

*Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 24; Acts 4; Jeremiah 13; Matthew 27.*

## *July 17 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Joshua 24**

We come to the close of the Book of Joshua. Joshua is 110 years old and he gathers all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, the very place they were gathered after crossing the Jordan. Shechem laid between Mt. Ebal and Mt. Gerizim. Joshua recounts all the way back to Abraham's father Terah, whom served other mighty ones. He recalls how YHWH took Abraham out of the land of Ur of the Chaldees and led him to Shechem, a land at that time of Canaanites.

Joshua goes on to recount how:

- YHWH gave Esau Mt. Seir
- YHWH sent Jacob and the Patriarchs to Egypt where Joseph was.
- When the Egyptians enslaved YHWH's people; he sent Moses and Aaron.
- YHWH parted the Sea of Reeds for their safety; yet engulfed Pharaoh and his army in the waters.
- YHWH gave them favor in defeating the Amorites
- YHWH protected them through blessings instead of any curses by Balak and Balaam.
- YHWH led them to defeat Jericho and other subsequent kings.
- And ultimately how YHWH gave them the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey in which they had all received their allotted lands.

Joshua implores them to choose whom they will serve, and Joshua makes it clear as for him and his house; they would serve YHWH. Joshua confronts them with his doubts about their faithfulness to YHWH; even saying how they had repeatedly shown themselves unfaithful.

Joshua closes his remarks by saying:

**Jos 24:27** And Yehoshua said to all the people, "See, this stone is a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us. And it shall be a witness against you, lest you lie against your Elohim."

**Jos 24:28** Then **Yehoshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.**

**Joshua later dies** and is buried in his land that had been allotted to him; Timnath Serah, which is in the mountains of Ephrayim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.

The bones of Joseph are buried in Shechem.

**Jos 24:32** And the bones of Yosēph, which the children of Yisra'ēl had brought up out of Mitsrayim, they buried at Sheķem, in the plot of ground which Ya'aqoḅ had bought from the sons of Ḥamor the father of Sheķem for one hundred qesitah,<sup>a</sup> and which had become an inheritance of the children of Yosēph. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>A monetary unit of uncertain value, perhaps in the form of a lamb.

Elazar the son of Aaron dies and is buried.

**Jos 24:33** And El'azar son of Aharon died, and they buried him in a hill that belonged to Pineḥas his son, which was given to him in the hill country of Ephrayim.

### The Covenant Renewal at Shechem

**Jos 24:1** And **Yehoshua gathered all the tribes of Yisra'ēl to Sheķem** and called for the elders of Yisra'ēl, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers. And they presented themselves before Elohim.

**Jos 24:2** And Yehoshua said to all the people, "Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ēl, **'Long ago your fathers dwelt beyond the River – Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nahor. And they served other mighty ones.**

**Jos 24:3** So **I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and caused him to go through all the land of Kena'an, and multiplied his offspring and gave him Yitshaq.**

**Jos 24:4** And **to Yitshaq I gave Ya'aqoḅ and Ĕsaw.** And to Ĕsaw I gave the mountains of Sē'ir to possess, but Ya'aqoḅ and his children went down to Mitsrayim.

**Jos 24:5** Then **I sent Mosheh and Aharon,** and plagued Mitsrayim, as I did in their midst. And afterward I brought you out.

**Jos 24:6** And I brought your fathers out of Mitsrayim, and you came to the sea. And the Mitsrians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the **Sea of Reeds.**

**Jos 24:7** And they cried out to יהוה, and He put thick darkness between you and the Mitsrians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Mitsrayim. And you dwelt in the wilderness a long time.

**Jos 24:8** And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, who dwelt beyond the Yardēn, and they fought with you. But I gave them into your hand, and you possessed their land, and I destroyed them from before you.

**Jos 24:9** And Balaq son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'ab, rose up and fought against Yisra'ēl, and sent and called for Bil'am son of Be'or to curse you.

