

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 14 & 15; Haggai 2; Rev. 4; John 3.

December 13 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

2Chron 14

Asa Reigns in Judah

2Ch 14:1 So Abiyah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the City of Dawid. **And Asa his son reigned in his place. In his days the land rested ten years.**

2Ch 14:2 And Asa did what was good and what was right in the eyes of יהוה his Elohim,

- **2Ch 14:3** and removed the slaughter-places of the stranger, and the high places, and broke down the pillars and cut down the Ashērim,
- **2Ch 14:4** and commanded Yehudaḥ to seek יהוה Elohim of their fathers, and to do the Torah and the command.
- **2Ch 14:5** And he removed the high places and the sun-pillars from all the cities of Yehudaḥ, and the reign rested under him.
- **2Ch 14:6** And he built cities of defence in Yehudaḥ, since the land had rest and he had no fighting in those years, because יהוה had given him rest.
- **2Ch 14:7** And he said to Yehudaḥ, “Let us build these cities and make walls around them, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us, because we have sought יהוה our Elohim. We have sought, and He has given us rest all around.” So they built and prospered.

2Ch 14:8 And Asa had an army of **three hundred thousand men from Yehudah** bearing shields and spears, and from **Binyamin two hundred and eighty thousand men** bearing shields and drew bows. All of them were mighty brave men.

2Ch 14:9 And Zerah the Kushite came out against them with

- an army of **a million men** and
- **three hundred chariots**, and he came to Marēshah.

Asa calls upon YHWH his Elohim

2Ch 14:10 And Asa went out against him, and they set battle in array in the Valley of Tsephathah at Marēshah.

2Ch 14:11 And Asa called to יהוה his Elohim, and said,

✚ **“יהוה, there is no one but You to help between the mighty and the powerless. Help us, O יהוה our Elohim, for we rest on You, and in Your Name we go against this crowd. O יהוה, You are our Elohim, do not let man prevail against You!”**

2Ch 14:12 So יהוה smote the Kushites before Asa and Yehudāh, and the Kushites fled.

2Ch 14:13 And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gerar. And the Kushites fell, until none was left alive for them, for they were broken before יהוה and His army. And they took very much spoil,

2Ch 14:14 and struck all the cities around Gerar, for the fear of יהוה came upon them. And they plundered all the cities, for there was exceedingly much spoil in them.

2Ch 14:15 And they also struck the camps of the herdsmen, and captured many sheep and camels, and returned to Yerushalayim.

2Chron 15

Asa's Religious Reforms

2Ch 15:1 And the Spirit of Elohim came upon Azaryahu son of Odēd.

2Ch 15:2 And he went out to face Asa, and said to him,

- ✚ “Hear me, Asa, and all Yehudāh and Binyamin. יהוה is with you while you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He is found by you, but if you forsake Him, He forsakes you.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:3** “And for many days Yisra’ēl has been without the true Elohim, and without a Torah priest, and without Torah.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:4** “But in their distress they turned to יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ēl, and they sought Him, and He was found by them.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:5** “And in those days there was no peace to the one who went out, nor to the one who came in, for great disturbances were on all the inhabitants of the lands,
- ✚ **2Ch 15:6** and they were beaten down, nation by nation, and city by city, for Elohim troubled them with every distress.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:7** “But you, be strong and do not let your hands be feeble, for there is a reward for your work!”

Asa is inspired by the prophecy of Oded the prophet.

2Ch 15:8 And when Asa heard these words and the prophecy of Odēd the prophet,

- ✚ he strengthened himself,
- ✚ and removed the abominations from all the land of Yehudāh and Binyamin and from the cities which he had taken in the mountains of Ephrayim,
- ✚ and restored the slaughter-place of יהוה that was before the porch of יהוה,
- ✚ **2Ch 15:9** and gathered all Yehudāh and Binyamin, and those who sojourned with them from Ephrayim, and Menashsheh, and Shim'on, for they came over to him in great numbers from Yisra’ēl when they saw that יהוה his Elohim was with him.

2Ch 15:10 And they gathered together at Yerushalayim in the third new moon, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa,

Adam Clarke notes: The third month - At the feast of Pentecost which was held on the third month.

- ✚ **2Ch 15:11** and slaughtered to יהוה on that day seven hundred bulls and seven thousand sheep from the spoil which they had brought.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:12** And they entered into a covenant to seek יהוה Elohim of their fathers with all their heart and with all their being;
- ✚ **2Ch 15:13** and whoever would not seek יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el would be put to death, from small to great, from man to woman.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:14** And they swore to יהוה with a loud voice, with shouting and with trumpets and with shopharot.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:15** And all Yehudah rejoiced concerning the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart and sought Him with all their being. And He was found by them, and יהוה gave them rest all around.
- ✚ **2Ch 15:16** And he also removed Ma'akah, **the mother of Asa the sovereign, from being sovereignty mother, because she had made an abominable image of Asherah.** And Asa cut down her abominable image, and crushed it, and burned it by the wadi Qidron.

2Ch 15:17 Yet the high places were not removed from Yisra'el. However, the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

2Ch 15:18 And he brought into the House of Elohim the set-apart items of his father and his own set-apart items: silver and gold and utensils.

2Ch 15:19 And there was no more fighting until the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

Haggai 2

The Five Utterances of Haggai noted by Ellicott:

(Haggai 1:1-11) **The First Utterance.**—The neglect of God's House denounced and declared to be the cause of the prevalent dearth.

(Haggai 1:12-15) **The Second Utterance.**—The people turn a willing ear to Haggai's exhortation, and the prophet is now charged to inform them of the return of God's favour, in the gracious utterance, "I am with you, saith the Lord."

