

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 22; Acts 2; Jeremiah 11; Matthew 25.

July 15 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Joshua 22

The tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the ½ tribe of Manasseh had been faithful to go with all the tribes to conquer the Promised Land. Now, they would be returning to their lands east of the Jordan as approved by YHWH and Moses. Joshua sends them back home with blessings and instructions to guard YHWH's commands given to Moses with all their heart.

They return to their lands and decide to build a great and conspicuous slaughter place as "A witness between us that יהוה is Elohim." This is misconstrued by the tribes on the west side of the Jordan. The children of Israel are enraged and send Phineas and 10 rulers, heads of each tribe, to confront them. They lay out their complaint before them with great detail accusing the 2 ½ tribes of rebelling against YHWH with flashback remembrances of Peor and Akin and the loss of life.

Once given the time to explain, the children of Reuben, Gad, and the ½ tribe of Manasseh state their reasoning behind building the slaughter place. It was to serve only as a **witness** and was NOT to serve as a place to offer slaughtering. They wanted to make sure their children stayed connected to their brethren on the west side of the Jordan; so that if ever questioned why they had settled on the eastern side, they would know it was NOT in rebellion against YHWH, their Elohim.

The Dwelling Place and the slaughter offerings would still be done at the Tabernacle by the Aaronic Levitical Priest west of the Jordan. More than likely the design of the slaughter place they had constructed **fit the design of those worshiping YHWH**. Pagan slaughter places were made from hewn stone and they had steps. YHWH's slaughter places were made from unhewn stone and had ramps.

Exodus 20: **24'**Make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you. **25'** **And if you make Me an altar of stone, do not build it of cut stone, for if**

you use your chisel on it, you have profaned it. **26'Nor do you go up by steps to My altar, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.'**

The Eastern Tribes state their case before YHWH and made themselves accountable to YHWH if what they were saying was not true. Their intentions were true, and Phineas and the rulers took the good report back to the children of Israel, and there was no more talk about going to war with the eastern tribes over any rebellious act toward YHWH. Their assumption had been incorrect.

The Eastern Tribes Return Home

Jos 22:1 Then Yehoshua called for the Re'ubēnites, and the Gaḏites, and half the tribe of Menashsheh,

Jos 22:2 and said to them, “You, you have guarded all that Mosheh the servant of יהוה commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you.

Jos 22:3 “You have not left your brothers these many days, up to this day, but have guarded the Charge, the command of יהוה your Elohim.

Jos 22:4 “And now יהוה your Elohim has given rest to your brothers, as He promised them. **So now, return and go to your tents and to the land of your possession, which Mosheh the servant of יהוה gave you beyond the Yardēn.**

Jos 22:5 “Only, diligently guard to do the command and the Torah which Mosheh the servant of יהוה commanded you, to love יהוה your Elohim, and to walk in all His ways, and to guard His commands, and to cling to Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your being.”

Jos 22:6 And Yehoshua blessed them and sent them away, and they went to their tents.

Jos 22:7 And to half the tribe of Menashsheh Mosheh had given a possession in Bashan, but to the other half of it Yehoshua gave land among their brothers beyond the Yardēn, westward. So when Yehoshua sent them away to their tents, he also blessed them,

Jos 22:8 and spoke to them, saying, “Return to your tents with great riches, and with very much livestock, and with silver, and with gold, and with bronze, and with iron, and with countless garments. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.”

Jos 22:9 And the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gaḏ, and half the tribe of Menashsheh returned, and left the children of Yisra'ēl at Shiloh, which is in the land of Kena'an, to go to the land of Gil'ad, to the land of their possession, which they possessed according to the mouth of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh.

The Eastern Tribes' Altar of Witness

Jos 22:10 And they came to the districts of the Yardēn which is in the land of Kena'an, and the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gaḏ, and half the tribe of Menashsheh **built a slaughter-place there by the Yardēn, a great conspicuous slaughter-place.**

Jos 22:11 And the children of Yisra'ēl heard it said, “See, the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gaḏ, and half the tribe of Menashsheh have built a slaughter-place opposite the land of Kena'an, in the districts of the Yardēn, at the border of the children of Yisra'ēl.”

Jos 22:12 And when the children of Yisra'ēl heard, all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ēl assembled at Shiloh to go to fight against them.

Jos 22:13 So the children of Yisra'ël sent **Pinehas** son of El'azar the priest to the children of Re'ubĕn, and to the children of Gaḏ, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, into the land of Gil'aḏ,

Jos 22:14 and **ten rulers with him, one ruler each from the chief house of every tribe of Yisra'ël.** And each one was the head of the house of his father among the divisions of Yisra'ël.

