

*Greetings, today our manna is from Numbers 8; Psalm 44; Songs 6; Hebrews 6.*

## *May 1 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Numbers 8**

**Numbers 8** first covers how Aaron is to trim and position the seven lamps with their light to shine in front of the lampstand. Next, there is the major cleansing ceremony for the Levites by Moses, Aaron, and his sons.

After the sin of the golden calf, things had greatly changed from the time YHWH had led them out of Egypt. He had appeared to all the people on Mount Sinai when giving His proposal to the people through Moses. He had led them out of captivity in Egypt; He was the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night; He was the One parting the Sea of Reeds; He was the One defeating Pharaoh and his chariots. Now, it would become very laborious to be cleansed and set-apart for YHWH to dwell among them.

Remember, after the sin of the golden calf, Moses had pitched his Tent of Appointment outside the camp with Joshua. (Ex. 33:7-9) Moses and Joshua were the only two that had not sinned with the golden calf and were still under the Melchizedek priesthood. Moses was essential to perform the washing, the ordination, and consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. This was the transference process from the Melchizedek Priesthood to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, until Yahusha would come. Now, Moses began the cleansing process of the Levites as instructed by YHWH.

#### **The Seven Lamps**

**Num 8:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 8:2** “Speak to Aharon, and say to him, ‘When you ascend to trim the lamps, let the seven lamps give light in front of the lampstand.’”

**Num 8:3** And Aharon did so. He set up the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

**Num 8:4** And this is the work of the lampstand: beaten work of gold, from its base to its blossoms it is beaten work. According to the pattern which יהוה had shown Mosheh, so he made the lampstand.

#### **Cleansing of the Levites**

**Num 8:5** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 8:6** “Take the Lěwites from among the children of Yisra’ěl, and you shall cleanse them,

**Num 8:7** and do this to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of sin *offering* on them, and they shall shave all their body, and shall wash their garments, and cleanse themselves,

**Num 8:8** and shall take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, while you take another young bull as a sin offering.

**Num 8:9** “And you shall bring the Lěwites before the Tent of Appointment, and you shall assemble all the congregation of the children of Yisra’ěl.

**Num 8:10** “And you shall bring the Lěwites before יהוה, and the children of Yisra’ěl shall lay their hands on the Lěwites,

**Num 8:11** and Aharon shall wave the Lěwites before יהוה, a wave offering from the children of Yisra’ěl – so shall they be for doing the service of יהוה.

**Num 8:12** “And the Lěwites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls. And one shall be prepared as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering to יהוה, to make atonement for the Lěwites.

**Num 8:13** “And you shall have the Lěwites stand before Aharon and his sons, and then wave them, a wave offering to יהוה.

YHWH reminds them that [He had taken possession of the Levites and gave them as a gift to Aaron and his sons, instead of the first-borns](#). This transaction took place in [Numbers 3](#) and it is reviewed here in [Numbers 8](#). We read:

**Num 8:14** “Thus you shall separate the Lěwites from among the children of Yisra’ěl, and the Lěwites shall be Mine.

**Num 8:15** “Then after that the Lěwites shall go in to do service in the Tent of Appointment, when you have cleansed them and waved them as a wave offering.

**Num 8:16** “For they are given ones, given to Me from among the children of Yisra’ěl. I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the first-born of all the children of Yisra’ěl.

**Num 8:17** “For all the first-born among the children of Yisra’ěl are Mine, both man and beast. On the day that I struck all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim I set them apart unto Myself.

**Num 8:18** “And I have taken the Lěwites instead of all the first-born of the children of Yisra’ěl.

**Num 8:19** “And I have given the Lěwites as a gift to Aharon and his sons from among the children of Yisra’ěl, to do the service of the children of Yisra’ěl in the Tent of Appointment, and to make atonement for the children of Yisra’ěl, that there be no plague among the children of Yisra’ěl when the children of Yisra’ěl come near the set-apart place.”

**Num 8:20** Thus Mosheh and Aharon and all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël did to the Lěwites according to all that יהוה commanded Mosheh concerning the Lěwites, so the children of Yisra'ël did to them.

