

Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 21; Hebrews 3; Hosea 14; Psalm 139.

November 8 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: For teaching purposes only, underlines, bold font, and highlights have been added to Scripture text. Version TS2009]

2Kings 21

After the death of Hezekiah, Judah becomes darker and darker because of the evil kings that follow. Manasseh, Hezekiah's son, proves to be very wicked and practices grave abominations. Manasseh's son Amon reigns after his death and he follows in his father's evil footsteps. Thankfully, after approximately 57 years of wicked rule, Josiah takes the throne and turns the people back to YHWH.

Manasseh Reigns in Judah

2Ki 21:1 Menashsheh was **twelve years old** when he began to reign, and he reigned **fifty-five years** in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Hephtsiḇah.

2Ki 21:2 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, according to the abominations of the nations whom **יהוה** dispossessed before the children of Yisra'el.

- **2Ki 21:3** For he turned and built the high places which Hizqiyahu his father had destroyed,
- and raised up slaughter-places for Ba'al,
- and made an Asherah, as Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'el had done,
- and he bowed himself to all the host of the heavens and served them.
- **2Ki 21:4** And he built slaughter-places in the House of יהוה, of which יהוה had said, "In Yerushalayim I put My Name."
- **2Ki 21:5** And he built slaughter-places for all the host of the heavens in the two courtyards of the House of יהוה.
- **2Ki 21:6** And he made his son pass through the fire, and practiced magic, and used divination, and consulted spiritists and mediums.
- He did much evil in the eyes of יהוה, to provoke *Him*.
- **2Ki 21:7** And he placed a carved image of Asherah that he had made in the House of which יהוה had said to Dawid and to Shelomoh his son, "In this house and in Yerushalayim, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Yisra'el, I put My Name forever,
 - **2Ki 21:8** and no more shall I cause the feet of Yisra'el to move from the soil which I gave their fathers – only if they guard to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the Torah that My servant Mosheh commanded them."

2Ki 21:9 **But they did not obey, and Menashsheh led them astray to do more evil**

than the nations whom יהוה had destroyed before the children of Yisra'ël.

Manasseh's Idolatry Denounced

2Ki 21:10 And יהוה spoke by His servants the prophets, saying,

2Ki 21:11 “Because Menashsheh sovereign of Yehudāh has done these abominations, having done more evil than all the Amorites who were before him, and also made Yehudāh sin with his idols,

2Ki 21:12 therefore thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ël,

- ✚ ‘See, I am bringing such evil upon Yerushalayim and Yehudāh that both ears of those who hear of it shall tingle.
- ✚ 2Ki 21:13 And I shall stretch over Yerushalayim the measuring line of Shomeron and the plummet of the house of Aḥab, and **shall wipe Yerushalayim as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.**
- ✚ 2Ki 21:14 And I shall forsake the remnant of My inheritance and give them into the hand of their enemies. And they shall be for a prey and for a plunder to all their enemies,
 - 2Ki 21:15 because they have done evil in My eyes, and have provoked Me since the day their fathers came out of Mitsrayim, even to this day.’ ”

2Ki 21:16 And also, **Menashsheh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Yerushalayim from one end to another, besides his sin** with which he made Yehudāh sin, in doing evil in the eyes of יהוה.

2Ki 21:17 And the rest of the acts of Menashsheh, and all that he did, and the sin that he committed, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudāh?

2Ki 21:18 So Menashsheh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza. **And his son Amon reigned in his place.**

Amon Reigns in Judah

2Ki 21:19 **Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Yerushalayim.** And the name of his mother was Meshullemeth the daughter of Ḥaruts of Yotēbah.

2Ki 21:20 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, as his father Menashsheh had done,

- 2Ki 21:21 and walked in all the ways that his father had walked,
- and served the idols that his father had served,
- and bowed himself to them,
- 2Ki 21:22 and forsook יהוה Elohim of his fathers,
- and did not walk in the way of יהוה.

2Ki 21:23 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and killed the sovereign in his own house.

2Ki 21:24 But the people of the land struck all those who had conspired against Sovereign Amon, and the people of the land set up his son Yoshiyahu to reign in his place.

2Ki 21:25 And the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudah?

2Ki 21:26 And he was buried in his burial-place in the garden of Uzza. And his son Yoshiyahu reigned in his place.

Hebrews 3

The author of Hebrews has torn down the first pillar of Judaism: angelology. Now, the author corrects the audience from elevating Moses to the level of deity; though the author does most certainly agree that Moses was a very trustworthy servant of YHWH.

We never want to elevate religious or worldly leaders to 'deity or idol level.' Some may do good things and prove trustworthy; but our hope is in our one and only Savior and there are none besides Him.

The author of Hebrews tells his audience to closely consider the Emissary and High Priest of their confession, Yahusha HaMashiach. He goes on to say:

Yahusha Greater Than Moses

Heb 3:1 Therefore, set-apart brothers, partakers of the heavenly calling, closely consider the Emissary and High Priest of our confession, Messiah **יהושע**,

Heb 3:2 who was trustworthy to Him who appointed Him, as also Mosheh in all His house.^a Footnote: ^aSee Num 12:7.

Heb 3:3 For this One has been deemed worthy of more esteem than Mosheh, as much as He who built the house enjoys more respect than the house.

Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all is Elohim.

Heb 3:5 And Mosheh indeed was trustworthy in all His house as a servant, for a witness of what would be spoken *later*,

Heb 3:6 but Messiah as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the boldness and the boasting of the expectation firm to the end.