(Haggai 2:1-9) **The Third Utterance.**—This utterance treats of the glory which, in a later time, is to attach itself to the sacred spot where on the returned exiles are laboring. It was intended more especially as a message of consolation to those who remembered

Solomon's magnificent structure, and who now gazed sadly on the humble proportions of its successor.

(Haggai 2:10-19) **The Fourth Utterance**.—The recent season of scarcity is again accounted for and immediate blessings are announced. This address dates about two months later than its predecessor—viz., from the ninth month—scil., Chisleu (November—December), when the early rain would be looked for to water the newly-sown crops. At such a time, especially after the scarcity of the preceding season, there would naturally be great anxiety about agricultural prospects.

(Haggai 2:20-23) **The Fifth Utterance**.—The promise of [Haggai 2:6-9](#) is enlarged. The heathen powers shall be consumed one of another, but the line of Zerubbabel shall stand secure, and be a witness to Jehovah's faithfulness. Here, as in [Haggai 2:6-9](#), the only satisfactory interpretation is that Haggai was charged with a prediction—purposely vague and indistinct in character—of the extension of God's kingdom by the Christian dispensation. "Zerubbabel," the descendant of David, includes in himself Him who was according to the flesh his lineal descendant. Just in the same way in older prophecy "David" is himself identified with that Messiah in whom the glories of the Davidic house were to culminate. (See [Psalm 89:19](#), and comp. Jennings and Lowe, Commentary, Introd. to Psalms 89) It appears as unnecessary to find a literal fulfilment of the prediction of the overthrow of the world-powers, "every one by the sword of his brother," as of the utterance (repeated from [Haggai 2:6](#)), "I will shake the heavens and the earth." It is true that the empires of Babylon, Persia, Syria, and Greece each in its turn declined and passed away. But in the Roman Empire the world-power was as strongly represented as ever, when Christ came on earth. It was to succumb later on to moral, not to material force. Nothing, in fact, can be extracted from these passages beyond a dim presage of the heathen kingdoms being pervaded by the moral influence of the Christian Church.

The Coming Glory of the Temple

Hag 2:1 In the **seventh month**, on the **twenty-first of the new moon**, the word of יהוה came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

✚ Hag 2:2

- "Speak, please, to Zerubbabel son of She'alti'el, governor of Yehudah,
- and to Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest,
- and to the remnant of the people, saying,

Ellicott notes this to have been on the 7th and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles. This is very possible; however, the calendar months were changing from the set 30-day cycle at this point.

(Haggai 2:1) In the one and twentieth day.—Here, again, the day selected is significant. **The twenty-first day of the seventh month (Tisri) was the seventh and last day of the Feast of Tabernacles.** This was the festival of harvest thanksgiving, and its occurrence had always been marked by observances of a peculiarly joyous character. Moreover, the sacrifices on this occasion were very numerous...

Three questions:

- ✚ Hag 2:3 Who is there left among you who saw this House in its former esteem?
- ✚ And how do you see it now?
- ✚ Is it not in your eyes as naught when compared to it?

Be strong:

Hag 2:4 And now,

- ✚ be strong, Zerubbabel,' declares יהוה.
- ✚ 'And be strong, Yehoshua, son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest.
- ✚ And be strong, all you people of the land,' declares יהוה, 'and work.
- ✚ For I am with you,' declares יהוה of hosts –

Hag 2:5 the Word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Mitsrayim, and My Spirit is remaining in your midst, do not fear!

Once more:

Hag 2:6 "For thus said יהוה of hosts,

- ✚ 'Once more, in a little while, and I am shaking the heavens and earth, the sea and dry land.

Heb 10:37 "For yet a little while – He who is coming shall come and shall not delay."

- ✚ Hag 2:7 And I shall shake all the nations, and they shall come to the Delight of all the nations, and I shall fill this House with esteem,' said יהוה of hosts.

This prophecy of Haggai has future implications for the end of days as well.

Joel 3:9 Proclaim this among the nations, "Prepare for battle! Wake up the mighty men, let all the men of battle draw near, let them come up.

Joel 3:10 "Beat your ploughshares into swords and your pruning-hooks into spears, let the weak say, 'I am strong.' "

Joel 3:11 Hasten and come, all you nations, and gather together all around. O יהוה, let Your mighty men come down here.

Joel 3:12 "Let the nations be aroused, and come up to the Valley of Yehoshaphat. For there I shall sit to judge all the nations on every side.

Joel 3:13 "Put in the sickle, for the harvest has grown ripe. Come, go down, for the winepress is filled, the vats overflow, for their evil is great."

Joel 3:14 Crowds, crowds in the valley of decision! For the day of יהוה is near in the valley of decision.

Joel 3:15 Sun and moon shall become dark, and stars shall withdraw their brightness.

Joel 3:16 And יהוה shall roar from Tsiyon, and give forth His voice from Yerushalayim. And the heavens and earth shall shake, but יהוה shall be a refuge for His people, and a stronghold for the children of Yisra'el.

✚ Hag 2:8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' declares יהוה of hosts.

✚ Hag 2:9 Let the esteem of this latter House be greater than the former,' said יהוה of hosts.

✚ 'And in this place I give peace,' declares יהוה of hosts."

Blessings for a Defiled People

Hag 2:10 On **the twenty-fourth of the ninth month**, in **the second year of Dareyawesh**, the word of יהוה came unto Haggai the prophet, saying,

Hag 2:11 **"Thus said יהוה of hosts**, 'Now, ask the priests concerning the Torah, saying,

Haggai is instructed to ask the priests questions concerning the Torah:

✚ Hag 2:12 **"If one bears set-apart meat in the fold of his garment, and with the edge he touches bread or stew, or wine or oil, or any food, is it set-apart?"** ' " And the priests answered and said, "No."

✚ Hag 2:13 And Haggai said, **"If someone defiled by a dead body touches any of these, is it defiled?"** And the priests answered and said, "It is defiled."

