

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 16 & 17; Psalm 148; Jeremiah 8; Matthew 22.

July 12 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Joshua 16 & 17

The Allotment for Ephraim and Manasseh

Jos 16:1 **And the lot for the children of Yosēph** went out from the Yardēn, by Yeriho, to the waters of Yeriho on the east, to the wilderness going up from Yeriho through the mountains to Bēyth Ēl,

Jos 16:2 and went out from Bēyth Ēl to Luz, and passed over to the border of the Arkites at Ataroth,

Jos 16:3 and went down westward to the boundary of the Yaphlētites, as far as the boundary of Lower Bēyth Ḥoron to Gezer, and it ended at the sea.

Jos 16:4 **Thus the children of Yosēph, Menashsheh and Ephrayim, inherited.**

Jos 16:5 And the border of the children of Ephrayim, according to their clans, was: The border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth Addar as far as Upper Bēyth Ḥoron.

Jos 16:6 And the border went out toward the sea, to Miḵmethath on the north, then the border went around eastward to Ta'anath Shiloh, and passed over it on the east of Yanoḥah,

Jos 16:7 and went down from Yanoḥah to Ataroth and Na'arah, reached to Yeriho, and came out at the Yardēn.

Jos 16:8 From Tappuwaḥ the border went westward to the wadi Qanah, and it ended at the sea. This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephrayim for their clans.

Jos 16:9 And the separate cities for the children of Ephrayim were in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Menashsheh, all the cities with their villages.

Jos 16:10 And they **did not drive out the Kena'anites** who dwelt in Gezer, so the Kena'anites dwell among the Ephrayimites to this day and have become compulsory labor.

Jos 17:1 And the lot for the tribe of Menashsheh, for he was the first-born of Yosēph, was: for **Makir the first-born of Menashsheh, father of Gil'ad**, because he was a man of battle, therefore he had Gil'ad and Bashan.

Jos 17:2 **And for the rest of the children of Menashsheh for their clans there was:** for the children of Abi'ezer, and for the children of Hēleq, and for the children of Asri'ēl, and for the children of Shekem, and for the children of Hēpher, and for the children of Shemiḡa. These were the male children of Menashsheh son of Yosēph according to their clans.

Jos 17:3 **But Tselophad** son of Hēpher, son of Gil'ad, son of Maḳir, son of Menashsheh, had no sons, **but only daughters**. And these were the names of his daughters: Maḥlah and No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, Milkah and Tirtsah.

The daughters of Tselophhad speak up to remind Elazar and Joshua about the previous ruling of YHWH in regard to their inheritances.

Jos 17:4 And they came near before El'azar the priest, before Yehoshua son of Nun, and before the rulers, saying, “יהוה commanded Mosheh **to give us an inheritance among our brothers.**” So he gave them an inheritance among their father's brothers, according to the mouth of יהוה.

Jos 17:5 And **ten portions** fell to Menashsheh, besides the land of Gil'ad and Bashan, which were beyond the Yardēn,

Jos 17:6 **because the daughters of Menashsheh received an inheritance among his sons.** And the rest of Menashsheh's sons had the land of Gil'ad.

Jos 17:7 **And the border of Menashsheh** was from Ashēr to Miqmethath, which faces Shekem. And the border went up to the right to the inhabitants of Ēn Tappuwaḥ.

Jos 17:8 The land of Tappuwaḥ belonged to Menashsheh, but Tappuwaḥ on the border of Menashsheh belonged to the children of Ephrayim.

Jos 17:9 And the border went down to the wadi Qanah, southward to the wadi. These cities of Ephrayim were in the midst of the cities of Menashsheh, but the border of Menashsheh was north of the wadi, and it ended at the sea.

Jos 17:10 Southward it was Ephrayim's, and northward it was Menashsheh's, and the sea was its border, and they reached to Ashēr on the north and to Yissaskar on the east.

Jos 17:11 **And in Yissaskar and in Ashēr, Menashsheh** had Bēyth She'an and its towns, and Yible'am and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Ēn Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Ta'anaḵ and its towns, and the inhabitants of Meḡiddo and its towns – three of the heights.