Jos 22:15 And they came to the children of Re'ubĕn and to the children of Gaḏ, and to half the tribe of Menashsheh, to the land of Gil'aḏ, and spoke with them, saying,

Jos 22:16 "Thus says all the congregation of יהוה, 'What is this trespass you have committed against the Elohim of Yisra'ël, to turn away this day from following יהוה, in that you have built for yourselves a slaughter-place, to rebel against יהוה this day?'

Jos 22:17 Is the crookedness of Pe'or not enough for us, from which we have not been cleansed till this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of יהוה,

Jos 22:18 that you turn away today from following יהוה? And it shall be, if you rebel today against יהוה, that tomorrow He is wroth with all the congregation of Yisra'ël.

Jos 22:19 And indeed, if the land of your possession is unclean, then pass over to the land of the possession of יהוה, where the **Dwelling Place of יהוה dwells**, and take possession among us. But do not rebel against יהוה, nor rebel against us, by building yourselves a slaughter-place besides the slaughter-place of יהוה our Elohim.

Jos 22:20 Did not Aḵan son of Zerah commit a trespass in that which is under the ban, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Yisra'ël? And he was not the only one to die in his crookedness.'

Jos 22:21 **Then the children of Re'ubĕn, and the children of Gaḏ, and half the tribe of Menashsheh answered and said to the heads of the divisions of Yisra'ël,**

Jos 22:22 "Ĕl Elohim יהוה, Ĕl Elohim יהוה, He knows, and let Yisra'ël itself know. If this has been in rebellion, or if in trespass against יהוה, do not save us this day.

Jos 22:23 "If we have built ourselves a slaughter-place to turn from following יהוה, or if to offer ascending offerings or grain offerings on it, or if to make slaughterings of peace offerings on it, let יהוה Himself require it.

Jos 22:24 "But truly, **from fear**, for a reason we did this, saying, 'In time to come your sons might speak to our sons, saying, "What have you to do with יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ël?"

Jos 22:25 "For יהוה has made the Yardĕn a border between you and us, you children of Re'ubĕn and children of Gaḏ. You have no portion with יהוה." So your sons would make our sons stop fearing יהוה.'

Jos 22:26 "So we said, **Let us now prepare to build ourselves a slaughter-place, not for ascending offering nor for slaughtering,**

Jos 22:27 **but to be a witness between you and us and our generations after us, to do the service of יהוה before Him with our ascending offerings, with our slaughterings, and with our peace offerings, that your sons should not say to our sons in time to come, "You have no portion with יהוה."**

Jos 22:28 "So we said that it shall be, when they say this to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, 'See the pattern of the slaughter-place of יהוה which our fathers made, though not for ascending offerings nor for slaughterings, **but it is a witness between you and us.**'

Jos 22:29 "**Far be it from us to rebel against יהוה, and to turn from following יהוה this day, to build a slaughter-place for ascending offerings, for grain offerings, or for slaughterings, besides the slaughter-place of יהוה our Elohim which is before His Dwelling Place.**"

Jos 22:30 And Pinehas the priest and the rulers of the congregation, and the heads of the thousands of Yisra'el who were with him, heard the words that the children of Re'ubēn, and the children of Gaḏ, and the children of Menashsheh spoke, and **it was good in their eyes.**

Jos 22:31 And Pinehas son of El'azar the priest said to the children of Re'ubēn, and to the children of Gaḏ, and to the children of Menashsheh, **"Today we know that יהוה is in our midst, because you have not committed against יהוה this trespass. Now you have delivered the children of Yisra'el out of the hand of יהוה."**

Jos 22:32 And **Pinehas** son of El'azar the priest, and **the rulers**, returned from the children of Re'ubēn and the children of Gaḏ, from the land of Gil'ad to the land of Kena'an, to the children of Yisra'el, and brought back word to them.

Jos 22:33 So the matter was good in the eyes of the children of Yisra'el, and the children of Yisra'el blessed Elohim. And **they spoke no more of going against to fight, to destroy the land where the children of Re'ubēn and Gaḏ dwelt.**

Jos 22:34 And the children of Re'ubēn and the children of Gaḏ called the slaughter-place, **"A witness between us that יהוה is Elohim."**

Acts 2

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Act 2:1 And when the Day of the Festival of **Shabu'oth^a** had come, they were all with **one mind** in **one place**. Footnote: ^aWeeks.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from the heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and settled on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And **they were all filled with the Set-apart Spirit** and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them to speak.

