

Greetings, today our manna is from Num. 31; Psalm 75-76; Isaiah 23; 1John 1.

May 22 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 31

Numbers 31 is power packed. Moses is instructed by YHWH to have the children of Israel take vengeance on the Midyanites [Midianites]. He tells Moses afterwards; he would be gathered to his people. Sounds like a rather bittersweet assignment. I am not sure how that must feel to be told; carry this out then you will die. That phrasing of course is what the scripture intimates, but it is not exactly what the Scripture says is it? It says he would **be gathered to his people**. Therefore, when he took his last breath on this earth, Moses would **be gathered to his people**. Where was this place? Was it merely the grave? Was it the comfort side of Sheol, where Lazarus was later found in the bosom of Abraham? Just questions to ponder.

Vengeance on Midian

Num 31:1 And **יהוה** spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 31:2 “Take vengeance for the children of Yisra’el on the Midyanites. After that you are to be gathered to your people.”

Num 31:3 And Mosheh spoke to the people, saying, “Arm some of yourselves for the campaign, and let them go against the Midyanites to take vengeance for **יהוה** on Midyan.

Num 31:4 “Send a thousand from each tribe of all the tribes of Yisra’el for the campaign.”

Num 31:5 So there were supplied from the tribes of Yisra’el one thousand from each tribe, twelve thousand armed ones for the campaign.

Num 31:6 And Mosheh sent them on the campaign, one thousand from each tribe, them and Pinehas son of El’azar the priest on the campaign, with the set-apart utensils and the trumpets for sounding in his hand.

Num 31:7 And they fought against the Midyanites, as **יהוה** commanded Mosheh, and killed all the males.

Num 31:8 And they killed the sovereigns of Midyan with the rest of those who were pierced: Ewi, and Reqem, and Tsur, and Hur, and Reba, the five sovereigns of Midyan. And they killed Bil’am son of Be’or with the sword.

Num 31:9 And the sons of Yisra’el took all the women of Midyan captive, with their little ones, and took as spoil all their livestock, and all their possessions.

Num 31:10 And they burned with fire all the cities where they dwelt, and all their settlements.

Num 31:11 And they took all the spoil and all the booty, both of man and beast.

Num 31:12 And they brought the captives, and the booty, and the spoil to Mosheh, and to El'azar the priest, and to the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël, to the camp in the desert plains of Mo'ab by the Yardën of Yeriho.

Num 31:13 And Mosheh, and El'azar the priest, and all the leaders of the congregation, went to meet them outside the camp.

Num 31:14 But Mosheh was wroth with the officers of the army, with the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, who had come from the campaign.

Num 31:15 And Mosheh said to them, "Have you kept all the women alive?"

Num 31:16 "Look, they are the ones who caused the children of Yisra'ël, through the word of Bil'am, to trespass against יהוה in the matter of Pe'or, and there was a plague among the congregation of יהוה.

Num 31:17 "And now, kill every male among the little ones. And every woman who has known a man by lying with a man you shall kill.

Num 31:18 "But keep alive for yourselves all the female children who have not known a man by lying with a man.

Moses does as he is told. He gathers 1,000 fighting men from each tribe, therefore the military campaign consisted of 12,000 fighting men. Pinehas son of El'azar the priest, was also part of the campaign, with the set-apart utensils and the trumpets for sounding in his hand.

The campaign is successful. They killed all the adult males; they kill the five sovereigns of Midyan - Ewi, and Reqem, and Tsur, and Hur, and Reba; they kill Bilam [Balaam] son of Beor with the sword; and burned all their cities. However, they took all the Midyanites women, their children, their livestock, and possessions.

When the commanders of thousands and the commanders of hundreds meet outside the camp with Moses, Elazar, and the leaders of the congregation; Moses is wroth! He chastises them for bringing the Midyanite women back, for they were the very ones that caused the children of Israel to sin due to the words of Bilam [Balaam] at Peor. The plan to rectify this situation was to kill all the women who had ever laid with a man; kill all the male children, excluding the female children.