**Jos 24:10** But I refused to listen to Bil'am, so he continued to bless you, and I delivered you out of his hand.

**Jos 24:11** And you **passed over the Yardēn and came to Yeriho.** And the masters of Yeriho, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Kena'anite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Hiwwite, and the Yebusite fought against you. But I gave them into your hand.

**Jos 24:12** And I sent **the hornet** before you which drove them out from before you, also the two sovereigns of the Amorites, but not with your sword or with your bow.

**Jos 24:13** And **I gave you** a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build. And you dwell in them, you eat of the vineyards and olive-trees which you did not plant.'

### Choose Whom You Will Serve

Jos 24:14 **“And now, fear יהוה, serve Him in perfection and in truth, and put away the mighty ones which your fathers served beyond the River and in Mitsrayim, and serve יהוה!”**

Jos 24:15 “And if it seems evil in your eyes to serve יהוה, choose for yourselves this day whom you are going to serve, whether the mighty ones which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the mighty ones of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. **But I and my house, we serve יהוה.”**

Jos 24:16 And the people answered and said, “Far be it from us to forsake יהוה, to serve other mighty ones,

Jos 24:17 for יהוה our Elohim is He who has brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs before our eyes, and has guarded us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed.

Jos 24:18 “And יהוה drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We too serve יהוה, for He is our Elohim.”

Jos 24:19 **Then Yehoshua said to the people,** “You are not able to serve יהוה, for He is a set-apart Elohim, a jealous El is He. He does not bear with your transgression and with your sins,

Jos 24:20 if you forsake יהוה and shall serve mighty ones of a stranger. Then He shall turn back and do you evil and consume you, after He has been good to you.”

Jos 24:21 **And the people said to Yehoshua,** “No, but we do serve יהוה!”

Jos 24:22 **Then Yehoshua said to the people,** “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen יהוה for yourselves, to serve Him.” And they said, “Witnesses!”

Jos 24:23 **“And now, put away the mighty ones of the stranger which are in your midst, and incline your heart to יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el.”**

Jos 24:24 **And the people said to Yehoshua,** “יהוה our Elohim we serve, and His voice we obey.”

Jos 24:25 And Yehoshua made a covenant with the people that day, and laid on them a law and a right-ruling in Shekem.

Jos 24:26 Then **Yehoshua wrote these words** in the Book of the Torah [Book of the Law] of Elohim. And he **took a large stone,** and set it up there **under the oak** that was by **the set-apart place of יהוה.**

Gen 12:6 And **Abram passed through the land to the place of Shekem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh.** At that time the Kena’anites were in the land.

Gen 12:7 And יהוה appeared to Abram and said, “To your seed I give this land.” And he built there a slaughter-place to יהוה, who had appeared to him.

Jos 24:27 And Yehoshua said to all the people, “See, this stone is a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of יהוה which He spoke to us. And it shall be a witness against you, lest you lie against your Elohim.”

Jos 24:28 Then **Yehoshua sent the people away, each to his own inheritance.**

### Joshua's Death and Burial

**Jos 24:29** And after these events it came to be that Yehoshua son of Nun, the servant of יהוה, died, **one hundred and ten years old**.

**Jos 24:30** And they **buried him within the border of his inheritance at Timnath Serah**, which is in the mountains of Ephrayim, on the north side of Mount Ga'ash.

**Jos 24:31** And Yisra'el served יהוה all the days of Yehoshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Yehoshua, who had known all the works of יהוה which He had done for Yisra'el.

### Joseph's Bones

**Jos 24:32** And the **bones of Yosēph**, which the children of Yisra'el had brought up out of Mitsrayim, they buried at Shekem, in the plot of ground which Ya'aqob had bought from the sons of Hamor the father of Shekem for one hundred **qesitah**,<sup>a</sup> and which had become an inheritance of the children of Yosēph. **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>A monetary unit of uncertain value, perhaps in the form of a lamb.**

**Jos 24:33** And **El'azar son of Aharon died**, and they buried him in a hill that belonged to Pinehas his son, which was given to him in the hill country of Ephrayim.