✚ Hag 2:14 And Haggai answered and said, **"So is this people, and so is this nation before Me,' declares יהוה, 'and so is every work of their hands. And whatever they bring near there is defiled.**

Hag 2:15 **But now, please consider, from this day onward:**

- ❖ Before a stone was laid on a stone in the Hēkal of יהוה,
 - Hag 2:16 since those days – one came to a heap of twenty ēphahs, and there were ten; one came to the winepress to draw out fifty baths from the press, and there were twenty –
- ❖ Hag 2:17 I struck you with blight and mildew and hail in all the labours of your hands, and there was none of you with Me,' declares יהוה.

Hag 2:18 Consider now from this day forward, from **the twenty-fourth day of the**

ninth month, from the day that the foundation of the Hēkal of יהוה was laid, consider it:

✚ Hag 2:19 **Is the seed yet in the storehouse?** And until now the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree have not yielded fruit! **From this day on I shall bless you!** ”

Zerubbabel Chosen as a Signet

Hag 2:20 And **a second time the word of יהוה came to Haggai** on **the twenty-fourth day of the new moon, saying,**

Hag 2:21 “Speak to Zerubbabel, the governor of Yehudāh, saying,

✚ **‘I am shaking the heavens and earth.**

✚ Hag 2:22 And I shall overturn the throne of reigns.

✚ And I shall destroy the might of the reigns of the nations,^a

✚ and overturn the chariots and their riders.

✚ And the horses and their riders shall come down, each by the sword of his brother. Footnote: ^aSee footnote at [Dan 2:44](#).

Future prophetic implications:

The Seventh Bowl

Rev 16:17 And the seventh messenger poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the Dwelling Place of the heaven, from the throne, saying, “It is done!”

Rev 16:18 And there came to be noises and thunders and lightnings. And there came to be a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not come to be since men were on the earth.

Rev 16:19 And the great city became divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell. And great Babel was remembered before Elohim, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath.

Rev 16:20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

Rev 16:21 And great hail from the heaven fell upon men, every hailstone about the weight of a talent. And men blasphemed Elohim for the plague of the hail, because that plague was exceedingly great.

Hag 2:23 **In that day,’ declares יהוה of hosts, ‘I shall take you, Zerubbabel My servant, son of She’alti’el,’ declares יהוה, ‘and shall make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,’ declares יהוה of hosts.”**

TSK Cross Reference Notes: Haggai 2:23 O Zerubbabel: It seems evident that the Messiah is here described under the name of Zerubbabel, as elsewhere under that of David, whose kingdom, after these mighty convulsions, should supersede all others.

Revelation 4

2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo_gEIAi-if

The Door Opened in Heaven – Exciting! [But which heaven? 1st-2nd-or 3rd or Paradise?]

Rev 4:1 After this **I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this.”**

The partition of separation is now OPENED thru Yahusha, the Door! HalleluYah! The phrase ‘having been opened’ implies it had been shut.

Rev 4:2 And immediately **I came to be in the Spirit and saw a throne set in the heaven,** and One sat on the throne.

Psa 110:1 יהוה said to my Master, “**Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.**”

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends **Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon.** Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendors of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, “**You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq.**”

Rev 4:3 **And He who sat there was like a jasper and a ruby stone in appearance. And there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.**

Rev. 4:3 connects us directly back to the Book of the Covenant and the covenant confirming meal with YHWH Exodus 24:9-11!

Exo 24:8 And Mosheh took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, “See, the **blood of the covenant** which יהוה has made with you concerning all these Words.”

Exo 24:9 And Mosheh went up, also Aharon, Naḏab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisra’ēl,

Exo 24:10 **and they saw the Elohim of Yisra’ēl, and under His feet like a paved work of sapphire stone, and like the heavens for brightness.**

Exo 24:11 **Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the chiefs of the children of Yisra’ēl! And they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank.**

Then we see the direct connection to Ezekiel's Prophetic vision:

Eze 1:1 And it came to be in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth of the new *moon*, as I was among the exiles by the River Kebar, **the heavens were opened and I saw visions of Elohim.**

Eze 1:26 And above the expanse over their heads was **the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone. And on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man high above it.**

Eze 1:27 And from the appearance of **His waist and upward I saw what looked like glowing metal with the appearance of fire all around within it. And from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw what looked like fire, and brightness all around.**

Eze 1:28 As the **appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the esteem of יהוה.** And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

We have several examples of His set-apart ones being in the Spirit and seeing the heavens open. There are **witnessed accounts of the 'door' being open in heaven**. Most were either an open vision; or a trance; or an 'out of body' type experience; or seen and heard.

Yahusha and John the Immerser

Mat 3:16 And having been immersed, יהושע went up immediately from the water, **and see**, the **heavens were opened**, and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove and coming upon Him,

Mat 3:17 and **see, a voice out of the heavens, saying**, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight."

Stephen before being stoned

Act 7:55 But he, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit, **looked steadily into the heaven and saw** the esteem of Elohim, and יהושע **standing at the right hand of Elohim**,

Act 7:56 and he said, "Look! I see **the heavens opened** and the Son of Adam **standing at the right hand of Elohim!**" Psa 110:1.

Peter's vision

Act 10:10 And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into **a trance**,

Act 10:11 and **he saw the heaven opened** and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

IMPT: Rev. 4:1 does not cross-reference 2Cor. 12:2-4, but Paul's 'out of body' experience most certainly comes to mind. We ponder the below verses in 2Cor. to see the meaning of 'Paradise'. This scripture is KEY to understanding the 'Partitioning of Paradise!'

Partitioning off Paradise

'Paradise' goes through some changes just like the transferences between the priesthoods. We will see when Paradise was 'partitioned off' and when the 'partition of separation' was lifted or opened.