**Num 8:21** And the Lěwites cleansed themselves and washed their garments, and Aharon waved them, a wave offering before יהוה, and Aharon made atonement for them to cleanse them.

**Num 8:22** Then after that the Lěwites went in to do their service in the Tent of Appointment before Aharon and his sons as יהוה commanded Mosheh concerning the Lěwites, so they did to them.

### Retirement of the Levites

**Num 8:23** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Num 8:24** “This applies to the Lěwites: From **twenty-five years old** and above let him come into active service in the service of the Tent of Appointment,

**Num 8:25** and at the age of **fifty years** they retire from active service of the service, and serve no more,

**Num 8:26** **but they shall attend with their brothers in the Tent of Appointment, to guard the duty, but shall do no service.** Thus you shall do to the Lěwites regarding their duties.”

In **Numbers 4**, all the Levites were registered from 30 -50 years of age with the focus given toward breaking camp. Here in **Numbers 8**, the age range starts with 25 and ends with retirement age of 50 for performing service in the tent of Appointment; but those retired could still attend with their brothers. We read:

**Previously in Numbers 4:** They were registered as YHWH had commanded Moses:

Num 4:47 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who came to do the work of **service and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Appointment**,

Num 4:48 their registered ones were **eight thousand five hundred and eighty**.

**Grand Total: 2750 + 2,630 + 3200 = 8,580**

The Tabernacle, the furnishings, and the cleansing processes of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood had been reviewed. All aspects had to work together for YHWH to once again dwell among them.

To this day, He wants His kingdom of priests under the Melchizedek order, to be set-apart and obedient to Covenant Torah.

**Psalm 44** Psalm 44 is said to have been composed by the sons of Korah.

Through reading His Word, we learn from those that came before us. Hopefully we also learn from their mistakes so as not to repeat them. It was YHWH who led the children of Israel out of captivity of Egypt, and it was YHWH that sent His one and only begotten Son to 'set the captives free'.

It will be YHWH that will recover and gather the remnant of His people out of 'Egypt' again as written in Isaiah 11.

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Yishai, standing as a banner to the people. Unto Him the nations shall seek, and His rest shall be esteem.

Isa 11:11 And it shall be in that day that יהוה **sets His hand again a second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left**, from Ashshur and from Mitsrayim, from Pathros and from Kush, from Ēylam and from Shin'ar, from Ḥamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And He shall raise a banner for the nations, and **gather the outcasts of Yisra'ël, and assemble the dispersed of Yehudah from the four corners of the earth**.

**Psa 44:1 O Elohim, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have related to us, The work You did in their days, In the days of old.**

**Psa 44:2 You drove out the nations with Your hand,** But them You planted. You afflicted peoples, and sent them out.

**Psa 44:3** For not by their own sword did they possess the land, Neither did their own arm save them; **But it was Your right hand and Your arm, And the light of Your face, Because You delighted in them.**

**Psa 44:4** You Yourself are my Sovereign, O Elohim; Command deliverances for Ya'aqob.

**Psa 44:5** Through You we push our enemies; Through Your Name we tread down those who rise up against us.

The House of Israel and the House of Judah, while in exile, rejected YHWH's proposal He sent to them through Ezekiel. Because of their own rejection of YHWH, they were and are dispersed among the nations to this day (though Judah did return for a season after their Babylonian captivity). Since then, the 12 tribes have been scattered. Sheep are prey animals but when they are scattered; they are easy prey.

**Psa 44:6** For I do not trust in my bow, And my sword does not save me.

**Psa 44:7** For You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.

**Psa 44:8** In Elohim we shall boast all day long, And praise Your Name forever. Selah.

**Psa 44:9** Yet You have rejected us and put us to shame, And You do not go with our

armies.