In the following verses, we will see the **cleansing by the waters of the red heifer** that we studied in **Numbers 19**.

Num 31:19 "And you, camp outside the camp seven days. Whoever has killed any being, and whoever has touched any slain, **cleanse yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day**.

Num 31:20 “And cleanse every garment, and every object of leather and all the work of goats’ hair, and every object of wood.”

Num 31:21 And El'azar the priest said to the men of the campaign who went to the battle, “This is the law of the Torah which יהוה commanded Mosheh:

Num 31:22 “Only the gold, and the silver, the bronze, the iron, the tin, and the lead,

Num 31:23 every object that passes through fire, you put through the fire, and it shall be clean; only, **let it be cleansed with the water for uncleanness.** And whatever does not pass through fire you pass through water.

Num 31:24 “And you shall wash your garments on the seventh day and be clean, and afterwards come into the camp.”

YHWH then instructs Moses how to divide the plunder into two parts. One part for those that took part in the military campaign and the other part to the congregation. YHWH gives additional detailed instructions about dividing the plunder; and the levy to be received from both the military campaign and the congregation to be given to Elazar the priest and the Levites that guard the Dwelling Place of YHWH. The numbers are astounding as to the amount of plunder. Massive amounts of livestock and people. It is hard to imagine how all these items, people, and livestock were counted in the wilderness and how long that process took!

Num 31:25 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 31:26 “Count up the plunder that was taken, of man and of beast, you and El'azar the priest and the heads of the fathers of the congregation.

Num 31:27 “And you shall divide the plunder into two parts, between those who took part in the battle, who went out on the campaign, and all the congregation.

Num 31:28 “And set aside a levy for יהוה on the men of battle who went out on the campaign: one out of every five hundred, of man, and of the cattle, and of the donkeys, and of the sheep.

Num 31:29 “Take it from their half, and give it to El'azar the priest as a contribution to יהוה.

Num 31:30 “And from the children of Yisra'el's half you shall take one of every fifty, of man, of the cattle, of the donkeys, and of the sheep, of all the livestock, and give them to the Lēwites guarding the duty of the Dwelling Place of יהוה.”

Num 31:31 And Mosheh and El'azar the priest did as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

Num 31:32 And the booty remaining from the plunder, which the people of the campaign had taken, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep,

Num 31:33 and seventy-two thousand cattle,

Num 31:34 and sixty-one thousand donkeys,

Num 31:35 and thirty-two thousand human beings in all, of women who had not known a man by lying with a man.

Num 31:36 And the half, the portion for those who went out on the campaign, was in number three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

Num 31:37 and the levy unto יהוה of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five.

Num 31:38 And the cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the levy unto יהוה was seventy-two.

Num 31:39 And the donkeys were thirty thousand five hundred, of which the levy unto יהוה was sixty-one.

Num 31:40 And the human beings were sixteen thousand, of which the levy unto יהוה was thirty-two beings.

Num 31:41 So Mosheh gave the levy which was the contribution unto יהוה to El'azar the priest, as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

Num 31:42 And from the children of Yisra'el's half, which Mosheh divided from the men who campaigned:

Num 31:43 now the half belonging to the congregation was three hundred and thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep,

Num 31:44 and thirty-six thousand cattle,

Num 31:45 and thirty thousand five hundred donkeys,

Num 31:46 and sixteen thousand human beings.

Num 31:47 Then Mosheh took from the children of Yisra'el's half: one out of every fifty, drawn from man and beast, and gave them to the Lēwites, who guarded the duty of the Dwelling Place of יהוה, as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

Then we read about a voluntary offering from the officers, of the fighting men of Israel. None of the lives of the fighting men of Israel were loss.

Num 31:48 And the officers who were over thousands of the campaign, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, came near to Mosheh,

Num 31:49 and they said to Mosheh, "Your servants have taken a count of the fighting men under our command, and not a man of us is missing."

Num 31:50 "So we have brought an offering for יהוה, what every man found of ornaments of gold: armlets and bracelets and signet rings and earrings and necklaces, to make atonement for ourselves before יהוה."