As promised, the Ruach HaKodesh comes as Yahusha had told them. They had been obedient and had stayed in Jerusalem; they were of one mind; and they were in one place; and they were filled with the Set-apart Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.

This occurred on YHWH's prophetic appointed time of Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks or Pentecost. Fifty days prior, His crucifixion had taken place on Passover and Yahusha had ascended on the 3rd day, the feast of First Fruits. From that point, He made full atonement on the heavenly altar with His precious blood and afterwards appeared for 40 days to more than 500 people including His disciples.

What does this mean? This means that the Set-apart Spirit now dwells in believers. This means that we are living stones of the Temple of YHWH. This means that we are brought together by one mind in Him and are gathered into one place: the body of believers! This means we are made into a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nations; a set-apart people, a holy nation.

The Promise, the Comforter had come! Greater things could now be done because His Spirit dwells in many of us as we serve as His Royal Ambassadors and carry out the Great Commission all around the world!

Act 2:5 Now in Yerushalayim there were dwelling Yehudim, dedicated men from every nation under the heaven.

Act 2:6 And when this sound came to be, the crowd came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying to each other, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?”

Act 2:8 “And how do we hear, each one in our own language in which we were born?”

Act 2:9 “Parthians and Medes and Ęylamites, and those dwelling in Aram Naharayim, both Yehudah and Kappadokia, Pontos and Asia,

Act 2:10 both Phrygia and Pamphulia, Mitsrayim and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Yehudim and converts,

Act 2:11 “Cretans and Arabs, **we hear them speaking in our own tongues the great deeds of Elohim.**”

Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were puzzled, saying to each other, “What does this mean?”

Act 2:13 And others mocking said, “They have been filled with sweet wine.”

There had been a great influx of people from across the world gathering in Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot [Festival of Weeks or Pentecost]. This Shavuot was like none other. The Promise, the Comforter had come!

Those that received His Spirit spoke in tongues; and the people that had traveled in from every nation heard them speaking in their own language about the great deeds of Elohim. This was a very powerful witness that all those visiting would take back to their countries.

These Spirit filled believers were now His kingdom of priests powerfully witnessing to the nations gathered. This great outpouring of His Spirit will happen again in the end of days through the two witnesses we have previously discussed. These witnesses will proclaim the great deeds of Elohim and do mighty signs and wonders for 3 ½ years, just as those did at the coming of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Now we see Peter address those that were mocking this blessed event.

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Act 2:14 But **Kěpha, standing up with the eleven**, lifted up his voice and said to them, “Men of Yehudah and all those dwelling in Yerushalayim, let this be known to you, and listen closely to my words.

Act 2:15 “For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, since it is only the third hour of the day.

Act 2:16 **“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Yo’ēl:**

Act 2:17 ‘And it shall be in the last days, says Elohim, that I shall pour out of My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams,

Act 2:18 and also on My male servants and on My female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.

Act 2:19 ‘And I shall show wonders in the heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapour of smoke.

Act 2:20 ‘The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before the coming of the great and splendid day of יהוה**.

Act 2:21 **‘And it shall be that everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be saved.’^b**

[Joe 2:28-32](#) Footnote: ^b[Rom 10:13](#).

Act 2:22 “Men of Yisra’ēl, hear these words: יהושע of Natsareth, a Man from Elohim, having been pointed out to you by mighty works, and wonders, and signs which Elohim did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know,

Act 2:23 this One, given up by the set purpose and foreknowledge of Elohim, you have impaled and put to death through the hands of lawless men –

Act 2:24 “Him Elohim raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was impossible that He could be held in its grip.

Act 2:25 **“For Dawid says concerning Him, ‘I saw יהוה before me continually, because He is at my right hand, in order that I should not be shaken.**

Act 2:26 ‘For this reason my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad, and now my flesh shall also rest in expectation,

Act 2:27 **because You shall not leave my being in She’ol, nor shall You give Your Lovingly-committed One to see corruption.**

Act 2:28 ‘You have made known to me the ways of life, You shall fill me with joy in Your presence.’ [Psa 16:8-11](#).

Act 2:29 “Men and brothers, let me speak boldly to you of the ancestor Dawid, that **he died and was buried,^c** and his tomb is with us to this day. Footnote: ^cSee [Act 2:34](#).

