

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 19; 1Cor. 1; Lamentations 4; Psalms 35.

August 27 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 19

Saul Tries to Kill David

1Sa 19:1 And Sha'ul spoke to Yonathan his son and to all his servants, **to put Dawid to death.** But Yehonathan, Sha'ul's son, delighted much in Dawid,

The spiritual warfare continues to spill over into the physical realm. We have seen throughout biblical history that the enemy always targets the righteous lineage of the Melchizedek Order. We saw these attacks made on Joseph and now with David.

Joseph's brothers formed a conspiracy between themselves and against Joseph; and now we see Saul wanting to coalesce his son and his servants to put David to death. The enemy often works through those individuals closest to 'the righteous target.'

Today, it is no different. We see the 'churches' and 'cathedrals' bow down and coalesce to 501c3 status; then to many being part of the government 'clergy response teams'; then pastors trying to bring their congregations under Catholicism and 'mother goddess worship'; then Chabad-Lubavitcher's meeting annually with the US Presidents to promote 'education day' which cloaks the lethal deceptive '7 Noahide Laws.' Make no mistake, if you are a believer, you are a 'target' of the enemy.

The enemy has used 'take-over round-ups' in the past; and they will attempt the same techniques in the future. The enemy will create their 'order out of chaos' scenario followed by 'the need' to corral the populace. Under the satanic Babylonian Talmud; they literally call believers and the general populace 'cattle.'

My friend, our devotionals should not be taken lightly. This is YHWH's Word trying to prepare us for the 'trying tribulations' that lay ahead. The enemy lures people into the 'strike zone' with whatever sounds good or looks good; but it is a trap. A trap no different than a piece of cheese in a mouse trap; and because of the 'lack of knowledge' of His true Word, many will succumb and even 'turn in' righteous fellow believers.

Only in Yahusha HaMashiach is one more than a conqueror. Yahusha himself will soon take vengeance on those shedding innocent blood and attacking His people. Only in Him, is one covered in His righteousness as He washes away sins as far as the east is from the west! Only in Him is refuge. Seek Him while there is still time or suffer the consequences of His wrath.

1Sa 19:2 and Yehonathan declared to Dawid, saying, "My father Sha'ul seeks to put you to death. And now, please be on your guard until morning, and dwell in secrecy, and hide.

1Sa 19:3 "And I myself shall go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and speak with my father about you, and shall see, and shall let you know."

1Sa 19:4 And Yehonathan spoke well of Dawid to Sha'ul his father, and said to him, "Let not the sovereign sin against his servant, against Dawid, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you.

1Sa 19:5 "For he took his life in his hands and struck the Philistine, and יהוה wrought a great deliverance for all Yisra'el. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then do you sin against innocent blood, to put Dawid to death without cause?"

1Sa 19:6 And Sha'ul listened to the voice of Yehonathan, and Sha'ul swore, "As יהוה lives, he does not die."

Jonathan alerts David and reasons with his father Saul; at least for a time, a reprieve is reached. David continues to live rightly and defend Israel from the Philistines.

1Sa 19:7 Yehonathan then called Dawid, and Yehonathan told him all these words. So Yehonathan brought Dawid to Sha'ul, and he was in his presence as before.

1Sa 19:8 And there was fighting again, and Dawid went out and fought with the Philistines, and struck them, a great smiting, and they fled before him.

Saul had rejected YHWH and had disobeyed his commands; when one does so, they open themselves up to evil spirits or YHWH turns them over to their own evil desires and debased thinking. The further one walks away from YHWH; the further they walk away from life.

1Sa 19:9 And an evil spirit from יהוה came upon Sha'ul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. **And Dawid was playing the lyre with his hand,**

1Sa 19:10 and Sha'ul sought to strike the spear through Dawid, and into the wall, but he slipped away from the presence of Sha'ul, so he struck the spear into the wall. And Dawid fled and escaped that night.

YHWH is using all these events to diminish and remove Saul; and raise up David. Being called and anointed by YHWH is not an easy path. It is a narrow path that one must walk to stay under His protection and favor. As difficult as it may become, we rely on such verses as Romans 8:28; John 16:33; and many more.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all *matters* work together for good to those who love Elohim, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

Joh 16:33 "These *words* I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have pressure, but take courage, I have overcome the world."

