

1Ch 11:16 And Dawid was then in the stronghold, and the watch-post of the Philistines was then in Béyth Lehem.

1Ch 11:17 And Dawid longed and said, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Béyth Lehem, which is by the gate!"

This tells us that if we ever are relegated to the wilderness, it will not be uncommon for people to long for the 'comforts of home.' At the same time, we know that we should not 'turn back' and should press forward in Him. YHWH will provide and YHWH will direct our steps.

1Ch 11:18 And **the three broke through the camp of the Philistines, and drew water from the well of Béyth Lehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to Dawid.**

**But Dawid would not drink it, but poured it out to יהוה'.**

1Ch 11:19 And he said, "Far be it from me, O my Elohim, that I should do this! Should I drink the blood of these men who have risked their lives? For at the risk of their lives they brought it." And he would not drink it. **This is what the three mighty men did.**

- + 1Ch 11:20 And Abishai the brother of Yo'ab was chief of another three. And he had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, who were slain, and won a name among the three.
  - 1Ch 11:21 Of the three he was more esteemed than the other two men, so he became their head. However he did not come to the first three.

- + 1Ch 11:22 Benayah was the son of Yehoyada, the son of a brave man from

Qabtse'ēl, who had done many deeds. **He struck two lion-like Mo'abites. He also went down and struck a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.**

- **1Ch 11:23** And he struck a Mitsrian, a man of great height, five cubits tall. And in the Mitsrian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam, and he went down to him with a staff and wrenched the spear out of the Mitsrian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.
- **1Ch 11:24** This is what Benayahu son of Yehoyada did, and won a name among the three mighty men.
- **1Ch 11:25** See, he was more esteemed than the thirty, but he did not come to the first three. And Dawid set him over his court.

**1Ch 11:26 And the mighty men of the armies were**

- ✚ Asah'ēl the brother of Yo'ab,
- ✚ Elhanan son of Dodo of Běyth Lehem,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:27** Shammoth the Harorite,
- ✚ Hělets the Pelonite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:28** Ira son of Iqqěsh the Teqowite,
- ✚ Abi'ezer the Anathothite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:29** Sibbekai the Hushathite,
- ✚ Ilai the Alohite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:30** Maharai the Netophathite,
- ✚ Hěled son of Ba'anah the Netophathite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:31** Ithai son of Ribai of Gib'ah, of the children of Binyamin,
- ✚ Benayah the Pirathonite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:32** Hurai of the wadis of Ga'ash,
- ✚ Abi'ēl the Arbathite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:33** Azmaweth the Baharumite,
- ✚ Elyahba the Sha'albonite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:34** the sons of Hashěm the Gizonite,
- ✚ Yonathan son of Shağě the Hararite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:35** Ahyam son of Sakar the Hararite,
- ✚ Eliphal son of Ur,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:36** Hěpher the Mekérathite,
- ✚ Ahiyah the Pelonite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:37** Hetsro the Karmelite,
- ✚ Na'arai son of Ezbai,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:38** Yo'ēl the brother of Nathan,
- ✚ Mibhar son of Hağri,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:39** Tseleq the Ammonite,
- ✚ Naharai the Běrothite (the armour-bearer of Yo'ab son of Tseruyah),
- ✚ **1Ch 11:40** Ira the Yithrite,
- ✚ Garěb the Yithrite,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:41** Uriyah the Hittite,
- ✚ Zabād son of Aḥlai,
- ✚ **1Ch 11:42** Adina son of Shiza the Re'uběnite, the head of the Re'uběnites, and thirty with him,

- ✚ 1Ch 11:43 Hanan son of Ma'akah, and
- ✚ Yoshaphat the Mithnite,
- ✚ 1Ch 11:44 Uzziya the Ashterathite,
- ✚ Shama and Ye'i'ěl the sons of Hotham the Aro'ěrite,
- ✚ 1Ch 11:45 Yediya'ěl son of Shimri, and
- ✚ Yoḥa his brother, the Titsite,
- ✚ 1Ch 11:46 Eli'ěl the Maḥawite, and
- ✚ Yeribai and
- ✚ Yoshawayah the sons of Elna'am,
- ✚ Yithmah the Mo'abite,
- ✚ 1Ch 11:47 Eli'ěl, and
- ✚ Oběd, and
- ✚ Ya'asi'ěl of Metsobayah.

