

Greetings, today our manna is Judges 11:12-40; Acts 15; Jeremiah 24; Mark 10.

July 28 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Judges 11:12-40

Jdg 11:12 And Yiphtaḥ sent messengers to the sovereign of the children of Ammon, saying, “What is between you and me, that you have come to fight against me in my land?”

Jdg 11:13 And the sovereign of the children of Ammon said to the messengers of Yiphtaḥ, “Because Yisra’ēl took my land when they came up out of Mitsrayim, from the Arnon as far as the Yabboq, and to the Yardēn. And now, give back those lands in peace.”

Jdg 11:14 But Yiphtaḥ again sent messengers to the sovereign of the children of Ammon,

Jdg 11:15 and said to him, “This is what Yiphtaḥ said, ‘Yisra’ēl did not take the land of Mo’ab, nor the land of the children of Ammon.

Jdg 11:16 For when they came up from Mitsrayim, and Yisra’ēl walked through the wilderness as far as the Sea of Reeds and came to Qaḏēsh,

Jdg 11:17 then Yisra’ēl sent messengers to the sovereign of Eḏom, saying, “Please let me pass over, through your land.” But the sovereign of Eḏom would not listen. And they also sent to the sovereign of Mo’ab, but he refused, so Yisra’ēl stayed at Qaḏēsh.

Jdg 11:18 Then they went through the wilderness and around the land of Eḏom and the land of Mo’ab, and came to the east side of the land of Mo’ab, and encamped beyond Arnon. But they did not enter the border of Mo’ab, for Arnon was the border of Mo’ab.

Jdg 11:19 And Yisra’ēl sent messengers to Siḥon sovereign of the Amorites, sovereign of Heshbon, and Yisra’ēl said to him, “Please let us pass over, through your land into our place.”

Jdg 11:20 But Siḥon did not trust Yisra’ēl to pass over through his border, and Siḥon gathered all his people together, and they encamped in Yahats, and fought against Yisra’ēl.

Jdg 11:21 And יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ēl gave Siḥon and all his people into the hand of Yisra’ēl, and they struck them. So Yisra’ēl took possession of all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that land.

Jdg 11:22 Thus they took possession of all the border of the Amorites, from Arnon to the Yabboq and from the wilderness to the Yardēn.

Jdg 11:23 And now, יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ēl has driven out the Amorites from before His people Yisra’ēl, should you then possess it?

Jdg 11:24 **Whatever Kemosh your mighty one gives you to possess, do you not possess it?**

BDB Definition:

Chemosh = “subduer”

1) the national deity of the Moabites and a god of the Ammonites

1a) also identified with ‘Baal-peor’, ‘Baal-zebub’, ‘Mars’ and ‘Saturn’

1b) worship of this god was introduced into Jerusalem by Solomon and abolished by king Josiah of Judah

And all that which **יהוה** our Elohim takes possession of before us, we possess.

Messages were carried back and forth between Jephthah and the sovereign of Ammon. Ammon had falsely accused Israel of taking their lands and for this reason he was choosing to war against them. Jephthah corrects the sovereign of Ammon by returning a detailed message of what had occurred 300 year ago!

One thing Israel kept, was good records! Thankfully Jephthah could defend their stance on how the land became theirs.

Jdg 11:25 And now are you any better than Balaq son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'ab? Did he ever strive against Yisra'el? Did he ever fight against them?

Jdg 11:26 **While Yisra'el dwelt in Heshbon and its villages, and in Aro'er and its villages, and in all the cities along the banks of Arnon, for three hundred years, why did you not recover them within that time?**

Jdg 11:27 So I have not sinned against you, but you are doing me evil by fighting against me. **Let יהוה the Judge, judge today between the children of Yisra'el and the children of Ammon.' ”**

Jdg 11:28 But the sovereign of the children of Ammon did not listen to the words which Yiphtah sent him.

Jephthah's Tragic Vow

Jdg 11:29 And the Spirit of **יהוה** came upon Yiphtah, and he passed through Gil'ad and Menashsheh, and passed through Mitspeh of Gil'ad. And from Mitspeh of Gil'ad he passed on toward the children of Ammon.