## Acts 4

### Peter and John Before the Council

**Act 4:1** And as they were speaking **to the people**, **the priests** and **the captain** of the Set-apart Place, and **the Sadducees**, came upon them,

**Act 4:2** **being annoyed because they taught the people and announced the resurrection from the dead in יהושע**.

**Act 4:3** And they arrested them, and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

**Act 4:4** **But many of those who had heard the word believed**, and the number of the men became about **five thousand**.

**Act 4:5** And it came to be, on the next day, that their rulers and elders and scribes assembled in Yerushalayim,

**Act 4:6** as well as **Hanan the high priest**, and **Qayapha**, and **Yohanan**, and **Alexander**, and as many as were of high priestly descent.

**Excerpt background on those mentioned in Acts 4:6 by Adam Clarke Annas** - Though this man was not now actually in the office of high priest, yet he had possessed it for eleven years, bore the title all his life, and had the honor of seeing five of his sons fill that eminent place after him - an honor that never happened to any other person from the commencement of the Mosaic institution. He is the same who is called Ananus by Josephus, Ant. b. xx. c. 8.

**And Caiaphas** - He was son-in-law to Annas, **Joh 18:13**, was now high priest, and the same who, a short time before, condemned Christ to be crucified.

**And John** - Dr. Lightfoot conjectures, with great probability that this was Jochanan ben Zaccai, who was very famous at that time in the Jewish nation. Of him it is said in the Talmud, Jucas. fol. 60: "Rabbin Jochanan ben Zaccai the priest lived 120 years. He found favor in the eyes of Caesar, from whom he obtained Jafneh. When he died, the glory of wisdom ceased." The

following is a remarkable passage: Yoma, fol. 39: Forty years before the destruction of the city, (the very time of which St. Luke now treats), when the gates of the temple flew open of their own accord, Rab. Jochanan ben Zaccai said, “O temple! temple! why dost thou disturb thyself? I know thy end, that thou shalt be destroyed, for so the Prophet Zachary hath spoken concerning thee: open thy doors, O Lebanon! that the fire may devour thy cedars.” See Lightfoot and Schoettgen.

**And Alexander** - This was probably Alexander Lysimachus, one of the richest Jews of his time, who made great presents to the temple, and was highly esteemed by King Agrippa. See Calmet. He was brother to the famous Philo Judaeus, and father of Alexander Tiberius, who married Berenice, the daughter of Agrippa the elder, and was governor of Judea after Cuspius Fadus. See Josephus, Ant. I. xix. c. 5, s. 1.

**Of the kindred of the high priest** - Or rather, as Bp. Pearce renders it, “of the race of the high priests, i.e. of the family out of which the high priests were chosen.” It may, however, comprehend those who belonged to the families of Annas and Caiaphas, and all who were connected with the sacerdotal family. Luke distinctly mentions all these, to show how formidable the enemies were against whom the infant Church of Christ had to contend.

Act 4:7 And having placed them in the middle, they asked, **“By what power or in what Name did you do this?”**

Act 4:8 Then **Kēpha, filled with the Set-apart Spirit, said to them**, “Rulers of the people and elders of Yisra’ēl:

Act 4:9 “If today we are called to account for a good deed towards a sick man, by whom he has been healed,

Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Yisra’ēl, that in the Name of יהושע Messiah of Natsareth, whom you impaled, whom Elohim raised from the dead, by Him this one stands before you, healthy.

Act 4:11 “This is **‘the stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief corner-stone.’** Psa 118:22.

Act 4:12 “And there is no deliverance in anyone else, for there is **no other Name under the heaven given among men by which we need to be saved.**”

Act 4:13 And seeing the boldness of Kēpha and Yoḥanan, and perceiving that they were unlearned and ordinary men, they marveled. And they recognized that they had been with יהושע.