## 1Chron. 12

### The Mighty Men Join David

1Ch 12:1 Now these are they who came to Dawid at Tsīqlāğ while he was still in hiding from Sha'ul son of Qish. And they were among the mighty men, helping the battle,

1Ch 12:2 armed with bows, using both the right hand and the left, with stones, and with arrows, with bows, of the brothers of Sha'ul, of Binyamin.

- ✚ 1Ch 12:3 The chief was Ahi'ezer and Yo'ash, the sons of Shema'ah the Gib'athite; and
- ✚ Yezaw'ěl and
- ✚ Pelet, the sons of Azmaweth; and
- ✚ Beraķah, and
- ✚ Yēhu the Anathothite;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:4 and Yishmayah the Gib'onite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and
- ✚ Yirmeyah, and
- ✚ Yahazi'ěl, and
- ✚ Yohanan, and
- ✚ Yozabad the Geděrathite;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:5 Eluzai, and
- ✚ Yerimoth, and
- ✚ Be'alyah, and
- ✚ Shemaryahu, and
- ✚ Shephatyahu the Haruphite;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:6 Elqanah, and
- ✚ Yishshiyahu, and
- ✚ Azar'ěl, and
- ✚ Yow'ezer, and
- ✚ Yashob'am the Qorḥites;

- ✚ 1Ch 12:7 and Yo'elah and
- ✚ Zebadyah, the sons of Yeroham of Gedor.

1Ch 12:8 And some Gadites separated themselves to Dawid at the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty brave men, men trained for battle, **who could handle shield and spear, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as swift as gazelles on the mountains:**

- ✚ 1Ch 12:9 Ězer the chief,
- ✚ Obadyah the second,
- ✚ Eliyab the third,
- ✚ 1Ch 12:10 Mishmannah the fourth,
- ✚ Yirmeyah the fifth,
- ✚ 1Ch 12:11 Attai the sixth,
- ✚ Eli'el the seventh,
- ✚ 1Ch 12:12 Yoħanan the eighth,
- ✚ Elzabad the ninth,
- ✚ 1Ch 12:13 Yirmeyahu the tenth,
- ✚ Maķbannai the eleventh.

1Ch 12:14 These were from the **sons of Gad, chiefs of the army**. The least was over a hundred, and the greatest was over a thousand.

1Ch 12:15 These were the ones who passed over the Yardēn in the first new moon, when it was overflowing all its banks, and put to flight all those in the valleys, to the east and to the west.

1Ch 12:16 And some of the children of **Binyamin and Yehudah** came to Dawid at the stronghold.

1Ch 12:17 And Dawid went out to face them, and answered and said to them, "If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart shall be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies – there is no violence in my hands – let the Elohim of our fathers see and reprove."

1Ch 12:18 **Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, chief of the officers**, "Yours, O Dawid! And with you, O son of Yishai! Peace, peace to you, and peace to your helpers! For your Elohim shall help you." And **Dawid received them, and put them among the chiefs of the raiding band.**

1Ch 12:19 And some **from Menashsheh** went over to Dawid when he was going with the Philistines to battle against Sha'ul. But they did not help them, for the princes of the Philistines took advice and sent him away, saying, "He might go over to his master Sha'ul with our heads!"

1Ch 12:19 seems to have been a divine intervention by YHWH to spare David from joining against Saul; since during the time, David had sought refuge away from Saul in Ziklag.

1Ch 12:20 **When he went to Tsiglaq, those of Menashsheh who went over to him were:**

- ✚ Adnah, and

- ✚ Yozabad, and
- ✚ Yediya'ěl, and
- ✚ Miķa'ěl, and
- ✚ Yozabad, and
- ✚ Elihu, and
- ✚ Tsillethai, chiefs of the thousands who were from Menashsheh.

1Ch 12:21 **And they helped Dawid against the raiding bands,** for they were all mighty brave men, and they were commanders in the army.

1Ch 12:22 For at that time they came to Dawid day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like an army of Elohim.