David's wife, Mikal, informs and protects her husband David. In marriage, the two become one, and she stood firm with her husband even though it meant going against her father, King Saul.

1Sa 19:11 And Sha'ul sent messengers to Dawid's house to watch him and to put him to death in the morning. And **Mikal, Dawid's wife, informed him, saying, "If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you are put to death."**

1Sa 19:12 So Mikal let Dawid down through a window, and he went and fled and escaped.

1Sa 19:13 And Mikal took the household idol and laid it in the bed, and put a cover of goats' *hair* for his head, and covered it with a garment.

1Sa 19:14 And when Sha'ul sent messengers to take Dawid, she said, "He is sick."

1Sa 19:15 And Sha'ul sent the messengers back to see Dawid, saying, "Bring him up to me in the bed to put him to death."

1Sa 19:16 And the messengers came in and saw the household idol in the bed, with a cover of goats' *hair* for his head.

Saul sends messengers to take David at Nawith in Ramah, but the Spirit of Elohim is greater than they.

1Sa 19:17 Sha'ul then said to Miḳal, "Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he escaped?" **And Miḳal answered Sha'ul, "He said to me, 'Let me go, why should I put you to death?' "**

1Sa 19:18 Now Dawid fled and escaped, and went to Shemu'ël at Ramah, and told him all that Sha'ul had done to him. And he and Shemu'ël went and dwelt in Nawith.

1Sa 19:19 And it was reported to Sha'ul, saying, "See, Dawid is in Nawith in Ramah!"

1Sa 19:20 And Sha'ul sent messengers to take Dawid. And **they saw the assembly of the prophets prophesying, and Shemu'ël standing as leader over them, and the Spirit of Elohim came upon the messengers of Sha'ul, and they also prophesied.**

1Sa 19:21 And when Sha'ul was told, he sent other messengers, and **they prophesied likewise.** So Sha'ul sent messengers again, the third time, **and they prophesied also.**

1Sa 19:22 Then he himself went to Ramah, and came to the great well that is at Seku. And he asked, and said, "Where are Shemu'ël and Dawid?" And one said, "There in Nawith in Ramah."

Saul pursues David at Nawith in Ramah and is also over come by the Spirit of Elohim. Who can stand before YHWH? Saul was compelled to 'strip off his garments' as an act of submission before the King of kings.

Rom 14:11 For it has been written, "**As I live, says יהוה, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to Elohim.**" [Isa 45:23](#).

Rom 14:12 Each one of us, therefore, shall give account of himself to Elohim.

1Sa 19:23 So he went there to Nawith in Ramah. And **the Spirit of Elohim was upon him too, and he went on and prophesied until he came to Nawith in Ramah.**

1Sa 19:24 And he also stripped off his garments and prophesied before Shemu'ël, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is Sha'ul also among the prophets?"

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1Corinthians Introduction

F. B. Meyer gives a concise overview:

INTRODUCTION -Corinth was an important and wealthy city. Having ports on two seas, it was a great trading center. Christianity was first introduced there by Paul on his second missionary journey. His continued labors were successful in building up a vigorous church. But on his leaving for other fields of labor, serious evils broke out among the members; some countenanced immorality, idol feasts, lawsuits in heathen courts, and immodesty among women. As tidings of these evils were brought to Paul at Ephesus, he addressed this letter to the Corinthian church "with many tears," 2Co 2:4. The letter was written about 57 A.D. Several features of special interest characterize this Epistle-notably the gospel as the wisdom of God, the supremacy of love, and the doctrine of the resurrection.

1Corinthians 1

Greeting

1Co 1:1 Sha'ul, a called emissary of יהושע Messiah by the desire of Elohim, and brother Sosthenes,

Act 18:17 And all the Greeks took Sosthenes, the ruler of the congregation, and beat him before the judgment seat. But Gallion showed no concern whatever.

Background on Sosthenes [Adam Clarke excerpt]: Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes - As this man is termed the chief ruler of the synagogue, it is probable that he had lately succeeded Crispus in that office; see Act 18:8; and that he was known either to have embraced Christianity, or to have favored the cause of St. Paul. He is supposed to be the same person whom St. Paul associates with himself in the first epistle to the Corinthians, 1Co 1:1. Crispus might have been removed from his presidency in the synagogue as soon as the Jews found he had embraced Christianity, and Sosthenes appointed in his place.