After the resurrection of Yahusha HaMashiach, Paul equates Paradise, 'the garden', to the 3rd heaven. So here the 'partition of separation' has been lifted or the 'door opened.'

Paul's experience is spoken of from a 3rd person perspective.

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Messiah who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows – such a one was caught **up to the third heaven.**

2Co 12:3 And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows –

2Co 12:4 that **he was caught up into paradise^a** and heard unspeakable words, which it is not right for a man to speak. Footnote: ^aLit. garden.

- **Third Heaven = Paradise, a literal garden [2Co. 12:2-4]**

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. **To him who overcomes^a I shall give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise^b of Elohim."** ^cGen 2:9, Gen 3:22, Gen 3:24 Footnotes: ^aThis word (and its noun) is used 17 times in the Book of Revelation. The name Yisra'el means to overcome with Ēl. ^bLit. garden. ^cSee Rev 22:2 and Rev 22:14.

Paradise of Elohim = Location of the tree of life

Paradise was partitioned off after the fall of Adam & Eve

[Gen 3:24 and He drove the man out. And He placed keruḇim at the east of the garden of Ēden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.]

Paradise = Location where overcomers, His Kingdom of Priests, His set-apart ones; shall eat from the **tree of life in the midst of paradise of Elohim**. [Rev. 2:7]

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Paradise = garden

- [in Rev. 2:7 footnote b – (above), Paradise is no longer sectioned off] &
- [in Luke 23:43 footnote b – (below), Paradise was still partitioned off because Yahusha had not ascended to heaven; This ‘partitioned state’ has been described as the comfort side of Sheol, the grave.]

Overcomers = Israel = means to overcome with El. [Rev. 2:7 footnote (a) above]

Luk 23:42 And he said to יהושע, “Master, remember me when You come into Your reign.”

Luk 23:43 And יהושע said to him, “Truly, I say to you today, **you shall be with Me in paradise.**”^b

Footnote: ^bLit. garden.

Now, let’s shift gears and look at some key references of Scriptures in Genesis and Ezekiel. Please try to track with this process a little longer. YHWH has painted us a masterpiece and it takes a while to observe all the details and most importantly the PATTERNS. Keep the following points in mind:

- The first Adam was formed from the dust from the ground; however, he was created by YHWH. From YHWH came his breath. Adam was first clothed in light.
- Satan once was in Eden, the garden of Elohim
 - [Ezekiel 28:13 – Speaks of Satan’s breastplate of 9 precious stones. **Yahusha – Our High Priest of the Melchizedek order** has **12 precious stones** representing the **12 tribes of Israel** on His chest and **Shoham stones** [ref. Gen. 2:12] on His shoulders. Multi-precious stones also make up the 12 layered foundation of the New Jerusalem]
- In Eden, Elohim planted a garden [Defined as Paradise – garden Rev. 2:7 above] to the east and there He put the first Adam. [Gen. 2:8 below]
- The second Adam, Yahusha, was from the tribe of Judah; and the tribe of Judah encamped ‘East’ of the ‘Dwelling Place’ in the wilderness. The second Adam, Yahusha, came in the ‘likeness’ of flesh; His flesh, bone, and blood came from heaven. [See: The Origin of the Flesh of Messiah – a Torah to the Tribes excerpt by Matthew Nolan - <https://youtu.be/Dq9MZkCp9b4>]
- We will begin to see a possible picture as we progress; a connection of dots.

Now, let us look at a ‘possible pattern connections’ between the **encampments in the wilderness** in COMPARISON TO Eden, the garden east in Eden, and the 4 rivers.

In Gen 2:10 one river subdivided into 4; so, thinking ‘outside the box’, consider the initial river as being from an ‘upper elevation’ and pouring out N-S-E-W; like a ‘fountain of living water’. I made a diagram below to help visualize so please read the following scriptures first in **Genesis and Ezekiel**; and then view the diagram beneath.

Gen 2:7 And יהוה Elohim formed the man out of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of lives. And **the man became a living being**.

Gen 2:8 And יהוה Elohim planted a garden in Ēden, to the east, and there **He put the man** whom He had formed.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground יהוה Elohim made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, with **the tree of life in the midst of the garden** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Gen 2:10 And **a river went out of Ēden to water the garden**, and from there it divided and became **four heads**.

Gen 2:11 The name of the **first is Pishon**, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Ḥawilah, where there is gold.

Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good. Bdellium is there, and the **shoham stone**.

Gen 2:13 And the name of the **second river is Gihon**, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Kush.

Gen 2:14 And the name of the **third river is Hiddekel**, it is the one which goes toward the east of Ashshur. And the **fourth river is the Euphrates**. [Hiddekel defn. = “rapid”

one of the rivers of Eden which coursed east toward Assyria; better known as the **Tigris**]

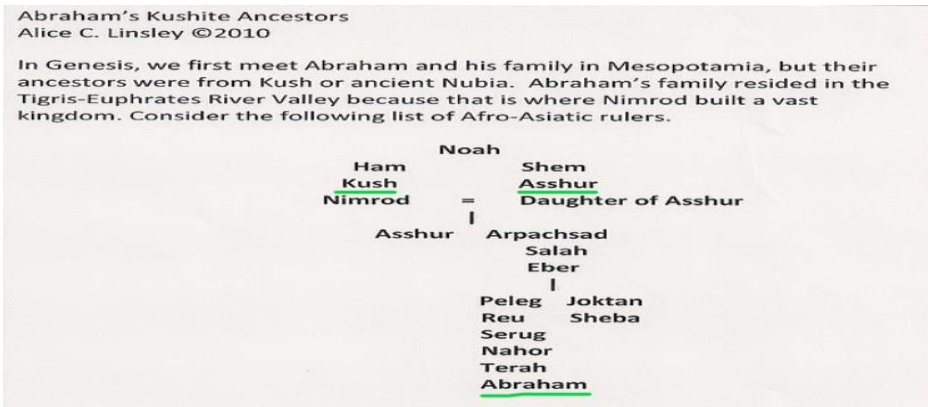
Gen 2:15 And יהוה Elohim **took the man and put him in the garden of Ēden to work it and to guard it**.