Jdg 11:30 **And Yiphtah made a vow to יהוה**, and said,

“If You give the children of Ammon into my hands,

Jdg 11:31 **then it shall be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children of Ammon,**

shall belong to יהוה, and I shall offer it up as an ascending offering.”

Jdg 11:32 Yiphtaḥ then passed on toward the children of Ammon to fight against them, and יהוה gave them into his hands.

Jdg 11:33 And he struck them from Aro'ēr as far as Minnith, twenty cities, and to Abēl Keramim, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of Ammon were humbled before the children of Yisra'ēl.

Jephthah returns home from battle.

Jdg 11:34 And Yiphtaḥ came to his house at Mitspah, and saw his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing. **Now except for her he had neither son nor daughter.**

Jdg 11:35 And it came to be, when he saw her, that he tore his garments, and said, “Oh my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are among those who trouble me! And I, I have given my word to יהוה, and I am unable to turn back.”

His daughter's response is very gracious and respectful to YHWH and to her father. Above all she rejoiced that her father was given victory by YHWH and he had returned home. The vow would not be to her death; but she would be set-apart to YHWH and would never marry.

Jdg 11:36 And she said to him, “My father, if you have given your word to יהוה, do to me according to what has gone out of your mouth, because יהוה has taken vengeance for you upon your enemies, the children of Ammon.”

Jdg 11:37 And she said to her father, “Let this be done for me: let me alone for two new moons, and let me go and wander on the mountains and bewail my maidenhood, my friends and I.”

Jdg 11:38 Then he said, “Go.” And he sent her away for two new moons. And she went with her friends, and bewailed her maidenhood on the mountains.

Jdg 11:39 And it came to be at the end of two new moons that she returned to her father, and he did to her as he had vowed, and she knew no man. And it became a statute in Yisra'ēl

Jdg 11:40 that the daughters of Yisra'ēl went every year for four days to lament the daughter of Yiphtaḥ the Gil'adite.

Acts 15

The Jerusalem Council

This picture says it all. Gathered are different backgrounds and different perspectives of what it means to belong to Yahusha HaMashiach. The Good News has reached those from strict Judaic upbringing to others from pagan worship. The worldviews collide as they debate what this 'one new man' should be and look like according to the Scriptures.



Sparks fly when iron sharpens iron, but the price paid to find this narrow road is worthy of protection, defense, correction, reproof, and teaching.

Act 15:1 And certain men came down from Yehudah and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised, according to the practice of Mosheh, you are unable to be saved.”

Act 15:2 So when Sha’ul and Barnaba had no small dissension and dispute with them, they arranged for Sha’ul and Barnaba and certain others of them to go up to Yerushalayim, to the emissaries and elders, about this question.

Paul and Barnabas go to meet with the Jerusalem Council. Along the way, they spread the Good News and the good reports.

Act 15:3 So, being sent on their way by the assembly, they passed through Phoenicia and Shomeron, relating the conversion of the nations. And they were causing great joy to all the brothers.

Act 15:4 **And having arrived in Yerushalayim, they were received by the assembly and the emissaries and the elders.** And they reported all that Elohim had done with them.

Act 15:5 And **some of the believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees**, rose up, saying, “**It is necessary to circumcise** them, and to command them to keep the Torah of Mosheh.”

Act 15:6 And **the emissaries and elders** came together to look into this matter.

Act 15:7 And when there had been much dispute, **Kēpha rose up and said to them,**

Peter addresses the Jerusalem Council

“Men, brothers, you know that a good while ago Elohim chose among us, that by my mouth the nations should hear the word of the Good News and believe.

Act 15:8 “And Elohim, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Set-apart Spirit, as also to us,

Act 15:9 and made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by belief.

Act 15:10 “Now then, why do you try Elohim by putting a yoke on the neck of the taught ones which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?”

Act 15:11 “But through the favour of the Master יהושע Messiah we trust to be saved, in the same way as they.”

Barnabas and Paul also declare the miracles and wonders of Elohim done among the nations.

Act 15:12 And all the crowd was silent and were listening to Barnaba and Sha’ul declaring how many miracles and wonders Elohim did among the nations, through them.

James, head of the Jerusalem Council and brother of Yahusha, speaks to all those gathered.

Act 15:13 And after they were silent, **Ya’aqob answered**, saying,

“Men, brothers, listen to me:

Act 15:14 “Shim’on has declared how Elohim first visited the nations to take out of them a people for His Name.