And, as he seems to have speedily embraced the same doctrine, the Jews would be the more enraged, and their malice be directed strongly against him, when they found that the proconsul would not support them in their opposition to Paul...

1Co 1:2 to the assembly of Elohim which is at Corinth, to those who are set-apart in Messiah יהושע, called set-apart ones, with all those calling on the Name of יהושע Messiah our Master in every place, theirs and ours:

1Co 1:3 Favor to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

Thanksgiving

1Co 1:4 I thank my Elohim always concerning you for the favor of Elohim which was given to you by Messiah יהושע,

1Co 1:5 that in Him you were enriched in all – in every word and all knowledge –

1Co 1:6 as the witness of Messiah was confirmed in you,

1Co 1:7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Master יהושע Messiah,

1Co 1:8 who shall also confirm you to the end, unreprieveable in the day of our Master **יהושע** Messiah.

1Co 1:9 Elohim is trustworthy, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, **יהושע** Messiah our Master.

Those called to lead and impart the Covenant Confirming Gospel Message from the wisdom of His Word, at times must face conflict and disobedience within the assembly. Paul sets the tone by his opening greeting and thanksgiving all based on their walk in Yahusha HaMashiach. It is always best to count our blessings in Mashiach to keep our everyday life in perspective.

Divisions in the Assembly

1Co 1:10 And **I appeal to you, brothers, by the Name of our Master יהושע** Messiah,

- that you all agree, and that there be no divisions among you,
- but that you be knit together in the same mind and in the same opinion.

Unity and respect for one another is essential; division is from the enemy. This is the very reason that today, the enemy has divided believers into so many religious denominations and anti-messiah assemblies. We hear, 'I'm Baptist'; 'I'm Catholic'; 'I'm Methodist'; 'I'm Jewish'; and so forth. We were always meant to be unified likeminded believers in Yahusha HaMashiach; meeting and breaking bread [His Word] often; on Shabbats; YHWH's feasts; and walking daily in sanctification being guided by His Word.

1Co 1:11 For I have been informed concerning you, my brothers, **by those of the house of Chloe**, that there are strifes among you.

Background on the 'house of Chloe' by Adam Clarke: **By them which are of the house of Chloe -** This was doubtless some very religious matron at Corinth, whose family were converted to the Lord; some of whom were probably sent to the apostle to inform him of the dissensions which then prevailed in the Church at that place. Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, mentioned **1Co 16:17**, were probably the sons of this Chloe.

1Co 1:12 What I mean is this, that each one of you says, "I am of Sha'ul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I am of Kēpha," or "I am of Messiah."

1Co 1:13 **Has the Messiah been divided? Was Sha'ul impaled for you? Or were you immersed in the name of Sha'ul?**

1Co 1:14 I thank Elohim that I immersed not one of you except Crispus and Gaios,

1Co 1:15 **that no one should say that I immersed into my own name.**

1Co 1:16 Now I did also immerse the household of Stephanas. For the rest, I do not know whether I immersed anyone else.

1Co 1:17 For Messiah did not send me to immerse, but to bring the Good News, not with wisdom of words, that the stake of Messiah should not be nullified.

Messiah the Wisdom and Power of YHWH

1Co 1:18 For the word of the stake is indeed foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of Elohim.

There is nothing more polarizing to divide the sheep from the goats; the wheat from the tares; than the power of Elohim through the crucifixion and resurrection of Yahusha HaMashiach. The Word is sharper than any two-edged sword. Each person must make a declaration stance, of acceptance or rejection. Not to respond, is the same as rejection for 'silence is consent.'

The enemy will one day put it this way in so many words based on Rev. 13:17, 'Worship and take the mark of the beast if you want to 'buy and sale.' To do so, a person rejects the finished work of Yahusha HaMashiach.

Rev 13:17 and that no one should be able to buy or sell except he that has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

1Co 1:19 For it has been written, **"I shall destroy the wisdom of the wise, and set aside the learning of the learned ones."**^a [Isa 29:14](#). Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 11:25](#), [Rom 1:22](#).

1Co 1:20 Where is the wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? **Has not Elohim made foolish the wisdom of this world?**

1Co 1:21 For since, in the wisdom of Elohim, the world through wisdom did not know Elohim, it pleased Elohim through the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe.