Num 31:51 And Mosheh and El'azar the priest received the gold from them, all the fashioned ornaments.

Num 31:52 And all the gold of the offering that they presented to יהוה, from the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty sheqels.

Num 31:53 The men of the campaign had taken spoil, every man for himself.

Num 31:54 And Mosheh and El'azar the priest received the gold from the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the Tent of Appointment as a

remembrance for the children of Yisra'el before יהוה.

Israel's fighting military totaled 12,000 [1,000 from each tribe]. We may need to note in Revelation 7, 12,000 are chosen from each tribe totaling 144,000. The ratio of Yah's army in comparison to the enemy's armies are always of a low percentage because clearly victory comes from Yah and not by man's might and power.

None of the fighting men were lost in Numbers 31 and if the 144,000 are also fighting men involved in the end of day harvest of souls, none of them will be lost either for they are sealed by YHWH.

Psalm 75 & 76

This Psalm is either attributed to David or Asaph along with direct words from YHWH our Elohim.

Elohim Will Judge with Equity

Psa 75:1 We shall give thanks to You, O Elohim, we shall give thanks! And Your Name is near! Your wonders shall be declared!

Psa 75:2 "When I seize the appointed time, It is I who judge in uprightness.

Psa 75:3 "The earth and all its inhabitants are melted; It is I who set its columns firm. Selah.

Psa 75:4 "I said to the boasters, 'Do not boast,' And to the wrong, 'Do not lift up the horn.

Psa 75:5 "Do not lift up your horn on high (You speak with a stiff neck).'"

Isa 24:1 See, יהוה is making the earth empty and making it waste, and shall overturn its surface, and shall scatter abroad its inhabitants.

Isa 24:2 And it shall be – as with the people so with the priest, as with the servant so with his master, as with the female servant so with her mistress, as with the buyer so with the seller, as with the lender so with the borrower, as with the creditor so with the debtor;

Isa 24:3 the earth is completely emptied and utterly plundered, for יהוה has spoken this word.

Isa 24:4 The earth shall mourn and wither, the world shall languish and wither, the haughty people of the earth shall languish.

Isa 24:5 For the earth has been defiled under its inhabitants, because they have transgressed the Torot,^a changed^b the law, broken the everlasting covenant.^c

Footnotes: ^aTorot - plural of Torah - teaching. ^bJer 23:36. ^cSee also Isa 13:9, Isa 13:11, Isa 26:21, Isa 66:24, Mic 5:15, Zep 1:2-18.

Isa 24:6 Therefore a curse shall consume the earth, and those who dwell in it be punished. Therefore the inhabitants of the earth shall be burned, and few men shall be left.

Isa 24:7 The new wine shall fail, the vine shall languish, all those glad at heart shall sigh.

Isa 24:8 The joy of the tambourine shall cease, the noise of those who rejoice shall end, the joy of the lyre shall cease.

Isa 24:9 No more do they drink wine with a song, strong drink is bitter to those who drink it.

Isa 24:10 The deserted city shall be broken down, every house shall be shut, no one enters.

Isa 24:11 There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy shall be darkened, the gladness of the earth shall be gone.

Isa 24:12 **The city is left in ruins, and the gate is stricken with destruction.**

Psa 75:6 For exaltations are neither from the east, Nor from the west nor from the wilderness.

Psa 75:7 But Elohim is the Judge – He puts down one, And exalts another.

Psa 75:8 For a cup is in the hand of יהוה, And the wine shall foam; It is filled with a mixture, And He pours it out. All the wrong of the earth drink, Draining it to the dregs.

Rev 14:9 And a third messenger followed them, saying with a loud voice, “If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark upon his forehead or upon his hand,

Rev 14:10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of Elohim, which is poured out undiluted into the cup of His wrath. And he shall be tortured with fire and sulphur before the set-apart messengers and before the Lamb.

Psa 75:9 But I, I declare forever, I sing praises to the Elohim of Ya'aqob.

Psa 75:10 “And all the horns of the wrong I cut off; The horns of the righteous are lifted up.”