**Psa 44:10** You make us turn back from the adversary, And those who hate us have plundered us.

**Psa 44:11** **You do give us as sheep to be eaten, And You have scattered us among the nations.**

Today many of His sheep are led astray; today many are mocked; today many are deceived; and today many are a reproach. The Sanhedrin's stage (re-established in 2004) is being set-up world-wide. The Talmudic Babylonian Satanic Noahide laws are being pushed to be globally accepted and implemented. Their false mantra is 'keep the seven and you go to heaven.' What a mockery of YHWH's word. Supportive legislation and laws stealthily entered are on the books lying in wait. Their desire is that non-compliance to their Noahide Laws would be judged by their 'trained' international Sanhedrin 'court system'; with the ability to obtain a penalty of death with only one witness. That is not even biblical.

Mat 10:16 "See, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise<sup>a</sup> as serpents and innocent as doves. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or cautious, crafty, shrewd.

Mat 10:17 "But beware of men, for they shall deliver you up to sanhedrins and flog you in their congregations.

Mat 10:18 "And you shall be brought before governors and sovereigns for My sake, as a witness to them and to the nations.

Mat 10:19 "But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it shall be given to you in that hour what you shall speak,

Mat 10:20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

Sadly, most of the today's generation have not been obedient to the following verses in Psalm 44. For a season, many believers were not true to His Covenant; our steps had taken a detour from His way; we had forgotten His true Name; we did stretch out our hands to celebrate pagan holidays declaring them YHWH's; **but praise YHWH, when He awakened us from our slumber we repented; we turned back to Him; and He forgave us!**

Now many have awakened and turn to Covenant Torah and turned away from the leaven of false doctrine. There is now hope. There is an awakened remnant and prayerfully more will follow.

**Psa 44:12** You sell Your people for no value, And have set no high price on them.

**Psa 44:13** You make us a reproach to our neighbours, A scorn and a mockery to those round about us.

**Psa 44:14** You make us a proverb among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.

**Psa 44:15** My reproach is always before me, And the shame of my face has covered me,

**Psa 44:16** Because of the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer, Because of the enemy and avenger.

**Psa 44:17** All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Neither have we been false to Your covenant.

**Psa 44:18** Our heart has not turned back, Neither has our step swerved from Your way,

**Psa 44:19** Yet You have crushed us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.

**Psa 44:20** If we have forgotten the Name of our Elohim, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign mighty one,

**Psa 44:21** Would Elohim not search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

**Psa 44:22** But for Your sake we are killed all day long; Reckoned as sheep for the slaughter.

**Psa 44:23** Awake! Why do You sleep, O יהוה? Arise! Do not reject us forever.

**Psa 44:24** Why do You hide Your face, Ignoring our affliction and our oppression?

**Psa 44:25** For our being is bowed down to the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth.

We too cry out:

**Psa 44:26** Arise, be our help, And redeem us for Your loving-commitment' sake.

## Song 6

Yesterday in Song 5, the bride was sleeping but heard her beloved calling. She awakens. For a time, she searched; and she could not find him. Apart from Him she had no protection. She was bruised and beaten, and her veil was lifted from her.

Son 5:2 **I was sleeping**, But my heart was awake – the voice of my beloved! He knocks, "Open for me, my sister, My love, my dove, my perfect one; For my head is drenched with dew, My locks with the drops of the night."

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Son 5:6 I opened for my beloved, But my beloved had turned away, had gone. My being went out when he spoke. I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he gave me no answer.

Son 5:7 The watchmen who went about the city found me. They struck me, they bruised me; The keepers of the walls lifted my veil from me.

The bride then states in Song 6:2 that she knows where her beloved is. Her beloved feeds his flock. Her beloved cries out to her as well.

**Son 6:1** “Where has your beloved gone, O beautiful among women? Where has your beloved turned aside? Let us seek him with you.”

### **Together in the Garden of Love**

**Son 6:2** My beloved went down to his garden, To the beds of spices, To feed *his flock* in the gardens, And to gather lilies.

**Son 6:3** I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine. He feeds *his flock* among the lilies.

### **Solomon and His Bride Delight in Each Other**

**Son 6:4** O my love, you are as beautiful as Tirtsah, Lovely as Yerushalayim, Awesome as an army with banners!

**Son 6:5** Turn your eyes away from me, Because they overcome me. Your hair is like a flock of goats That have hopped down from Gil'ad.