Jos 17:12 But the children of Menashsheh were unable to drive out the inhabitants of those cities, for the Kena'anites desired to dwell in that land.

Jos 17:13 And it came to be, when the children of Yisra'el grew strong, **that they put the Kena'anites to compulsory labor, but did not utterly drive them out.**

Interesting exchange follows in Jos. 17:14-18 between the children of Joseph and Joshua. It leaves one believing that the children of Joseph did not drive out the Canaanites due to their lack of faith and obedience in possessing the land. They were focusing on the Canaanite's 'chariots of iron' and therefore similarly believed in an evil report like the previous 'ten spies.' Joshua challenges them by saying, 'If you are a great people, go up to the forest and clear a place for yourself.'

Joshua affirms they were to have more than one lot; but they were to engage in possessing the land to make that happen and drive out the Canaanites. From what we read earlier; it appears they did not but assigned them to compulsory labor. And so, we read...

Jos 17:14 And the **children of Yosēph spoke to Yehoshua, saying, “Why have you given**

us but one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing we are a great people whom יהוה has blessed until now?”

Jos 17:15 And Yehoshua said to them, **“If you are a great people, go up to the forest and clear a place for yourself there in the land of the Perizzites and the Repha’ites, since the hill country of Ephrayim is too narrow for you.”**

Jos 17:16 Then the children of Yosëph said, “The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Kena’anites who dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both those who are of Bëyth She’an and its towns and those who are of the Valley of Yizre’ël.”

Jos 17:17 And Yehoshua spoke to the house of Yosëph, to Ephrayim and to Menashsheh, saying, **“You are a great people and have great power, you are not to have one lot,**

Jos 17:18 **for the hill country shall be yours. For though it is a forest, you shall cut it down, and its farthest limits shall be yours. For you are to drive out the Kena’anites, though they have iron chariots and are strong.”**

Psalm 148

Praise Yah! Praising Yah is not only for man but all His creation! We may not be able to hear or understand how all creation praises Him; but YHWH does. Occasionally, YHWH gives us a glimpse into knowing that creation has more awareness than we can imagine!

- **Num 22:28** Then יהוה opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Bil’am, “What have I done to you, that you have stricken me these three times?” 29 And Bil’am said to the donkey, “Because you have mocked me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for I would have killed you by now!” 30 And the donkey said to Bil’am, “Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you?” And he said, “No.”
- **Isa 55:12** “For with joy you go out, and with peace you are brought in – the mountains and the hills break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field clap the hands.
- **Hab 2:11** “For a stone from the wall cries out, and a beam from the timbers answers it.
- **Luk 19:40** But He answering, said to them, “I say to you that if these shall be silent, the stones would cry out.”
- **Job 12:7** But now ask the beasts, and they teach you; and the birds of the heavens, and they declare it to you; 8 or speak to the earth, and it teaches you; and the fish of the sea inform you. 9 Who among all these does not know that the hand of יהוה has done this, 10 in whose hand is the life of all that live, and the breath of all mankind?
- **Psa 96:11** Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; 12 Let the field exult, and all that is in it. Let all the trees of the forest then shout for joy,
- **Job 37:15** Do you know when Eloah placed them, and caused the lightning of His cloud to shine? 16 Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wonders of the One perfect in knowledge?
- **Isa 43:20** “The beast of the field esteems Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because I have given waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen,

Praise the Name of YHWH

Psa 148:1 Praise Yah! Praise יהוה from the heavens, Praise Him in the heights!

Psa 148:2 Praise Him, all His messengers; Praise Him, all His hosts!

Psa 148:3 Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him, all you stars of light!

Psa 148:4 Praise Him, heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

Psa 148:5 Let them praise the Name of יהוה, For He commanded and they were created.

Psa 148:6 And He established them forever and ever, He gave a law and they pass not beyond.

Psa 148:7 Praise יהוה from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths,

Psa 148:8 Fire and hail, snow and clouds, Stormy wind that does His word,

Psa 148:9 The mountains and all hills, Fruit tree and all cedars,

Psa 148:10 Wild beasts and all cattle, Creeping creatures and flying birds,

Psa 148:11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, Rulers and all judges of the earth,

Psa 148:12 Both young men and maidens, Old men and children.