Act 15:15 “And the words of the prophets agree with this, as it has been written:

Act 15:16 ‘After this I shall return and rebuild the Booth of Dawid which has fallen down. And I shall rebuild its ruins, and I shall set it up,

Act 15:17 so that the remnant of mankind shall seek יהוה, even all the nations on whom My Name has been called, says יהוה who is doing all this,’

Act 15:18 who has made this known from of old. [Amo 9:11-12.](#)

Act 15:19 “Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the nations who are turning to Elohim,

Act 15:20 but that we write to them to

1. abstain from the defilements of idols,^a

2. and from whoring,^b
3. and from what is strangled,^c
4. and from blood.^d Footnotes: ^a [Exo 22:20](#), [Lev 17:7](#), [Deu 32:17](#), [Deu 32:21](#), [1Co 10:14](#), [1Co 10:20-21](#). ^b [Num 25:1-3](#), [Lev 17:7](#). ^c [Gen 9:4](#), [Eze 33:25](#) (Strangled - One way of eating meat with blood) [Pro 21:25](#). ^d [Lev 17:10-14](#).

Act 15:21 “For from ancient generations Mosheh has, in every city, those proclaiming him – being read in the congregations every Sabbath.”

James reasons with the council based on what had been shared by Peter and what was supported by the Scriptures in Amos. He sets down four guidelines for the nation people to follow and the rest they would learn as they gathered and heard the Scriptures read every Sabbath.

Ephesians 2

Who are we? Where do we sit?

¹ And you were dead in trespasses and sins,^a

² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the authority of the air of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.

³ among whom also we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.

⁴ But Elohim, who is rich in compassion, because of His great love with which He loved us,

⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah – by favour you have been saved –


⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Messiah יהושע, *Where do we sit?*

⁷ in order to show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favour in kindness toward us in Messiah יהושע.

⁸ For by favour you have been saved, through belief, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim,

⁹ it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יהושע unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



Romans 11:17-24

¹⁷ And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, have been grafted in among them, and came to share the root and fatness of the olive tree,

¹⁸ do not boast against the branches. And if you boast, remember: you do not bear the root, but the root bears you!

¹⁹ You shall say then, “The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in.”

²⁰ Good! By unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by belief. Do not be arrogant, but fear.

²¹ For if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, He might not spare you either.

²² See then the kindness and sharpness of Elohim: on those who fell sharpness, but toward you kindness, if you continue in His kindness, otherwise you also shall be cut off.

²³ And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, shall be grafted in, for Elohim is able to graft them in again.

²⁴ For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

Ephesians 2 - continued - Who are we?

¹¹ Therefore remember that you, once gentiles in the flesh, who are called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called ‘the circumcision’ made in the flesh by hands,

¹² that at that time you were without Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Yisra’el and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no expectation and without Elohim in the world.

¹³ But now in Messiah יהושע you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.

¹⁴ For He is our peace, who has made both one, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,

¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity – the Torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself one renewed man from the two, thus making peace,

¹⁶ and to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.

¹⁷ And having come, He brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.

¹⁸ Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,^a

²⁰ having been built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone,

²¹ in whom all the building, being joined together, grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,

²² in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.

Isaiah 14:1

¹ Because יהוה has compassion on Ya’aqob, and shall again choose Yisra’el,^a and give them rest in their own land. And the strangers shall join them, and they shall cling to the house of Ya’aqob.^b Footnotes: ^aSee Isa 45:17, Jer 30:11, Jer 46:28, Dan 2:44, Amo 9:8, Zac 1:16-17, Zac 2:10-12, Jos 3:16. ^bSee Isa 56:6-8 and Isa 60:12, Amo 9:12, Zac 2:11, Zac 8:23, Rom 11:17-24, Rev 21:24.

Gal 6:13 For those who are circumcised do not even watch over the Torah, but they wish to have you circumcised so that they might boast in your flesh.

Gal 6:14 And for me, let it not be that I should boast except in the stake of our Master יהושע Messiah, through whom the world has been impaled to me, and I to the world.

Gal 6:15 For in Messiah יהושע neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength, but a renewed [new] creature.^a Footnote: ^aSee [1Co 7:19](#), [Rom 2:26-29](#), and [2Co 5:17](#).