Act 4:14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could not contradict it.

The rulers, elders, and the scribes, the very ones that had come against Yahusha and plotted against him, are now coming against His taught ones. All their plans and schemes to squelch the Covenant message through Yahusha, played right into expanding the Covenant Confirming Gospel message exponentially.

You see, they had once only focused on trying to silence Yahusha, but now His kingdom of priests is growing faster than they will ever be able to silence. The infilling of the

Ruach HaKodesh is powerful and working through each individual!!! The consuming fire of Elohim has been loosed and the dynamic power of the Ruach HaKodesh is burning brightly in the lives of the believers.

No matter how much the rulers, scribes, and elders want to silence the Truth; it is now utterly impossible! Praise Yah!

Act 4:15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they consulted with one another,

Act 4:16 saying, “What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that an outstanding miracle has been done through them is apparent to all those dwelling in Yerushalayim, and we are unable to deny it.

Act 4:17 “But in order that it spreads no further among the people, let us strongly threaten them, to speak no more to anyone in this Name.”

Act 4:18 And they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor to teach in the Name of יהושע.

Act 4:19 But Kēpha and Yoḥanan answering them, said, “Whether it is right in the sight of Elohim to listen to you more than to Elohim,<sup>a</sup> you judge. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Act 5:29.

Act 4:20 “For it is impossible for us not to speak of what we saw and heard.”

Act 4:21 And having threatened them further, they released them, finding no way of punishing them, because of the people, because they were all praising Elohim for what had been done.

Act 4:22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been done.

Peter had been given all the right words to speak by YHWH.

### The Believers Pray for Boldness

Act 4:23 And **having been released**, they went **to their own people** and reported all that the chief priests and elders said to them.

Act 4:24 And having heard that, they lifted **up their voice to Elohim with one mind** and said, “יהוה, You are Elohim, who **made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that is in them,**<sup>b</sup> Psa 146:6 Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Also see Exo 20:11.

Act 4:25 who by the mouth of Your servant Dawid have said, ‘**Why did the nations rage, and the people plot in vain?**

Act 4:26 ‘**The sovereigns of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against יהוה and against His Messiah.**’ Psa 2:1-2.

Act 4:27 “For truly, in this city there were gathered together against Your set-apart Servant יהושע, whom You anointed, both Herodes and Pontius Pilate, with the nations and the people of Yisra’el

Act 4:28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose decided before to be done.

Act 4:29 “**And now, יהוה, look on their threats, and give to Your servants all boldness to speak Your word.**”

Act 4:30 **by stretching out Your hand for healing, and signs, and wonders to take place through the Name of Your set-apart Servant יהושע.**"

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where **they came together was shaken**. And **they were all filled with the Set-apart Spirit**, and **they spoke the word of Elohim with boldness**.

Much like the initial outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh, they once again gathered together in one mind to Elohim and prayed for boldness to speak His word and for Him to stretch out His hand for healing, signs, and wonders to take place through the Name of Yahusha.

Their prayers were answered, and they received a fresh infilling of the Set-apart Spirit, the Ruach HaKodesh.

### They Had Everything in Common

Act 4:32 And **the group of those who believed were of one heart and one being**. And no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had all in common.

Act 4:33 And **with great power the emissaries gave witness to the resurrection of the Master יהושע, and great favour was upon them all**.

Act 4:34 For there **was not anyone needy among them**, for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of what was sold,

Act 4:35 and laid them at the feet of the emissaries, and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Act 4:36 **And Yosēph, who was also called Barnaba by the emissaries (which means Son of Encouragement), a Lēwite, a native of Cyprus,**

Act 4:37 **having land, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the feet of the emissaries.**

## Jeremiah 13

### The Ruined Loincloth

Jer 13:1 Thus יהוה said to me, "Go and get yourself a linen girdle, and put it on your loins, but do not put it in water."