Act 2:30 “**Being a prophet, then, and knowing that Elohim had sworn with an oath to him:** of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, **to raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne,**

Act 2:31 **foreseeing this he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah, that His being was neither left in She’ol, nor did His flesh see corruption.**

Act 2:32 **Elohim has raised up this יהושע, of which we are all witnesses.**

Act 2:33 “Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of Elohim, and having received from the Father the promise of the Set-apart Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Act 2:34 “For Dawid did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself said, ‘יהוה **said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand,**

Act 2:35 **until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”**’ [Psa 110:1](#).

No one had ascending into heaven BEFORE Yahusha. Yahusha defeated Satan by laying down His life and taking it back up again. Yahusha had defeated Satan by pouring out His Ruach HaKodesh upon all believers. Yahusha descended before ascending to witness to the faithful ones that had passed on previously; sharing the Good News He had fulfilled YHWH’s Promise.

Now, the spirit and souls of believers could be joined with Him and would later receive their glorified bodies upon His second coming. Prior to Yahusha’s first coming, the souls and spirits of believers that had passed away were in paradise; the ‘comfort side’ of Sheol. This is my understanding to date; you may disagree but again this is my understanding of what the Scriptures say.

Mar 12:25 “For **when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as messengers** in the heavens.

Mar 12:26 “And **concerning the dead, that they rise – have you not read in the book of Mosheh, at the bush, how Elohim spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya’aqob’?**” [Exo 3:6](#).

Mar 12:27 “**He is not the Elohim of the dead, but Elohim of the living.** You, then, go greatly astray.”

Act 2:36 “Therefore let all the house of Yisra’el know for certain that **Elohim has made this יהושע, whom you impaled, both Master and Messiah.**”

Act 2:37 And having heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kēpha and the rest of the emissaries, **“Men, brothers, what shall we do?”**

Act 2:38 And Kēpha said to them, **“Repent, and let each one of you be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah for the forgiveness of sins.^d And you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.** Footnote: ^dAlso see [Act 2:40](#), [Act 3:19](#), [Act 3:26](#).

Act 2:39 “**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as יהוה our Elohim shall call.**”

Act 2:40 And with many other words he earnestly witnessed and urged them, saying, **“Be saved from this crooked generation.”^e** Footnote: ^e [Jer 51:6](#), [Php 2:15](#), [Rev 18:4](#).

Act 2:41 **Then those, indeed, who gladly received his word, were immersed. And on that day about three thousand beings were added to them.**

I pray everyone who reads this devotional, heeds the words of Peter. Yahusha was YHWH 'in Son'; He came in the 'likeness' of flesh from the heavens. He laid down His life and took it back up to make a way for mankind to repent, be redeemed, and washed by the blood of the Lamb. While a person has breath, it is never too late!

As believers we are to partake in His Moedim; partake in His Covenant Confirming meal; be washed by Him, the Word, through immersion, Baptism or Mikvah. Then daily walk in a set-apart lifestyle according to Covenant Torah which is the process of sanctification. Our lifestyle is directed by Him; not us.

That day of Pentecost, 3,000 beings were saved; unlike after the sin of the golden calf when 3,000 beings died. Now, in the New Covenant, we are saved through grace by faith; not of works, lest any man should boast. Yet, we do good works, from the overflow of our hearts and love for Him and His Word.

Eph 2:8 For by favor you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim.

Eph 2:9 it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יהושע unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Fellowship of the Believers

Act 2:42 **And they were continuing steadfastly in the teaching of the emissaries, and in the fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every being, and many wonders and signs were being done through the emissaries.

Act 2:44 And all those who believed were together, and had all in common,

Act 2:45 and sold their possessions and property, and divided them among all, as anyone might have need.

Act 2:46 And **day by day, continuing with one mind in the Set-apart Place, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,**

Act 2:47 **praising Elohim and having favour with all the people. And the Master added to the assembly those who were being saved, day by day.**

Jeremiah 11

YHWH continues to lay out the righteous judgements against Judah through Jeremiah the prophet. Paganism was practiced in every city and on every corner. After all YHWH had done for them, they had turned from Him and worshipped Ba'al.

The Broken Covenant

Jer 11:1 The word that came to Yirmeyahu from יהוה, saying,

Jer 11:2 “Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Yehudāh and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

Jer 11:3 “And you shall say to them, **Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ēl, “Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant,**

Jer 11:4 which I commanded your fathers in the day when I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the iron furnace, saying, ‘Obey My voice,^a and you shall do according to all that I command you, and you shall be My people, and I be your Elohim,’ **Footnote: ^aSee footnote Jer 7:23.**

Jer 11:5 **in order to establish the oath which I have sworn to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day.”**’ ” And I answered and said, “Amēn, יהוה.”