1Co 1:22 **And since Yehudim ask a sign, and Greeks seek wisdom,**

1Co 1:23 **yet we proclaim Messiah impaled, to the Yehudim a stumbling-block and to the Greeks foolishness,**

1Co 1:24 **but to those who are called – both Yehudim and Greeks – Messiah the power of Elohim and the wisdom of Elohim.**

'The Foolishness of Elohim is Wiser than men'

'The Weakness of Elohim is Stronger than men'

1Co 1:25 For the foolishness of Elohim is wiser than men, and the weakness of Elohim

is stronger than men.

1Co 1:26 For look at your calling, brothers, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble.

1Co 1:27 But Elohim has chosen the foolish *matters* of the world to put to shame the wise, and Elohim has chosen the weak of the world to put to shame the strong.

1Co 1:28 And Elohim has chosen the low-born of the world and the despised, and the ones that are not, that He might bring to naught the ones that are,

1Co 1:29 so that no flesh should boast in His presence.

1Co 1:30 And of Him you are in Messiah **יהושע**, who became for us wisdom from Elohim, righteousness also, and set-apartness and redemption,

1Co 1:31 that, as it has been written, **“He who boasts, let him boast in יהוה.”**
Jer 9:23-24.

Lamentations 4 Jeremiah continues to write the lamentations of ‘what was’; and ‘what might have been.’

The Holy Stones Lie Scattered

Lam 4:1 How dim the gold has become, The fine gold changed! The stones of the set-apart place Are scattered at the head of every street.

Lam 4:2 The precious sons of Tsiyon Who were weighed against fine gold, How they have been reckoned as clay pots, The work of the hands of the potter!

Lam 4:3 Even jackals have presented their breasts, They have nursed their young. The daughter of my people has become as cruel, As ostriches in the wilderness.

Lam 4:4 The tongue of the infant has clung To the roof of its mouth for thirst; Children asked for bread, No one breaks it for them.

Lam 4:5 Those who ate delicacies Have been laid waste in the streets; Those who were brought up in scarlet Have embraced dunghills.

Lam 4:6 And the crookedness of the daughter of my people Is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sedom, Which was overthrown in a moment, And no hands were wrung over her!

Lam 4:7 Her Nazirites were brighter than snow And whiter than milk; More ruddy in body than rubies, Their cut like sapphire.

Lam 4:8 Their appearance has become blacker than soot; They have become unrecognized in the streets; Their skin has shriveled on their bones, It has become dry, it has become as wood.

Lam 4:9 Better off were those pierced by the sword Than those pierced by hunger; For these pine away, Pierced through for lack of the fruits of the field.

Lam 4:10 The hands of the compassionate women Have boiled their own children; They became food for them In the destruction of the daughter of my people.

Lam 4:11 **יהוה** has completed His wrath, He has poured out His burning displeasure. And He kindled a fire in Tsiyon, And it consumed her foundations.

Lam 4:12 The sovereigns of the earth did not believe, Nor any of the inhabitants of the world, That an adversary and enemy Would enter the gates of Yerushalayim.

Lamentation 4:12 reminds us that any nation is vulnerable when YHWH lifts His hand of favor.

Deu 29:24 “And all nations shall say, ‘Why has יהוה done so to this land? What does the heat of this great displeasure mean?’

Deu 29:25 “And it shall be said, ‘Because they have forsaken the covenant of יהוה Elohim of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim.

Deu 29:26 And they went and served other mighty ones and bowed themselves to them, mighty ones that they did not know and that He had not given to them,

Deu 29:27 therefore the displeasure of יהוה burned against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book.

Deu 29:28 And יהוה uprooted them from their land in displeasure, and in wrath, and in great rage, and cast them into another land, as it is today.’

Lam 4:13 **It was because of the sins of her prophets, The crookednesses of her priests, Who shed in her midst the blood of the righteous.**

Lam 4:14 They staggered, blind, in the streets; They have defiled themselves with blood, So that no one was able to touch their garments.

Lam 4:15 They shouted at them, “Away! Unclean! Away! Away! Touch not!” When they fled and staggered, They said, among the nations, “They shall stay no longer.”

Lam 4:16 The face of יהוה scattered them. He no longer regards them. They showed no respect for the priests Nor favor to the elders.