The Council's Letter to Gentile Believers

Act 15:22 Then it seemed good to the emissaries and elders, with all the assembly, to send chosen men from among them to Antioch with Sha'ul and Barnaba: Yehudah being called Barsabba, and Silas, leading men among the brothers,

Act 15:23 having written by their hand this:

The Council's Letter [Acts 15:23-29]

The emissaries and the elders and the brothers, To the brothers who are of the nations in Antioch, and Suria, and Kilikia:

Greetings. Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your lives, to whom we gave no command – it seemed good to us, having become of one mind, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnaba and Sha'ul, men who have given up their lives for the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah.

We have therefore sent Yehudah and Silas, who are also confirming this by word of mouth. For it seemed good to the Set-apart Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessities: that you abstain from what is offered to idols, and blood, and what is strangled, and whoring. If you keep yourselves from these, you shall do well. Be strong!

Act 15:30 They, **therefore, being sent off, went to Antioch. And having gathered the crowd together, they delivered the letter.**

Act 15:31 **And having read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement.**

Act 15:32 And Yehudah and Silas, being themselves also prophets, encouraged the brothers with many words and strengthened them.

Act 15:33 And having spent some time, they were sent back in peace from the brothers to the emissaries.

Act 15:34 **But it seemed good to Silas to remain.**

Act 15:35 **And Sha'ul and Barnaba continued in Antioch, teaching and bringing, with many others also, the Good News: the Word of יהוה!**

Paul and Barnabas Separate

Act 15:36 **And after some days Sha'ul said to Barnaba**, “Let us now go back and visit our brothers in every city where we proclaimed the Word of יהוה, and see how they are.”

Act 15:37 And **Barnaba** purposed to take with them Yoḥanan called Marqos.

Act 15:38 **But Sha'ul thought it not fit to take with them the one who withdrew from them in Pamphulia, and had not gone with them to the work.**

Sharp feelings arise and it causes a split, however YHWH works everything out for good, for now there would be **two groups** going out to spread the Good News!

Act 15:39 A sharp feeling therefore came to be, so that they parted from one another. And so **Barnaba took Marqos and sailed to Cyprus.**

Act 15:40 And **Sha'ul chose Silas** and went off, being committed by the brothers to the favour of Elohim.

Act 15:41 And **he went through Suria and Kilikia, strengthening the assemblies.**

Jeremiah 24

The Good Figs and the Bad Figs

Jer 24:1 יהוה showed me, and look, there were **two baskets of figs** set before the Hēkāl of יהוה, after Nebuqadrets-tsar sovereign of Babel had exiled Yekonyahu son of Yehoyaqim, sovereign of Yehudah, and the heads of Yehudah with the craftsmen and smiths, from Yerushalayim, and had brought them to Babel.

Jer 24:2 **One basket had very good figs**, like the figs that are first ripe. And **the other basket had very spoilt figs which could not be eaten**, they were so spoilt.”

Jer 24:3 **And יהוה said to me**, “What do you see, Yirmeyahu?” And I said, “Figs, the good figs, very good. And the spoilt, very spoilt, which could not be eaten, they are so spoilt.”

Jer 24:4 **Again the word of יהוה came to me**, saying,

Jer 24:5 “Thus said יהוה, the Elohim of Yisra'el,

- ‘Like these good figs, so do I acknowledge the exiles of Yehudah, whom I have sent out of this place for their own good, into the land of the Kasdim.
- **Jer 24:6** And I shall set My eyes on them for good, and shall bring them back to this land.

- And I shall build them and not pull them down,
- and shall plant them and not pluck them up.
- **Jer 24:7** And I shall give them a heart to know Me, that I am **יהוה**.
- And they shall be My people and I shall be their Elohim, for they shall turn back to Me with all their heart.

Jer 24:8 And as the spoilt figs that could not be eaten because they are so spoilt,' **for thus said יהוה**,

- 'so do I give up Tsidqiyahu, the sovereign of Yehudah, his heads, the rest of Yerushalayim who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Mitsrayim.
- **Jer 24:9** And I shall make them a horror to all the reigns of the earth, for evil, to be a reproach and a byword, a mockery and a curse, in all the places to which I drive them.
- **Jer 24:10** And I shall send the sword, the scarcity of food, and the pestilence among them, till they are consumed from the land that I gave to them and their fathers.' ”

YHWH had previously warned Zedekiah and the people of what was about to happen and is summarized in Jeremiah 21:9.