1Ch 12:23 And these were the numbers of the chiefs of those that were armed for battle, and came to Dawid at Hebron to turn over the reign of Sha'ul to him, according to the word of יהוה:

- ✚ 1Ch 12:24 Of the children of Yehudah bearing shield and spear, **six thousand eight hundred armed for battle;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:25 of the children of Shim'on, mighty brave men for the army, **seven thousand one hundred;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:26 of the children of Lěwi **four thousand six hundred;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:27 and Yehoyada, the leader of the Aharonites, and with him **three thousand seven hundred;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:28 and Tsadoq, a young man, a mighty brave man, and from his father's house **twenty-two commanders;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:29 and the children of Binyamin, relatives of Sha'ul, **three thousand** – until then the greatest part of them guarded the charge of the house of Sha'ul;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:30 and the children of Ephrayim **twenty thousand eight hundred**, mighty brave ones, men of name throughout their father's house;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:31 and the half-tribe of Menashsheh **eighteen thousand**, who were designated by name to come and set up Dawid to reign;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:32 and the children of Yissaskar who had understanding of the times, to know what Yisra'ěl should do, their chiefs were **two hundred**. And all their brothers acted at their mouth;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:33 of Zebulun there were **fifty thousand** going out to the army, arranging battle with all weapons of battle, giving support with undivided heart;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:34 and of Naphtali **one thousand commanders**, and with them **thirty-seven thousand** with shield and spear;
- ✚ 1Ch 12:35 and of the Danites, arranging battle, **twenty-eight thousand six hundred;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:36 and of Ashěr, going out to the army, arranging battle, **forty thousand;**
- ✚ 1Ch 12:37 and of the Re'u'běnites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Menashsheh, from beyond the Yarděn, **one hundred and twenty thousand** armed for battle with every kind of weapon of battle.

1Ch 12:38 All these men of battle, keeping rank, came to Hebron with a perfect heart, to set up Dawid to reign over all Yisra'ěl. And all the rest of Yisra'ěl were of one heart to

set up Dawid to reign.

1Ch 12:39 And **they were there with Dawid three days**, eating and drinking, for their brothers had prepared for them.

1Ch 12:40 And also those who were near to them, from as far away as Yissaskar and Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing food on donkeys and camels, on mules and cattle – food of flour and cakes of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil and cattle and sheep in great quantities, for **there was joy in Yisra'el**.

One day Israel, the one new man, will once again have great joy when all the body of believers are gathered in Yahusha HaMashiach. Our King of kings will complete uniting us from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. What a day of rejoicing that will be!

Col 1:18 And **He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.**

## Amos 7

### Warning Visions

Amo 7:1 This is what the Master יהוה showed me, and see,

- + He was forming locust swarms at the beginning of the late crop. And see, it was the late crop after the mowings of the sovereign.
- + Amo 7:2 And it came to be, when they had finished eating the grass of the land, that I said, “O Master יהוה, forgive, I pray! How does Ya'aqob survive, for he is small?”
- + Amo 7:3 **relented concerning this.** “It shall not be,” said יהוה.

Amo 7:4 This is what the Master יהוה showed me, and see,

- + the Master יהוה was calling to contend by fire, and it consumed the great deep and did consume the portion,
- + Amo 7:5 and I said, “O Master יהוה, please stop! How does Ya'aqob survive, for he is small?”
- + Amo 7:6 **relented concerning this.** “This shall not be either,” said the Master יהוה.

Amo 7:7 This is what He showed me, and see, יהוה

- + stood on a wall made with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in His hand,
- + Amo 7:8 **and יהוה said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb-line.”**
- + **And יהוה said,** “See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of My people Yisra'el, no longer do I pardon them.

- ✚ Amo 7:9 “**And the high places of Yitshaq shall be laid waste, and the set-apart places of Yisra’ēl shall be destroyed. And I shall rise with the sword against the house of Yarob’am.**”

### Amos Accused

Amo 7:10 Then Amatsyah the priest of Běyth Ěl sent to Yarob’am sovereign of Yisra’ēl, saying,

- ✚ “Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Yisra’ēl. The land is not able to endure all his words,
- ✚ Amo 7:11 for this is what Amos said, ‘Yarob’am shall die by the sword, and Yisra’ēl certainly be exiled from their own land.’ ”
- ✚ Amo 7:12 And Amatsyah said to Amos, “Go, you seer! Flee to the land of Yehudah, and eat bread and prophesy there,
  - Amo 7:13 but do not prophesy any more at Běyth Ěl, for it is the sovereign’s set-apart place and it is the house of the reign.”