Jer 11:6 And יהוה said to me, “Proclaim all these words in the cities of Yehudāh and in the streets of Yerushalayim, saying, ‘Hear the words of this covenant and do them.

Jer 11:7 For I earnestly warned your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Mitsrayim, until this day, rising early and warning, saying, **“Obey My voice.”**

Jer 11:8 **But they did not obey or incline their ear, but everyone walked in the stubbornness of his evil heart. So I brought on them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, and they did not do.’** ”

Jer 11:9 And יהוה said to me, “There is **a conspiracy** among the men of Yehudāh and among the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

- Jer 11:10 “They have turned back to the crookednesses of their forefathers who refused to hear My words, and
- they have gone after other mighty ones to serve them.
- The house of Yisra’ēl and the house of Yehudāh have broken My covenant I made with their fathers.”

Jer 11:11 **Therefore thus said יהוה,**

- “See, I am bringing evil on them which they are unable to escape.
- Then they shall cry out to Me, but I shall not listen to them.
- Jer 11:12 “And the cities of Yehudāh and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim shall go and cry out to the mighty ones to whom they burn incense, but they shall bring no deliverance to them at all in the time of their evil.
- Jer 11:13 “For your mighty ones have become as many as your cities, O Yehudāh.
- And **you have set up as many slaughter-places to shame** as there are streets in Yerushalayim – **slaughter-places to burn incense to Ba'al.**
- Jer 11:14 “And you, do not pray for this people, or lift up a cry or prayer for them, for I do not hear them in the time that they cry out to Me because of their evil.

Jer 11:15 **“Why should My beloved be in My house** – she has done wickedness with many.

- And does the set-apart flesh remove your evil from you? Then you rejoice?
- Jer 11:16 “יהוה has named you, ‘Green Olive Tree, Beautiful, of Goodly Fruit.’ With the noise of a great sound He has set it on fire, and its branches shall be broken.

- Jer 11:17 “And יהוה of hosts, who planted you, has spoken evil against you for the evil of the house of Yisra’ël and of the house of Yehudāh, which they have done against themselves **to provoke Me, by burning incense to Ba'al.**”

Jer 11:18 **And יהוה made it known to me, and I know it.**

- Then You showed me their deeds.
- Jer 11:19 But I was like a gentle lamb brought to the slaughter.
- And I did not know that they had plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, and
- let us cut him off from the land of the living, and let his name be remembered no more.”

Jer 11:20 **But, O יהוה of hosts, who judges righteously, who tries kidneys and heart,** let me see Your vengeance upon them, for unto You I have revealed my cause.

Jer 11:21 “**Therefore thus said יהוה concerning the men of Anathoth who are seeking your life,** saying, ‘Do not prophesy in the Name of יהוה, lest you die by our hand’ –

Jer 11:22 therefore **thus said יהוה of hosts,**

- ‘See, I am punishing them,
- the young men shall die by the sword,
- their sons and their daughters shall die by scarcity of food.
- Jer 11:23 And there shall be no remnant of them, for I bring evil on the men of Anathoth – **the year of their punishment.**’ ”

BDB Definition: Anathoth = “answers to prayer”

1) son of Becher and grandson of Benjamin (noun proper masculine)

2) one of the heads of the people who signed the covenant with Nehemiah (noun proper masculine)

3) a city of Benjamin allotted to the priest; located approximately 3 miles (5 kilometers) from Jerusalem; birthplace of the prophet Jeremiah (noun proper locative)

Matthew 25

The Parable of the Ten Virgins

Mat 25:1 “Then the **reign of the heavens** shall be **compared to ten maidens** who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom.

Mat 25:2 “And **five of them were wise, and five foolish.**

Mat 25:3 “Those who were foolish, having taken their lamps, **took no oil with them,**

Mat 25:4 but the **wise** took oil in their containers with their lamps.

Mat 25:5 “Now while the bridegroom took time, they all slumbered and slept.

Mat 25:6 “And at midnight **a cry was heard, ‘See, the bridegroom is coming, go out to meet him!’**

Mat 25:7 “**Then all those maidens rose up and trimmed their lamps.**

Mat 25:8 **“And the foolish said to the wise,** ‘Give us of your oil, because our lamps are going out.’