Jer 21:1 **The word that came to Yirmeyahu from יהוה** when Sovereign Tsidqiyahu sent to him Pashhur son of Malkiyah, and Tsephanyah the son of Ma'asēyah, the priest, saying,

Jer 21:2 “Please inquire of **יהוה** on our behalf, for Neḅuḳaḏretsar sovereign of Baḅel has *started* fighting against us. It might be that **יהוה** deals with us according to all His wondrous works, so that he withdraws from us.”

Jer 21:3 **But Yirmeyahu said to them**, “Say this to Tsidqiyahu,

Jer 21:4 **Thus said יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ēl**, “See, I am turning back the weapons of battle that are in your hands, with which you fight against the sovereign of Baḅel and the Kasdim who besiege you outside the wall. And I shall gather them inside this city.

Jer 21:5 “And I Myself shall fight against you with an outstretched hand, and with a strong arm, even in displeasure and rage and great wrath.

Jer 21:6 “And I shall strike the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast – let them die of a great pestilence.

Jer 21:7 “And afterward,” declares **יהוה**, “I give Tsidqiyahu sovereign of Yehudah, his servants and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence and the sword and the scarcity of food, into the hand of Neḅuḳaḏretsar sovereign of Baḅel, into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And he shall strike them with the edge of the sword. He shall not pardon them, nor spare nor have compassion.” ’

Jer 21:8 “You shall also say to this people, ‘Thus said **יהוה**, “See, I set before you the way of life and the way of death.

Jer 21:9 “Whoever stays in this city dies by the sword, by scarcity of food, and by pestilence. **But whoever goes out and shall go over to the Kasdim who besiege you, is going to live, and his life shall be as a prize to him.**

Jer 21:10 “For I have set My face against this city for evil and not for good,” declares **יהוה**. “It is given into the hand of the sovereign of Baḅel, and he shall burn it with fire.” ’

Mark 10

Teaching About Divorce

Mar 10:1 And rising up from there He came into the borders of Yehudāh by the other side of the Yardēn. And crowds gathered to Him again, and as He usually did, He was teaching them again.

Mar 10:2 And Pharisees came and asked Him, “Is it right for a man to put away his wife?” – trying Him.

Mar 10:3 And He answering, said to them, “What did Mosheh command you?”

Mar 10:4 And they said, “Mosheh allowed a man to **write a certificate of divorce**, [Deu 24:1](#), [Deu 24:3](#) and to put *her* away.”

Deu 24:1 “When a man takes a wife and shall marry her, then it shall be, if she finds no favour in his eyes because he has found a matter of uncoveredness^a in her, and he shall write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, Footnote: ^aProof that she is not a maiden, indicating that she had previously been fornicating. See also [Mat 5:32](#) and [Mat 19:9](#).

Deu 24:2 and if she left his house and went and became another man’s wife,

Deu 24:3 and the latter husband shall hate her and write her a certificate of divorce, and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house, or when the latter husband dies who took her to be his wife,

Deu 24:4 then her former husband who sent her away is not allowed to take her back to be his wife after she has been defiled, for that would be an abomination before יהוה. And do not bring sin on the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance.

Mar 10:5 And יהושע said to them, “Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this command.

Mar 10:6 “However, from the beginning of the creation, Elohim ‘**made them male and female.**’ [Gen 1:27](#), [Gen 5:2](#).

Gen 1:27 And Elohim created the man in His image, in the image of Elohim He created him – male and female He created them.

Gen 5:2 Male and female He created them, and He blessed them, and called their name ‘Adām’ in the day they were created.

Mar 10:7 ‘**For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and cleave to his wife,**

Mar 10:8 **and the two shall become one flesh,**’ [Gen 2:24](#) so that they are no longer two, but one flesh.

Gen 2:23 And the man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. This one is

called 'woman,' because she was taken out of man.”

Gen 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Gen 2:25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, yet they were not ashamed.

Mar 10:9 “Therefore what Elohim has joined together, let man not separate.”