Amo 7:14 And Amos answered and said to Amatsyah,

- ✚ “I am not a prophet, nor am I a son of a prophet, for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs.”
- ✚ Amo 7:15 “But יהוה took me from behind the flock, and יהוה said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Yisra’ēl.’ ”
- ✚ Amo 7:16 “And now, hear the word of יהוה. You are saying, ‘Do not prophesy against Yisra’ēl, and do not drop words against the house of Yitshaq.’ ”

YHWH’s prophecy to Israel is clearly stated by Amos.

Amo 7:17 “Therefore thus said יהוה!

- ✚ ‘Your wife shall become a whore in the city, and
- ✚ your sons and daughters fall by the sword, and
- ✚ your land be divided by a *measuring* line, and
- ✚ you die in a defiled land, and Yisra’ēl shall certainly be exiled from its land.’ ”

### Hebrews 13

The author of Hebrews 13 gives final words for pleasing sacrifices to YHWH; sacrifices of love, respect of marriage covenants, of sharing, of prayer, of encouragement, and of support for one another. Especially to those that are in chains, as well as, for those leading others that speak the Word of YHWH. Be content in what YHWH has given us knowing that He will never leave us or forsake us.

Do not be deceived by strange teachings of placing people back under such things as the Book of the Law or oral Talmudic traditions; for those false teachers have no right to the altar outside the camp where Yahusha suffered to set-apart the people with His own blood.

### Sacrifices Pleasing to YHWH

**Heb 13:1** Let the brotherly love continue.

**Heb 13:2** Do not forget to receive strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained messengers.

**Heb 13:3** Remember the prisoners as if chained with them, and those being mistreated, since you yourselves also are in the body.

**Heb 13:4** Let marriage be respected by all, and the bed be undefiled. But Elohim shall judge those who whore, and adulterers.

**Heb 13:5** Let your way of life be without the love of silver,<sup>a</sup> and be satisfied with what you have. For He Himself has said, “I shall never leave you nor forsake you,”

**Deu 31:6** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Implying money.

**Heb 13:6** so that we boldly say, “**יְהוָה יְהוָה** is my helper, I shall not fear what man shall do to me.” **Psa 118:6**.

**Heb 13:7** Remember those leading you, who spoke the Word of Elohim to you. Consider the outcome of their behavior and imitate their belief.

**Heb 13:8** **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** Messiah is the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

**Heb 13:9** Do not be borne about by various and strange teachings.<sup>b</sup> For it is good for the heart to be established by favor, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. Footnote: <sup>b</sup> **Eph 4:14**.

**Heb 13:10** We have a slaughter-place from which those serving the Tent have no authority to eat.

**Heb 13:11** For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

**Heb 13:12** And **so** **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ** also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

**Heb 13:13** Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

**Heb 13:14** For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

**Heb 13:15** Through Him then, let us continually offer up a slaughter offering of praise to Elohim, that is, the fruit<sup>c</sup> of our lips, giving thanks to His Name. Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Or “bulls of our lips” – See **Hos 14:2**.

**Heb 13:16** And do not forget to do good and to share, for with such slaughter offerings Elohim is well pleased.

**Heb 13:17** Obey those leading you, and be subject to them, for they watch for your lives, as having to give account. Let them do so with joy and not groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**Heb 13:18** Pray for us, for we trust that we have a good conscience, desiring to behave well in every way.

**Heb 13:19** But I particularly encourage you to do this, that I might be restored to you the sooner.

### Benediction

**Heb 13:20** And the Elohim of peace who brought up our Master יְהוֹשֻׁעַ from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

**Heb 13:21** make you perfect<sup>d</sup> in every good work to do His desire, working in you what is pleasing in His sight, through יְהוֹשֻׁעַ Messiah, to whom be esteem forever and ever. Aměn. Footnotes: d Mat 5:48. e See Gal 2:20, Php 2:13.