Mat 25:9 **“But the wise answered, saying,** ‘No, indeed, there would not be enough for us and you. Instead, go to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’

Mat 25:10 **“And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut.**

Mat 25:11 **“And later the other maidens also came, saying,** ‘Master, Master, open up for us!’

Mat 25:12 **“But he answering, said, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’**

Mat 25:13 **“Watch therefore, because you do not know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Adam is coming,**

Five of the maidens thought they were ‘ready enough’; but they were not. They were not prepared for His return; they had a ‘head’ knowledge of Him but not a heart knowledge of Him. Abiding in Him means a person will not run out of oil. Abiding in Him means that person’s life will grow brighter and brighter through the Ruach HaKodesh.

The more we stay in obedience to His Covenant; to His Word; the more we have the mind of Yahusha and do the will of the Father; the bigger and brighter the light burns within us through the Ruach HaKodesh. Our goal is to have our Spirit man, of the Ruach HaKodesh, grow so big within us; that there is very little space for our fleshly soul realm.

When the bridegroom comes and people later try to make a ‘last minute conversion’; it will be too late, the door will have been shut.

The Parable of the Talents

Mat 25:14 **for it is like a man going from home, who called his own servants and delivered his possessions to them.**

Mat 25:15 **“And to one he gave five talents, and to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability, and went from home.**

Mat 25:16 **“And he who had received the five talents went and worked with them, and made another five talents.**

Mat 25:17 **“In the same way, he with the two also, he gained two more.**

Mat 25:18 **“But he who had received the one went away and dug in the ground, and hid the silver of his master.**

Mat 25:19 **“And after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them.**

Mat 25:20 **“And he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents. See, I have gained five more talents besides them.’**

Mat 25:21 **“And his master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant. You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’**

Mat 25:22 “Then he who had received **two talents came and said, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents. See, I have gained two more talents besides them.’**”

Mat 25:23 “His master said to him, **‘Well done, good and trustworthy servant. You were trustworthy over a little, I shall set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’**”

Mat 25:24 “And the one who had received the one talent also came and said, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed,

Mat 25:25 and being afraid, I went and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.’”

Mat 25:26 “And his master answering, said to him, **‘You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.’**”

Mat 25:27 Then you should have put my silver with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest.”

Mat 25:28 Therefore take away the talent from him, and give it to him who possesses ten talents.”

Mat 25:29 ‘For to everyone who possesses, more shall be given, and he shall have overflowing; but from him who does not possess, even what he possesses shall be taken away.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Luk 8:18](#).

Mat 25:30 **And throw the worthless servant out into the outer darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’**”

Just as we have read about the 12 tribes entering the Promised Land to not only dwell there, but to possess the land; we too must possess what YHWH has given us. He has given us His priceless gift, not to hide from others; but to share the Good News of the covenant confirming gospel message of LIFE with others!

The Final Judgment

Mat 25:31 “And **when the Son of Adam comes in His esteem, and all the set-apart messengers with Him, then He shall sit on the throne of His esteem.**”

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

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

Mat 25:34 **“Then the Sovereign shall say to those on His right hand,** ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the reign prepared for you from the foundation of the world –

Who does it say will speak to those on His right hand? The Sovereign. Yes, Yahusha returns as King of kings, and Master of master.

Mat 25:35 for I was hungry and you gave Me food,

- I was thirsty and you gave Me drink,
- I was a stranger and you took Me in,

- Mat 25:36 was naked and you clothed Me,
- I was sick and you visited Me,
- I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Mat 25:37 "Then the righteous shall answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry and we fed You, or thirsty and gave You to drink?'

Mat 25:38 And when did we see You a stranger and took You in, or naked and clothed You?

Mat 25:39 And when did we see You sick, or in prison, and we came to You?'

Mat 25:40 "And the Sovereign shall answer and say to them,

- 'Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.'

Mat 25:41 "He shall then also say to those on the left hand,

- 'Go away from Me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his messengers –
- Mat 25:42 for I was hungry and you gave Me no food,
- I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink,
- Mat 25:43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me in,
- was naked and you did not clothe Me,
- sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.'

Mat 25:44 "Then they also shall answer Him, saying, 'Master, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not serve You?'

Mat 25:45 "Then He shall answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, in so far as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'

Mat 25:46 "**And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into everlasting life.**"

His kingdom of priests is to be about His kingdom business; to seek and to save that which is lost through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh; to reach out to the downtrodden; to help widows and orphans; to care for the sick; visit those in prison etc. We should be ever ready to share the Good News and give our personal testimony. We are His witnesses.

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*

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