A Rest for the People of Elohim

Heb 3:7 Therefore, as the Set-apart Spirit says, **"Today, if you hear His voice,**

Heb 3:8 do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness,

Heb 3:9 where your fathers tried Me, proved Me, and saw My works forty years.

The bride of Yahusha HaMashiach should hold fast and not turn away as they did in the wilderness. His bride does not go astray in her heart; she waits for Him in obedience.

Heb 3:10 **“Therefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, ‘They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.’**

The author then states a fact. The fact was that they had all become partakers of Messiah. They had entered the New Covenant with Him. They had accepted His proposal; ratified by His blood and partook of the Covenant Confirming meal. Does one after hearing His voice then harden his heart and rebel as in the wilderness? He tells them to hold fast to that very beginning of their trust in Him! **Hold fast!** Don’t turn back! Don’t rebel! **Closely consider** Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest of the Melchizedek order!

Heb 3:11 **“As I swore in My wrath, ‘If they shall enter into My rest...’ ”** [Psa 95:7-11](#).

Heb 3:12 Look out, brothers, lest there be in any of you a wicked heart of unbelief in falling away from the living Elohim,

Heb 3:13 but encourage one another daily, while it is called “Today,” lest any of you be hardened by the deceivableness of sin.

Heb 3:14 For we have become partakers of Messiah if we hold fast the beginning of our trust firm to the end,

Heb 3:15 while it is said, **“Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”** [Psa 95:7-8](#).

Heb 3:16 For who, having heard, rebelled? Was it not all who came out of Mitsrayim, led by Mosheh?

Heb 3:17 And with whom was He grieved forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness?

Heb 3:18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter into His rest, but to those who did not obey?

Heb 3:19 So we see that they were unable to enter in because of unbelief.

Hosea 14

A Plea to Return to YHWH

Hos 14:1 **O Yisra’el, return to יהוה your Elohim, for you have stumbled by your crookedness.**

Hos 14:2 Take words with you, and return to יהוה. Say to Him, “Take away all crookedness, and accept what is good, and we render the bulls of our lips.^a [Footnote: a Heb 13:15 - bulls, referring to offerings.](#)

- Hos 14:3 “Ashshur [Assyria] does not save us.
 - We do not ride on horses, nor ever again do we say to the work of our hands, ‘Our mighty ones.’ For the fatherless finds compassion in You.”
- ✚ Hos 14:4 “I shall heal their backsliding,
✚ I shall love them spontaneously, for My displeasure has turned away from him.
✚ Hos 14:5 “I shall be like the dew to Yisra’ël.
✚ He shall blossom like the lily, and strike out his roots like Lebanon.
✚ Hos 14:6 “His branches shall spread, and his splendour shall be like an olive tree, and his fragrance like Lebanon.
✚ Hos 14:7 “Those who dwell under his shadow shall return. They shall revive like grain, and blossom like the vine, and become as fragrant as the wine of Lebanon.

What more has Ephrayim to do with idols? Our fruit comes from Him and Him only.

Hos 14:8 **“What more has Ephrayim to do with idols? It is I who answer and look after him. I am like a green cypress tree, your fruit comes from Me.”**

Hos 14:9 Who is wise and understands these *words*, discerning and knows them? For the ways of יהוה are straight, and the righteous walk in them, but the transgressors stumble in them.

Psalm 139

Our desire is to live a righteous life and walk in His ways. Our desire is for Him to reveal anything in our lives that is not pleasing to Him. He leads and guides us, and He holds us in His righteous right hand.

Search Me, O Elohim, and Know My Heart

Psa 139:1 O יהוה, You have searched me And know me.

Psa 139:2 You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought from afar.

Psa 139:3 You sift my path and my lying down, And know well all my ways.

Psa 139:4 For there is not a word on my tongue, But see, O יהוה, You know it all!

Psa 139:5 You have closed me in, behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me –

Psa 139:6 Knowledge too wondrous for me, It is high, I am unable to *reach* it.

Psa 139:7 Where would I go from Your Spirit? Or where would I flee from Your face?

Psa 139:8 If I go up into the heavens, You are there; If I make my bed in She’ol, see, You are there.

Psa 139:9 I take the wings of the morning, I dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Psa 139:10 There, too, Your hand would lead me, And Your right hand hold me.

Psa 139:11 If I say, “Darkness shall cover me,” Then night would be light to me;

Psa 139:12 Even darkness is not dark for You, But night shines as the day – As is darkness, so is light.

Psa 139:13 For You, You possessed my kidneys, You have covered me in my mother's womb.

Psa 139:14 I give thanks to You, For I am awesomely and wondrously made! Wondrous are Your works, And my being knows it well.

Psa 139:15 My bones were not concealed from You, When I was shaped in a hidden place, Knit together in the depths of the earth.

Psa 139:16 Your eyes saw my unformed body. And in Your book all of them were written, The days they were formed, While none was among them.

Psa 139:17 And how precious are Your thoughts to me, O Ęl! How great has been the sum of them!

Psa 139:18 If I should count them, They would be more than the sand; When I wake up, I am still with You.

Psa 139:19 Oh, that You would kill the wrong, O Eloah! Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed!

Psa 139:20 They speak against You wickedly. Bring Your enemies to naught!

Psa 139:21 O יהוה, do I not hate them, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You?

Psa 139:22 With a complete hatred I hate them; They have become my enemies.

Psa 139:23 Search me, O Ęl, and know my heart; Try me, and know my thoughts;

Psa 139:24 And see if an idolatrous way is in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Your Fruit Comes from Me

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