Satan’s background:

Eze 28:13 **“You were in Ēden, the garden of Elohim**. Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, topaz, and diamond, beryl, shoham, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald and gold. The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 “You were the **anointed kerub that covered**. And **I placed you, you were on the set-apart mountain of Elohim**. You **walked up and down** in the midst of stones of fire.

Reference to Kush chart: This chart was included to connect Abraham as a descendant of Kush-Asshur with possible connections to the River Gihon.



Mainly be mindful of the 4 Rivers that became 4 heads which mirror the encampment patterns around the Dwelling Place or 'Living Water' that were positioned N-S-E-W with 4 lead banners.



In the following verse in Gen. 4:16, we see where Cain departs from the presence of YHWH to the land of Nod **on the east of Eden**.

Gen 4:16 So Qayin went out from the presence of יהוה and dwelt in the land of Nod **on the east of Ėden**.

In the diagram above of the wilderness encampments, the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood encamped closest to and were positioned N-S-E-W as an inner circle around the Dwelling place.

In Revelation 4:4 we read of others positioned close to the Dwelling Place.

Rev 4:4 And around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white robes. And they had crowns of gold on their heads.

Rev 1:6 and has made us sovereigns and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him be esteem and rule forever and ever. Amēn.

Several Scriptures state He has made us 'kings and priests' or 'kingdom priests.' He of course is the King of kings. If there are servant 'kings', they would be in fewer number than the priests. The 24 elders sitting on the thrones have crowns and as far as I know, mainly kings have crowns.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.

Green section below references the meaning of:

Seven Stars – are messengers of the seven assemblies.

Seven Golden Lampstands – are the seven assemblies.

Seven Spirits of Elohim - seven lamps of fire burning before the throne.

Rev 1:20 "The secret of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are messengers of the seven assemblies, and the seven lampstands which you saw are seven assemblies.

- **Seven stars = messengers of the seven assemblies** [We have defined these as angels or His Melchizedek Kingdom of priests.] **Malachi 2:7 defines messenger** - Mal 2:7 "For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and they seek the Torah from his mouth, **for he is the messenger** of יהוה of hosts.
- **Seven lampstands = seven assemblies**

Rev 3:1 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write, 'He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars, says this, "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

- **Seven Spirits of Elohim = seven lamps of fire burning before the throne. (Rev. 4:5)** Here it just says 'lamps' not 'lampstands' – not sure of significance
- **Seven Stars = messengers of the seven assemblies** [See above definition.]

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And **seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.**

Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, **were four living creatures,** covered with eyes in front and in back.

Rev 4:7 And the first living creature was like a **lion**, and the second living creature like a **calf**, and the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a flying **eagle**. [Eze 1:10](#).

Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, **each having six wings**, [Isa 6:2](#) were covered with eyes around and within. And they do not cease, day or night, saying, “**Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart**, יהוה **Ėl Shaddai**, [Isa 6:3](#) who was, and who is, and who is coming!”

The four living creatures encompass:

- Four Covenant Confirming Gospel Accounts – Yahusha is glorified and exalted through the 4 Living Gospel Messages that are sent throughout the world by His Royal Ambassadors!
- Four ‘lead’ tribes of the East-South-West-North encampments – The mixed multitude, consisting of many ‘eyes’ [which I interpret the eyes representing the souls of those that have gone on before us], give thanks, praise, and honor for the salvation through the blood of the Lamb. They each have six wings which represent a pair of wings for each of the three tribes in each quadrant with the lead banner depicted by the lion, ox, man, and eagle.
- The Melchizedek Kingdom of Priests, also consisting of many ‘eyes’, from the 12 tribes and those grafted in of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation! **These are those encamped the closest to the Holy of Holies and can enter the Holy Place before His throne. These offer ascending offerings of prayers, praise, honor, glory, respect, thanksgiving, and when words fail the moaning of the Spirit within us glorifies Him who sits on the throne. These are the bride.**
- Israel! The One New Man! [Yisra’el means to overcome with Ėl](#) - All of Israel, the One New Man, eventually are overcomers; but not all are the first fruit such as the two witnesses, the bride (the rib), of the two olive trees - Israel and Judah.



Gospel	Focus On Jesus	Revelation 4:7 Reference
Matthew	King	Lion
Mark	Servant	Calf
Luke	Man	Man
John	God	Eagle

Rev 4:9 And when the living creatures give esteem and respect and thanks to Him who sits on the throne, who lives forever and ever,

Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and bow before Him who lives forever and ever, and they cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Rev 4:11 “You are worthy, O יהוה, to receive **esteem and respect and power**, 1Ch 29:11 for You have created all, and because of Your desire they are, and were created.”

The four living creatures represent the 4 lead banners of the 4 wilderness encampments of all 12 tribes; the lion, the ox, the man, and the eagle. Insights to this pattern is made clearer when reading Revelation Chapter 5.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 And they sang a renewed song, saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,^c Footnote: ^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.^d Footnote: ^d Dan 7:18-27.