Psa 148:13 Let them praise the Name of יהוה, For His Name alone is exalted, His splendor is above the earth and heavens.

Psa 148:14 He also lifts up the horn of His people, The praise of all His lovingly-committed ones; Of the children of Yisra'el, A people near to Him. Praise Yah!

Jeremiah 8

Jer 8:1 “At that time,” declares יהוה, “they shall bring the bones of the sovereigns of Yehudah, and the bones of its heads, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, out of their burial-sites,

Jer 8:2 and shall spread them before the sun and the moon and all the host of the heavens, which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought, and to which they have bowed themselves. **They shall not be gathered nor buried, they shall be for dung on the face of the earth.**

Jer 8:3 “And **death shall be preferred to life** by all the rest of those who remain of this evil people, who remain in all the places where I have driven them,” declares יהוה of hosts.

Sin and Treachery

Jer 8:4 “And you shall say to them, ‘Thus said יהוה, “Would they fall, and not rise? Does one turn away and not return?’

Jer 8:5 **“Why then has this people, Yerushalayim, turned away in a continual backsliding?”**

- They are strengthened in deceit,
- they refuse to turn back.
- Jer 8:6 “I have listened and heard – they do not speak right.
- No man has repented of his evil, saying, ‘What have I done?’
- They all turned to their own course, like a horse rushing into battle.
- Jer 8:7 “Even a stork in the heavens knows her appointed times.
- And a turtledove, and a swallow, and a thrush guard the time of their coming.
- But My people do not know the right-ruling of יהוה.

Jer 8:8 **“How do you say,**

- ‘We are wise, and the Torah of יהוה is with us’?
- But look, the false pen of the scribe has worked falsehood.
- Jer 8:9 “The wise shall be put to shame,
- they shall be broken down and caught.
- **See, they have rejected the Word of יהוה, so what wisdom do they have?**
 - Jer 8:10 “Therefore I give their wives to others, and
 - their fields to possessing ones.
 - For from the least even to the greatest, they are all greedy for gain.
 - From the prophet to the priest, all act falsely.
 - Jer 8:11 “And they heal the breach of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ when there is no peace.
 - Jer 8:12 “Were they ashamed when they had done abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, nor did they know how to blush.
 - So they shall fall among those who fall. They shall stumble in the time of their visitation,” said יהוה.

Jer 8:13 “I shall snatch them away,” declares יהוה. “There are no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf has faded. And what I gave them shall pass away from them.” ’ ’ ”

YHWH has nothing to work with among ‘this’ people. They were not producing any kind of fruit; except rotten fruit! All would be passing away from them.

Jer 8:14 Why are we sitting still?

- Gather yourselves, and let us go into the walled cities, and let us be silent there. For יהוה our Elohim has let us perish and given us poisoned water to drink, because we have sinned against יהוה.
- Jer 8:15 We looked for peace, but there was no good; *and*
- for a time of healing, but see – fear!
- Jer 8:16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan
- All the land shook at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones.
- They came and devoured the land and all that fills it, the city and those who dwell in it.
- Jer 8:17 “For look, I am sending among you serpents, adders, which have no enchanter, and they shall bite you,” declares יהוה.

This morning off the coast of Louisiana is a storm brewing named Barry. Numerous times we have encouraged our niece and friends to evacuate New Orleans and come here or anywhere, but not to stay in NOLA. Friends have also been contacted in southern Louisiana and shelter offered from the storm. This storm could be devastating because of the existing high levels of the Mississippi River with the levee’s being maxed out; and more rain coming. We pray all make wise decisions and find appropriate shelter and take heed to warnings.

We have all heard of the term a ‘perfect storm.’ Well this is what Judah was about to experience. There were no signs of repenting; the support systems of prophets were failing due to their false prophecies; the set-apartness to YHWH was failing due to the corrupt priests. This perfect storm was made from adversity and rebellion against the Most High Elohim, YHWH.