Mar 10:10 And in the house His taught ones asked Him about this again.

Mar 10:11 And He said to them, “Whoever puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery against her.

Mar 10:12 “And if a woman puts away her husband and marries another, **she commits adultery.**”^a Footnote: ^aSee footnote [Mat 5:32](#).

The House of Israel and the House of Judah had both been unfaithful to YHWH. They both committed great whoredoms. In Jeremiah 3:8, YHWH gives the House of Israel a certificate of divorce; yet, her sister Judah was more treacherous than she! He sends the House of Judah into exile and burns down her temple and devastates her lands; yet we know, He relents from making a complete end of her.

In order not to violate the Book of the Law, Yahusha chose to lay down His life and take it back up again to be able to take Israel back as His betrothed; making possible the reunion of the two houses into one stick; Israel, His firstborn; the one new man.

Let the Children Come to Me

Mar 10:13 And they were bringing little children for Him to touch them, but the taught ones were rebuking those who were bringing them.

Mar 10:14 And when **יהושע** saw it, He was much displeased and said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the reign of Elohim.

Mar 10:15 **“Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the reign of Elohim as a little child, shall certainly not enter into it.”**

Mar 10:16 And taking them up in His arms, laying His hands on them, He blessed them.

We must all come to Him with child-like faith. We come to Him with a sincere and repentant heart. He receives us just as we are, but He refuses to leave us that way. We are no longer our own; but we are betrothed to Him. He lovingly and patiently matures us into His bride.

The Rich Young Man

Mar 10:17 And as He was setting out on the way, one came running, and knelt before

Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit everlasting life?”

Mar 10:18 And **יהושע** said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim.

Mar 10:19 “You know the commands, ‘**Do not commit adultery,**’ ‘**Do not murder,**’ ‘**Do not steal,**’ ‘**Do not bear false witness,**’ ‘**Do not rob,**’ ‘**Respect your father and your mother.**’ ” [Exo 20:12-16](#), [Deu 5:16-20](#).

[Exo 20:12](#) “Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which **יהוה** your Elohim is giving you.

[Exo 20:13](#) “You do not murder.

[Exo 20:14](#) “You do not commit adultery.

[Exo 20:15](#) “You do not steal.

[Exo 20:16](#) “You do not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Make note that the 10 Commandments are listed in Covenant Torah. They are in our marriage covenant, [The Book of the Covenant, Exodus 19:4 – Exodus 24:11](#). We see them dove tailed in Deut. 5:16-20 and were to be followed as well under the Book of the Law. The 10 Commandments are a common thread throughout His Word; not the 7 Noahide Babylonian Talmudic Laws being pushed by man but His 10 Commandments.

Mar 10:20 And he answering, said to Him, “Teacher, all these I have watched over from my youth.”

Mar 10:21 And **יהושע**, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One *matter* you lack: Go, sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me, taking up the stake.”

Mar 10:22 But he, being sad at this word, went away grieved, for he had many possessions.

Mar 10:23 And **יהושע**, looking around, said to His taught ones, “How hard it is for those who have money to enter into the reign of Elohim!”

Mar 10:24 And the taught ones were astonished at His words. And **יהושע** responding, said to them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter into the reign of Elohim!

Mar 10:25 “It is easier for a **camel^b** to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the reign of Elohim.” **Footnote: ^bAramaic “gamla”, which is camel or rope.**

Mar 10:26 And they were immeasurably astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then is able to be saved?”

“Who then is able to be save?” The Book of the Law was a combination of Blessings and Curses; Mt. Gerizim and Mt. Ebal. Blessings if you obeyed; but potentially life-taking if you did not.

Only through the precious blood of the Lamb can our garments be washed without spot or blemish. By grace we are save through faith [Eph. 2:8]. Yahusha, our Melchizedek High Priest, made full atonement for our sins on the heavenly altar! While mankind was under the Book of the Law, the Aaronic Levitical High Priest could only cover the sins annually on the Day of Atonement.

It is IMPOSSIBLE for anyone to make it to heaven without faith! Those living prior to Messiah had faith that ‘He would come’; and those living during and after Messiah’s 1st coming, by faith know ‘He did come.’ One must repent and ask for forgiveness of their sins with a sincere heart; and say ‘yes’ to Yahusha.