### Final Greetings

**Heb 13:22** And I call upon you, brothers, bear with the word of encouragement for I have written to you in few words.

**Heb 13:23** Know that brother Timotiyos has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes shortly.

**Heb 13:24** Greet all those leading you, and all the set-apart ones. Those from Italy greet you.

**Heb 13:25** Favour be with you all. Aměn.

## Luke 2

### The Birth of Yahusha

**Luk 2:1** And it came to be in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for all the world to be registered.

**Luk 2:2** This took place as a first registration while Quirinius was governing Suria.

**Luk 2:3** And all were going to be registered, each one to his own city.

**Luk 2:4** And Yosěph also went up from Galil, out of the city of Natsareth to Yehudah, to the city of Dawid, which is called Běyth Lehem, because he was of the house and lineage of Dawid,

**Luk 2:5** to be registered with Miryam, who was engaged to him – being pregnant.

**Luk 2:6** And it came to be, that while they were there, the days were filled for her to give birth.

**Luk 2:7** And she gave birth to her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up, and laid Him down in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in a lodging place.

Miriam, a virgin, was highly blessed and favored. In her womb, developed Yahusha, the ‘bread from heaven.’ Miriam served as a surrogate mother to birth Yahusha; for YHWH our Elohim does not mix ‘two different kinds.’ Yahusha most certainly came in the **‘likeness’ of flesh.** Yet, the ‘saying’, that he was 100% GOD and 100% man is incorrect in more ways than one. First that is not even mathematically correct.

Rom 8:3 For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having sent His own Son **in the likeness of flesh of sin**, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

### The Shepherds and the Angels

Luk 2:8 And in the same country there were shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

We know shepherds are no longer out in the fields watching their flocks in the month of December. Some believe that Yahusha was born at the time of the ‘Feast of Tabernacle’, around September. Others believe He was born at the time of ‘Passover and Unleavened Bread’ in the spring. What we can agree on is that he was not born on December 25<sup>th</sup> on what is called ‘Christmas.’ These pagan ‘holidays’ are the enemy’s attempt to try and change ‘times and laws.’ Tammuz is believed to have been born on December 25<sup>th</sup>; the season of Saturnalia.

Luk 2:9 And look, a messenger of יהוה' stood before them, and the esteem of יהוה' shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

Luk 2:10 And the messenger said to them, “Do not be afraid, for look, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people.

Luk 2:11 “Because there was born to you today in the city of Dawid a Saviour, who is Messiah, the Master.

This was another time for ‘great joy!’ Praise Yah! For unto us a child is born who is the Messiah! All aspects of His birth were foretold by the prophets!

Luk 2:12 “And this is the sign to you: You shall find a baby wrapped up, lying in a feeding trough.”

Luk 2:13 And suddenly there was with the messenger a crowd of the heavenly host praising Elohim and saying,

Luk 2:14 “Esteem to Elohim in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!”

It appears that was a moment of ‘quantum tunneling’ if you will. These shepherds had eye witnessed a crowd of heavenly host praising Elohim! There is much activity constantly around the throne room of YHWH and their presence may be closer than most think!

Luk 2:15 And it came to be, when the messengers had gone away from them into the heaven, that the shepherds said to each other, “Indeed, let us go to Běyth Lehem and see this matter that has taken place, which the Master has made known to us.”

Luk 2:16 And they came in haste and found Miryam and Yosěph, and the baby lying in a feeding trough.

Luk 2:17 And having seen, they made known the matter which was spoken to them concerning the child.

Luk 2:18 And all those who heard marveled at what the shepherds said to them.

Luk 2:19 But Miryam kept all these matters, considering them in her heart.

Luk 2:20 And the shepherds returned, boasting and praising Elohim for all they had heard and seen, as it was spoken to them.

Luk 2:21 And when **eight days** were completed for Him to be circumcised, His Name was called **הוֹשֵׁעַ**, the Name given by the messenger before He was conceived in the womb.

**Strong's conceived defined:** sullambanō sool-lam-ban'-o

From G4862 and G2983; to *clasp*, that is, *seize (arrest, capture)*; specifically to *conceive* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *aid*: - *catch, conceive, help, take*.