**Son 6:6** Your teeth are like a flock of sheep That have come up from the washing; All of them bear twins, And not one among them has lost her young.

**Son 6:7** Your cheeks behind your veil are like a piece of pomegranate.

**Son 6:8** There are sixty sovereignesses and eighty concubines, And innumerable young women.

**Son 6:9** My dove, my perfect one, Is the only one, the only one of her mother, The choice of the one who bore her. The daughters saw, and called her blessed, Sovereignesses and concubines, And they praised her.

**Son 6:10** Who is she who shines forth as the morning, Beautiful as the moon, clear as the sun, Awesome as an army with banners?

Her beloved awaits the bride's maturity.

**Son 6:11** I went down to the garden of nuts To see the budding of the wadi, To see whether the vine had budded and the pomegranates had bloomed.

**Son 6:12** I did not know, my desire made me as the chariots of my noble people.

**Son 6:13** Return, return, O Shulammith; Return, return, and let us look upon you! Why should you look upon the Shulammith, As it were the dance of two armies?

He calls to his beloved. Return! Return!

## Hebrews 6

The audience in **Hebrews 6** is encouraged to press on; to move forward from the milk of the Word, to the meat of the Word. They are inheritors of the promise! They need to remove any thoughts of turning back. They need to strengthen their inner man by staying set-apart; staying in Covenant; and serving Him!

**Heb 6:1** Therefore, having left the word of the beginning of the Messiah, let us go on to perfection,<sup>a</sup> not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of belief toward Elohim, Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Mat 5:48](#).

**Heb 6:2** of the teaching of immersions, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of everlasting judgment.

**Heb 6:3** And this we shall do, if Elohim indeed permits.

**Heb 6:4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Set-apart Spirit,

**Heb 6:5** and have tasted the good Word of Elohim and the powers of the age to come,

**Heb 6:6** and fall away, to renew them again to repentance – having impaled for themselves the Son of Elohim again, and put Him to open shame.<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Heb 10:26-31](#).

**Heb 6:7** For ground that is drinking the rain often falling on it, and is bearing plants fit for those by whom it is tilled, receives blessing from Elohim,

**Heb 6:8** but if it **brings forth thorns and thistles,** [Gen 3:18](#) **it is rejected and near to being cursed, and ends up by being burned.**

**Heb 6:9** But although we speak in this way, beloved, we are persuaded, concerning you, of better matters which possess deliverance.

**Heb 6:10** For Elohim is **not unrighteous** to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His Name, in that you have attended to the set-apart ones, and **still attend.**

**Heb 6:11** And we desire that each one of you show the same eagerness, to the entire confirmation of expectation until the end,

**Heb 6:12** in order that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through belief and patience inherit the promises.

They were to run the race to the end! They were not to turn back! They were not to retreat! We all can get discouraged at times. We all at times need a timely and inspiring word. We all at times need to be reminded who we are; where we are; and to Whom we belong!

### The Certainty of YHWH's Promise

**Heb 6:13** For Elohim, having promised Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, **swore by Himself,<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Gen 22:16](#).**

Heb 6:14 saying, “Truly, blessing I shall bless you, and increasing I shall increase you.” [Gen 22:18](#).

Heb 6:15 And so, after being patient, he obtained the promise.

Heb 6:16 For men do indeed swear by the one greater, and an oath for confirmation is for them an end of all dispute.

Heb 6:17 In this way Elohim, resolving to show even more clearly to the heirs of promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, **confirmed it by an oath,**

Heb 6:18 so that **by two unchangeable matters in which it is impossible for Elohim to lie, we might have strong encouragement,** we who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the expectation set before us,

Heb 6:19 which we have **as an anchor of the life,** both safe and firm, and entering into that within the veil,

Heb 6:20 where יהושע has entered as a forerunner for us, having become **High Priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq.** [Psa 110:4](#).

We are inheritors of His promise to Abraham and we lay hold to the promise! Yahusha HaMashiach is our High Priest of the Melchizedek order. He has now made us a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. We are His set-apart nation; a holy nation. We are His royal (kingly) ambassadors on earth. We are to be about His Kingdom business.

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