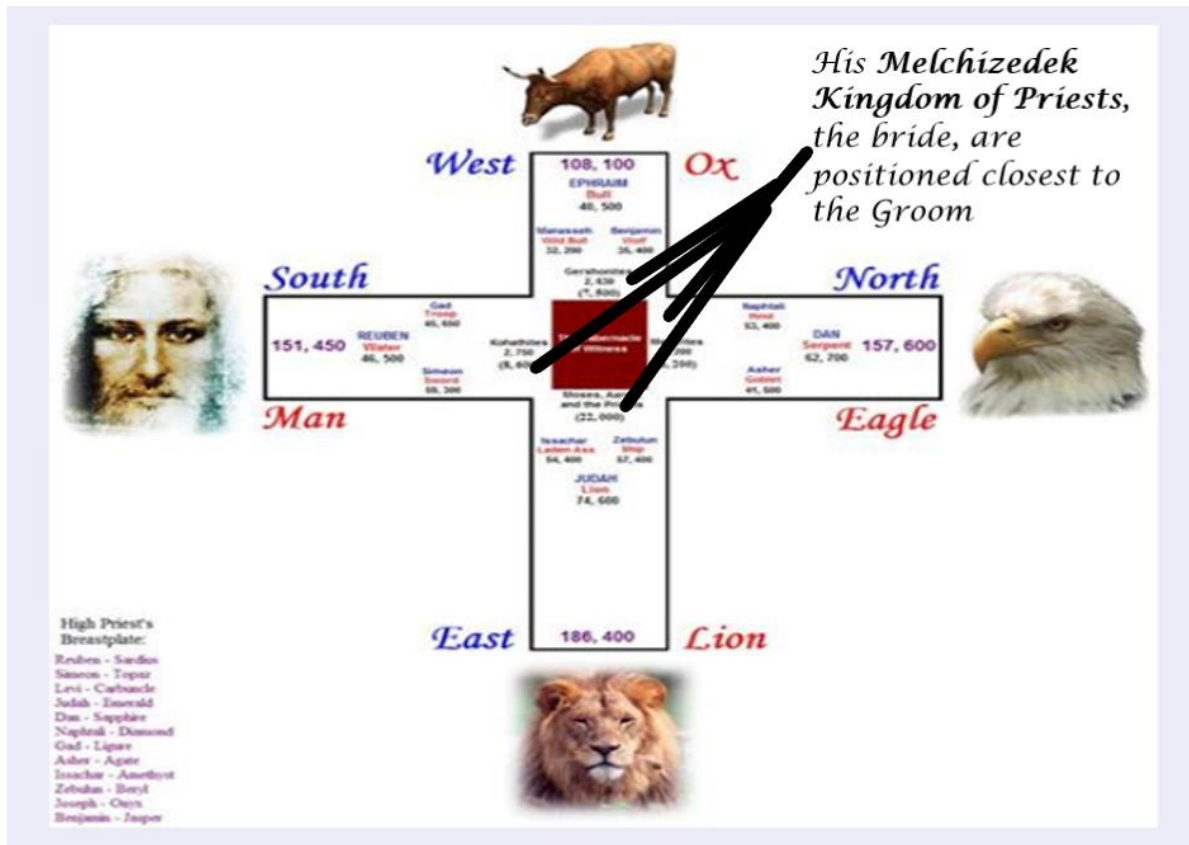
- Who are singing? The four living creatures and the 24 elders.
- What do they sing? You have REDEEMED US by your blood.
- Where are they from? Out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- What had the Lamb made them? Made 'us' kings and priests to our Elohim.
- What will the living creatures and 24 elders do? "We [living creatures & 24 elders) shall reign upon the earth.

Rev 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

- In Rev. 5:11 we now see messengers included around the throne along with the living creatures, and the elders. We will discuss this further in Rev. 5.

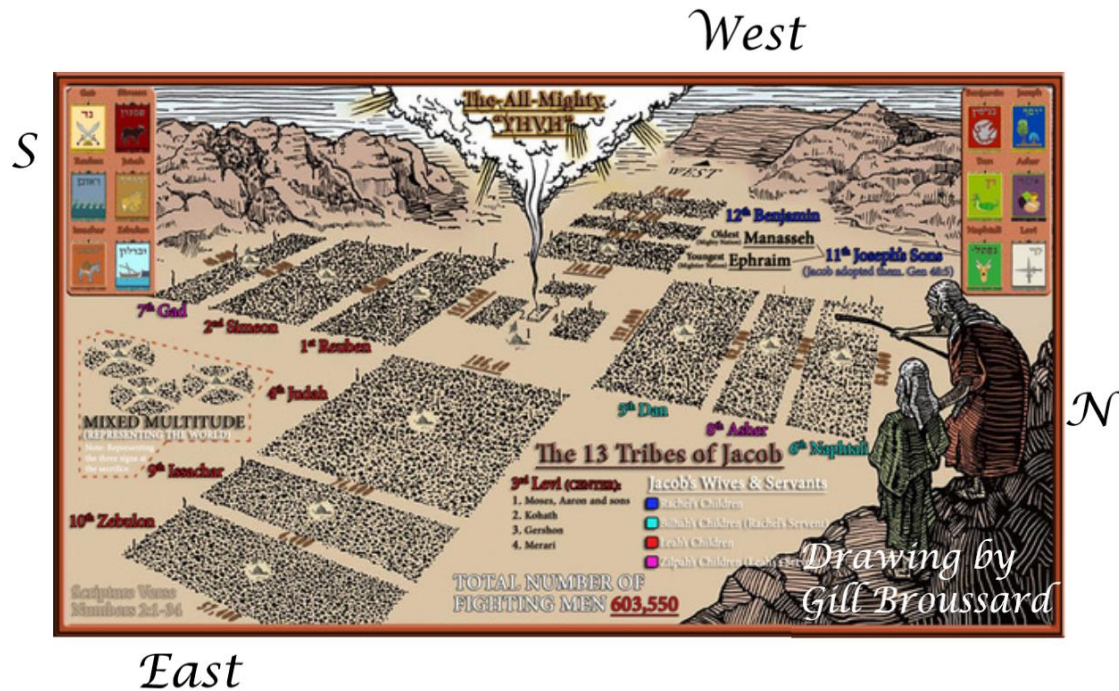
Here is my interpretation of Rev. 4:9-11. The **four living creatures** consist of the souls of the twelve tribes and those grafted in that have gone on before us; but have not yet received their glorified bodies at the resurrection. They are encamped around the heavenly Dwelling Place of YHWH. They offer up praise, honor, esteem (glory), respect and thanksgiving to Him our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order that sits on the throne; Yahusha [YHWH in Son]. More insights will be given as we proceed through Revelation.