Yahusha was born during some of the final days of ‘the Book of the Law’, for He came to usher in the New Covenant. The Book of the Law served as a tutor until Yahusha would come after the order of Melchizedek. Joseph & Miriam, followed the processes rendered by the Book of the Law to stay in obedience; however, we also see that being set apart to YHWH was first initiated under the Book of the Covenant, the ‘Law of YHWH.’ Today, in Him, we are set-part by the blood of the Lamb and we are circumcised of heart.

### **Yahusha Presented at the Temple**

Luk 2:22 And when the days of her cleansing according to the Torah of Mosheh were completed, they brought Him to Yerushalayim to present Him to י'הוָה –

Luk 2:23 as it has been written in the **Torah of יהוה**, “**Every male who opens the womb shall be called set-apart to יהוה**” Exo 13:2, Exo 13:12, Exo 13:15.

Luk 2:24 and to give an offering according to what is said in the Torah of יהוה, “**A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.**” Lev 5:11, Lev 12:8.

Luk 2:25 And see, there was a man in Yerushalayim whose name was Shim'on, and **this man was righteous and dedicated**, looking for the comforting of Yisra'el. And the Set-apart Spirit was upon him.

Luk 2:26 And it had been revealed to him by the Set-apart Spirit that he would not see death before he sees the Messiah of יהוה!

Luk 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the Set-apart Place. And as the parents brought in the Child יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, to do for Him according to the usual practice of the Torah [the Law],

Luk 2:28 then he took Him up in his arms and blessed Elohim and said,

- ✚ Luk 2:29 "Now let Your servant go in peace, O Master, according to Your word,
- ✚ Luk 2:30 for my eyes have seen Your deliverance,
- ✚ Luk 2:31 which You have prepared before the face of all the peoples,

Luk 2:32 **a light for the unveiling of the nations**, Isa 42:6, Isa 49:6 and the esteem of Your people Yisra'el."

Luk 2:33 And Yosěph and His mother were marvelling at what was said about Him.

Luk 2:34 And Shim'on blessed them, and said to Miryam His mother, "See, this One is set for a fall and rising of many in Yisra'el, and for a sign spoken against –

Luk 2:35 and a sword shall pierce through your own being also – so as to reveal the thoughts of many hearts."

Luk 2:36 And there was Hannah, a prophetess, a daughter of Penu'el, of the tribe of Ashér. She was advanced in years, and had lived with a husband seven years from her maidenhood,

Luk 2:37 and **she was a widow of about eighty-four years**, who did not leave the Set-apart Place, but served Elohim with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luk 2:38 And she, coming in at that moment, gave thanks to יהוה, and spoke of Him to all who were waiting for redemption in Yerushalayim.

### The Return to Nazareth

Luk 2:39 And when they had accomplished all *matters* according to the Torah of יהוה, they returned to Galil, to their city Natsareth.

Luk 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom. And the favor of Elohim was upon Him.

### The Boy Yahusha in the Temple

Luk 2:41 And His parents went to Yerushalayim every year at the Festival of the Pēsah.

Luk 2:42 And when He was **twelve years old**, they went up to Yerushalayim according to the practice of the festival.

Luk 2:43 When they had accomplished the days, as they returned, **the Child יְהוֹשֻׁעַ stayed behind in Yerushalayim. And His parents did not know it,**

Luk 2:44 but thinking He was in the company, they went a day's journey, and were seeking Him among the relatives and friends.

Luk 2:45 And not having found Him, they returned to Yerushalayim, seeking Him.

Luk 2:46 And it came to be, **after three days**, that they found Him in the Set-apart Place, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Luk 2:47 **And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.**

Luk 2:48 And having seen Him, they were amazed. And His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? See, Your father and I have been anxiously seeking You."

Luk 2:49 And He said to them, "Why were you seeking Me? Did you not know that I had to be in the *matters* of My Father?"

Luk 2:50 But they did not understand the word which He spoke to them.

Luk 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Natsareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these matters in her heart.

Luk 2:52 **And הַיּוֹשֵׁעַ increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with Elohim and men.**

*'There was joy in Israel'*

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