Jer 13:2 So **I bought a girdle** according to the word of יהוה, and **put it on my loins**.

#### BDB Definition: Girdle:

- 1) waist-cloth, the innermost piece of clothing
  - 1a) of God's power over kings (figuratively)
  - 1b) of faithfulness (metaphorically)
- 2) waistband

Jer 13:3 And the word of יהוה came to me **the second time**, saying,

Jer 13:4 “Take the girdle that you have bought, which is on your loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock.”

Jer 13:5 And I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as יהוה commanded me.

Jer 13:6 **And it came to be after many days that יהוה said to me,** “Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the girdle which I commanded you to hide there.”

Jer 13:7 So I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the girdle from the place where I had hidden it. **And there was the girdle, ruined. It was completely useless.**

Jer 13:8 “And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Jer 13:9 “**Thus said יהוה,** ‘Thus I ruin the pride of Yehudah and the great pride of Yerushalayim.

Jer 13:10 **This evil people, who refuse to hear My Words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and walk after other mighty ones to serve them and to bow themselves to them, is like this girdle which is completely useless.**

Jer 13:11 For as the girdle clings to the loins of a man, so I have caused all the house of Yisra’el and all the house of Yehudah to cling to Me,’ declares יהוה, ‘to become Mine – for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for an adorning. **But they did not listen.**’

A useless used dirty ruined girdle was the description of how YHWH was about to ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. We all know ‘pride comes before destruction’; and they were about to experience destruction.

Pro 16:18 **Before destruction comes pride,** And before a **fall a haughty spirit!**

Pro 18:12 **Before destruction the heart of a man is haughty,** And **before esteem is humility.**

Pro 11:2 **Pride comes, then comes shame;** **But with the humble is wisdom.**

### The Jars Filled with Wine

Jer 13:12 “**And you shall speak to them this word,** ‘Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra’el, “Every bottle is to be filled with wine.” ’ And when they say to you, ‘Do we not know that every bottle should be filled with wine?’

Jer 13:13 “Then say to them, **Thus said יהוה,** “**See, I am filling all the inhabitants of this land, and the sovereigns who sit on the throne of Dawid, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Yerushalayim with drunkenness!**”

Jer 13:14 “And **I shall dash them one against another,** both the fathers and the sons together,” declares יהוה. **“I do not spare nor pardon nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.”**”

Example after example; warning after warning is given. If only they would heed the message and repent; but they do not.

### Exile Threatened

Jer 13:15 **Listen and give ear, do not be proud, for יהוה has spoken.**

Jer 13:16 **Give esteem to יהוה your Elohim before** He brings darkness, and before your feet stumble on the dark mountains, and while you are looking for light. He turns it into the shadow of death, makes it gross darkness.

If they don't listen...

Jer 13:17 And **if you do not listen**, my being shall **weep in secret for your pride**, and my eyes bitterly weep and run down with tears, **because the flock of יהוה shall be taken captive.**

Jer 13:18 **Say to the sovereign and to the sovereignty mother, "Humble yourselves. Sit down, for your rule, the crown of your comeliness, has come down."**

Jer 13:19 The cities of the South shall be shut up, with no one to open them. **Yehudah shall be taken into exile, all of it. She shall be taken into exile, completely.**

Jer 13:20 Lift up your eyes and see those who come from the north. Where is the flock that was given to you, your fair sheep?

Jer 13:21 What would you say when He visits you? For you have taught them to be chiefs, to be head over you. Do not pangs seize you, like a woman in labor?

Jer 13:22 **And when you say in your heart, "Why has this come upon me?"** It is because of your great crookedness that your skirts have been uncovered, your heels made bare.