When the four living creatures praise Him, the twenty-four elders, that appear to be 'kings' of the King; bow down before him and **cast their crowns!** What a joyful noise that must make in His throne room! This is what takes place when honor, glory, praise, thanksgiving, respect, trust, are given to Him. May those crowns be thrown constantly!!!



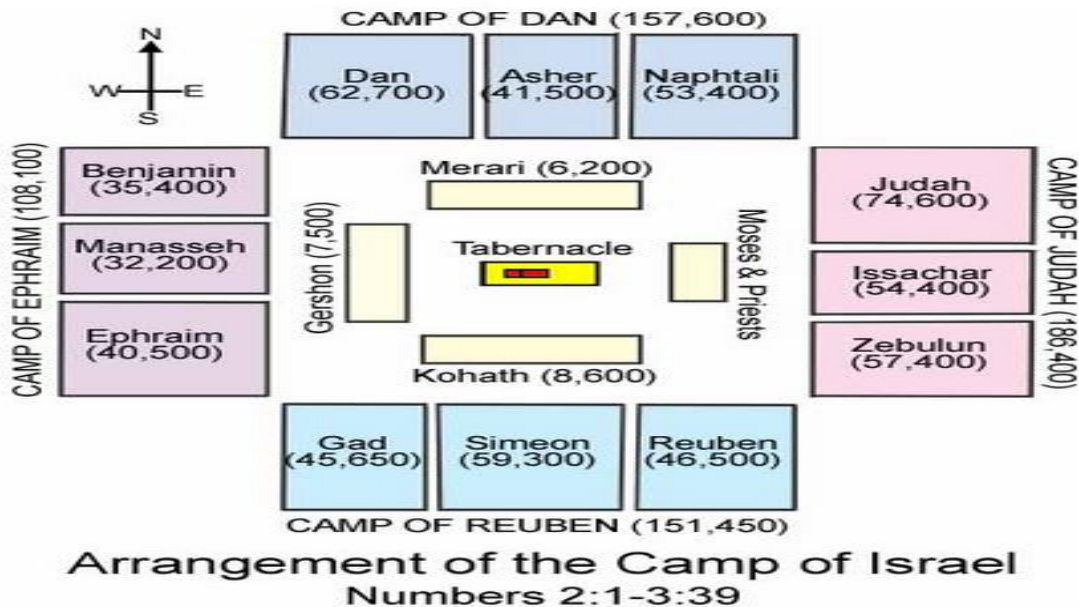
Each of the four camps was to be represented by the standard of their lead tribe. The image of the standard of the twelve tribes has been lost throughout history, yet rabbinical tradition has maintained the four lead tribes of the four camps. From what scholars can tell, the images of the 12 tribes were based on the twelve Zodiac signs and the blessings of Jacob in Gen. 49. The standard of Judah was the lion, of Reuben was the man, of Ephraim was an ox, and of Dan was originally the serpent but later (during Israel's wanderings) was changed to the eagle with a serpent in its mouth. These images are the same four faces of the cherubim that carried the throne and glory of Yahweh in Ezekiel's vision and, later, John's vision (Ezek. 1:10; Rev. 4:7). These are also the images of the four gospels of the Second Testament. Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah and king of Israel (lion); Mark portrays Him as the suffering servant of the Israel (ox); Luke portrays Him as the perfect man (man); and John portrays Him as fully divine (eagle). Thus Israel on earth, the cherubim in heaven, and the four gospels of Yahweh's Word all bear these images as a reflection and testimony of Christ.

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Above is one possible rendition of the four wilderness encampments. Below is another layout we must also consider for the encampment layout. The one below reflects more closely the description given in the Book of Revelation.

Yahweh's Presence in the Midst of His People (Numbers 2:1-3:39)



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John 3

Each individual must read **John Chapter 3** and make their decision to **accept or reject His Covenant Confirming Gospel Message**. This is His **New Covenant** proposal offered to the world, that paid the **death penalty arm of Gen. 15 by His blood**; and connects us back to the **Promise of Abraham in Gen 12**. The **New Covenant** contains the four elements of a blood ratified covenant: **proposal, acceptance; blood ratification; and a covenant confirming meal.**

1. Yahusha has **proposed** to us.
2. Each person, that has reached the age of accountability, can either **accept or reject** His proposal.
3. The New Covenant has been **blood ratified** by His precious blood presented to YHWH on the heavenly altar making atonement for sins once and for all.
4. The **Covenant Confirming meal** is the bread and the wine we partake of in remembrance of His body and His blood that was shed for us. This inducts us into the Melchizedek priestly reign of Elohim as a holy nation and a kingdom of priests from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

We are 'justified' by YHWH by the Blood of the Lamb, 'just as' we had never sin. We then enter the sanctification process that is continuous as we daily seek to become more like Him. The sanctification process is the 'race' that Paul so desired to finish. We should too. Not only to finish the race but to finish well! We run the race of sanctification until we are transfigured into glorification.

We are to be set-apart to Him; we are to grow and mature in His Word; we are to love Him and others; and we are to walk in Covenant Torah.

You Must Be Born Again or Born Anew

Joh 3:1 And there was a man of the Pharisees, Nakdimon was his name, a ruler of the Yehudim.

Joh 3:2 This one came to יהושע by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from Elohim, for no one is able to do these signs You do if Elohim is not with him."