A **perfect storm** is an event in which a rare combination of circumstances drastically aggravates the event.^[1] The term is used by analogy to an unusually severe storm that results from a rare combination of meteorological phenomena.

Jeremiah Grieves for His People

As stated several times before. decisions determine one’s destiny. Our decisions not only affect ourselves; but those around us. We are about to read how Judah’s hard-heartedness grieved Jeremiah. After all he had been through, I’m sure he had wanted a different outcome.

Today, if you hear His voice, it is still not too late for a different outcome. Repentance is key.

2Ch 7:13 “If I shut up the heavens and there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among My people,
2Ch 7:14 and My people upon whom My Name is called, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their evil ways, then I shall hear from the heavens, and forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Jer 8:18 When in grief I would seek comfort; my heart is sick within me.

Jer 8:19 Observe! The voice, the cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land, “**יהוה** Is not in Tsiyon? Is her Sovereign not in her?” “Why have they provoked Me with their carved images, and with foreign worthlessnesses?”

Jer 8:20 “The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we have not been saved!”

Jer 8:21 **For the breach of the daughter of my people I have been broken. I have grown sad; astonishment has taken hold of me.**

Jer 8:22 Is there no balm in Gil’ad, is there no healer there? Why has the healing of the daughter of my people not come?

Matthew 22

The Parable of the Wedding Feast

Mat 22:1 And **יהושע** responded and spoke to them again by parables and said,

Mat 22:2 “The reign of the heavens is like a man, a sovereign, who made a wedding feast for his son,

Mat 22:3 and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast. **But they would not come.**

Mat 22:4 “Again he sent out other servants, saying, ‘Say to those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and fattened cattle are slaughtered, and all is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’

Mat 22:5 **“But they disregarded it and went their way – this one to his field, that one to his trade.**

Mat 22:6 “And the rest, having seized his servants, insulted and killed them.

Mat 22:7 “But when the sovereign heard, he was wroth, and sent out his soldiers, destroyed those murderers, and set their city on fire.

Mat 22:8 “Then he said to his servants, **‘The wedding feast, indeed, is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy.**

Mat 22:9 **Therefore go into the street corners, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding feast.’**

Mat 22:10 “And those servants went out into the street corners and gathered all whom they found, both wicked and good. **And the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

Mat 22:11 “And when the sovereign came in to view the guests, he saw there a man who had not put on a wedding garment,

Mat 22:12 and he said to him, **‘Friend, how did you come in here not having a wedding garment?’** And he was speechless.

When Yahusha returns and YHWH questions those without a wedding garment, they too will be speechless. There will be no excuse. They will be hit with a blast of reality like never before. Their minds will race to all the invitations offered to them by Yahusha; their friends; and their family.

They will be awakened in the midst of the ‘perfect storm’; realizing the Truth, after it is too late to make any changes!

Mat 22:13 “Then the sovereign said to the servants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and throw him out into the outer darkness – there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Mat 22:14 “For many are called, but few are chosen.”^a Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 20:16](#).

Paying Taxes to Caesar

Mat 22:15 **Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to trap Him in His words.**

Mat 22:16 And they sent to Him their taught ones with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of Elohim in truth, and it does not concern You about anyone, for You are not partial to any man.

Mat 22:17 “Then say to us, what do You think? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?”

Mat 22:18 **But knowing their wickedness, יהושע said, “Why do you try Me, you hypocrites?**

Mat 22:19 “Show Me the coin of the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius.^b Footnote: ^bRoman monetary unit.

Mat 22:20 And He said to them,

“Whose likeness and inscription is this?”

Mat 22:21 They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, **“Then give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to Elohim what is Elohim’s.”**

Mat 22:22 And having heard, they marveled, and left Him and went away.

During this time, the temple system along with the Sanhedrin were corrupt. A blended mix had returned from Babylonian captivity bringing back its influences; such as the Babylonian Talmud. The Maccabean period had past, many Edomites had been converted to Judaism, and now there was a blend of wheat and tares.