Jer 13:23 Does a Kushite change his skin and a leopard its spots? **You who are taught to do evil are also unable to do good!**

Jer 13:24 **"So I shall scatter them like stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness.**

Jer 13:25 "This is your lot, your measured portion from Me," declares יהוה, **"because you have forgotten Me, and trust in falsehood.**

Jer 13:26 **"I shall even draw your skirts over your face, and your shame shall be seen,**

Jer 13:27 **your adulteries and your neighings, the wickedness of your whoring! I have seen your abominations on the hills in the fields. Woe to you,**

**O Yerushalayim! How long before you would be made clean?"**

## Matthew 27

### Yahusha Delivered to Pilate

**Mat 27:1** And morning having come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against יהושע, so as to put Him to death.

Mat 27:2 And having bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

We must always remember, no one took Yahusha's life; He chose to lay down His life and take it back up! He held the 'Greater Plan.' His ways are not our ways!

Joh 10:18 "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to receive it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Isa 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares יהוה.

Isa 55:9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.

### Judas Hangs Himself

Mat 27:3 Then Yehudah – he who delivered Him up – **having seen that He had been condemned, repented, returned the thirty pieces of silver** to the chief priests and to the elders,

Mat 27:4 saying, **"I have sinned in delivering up innocent blood."** And they said, **"What is that to us? You see to it!"**

Mat 27:5 And throwing down the pieces of silver in the Dwelling Place he left, and went and hanged himself.

Mat 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces and said, "It is not right to put them into the treasury, seeing they are the price of blood."

Mat 27:7 So they took counsel and bought with them the potter's field, for the burial of strangers.

Mat 27:8 Therefore that field has been called the **Field of Blood**, until today.

Mat 27:9 Then was filled what was spoken by Yirmeyahu the prophet, saying, **"And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was pierced, on whom they of the children of Yisra'el set a price,**

Mat 27:10 **and gave them for the potter's field, as יהוה had ordered me."** [Zec 11:12-13](#).

Judas of Iscariot repented and returned the thirty pieces of silver; he acknowledges he had sinned delivering up innocent blood before the chief priests; but **his repentance fell on deaf and uncaring ears**. If they were TRUE chief priests, they would have had compassion and instructions for Judas, but they were not.

The corruption of the temple Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was very evident; our only hope was through Yahusha accomplishing what He was sent to do. Yahusha, at this point had been condemned, but had not yet been crucified. Therefore, the transition between the priesthoods and the laws had not fully yet been accomplished.

The chief priests were so corrupt and so very blind. They worked diligently seeking the death of Yahusha; and once they felt things were aligned in their favor; they pretend to act 'righteous' by not adding the blood money, that they had provided to Judas, into their treasury! Utter hypocrisy.

**Yahusha Before Pilate** – Yahusha knew exactly what He was doing; and He knew the hearts of each one present!

**Mat 27:11** And יהושע stood before the governor, and the governor asked Him, saying, **“Are You the Sovereign of the Yehudim?”** And יהושע said to him, **“You say it.”**

**Mat 27:12** And as He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He answered not.

**Mat 27:13** Then Pilate said to Him, **“Do You not hear how much they witness against You?”**

**Mat 27:14** And He did not answer him, not one word, so that the governor wondered much.

### The Crowd Chooses Barabbas

**Mat 27:15** And at the festival the governor used to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished.

**Mat 27:16** And they had then a well-known prisoner called Barabba.

**Mat 27:17** So when they were assembled, **Pilate said to them, “Whom do you wish I release to you? Barabba, or יהושע who is called Messiah?”**

**Mat 27:18** For **he knew that because of envy** they had delivered Him up.

**Mat 27:19** And as he was sitting on the judgment seat, **his wife sent to him, saying, “Have none at all to do with that righteous Man, for I have suffered much today in a dream because of Him.”**

**Mat 27:20** But the chief priests and elders persuaded the crowds that they should ask for Barabba and to destroy יהושע.

**Mat 27:21** And the governor answering, said to them, “Which of the two do you wish I release to you?” They said, “Barabba!”

**Mat 27:22** Pilate said to them, “What then shall I do with יהושע who is called Messiah?” They all said to him, “Let Him be impaled!”