Joh 3:3 יהושע answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born from above, he is unable to see^a the reign of Elohim." Footnote: ^aOr *perceive*.

Joh 3:4 Nakdimon said to Him, "How is a man able to be born when he is old? Is he able to enter into his mother's womb a second time and be born?"

Joh 3:5 יהושע answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the

Spirit, he is unable to enter into the reign of Elohim.

- Joh 3:6 “That which has been born of the **flesh is flesh**,
- and that which has been born of the **Spirit is spirit**.

Joh 3:7 “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You have to be born from above.’

Joh 3:8 “The **wind^b** blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.” Footnote: ^bWind and Spirit have the same underlying Hebrew and Greek words.

Joh 3:9 Nakdimon answered and said to Him, “How is it possible for this to take place?”

Joh 3:10 יהושע answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Yisra’el, and do not know this?

Joh 3:11 “Truly, truly, I say to you, We speak what We know and witness what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness.

Joh 3:12 “If you do not believe when I spoke to you about earthly *matters*, how are you going to believe when I speak to you about the heavenly *matters*?

Joh 3:13 “And no one has gone up into the heaven except He who came down from the heaven – the Son of Adam.”

Man is a tripartite being made up of body, soul, and spirit. The ‘spirit’ in man is dead UNTIL being born of the Spirit of Elohim. Presently, when believers die, the body goes to the grave; but their soul and His spirit within them goes to be in His presence. All those that die before the living saints in the end of days, will receive their glorified bodies first on the day of resurrection; then those that remain will be changed in a twinkle of an eye. Yahusha is the resurrection AND the life.

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, “Your brother shall rise again.”

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, “I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, “**I am the resurrection and the life.** **He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.**

Joh 11:26 “**And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all.** Do you believe this?”

Do you believe what Yahusha shared with Martha? Believers that died BEFORE Yahusha opened the door in Revelation 4:1, went to the ‘comfort side of Sheol’ to Abraham’s bosom or ‘Paradise’; waiting for Yahusha to open the door of partition. They had to wait because of the verse John 3:13 stating that no one has gone up into the heaven except He who came down from the heaven – Yahusha. Believers had to FIRST be washed by the blood of the Lamb BEFORE they could enter His presence.

Joh 3:14 “And as Mosheh lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so the Son of

Adam has to be lifted up,

Joh 3:15 so that whoever is believing in Him should not perish but **possess everlasting life.**

For Elohim So Loved the World

Joh 3:16 “For Elohim so loved the world that He gave His only brought-forth Son, so that **everyone who believes in Him should not perish but possess everlasting life.**”

Joh 3:17 “For Elohim did not send His Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 “**He who believes in Him is not judged,** but he who does not believe is judged already, because he has not believed in the Name of the only brought-forth Son of Elohim.

Bema Seat Judgment – rewards given to YHWH’s servants

Believers appear before the ‘Bema’ judgment seat to have **their works judged by Him for what they did in the body to serve Him on earth.** They will receive their rewards for worthy works; however, they are NOT being judged for sins, because their sins have already been removed as far as the east is from the west by the blood of the Lamb.

Rev 11:18 “And the **nations were enraged,** **Psa 2:1** and Your wrath has come, and **the time of the dead to be judged,** and **to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to the set-apart ones,** and to those who fear Your Name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth.”

Great White Throne Judgment – the time of the dead to be judged.

Non-believers will appear before the Great White Throne judgment seat and will fall short because all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of YHWH. Without the full atonement of their sins by the blood of the Lamb; there is NO remission for their sins – they are found guilty.

Judgment Before the Great White Throne

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne and Him who was sitting on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away, and no place was found for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before the throne, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged from what was written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and She’ol gave up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

Rev 20:14 And Death and She’ol were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death.^a

Footnote: ^aSee **Rev 2:11**, **Rev 20:6**, **Rev 21:8**.

Rev 20:15 And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Joh 3:19 “And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light, for their works were wicked.

Joh 3:20 “For everyone who is practising evil *matters* hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed.

Joh 3:21 **“But the one doing the truth comes to the light, so that his works are clearly seen, that they have been wrought in Elohim.”**

John the Baptist Exalts Messiah

Joh 3:22 After this, יהושע and His taught ones came into the land of Yehudah, and He remained there with them, and was immersing.

Joh 3:23 And Yoḥanan was also immersing in Ayin near Salim, because there was plenty of water there. And they were coming and were being immersed,

Joh 3:24 for Yoḥanan had not yet been put into prison.

Joh 3:25 Then a dispute arose between some of Yoḥanan’s taught ones and the Yehudim about cleansing,

Joh 3:26 and they came to Yoḥanan and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Yardēn, to whom you have witnessed, see, He is immersing, and all are coming to Him!”

Joh 3:27 Yoḥanan answered and said, “No man is able to receive any *matter* unless it is given to him from the heaven.

Joh 3:28 “You yourselves are witnesses for me that I said, **‘I am not the Messiah but I am sent ahead of Him.’**

The Bride

Joh 3:29 “He that has the bride is the bridegroom,

The Attendant; or ‘best man’

but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the voice of the bridegroom. So this joy of mine is complete.

Joh 3:30 “It is right for Him to increase, but me to decrease.

Joh 3:31 **“He who comes from above is over all**, he who is from the earth is of the earth and speaks of the earth. **He who comes from the heaven is over all.**

Joh 3:32 “And what He has seen and heard, that He witnesses. And no one receives His witness.

Joh 3:33 **“He who receives His witness has set his seal that Elohim is true.**

Joh 3:34 “For He whom Elohim has sent speaks the Words of Elohim, for Elohim does not give the Spirit by measure.

Joh 3:35 “The Father loves the Son, and has given all into His hand.

- Joh 3:36 “He who believes in the Son possesses everlasting life,
- but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of Elohim remains on him.”

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