The Aaronic Levitical system was just a type and shadow of what it had once been; it was now pretty much on life-support. The spiritual condition of the people, the land, and creation were about to receive a major resuscitation.

Yahusha, against all odds, had come into the world as a Lamb; and would be returning as a Lion of the tribe of Judah. He knew who He was, and it would be up to each person to answer His question of, ‘Who do you say that I am?’

The earth is His footstool. When it comes to ‘earthly’ systems and this imposed ‘tax question’, He simply replied to those trying to ensnare Him by answering; give to Caesar what is Caesar’s; and what is Elohim’s to Elohim. Yahusha didn’t try to fix or avoid any ‘tax’; He knew all things on this earth are temporal and He most certainly knew their wickedness behind such a question and such a ‘system.’ To this day, the enemy has imprisoned many over nefarious ‘tax’ accusations. It is best to avoid the devil’s playground as much as possible.

Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

Mat 22:23 On that day Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him and asked Him,

Mat 22:24 saying, “Teacher, Mosheh said that if **anyone should die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise offspring for his brother.** [Deu 25:5](#).

Mat 22:25 “And there were with **us seven brothers**, and the first died after he had married, and having no children, left his wife to his brother.

Mat 22:26 “In the same way the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.

Mat 22:27 “And last of all the woman died too.

Mat 22:28 “At the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven shall she be – for all had her?”

Mat 22:29 **And יהושע answering, said to them, “You go astray, not knowing the Scriptures^c nor the power of Elohim.** Footnote: ^c [Mar 12:24](#).

Mat 22:30 “For in the resurrection they do not marry, nor are they given in marriage, **but are as**

messengers of Elohim in heaven.

Mat 22:31 “And concerning the resurrection of the dead, **have you not read what was spoken to you by Elohim,** saying,

Mat 22:32 **‘I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya’aqob?’ Exo 3:6. Elohim is not the Elohim of the dead, but of the living.”**

Mat 22:33 And when the crowds heard, they were astonished at His teaching.

The Sadducees were supposed to be well versed in the Scriptures yet Yahusha answers them and said, ‘You go astray, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of Elohim.’ That tells us that just because people ‘look religious’; just because they may carry a Bible and can quote Scripture verses; doesn’t mean they KNOW His Word nor the power therein!

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah **יהושע**.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

Matthew 22:30 describes those in His presence **‘as messengers’**. In Matthew 22:32 He identifies Himself as the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; He is the **Elohim of the living and not of the dead!**

When studying the Book of Revelation, one must differentiate within the context of certain scriptures, to see if they are speaking of angelic messengers or those spirits and souls that appear ‘as messengers.’

The Great Commandment

Mat 22:34 But the **Pharisees, having heard that He had silenced the Sadducees, were gathered together,**

Mat 22:35 and one of them, **one learned in the Torah, did question, trying Him,** and saying,

Mat 22:36 “Teacher, which is the great command in the Torah?”

Mat 22:37 And **יהושע** said to him, “**‘You shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your mind.’ Deu 6:5.**

Mat 22:38 “This is the first and great command.

Mat 22:39 “And the second is like it, **‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ Lev 19:18.**

Mat 22:40 “On these two commands hang all the Torah and the Prophets.”

Ironically, the greatest commandment and the second like it; were the very two the Pharisees and Sadducees were lacking!

The following question posed by Yahusha to them; ceases them from asking any more questions.

Whose Son Is Yahusha?

Mat 22:41 And when the Pharisees were gathered together, יהושע asked them,

Mat 22:42 saying, “What do you think concerning the Messiah? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son of Dawid.*”

Mat 22:43 He said to them, “Then how does Dawid in the Spirit call Him ‘Master,’ saying,

Mat 22:44 יהוה said to my Master, “**Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool of Your feet**” ’? [Psa 110:1](#).

Mat 22:45 “If then Dawid calls Him ‘Master,’ how is He his Son?”

Mat 22:46 And no one was able to answer Him a word, and from that day on no one was bold enough to ask Him any more questions.

Yahusha is YHWH ‘in Son.’ Therefore, YHWH sits at the right hand of YHWH.

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*