**Mat 27:23** And the governor said, “Indeed, what evil has He done?” And they were crying out all the more, saying, “Let Him be impaled!”

The spirit of the Anti-messiah was no doubt present causing a feeding frenzy for innocent blood. Yahusha already knew what they would say and who they would choose; Yahusha was fulfilling all that had been prophesied about Him; He had come to seek and to save that which was lost. He is the One who would ask His Father, ‘Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.’

### Pilate Delivers Yahusha to Be Crucified

Mat 27:24 And when **Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but rather an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of the blood of this Righteous One. You shall see to it.”**

Mat 27:25 And **all the people answering, said, “His blood be on us and on our children.”**

Mat 27:26 Then he released Barabba to them, but having יהושע whipped, he delivered Him over to be impaled.

### Yahusha Is Mocked

Mat 27:27 Then the soldiers of the governor took יהושע into the court and gathered the entire company of soldiers around Him.

Mat 27:28 And **having stripped Him, they put a scarlet robe on Him.**

Mat 27:29 And **plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand.** And **they kneeled down before Him and mocked Him,** saying, “Greetings, Sovereign of the Yehudim!”

Mat 27:30 And **spitting on Him** they **took the reed and struck Him on the head.**

Mat 27:31 And **when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, then put His own garments on Him,** and led Him away to be impaled.

### The Crucifixion

Mat 27:32 And as they were going out, they found a man of **Cyrene, Shim'on** by name – they compelled him to bear His stake.

Mat 27:33 And when they came to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

Mat 27:34 they **gave Him wine mixed with bile to drink. And after tasting, He would not drink it.**

Mat 27:35 And having impaled Him, they divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be filled what was spoken by the prophet, **“They divided My garments among them, and for My clothing they cast lots.”** [Psa 22:18](#).

They did not divide His seamless garment, this was His priestly garment; therefore, they did not ‘disqualify’ Him from being ‘High Priest’ of the Melchizedek Order over His own crucifixion.

Mat 27:36 And sitting down, they guarded Him there.

Mat 27:37 And they put up over His head the written charge against Him: **THIS IS יהושע, THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM.**

This signed annoyed the chief priests and elders; they had wanted it to say, **He said,** He was the Sovereign of the Yehudim. YHWH speaks in many ways.

Mat 27:38 **Then two robbers** were impaled with Him, one on the right and another on the left.

Mat 27:39 And those passing by were blaspheming Him, **shaking their heads,** [Psa 22:7](#).

Mat 27:40 and saying, “You who destroy the Dwelling Place and build it in three days, save Yourself! If You are the Son of Elohim, come down from the stake.”

Mat 27:41 And likewise the **chief priests, with the scribes and elders,** mocking, said,

Mat 27:42 “He saved others – He is unable to save Himself. If He is the Sovereign of Yisra’el, let Him now come down from the stake, and we shall believe Him.

Mat 27:43 **“He trusted in Elohim, let Him rescue Him now if He desires Him,** [Psa 22:8](#) for He said, ‘I am the Son of Elohim.’”

Mat 27:44 And also the **robbers who were impaled with Him reviled Him,** saying the same.

Line upon line we see prophesy after prophesy about Yahusha being fulfilled in Psalms and other Scripture.

### The Death of Yahusha

Mat 27:45 And from the **sixth hour** **there was darkness over all the land,** until **the ninth hour.**

During Passover, if possibly there had been a full moon, the only way for a total solar eclipse to have occurred for 3 hours; would have to have been caused by another large planetary body moving between the earth and the sun. Some believe that that planetary body may have very well been Planet 7x. The accompanying earthquake would fall right in line with such an event causing earth perturbation.

Alternatively, YHWH can do anything He desires but most often YHWH uses His creation to bring about His will.