Psalm 76

Who Can Stand Before You?

Psalm 76 expounds that no one can stand against Elohim. The people in which YHWH shows favor will prevail against all odds. Much like the hopeless situation Jerusalem found themselves in against Assyria. Though the northern house of Israel had been exiled, YHWH spared the house of Judah as they stood in awe; yet that awe, would be relatively short lived.

The opening verses of Psalm 76 tells us where His booth and dwelling place are. Remember, Yahusha HaMashiach, not only redeemed repented mankind and creation; but **He also redeemed His land.**

The house of Israel and the house of Judah both **had fornicated and committed adultery against Him in His land!** Today, the inhabitants of His land do likewise. The whore, Mystery Babylon, stretches out her 10 fingers globally; as she digs in her claws. This global cabal will be rectified. YHWH is just waiting **to seize the appointed time** stated in Psalm 75:2. He IS The Melchizedek.

Deu 4:7 “**For what great nation is there which has Elohim so near to it,** as יהוה our Elohim is to us, whenever we call on Him?

Deu 4:8 “**And what great nation is there that has such laws and righteous right-rulings like all this Torah which I set before you this day?**

Psa 76:1 In Yehudah Elohim is known; His Name is great in Yisra'el.

Psa 76:2 And His booth is in Shalēm,^a And His dwelling place in Tsiyon. **Footnote: ^aA previous name of Yerushalayim.**

Psa 76:3 There He broke the arrows of the bow, The shield and the sword and the battle-axe. Selah.

Psa 76:4 You are resplendent, More excellent than mountains of prey.

Psa 76:5 The stout-hearted have been stripped; They slept their sleep; And none of the mighty men have found their hands.

Psa 76:6 At Your rebuke, O Elohim of Ya'aqob, Both the rider and horse lay stunned.

Psa 76:7 You, You are to be feared; And who would stand in Your presence When You are displeased?

Psa 76:8 From heaven You shall cause judgment to be heard; The earth shall fear, and shall be still,

Psa 76:9 When Elohim arises to right-ruling, To save all the meek of the earth. Selah.

Psa 76:10 For the wrath of mankind praises You, With the remainder of wrath You gird Yourself!

Psa 76:11 Make vows to יהוה your Elohim, and pay them. Let all who are around Him bring presents To the One to be feared.

Psa 76:12 He cuts off the spirit of leaders, He is awesome to the sovereigns of the earth!

Isaiah 23

We read a historical account of what happened to Tsor; and hear of the howling of the ships of Tarshish; and the land of Kittim hearing of their demise. The affiliated merchants of fish and grain, Tsidon and Shihor, are all grieve at the report of Tsor.

We can read these as historical past accounts, but we also know **prophecies re-cycle with modern day names and players**. There is truly nothing new under the sun. As then, YHWH will be in full control.

An Oracle Concerning Tyre and Sidon

Isa 23:1 The message concerning Tsor. Howl, you ships of Tarshish! For it has been destroyed, without house, without harbour. From the land of Kittim it has been revealed to them.

Isa 23:2 Be silent, you inhabitants of the coastland, you merchants of Tsidon, who passed over the sea, they filled you.

Isa 23:3 And on great waters the grain of Shihor, the harvest of the River, was her increase. And she was a market-place for the nations.

Isa 23:4 Be ashamed, O Tsidon, for the sea has spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, “I have not laboured, nor brought forth children; neither have I reared young men, brought up maidens.”

Isa 23:5 Like the report of Mitsrayim, they too are grieved at the report of Tsor.

Isa 23:6 Pass over to Tarshish; wail, you inhabitants of the coastland!

Isa 23:7 Is this your city of revelry, whose antiquity is from days of old, whose feet carried her far off to sojourn?

Isa 23:8 **Who has counselled this against Tsor, the crowning city, whose merchants are chiefs, whose traders are the esteemed of the earth?**

Isa 23:9 יהוה of hosts has counselled it, to defile the pride of all splendor, and to shame all the esteemed of the earth.