For YHWH our Elohim so loved us that He sent His only begotten Son. For this reason, nothing in a believer’s life should be placed above Him! He is our top priority each and every day.

Mar 10:27 And looking at them, **יהושע** said, “With men it is impossible, but not with Elohim, for with Elohim all is possible.”

Mar 10:28 And Kēpha began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and we have followed You.”

Mar 10:29 **יהושע** said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for the sake of Me and the Good News,

Mar 10:30 who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come, everlasting life.

Mar 10:31 “But many who are first shall be last, and the last first.”

When the rich young ruler asked Yahusha which commands; that was actually a very wise question. Yahusha was laying the ‘groundwork’ to elevate the Melchizedek Priesthood back to its reigning position. We know based on Hebrews 7:12 that with a change in priesthood comes a change in law. The Melchizedek Priesthood administers Covenant Torah; or ‘Royal Law’ as stated in James 2. Yahusha is the Melchizedek. Melchizedek is both kingly and priestly.

Jas 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**,^b [Deu 10:15](#) a **royal priesthood**,^c [Isa 61:6](#) a **set-apart nation**,^d [Exo 19:6](#) a **people for a possession**,^e [Isa 43:2](#) that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light,
Footnotes: ^bAlso see [Isa 43:20](#). ^cAlso see [Isa 66:21](#). ^dAlso see [Deu 7:6](#). ^eAlso see [Exo 19:5](#), [Tit 2:14](#).

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,^f but now the **people of Elohim**;^f who had **not obtained compassion**,^f but now **obtained compassion**.^f [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#).
Footnote: ^fAlso see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

To this day, there is a deep void of understanding about: ‘What law are you under?’ Some would say ‘no law’; others would say ‘all law’; and finally, others would say Covenant Torah [Law]. The last answer is correct.

Well if we are under Covenant Torah, who is our High Priest? _____
Correct. Yahusha. Or do you wait for another? There is no other; except for the **counterfeit** Anti-messiah.

Well if we are under Covenant Torah and our High Priest is Yahusha, where is His temple? Is it the one being promoted by the Temple Institute? No! We are the temple! There is no need to buy coins to help build a ‘temple’ for the anti-messiah and return to animal blood sacrifices; this would be trampling on the blood of Yahusha!

KJV: [1Co 6:18](#) Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

[1Co 6:19](#) What? know ye not **that your body is the temple** of the Holy Ghost *which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*

[1Co 6:20](#) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

ISR: [1Co 6:18](#) Flee whoring. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits whoring sins against his own body.

[1Co 6:19](#) Or **do you not know that your body is the Dwelling Place** of the Set-apart Spirit who is in you, which you have from Elohim, and you are not your own?

[1Co 6:20](#) For you were bought with a price, therefore **esteem Elohim in your body and in your spirit**,^b which are of Elohim. Footnote: ^bSee [1Co 7:23](#), [1Pe 1:18-19](#).

Yahusha answers the rich young ruler by referring to Covenant Torah. He recites several of the commandments stated in the Book of the Covenant; our marriage Ketubah. The 10 Commandments dovetail from the Book of the Covenant into the Book of the Law and into the New Testament. This affirms that the 10 commandments originated under covenant or royal Torah; which means they are still applicable today as we follow Covenant Torah. We can find Covenant Torah details nestled in or weaved throughout the Book of the Law and throughout His Word.

The Book of the Law administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood was a tutor pointing us to Yahusha. Revelation of Yahusha can constantly be found within the Book of the Law; Tabernacle/Temple system. It was a 'parable' [Heb. 9:9], to show us all that Yahusha would fulfill!

Heb 9:7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for sins of ignorance of the people,^a Footnote: ^a Num_15:15-28.

Heb 9:8 the Set-apart Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Most Set-apart Place was not yet made manifest while the first Tent has a standing,

Heb 9:9 which **was a parable** for the present time in which both gifts and slaughters are offered which are unable to perfect the one serving, as to his conscience,

Heb 9:10 only as to foods and drinks, and different washings, and fleshly regulations imposed **until a time** of setting *matters* straight.

Redemption Through the Blood of Yahusha

Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 **entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.**

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah are under the curse, for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah [Book of the Law], to do them.”** Deu_27:26.

Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for **“The righteous shall live by belief.”** Hab_2:4.

Gal 3:12 And the Torah is not of belief, but **“The man who does them shall live by them.”** Lev_18:5.

Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah, having become a curse for us – for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.”** – Deu_21:23.

Gal 3:14 in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah **יהושע**, to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.

To gain a better understanding between Covenant Torah under the Melchizedek Priesthood and Book of the Law under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, one may want to read the book by Dr. David L. Perry, Th. D. ['Back to the Melchizedek Future'](#).

Yahusha Foretells His Death a Third Time

Mar 10:32 And they were on the way, going up to Yerushalayim, and יהושע was going before them. And they were astonished, and those who followed were afraid. And again **He took the twelve aside and began to say to them what was about to befall Him:**

Mar 10:33 “See, we are going up to Yerushalayim, and the Son of Adam shall be delivered to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they shall condemn Him to death and shall deliver Him to the nations,

Mar 10:34 and they shall mock Him, and flog Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And the third day He shall rise again.”

Yahusha did not want his disciples to be caught off guard. He wanted them to know that He had chosen to lay down His life and would take it back up again. He was telling them beforehand that what had been prophesied, would soon happen.

Like us, we know what is to come through the prophecies told for the end times; but, at the same time it seems very surreal. However, tribulation in the end of days will most definitely come as prophesied. We are to stay alert and be watchful.

The Request of James and John

Mar 10:35 And Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan, the sons of Zabḏai, came up to Him, saying, “Teacher, we wish that You would do for us whatever we ask.”

Mar 10:36 And He said to them, “What do you wish Me to do for you?”

Mar 10:37 And they said to Him, “Grant us to be seated in Your esteem, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left.”

Mar 10:38 But יהושע said to them, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with?”

Mar 10:39 And they said to Him, “We are able.” And יהושע said to them, “You shall indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the immersion I am immersed with **you shall be immersed,**^c Footnote: ^cSee also [Mat 20:23](#).

Mar 10:40 but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

Mar 10:41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be sorely displeased with Ya'aqob and Yoḥanan.

Mar 10:42 And יהושע, calling them near, said to them, “You know that those who think

to rule the nations are masters over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them.

Mar 10:43 “But it is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant.

Mar 10:44 “And whoever wishes to be first among you, shall be servant of all.

Mar 10:45 “For even the Son of Adam did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

His kingdom functions totally opposite than this world. The more you give in His Name and according to His will; the more will be given unto you. This is not always monetary giving. But all that we do, should be done with love and from a sincere heart; not for any reason of personal gain.

Luk 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured back to you.”

Yahusha Heals Blind Bartimaeus

Mar 10:46 And they came to Yeriho. And as He was leaving Yeriho with His taught ones and a large crowd, blind Bartimai, the son of Timai, was sitting by the way begging.

Mar 10:47 And when he heard that it was **יהושע** of Natsareth, he began to cry out and to say, “**יהושע**, Son of Dawid, have compassion on me!”

Mar 10:48 And many were reprimanding him to be silent, but he cried out all the more, “Son of Dawid, have compassion on me!”

Mar 10:49 And **יהושע** stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take courage, arise, He is calling you.”

Mar 10:50 And he, throwing aside his garment, rose and came to **יהושע**.

Mar 10:51 And **יהושע** responding, said to him, “What do you desire I do for you?” And the blind man said to Him, “**Rabboni, that I receive my sight.**”

Mar 10:52 And **יהושע** said to him, “Go, your belief has healed you.” And immediately he saw again and followed **יהושע** on the way.

We notice that the healing of blind Bartimaeus is very prompt. No spittle, no mud, no washings, just healed! A few things are different in this encounter.

We notice that when Bartimaeus calls out to Yahusha:

- He knows who He is, ‘Yahusha Son of David.’
- He hears that Yahusha had called out to him and he immediately responds. You see, Bartimaeus heard his voice that day!
- Bartimaeus gets up and casts off his garments; that is a sign of giving up one’s authority and submitting to another’s.
- Bartimaeus replies to Yahusha and tells Him he wants his sight.
- Yahusha, saw that **blind Bartimaeus clearly and strongly believed**. He had strong spiritual vision; before he received his physical vision! Praise Yah!

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