Mat 27:46 And about the **ninth hour** יהושע cried out with a loud voice, saying, **“Ĕli, Ĕli, lemah shebaqtani?”** that is, **“My Ĕli, My Ĕli, why have You forsaken Me?”** [Psa 22:1](#).

Mat 27:47 Some of those standing there, having heard, said, “This One calls Ĕliyahu!”

Mat 27:48 And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, and filled it with **sour wine** and put it on a reed, and gave it to Him **to drink.** [Psa 69:21](#).

Mat 27:49 But the rest said, “Leave it, let us see if Ĕliyahu comes to save Him.”

Mat 27:50 **And יהושע cried out again with a loud voice, and gave up His spirit.**

Mat 27:51 And see,

- the veil of the Dwelling Place was torn in two from top to bottom, and
- the earth was shaken, and
- the rocks were split,
- Mat 27:52 and the tombs were opened, and
- many bodies of the set-apart ones who had fallen asleep were raised,
- Mat 27:53 and coming out of the tombs after His resurrection,
- they went into the set-apart city and appeared to many.

Mat 27:54 And when the captain and those with him, who were guarding יהושע, saw the earthquake and all that took place, they feared exceedingly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of Elohim!”

Mat 27:55 And many women who followed יהושע from Galil, attending Him, were there, watching from a distance,

Mat 27:56 among whom were Miryam from Maḡdala, and Miryam the mother of Ya'aqob and Yosēph, and the mother of Zabdai's sons.

### Yahusha Is Buried

Mat 27:57 And when evening came, there came a rich man from Ramathayim, named Yosēph, who himself had also become a taught one of יהושע.

Mat 27:58 He went to Pilate and asked for the body of יהושע. Then Pilate commanded the body to be given.

Mat 27:59 And having taken the body, Yosēph wrapped it in clean linen,

Mat 27:60 and laid it in his new tomb which he had hewn out of the rock. And he rolled a large stone against the door of the tomb, and went away.

Mat 27:61 And Miryam from Maḡdala was there, and the other Miryam, sitting opposite the tomb.

### The Guard at the Tomb

Mat 27:62 On the next day, which was after the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,

Mat 27:63 saying, “Master, we remember, **while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, ‘After three days I am raised.’**”

Mat 27:64 **“Command, then, that the tomb be safeguarded until the third day**, lest His taught ones come by night and steal Him away, and should say to the people, ‘He was raised from the dead.’ And the last deception shall be worse than the first.”

Mat 27:65 So Pilate said to them, “You have a watch, go, safeguard it as you know how.”

Mat 27:66 And **they went and safeguarded the tomb, sealing the stone and setting the watch.**

The chief priests and Pharisees had ‘no rest’; they themselves were highly tormented in their minds.

Now read just some of the prophecies in Isaiah that Yahusha was fulfilling.

Isa 53:2 For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or splendor that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should desire Him –

Isa 53:3 despised and rejected by men, a man of pains and knowing sickness. And as one from whom the face is hidden, being despised, and we did not consider Him.

Isa 53:4 Truly, He has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains. Yet we reckoned Him smitten, stricken by Elohim, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 We all, like sheep, went astray, each one of us has turned to his own way. And יהוה has laid on Him the crookedness of us all.

Isa 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, but He did not open His mouth.

Isa 53:8 He was taken from prison and from judgment. And as for His generation, who considered that He shall be cut off from the land of the living? For the transgression of My people He was stricken.

Isa 53:9 And He was appointed a burial-site with the wrong, and with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was deceit in His mouth.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [1Pe 2:22](#).

Isa 53:10 But יהוה was pleased to crush Him, He laid sickness on Him, that when He made Himself an offering for guilt, He would see a seed, He would prolong His days and the pleasure of יהוה prosper in His hand.

Isa 53:11 He would see the result of the suffering of His life and be satisfied. Through His knowledge My righteous Servant makes many righteous, and He bears their crookednesses.

Isa 53:12 Therefore I give Him a portion among the great, and He divides the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His being unto death, and He was counted with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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