Isa 23:10 Overflow through your land like the River, O daughter of Tarshish; **there is no more strength.**

Isa 23:11 **He has stretched out His hand over the sea, He shook the reigns;** יהוה has given a command against Kena'an to destroy its strongholds.

Isa 23:12 And He said, “**Never again shall you exult**, O you oppressed maiden daughter of Tsidon. Arise, pass over to Kittim, even there you shall find no rest.”

We see there is no place to escape YHWH’s judgement.

Isa 23:13 See the land of the Kasdim – this people did not exist. Ashshur [the Assyrian] founded it for wild beasts of the desert. They set up their siege-towers, they demolished her palaces, and made her a ruin.

Isa 23:14 Howl, you ships of Tarshish, for your stronghold is laid waste!

Isa 23:15 And in that day it shall be that Tsor is forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one sovereign. At the end of seventy years it shall be to Tsor as in the song of the whore:

Isa 23:16 “Take a lyre, go about the city, you forgotten whore; make sweet playing, sing many songs, so that you might be remembered.”

Isa 23:17 And at the end of seventy years it shall be that יהוה visits Tsor. And she shall return to her harlot-fee and commit whoring with all the reigns of the earth on the face of the soil.

Isa 23:18 And her goods and her harlot-fee shall be set apart for יהוה, not treasured nor laid up, for her gain is for those who dwell before יהוה, to eat sufficiently, and for a choice covering.

There is much adultery taking place with the ‘whore’ and her associated lovers that reign on the earth. YHWH will once again **defile the pride of all splendor, and shame all the esteemed of the earth.** They will run but they will not be able to hide. They will mourn and grieve that their evil ‘gig’ is up. They will reap what they have sown. It is interesting that we have just seen a nation turn 70, and in 2019 turn 71. Is there a connection? We will see.

Rev 18:15 “The merchants of these, those who became rich by her, shall stand at a distance for fear of her torture, weeping and mourning,

Rev 18:16 and saying, ‘Woe! Woe, **the great city** that was dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

Rev 18:17 **For in one hour such great riches was laid waste.**’ And every shipmaster, and every passenger, and sailors, and as many as work the sea *for their living*, stood at a distance,

Rev 18:18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, ‘**What is like this great city?**’

Rev 18:19 “And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, and saying, ‘Woe! Woe, **the great city**, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she was laid waste.’

Rev 18:20 **“Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you set-apart emissaries and prophets, for Elohim has completely avenged you on her!”**

1John 1

Though much can be gleaned from 1John, we will enjoy reading the words truly inspired by the Ruach HaKodesh. We may summarize and discuss the accounts in our own words, but nothing is purer than just reading the written Word.

Like the Book of John, 1John is written by the disciple whom Yahusha loved. John opens without salutation and dives directly into the facts. In 1John 1-4, he clearly states what he and the other disciples saw; what they had heard; what they beheld occurring; had all manifested before them concerning the Word of life; and they were firsthand witnesses bearing this truth.

He proclaims their fellowship was clearly with YHWH and His Son, Yahusha HaMashiach, the Word made manifest. John proclaims that Yahusha is everlasting life and John desires his audience, to join them all in fellowship with the Father and the Son; so, their joy and our joy may be complete.

He closes 1John 1 informing the believers to walk in the Light for He is in the light. There is no darkness or shadow in Him; therefore, if our fellowship is with Him and other believers, neither should there be darkness in our lives.

This is not to say we will walk perfectly, for all of us have sinned and have fallen short. When we do sin and confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness by the precious blood of the Lamb; the blood of Yahusha HaMashiach.

He took our sins upon Himself and paid our sin debt in full. He is the cleansing water, the Living water, that purifies us. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise His glorious Name.

The Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life:

1Jn 1:2 And the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and announce to you that everlasting life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

1Jn 1:3 We announce to you what we have seen and heard, so that you too might have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son **יהושע** Messiah.

1Jn 1:4 And we write this to you in order that your joy might be complete.

Walking in the Light

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of יהושע Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are misleading ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

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