Lam 4:17 While we exist, our eyes are consumed, Watching vainly for our help. In our watch-tower we watched for a nation That could not save.

Lam 4:18 They have hunted our steps From going in our streets. Our end was near, Our days were completed, For our end had come.

Lam 4:19 **Our pursuers were swifter Than the eagles of the heavens. They came hotly after us on the mountains And lay in wait for us in the wilderness.**

Lam 4:20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of יהוה, Was caught in their pits, In whose shadow we had thought To live among the nations.

Lam 4:21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, You who dwell in the land of Uz! The cup is to pass over to you too, So that you become drunk and make yourself naked.

Lam 4:22 Your crookedness has been completed, O daughter of Tsiyon. He no longer prolongs your exile. He shall punish your crookedness, O daughter of Edom, He shall uncover your sins!

Jer 46:27 “But as for you, do not fear, O My servant Ya’aqob, and do not be discouraged, O Yisra’el! For look, I am saving you from afar, and your descendants from the land of their captivity. And Ya’aqob shall return, and shall have rest and be at ease, with no one disturbing.

Jer 46:28 “Do not fear, O Ya’aqob My servant,” declares יהוה, “for I am with you. Though I make a complete end of all the nations to which I have driven you, yet I do not make a complete end of

you.^a But I shall reprove you in right-ruling, and by no means leave you unpunished.” Footnote:
^aSee footnote [Jer 30:11](#).

Psalm 35

David apparently was tired of those coming against him and acting wrongly. Though David had behaved ‘rightly’ toward them; they returned evil toward him. David was not short on words to express his desire for YHWH to act against his enemies.

This reminds me of the saying: ‘No good deed goes unpunished; but do them anyway.’

In the end, all will be given right ruling by YHWH and justly judged; and vengeance will be His.

It is not uncommon for the righteous to have to flee into the wilderness. In such a wilderness environment we are disadvantaged without our familiar access to earthly provisions; instead, one must totally rely on YHWH; He is our Provider. YHWH is strongest in our lives when we are at our weakest point. He proves himself faithful and by doing so, he draws us much closer to Himself. He fights on our behalf and we find our strength has always come from Him!

Great Is YHWH

Psa 35:1 O יהוה, strive with those who strive with me; Fight against those who fight against me.

Psa 35:2 Take hold of shield and armor, And rise for my help.

Psa 35:3 And draw out spear and lance, To meet those who pursue me. Say to my life, “I am your deliverance.”

Psa 35:4 Let those be ashamed and blush Who seek my life; Let those be turned back and abashed Who plot evil to me.

Psa 35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, With a messenger of יהוה driving on.

Psa 35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery, With a messenger of יהוה pursuing them.

Psa 35:7 For without cause they hid their net for me; Without cause they dug a pit for my life.

Psa 35:8 Let ruin come upon him unawares, And let his net that he hid catch himself; Let him fall in it, into ruin.

Psa 35:9 But let my own being exult in יהוה; Let it rejoice in His deliverance.

Psa 35:10 Let all my bones say, “יהוה, who is like You, Delivering the poor from one stronger than he, And the poor and the needy from him who robs him?”

Psa 35:11 Ruthless witnesses rise up; They ask me that which I knew not.

Psa 35:12 They reward me evil for good, bereaving my life.

Psa 35:13 But I, when they were sick, I put on sackcloth; I humbled my being with fastings; And my prayer would return to my own bosom.

Psa 35:14 I walked about as though he were my friend or brother; I bowed down mourning, as one mourning for a mother.

Psa 35:15 But they rejoiced at my stumbling And gathered together; The smiters gathered against me, And I did not know it; They tore in pieces without ceasing,

Psa 35:16 With unclean ones, mockers at feasts, Gnashing at me with their teeth.

Psa 35:17 יהוה, how long would You look on? Rescue my being from their destructions, My only *life* from the lions.

Psa 35:18 I give You thanks in the great assembly; I praise You among a mighty people.

Psa 35:19 Let not my lying enemies rejoice over me; Or those who hate me without cause wink their eyes.

Psa 35:20 For they do not speak peace, But they devise words of deceit Against the peaceable ones of the land.

Psa 35:21 And they open their mouth wide against me, They said, “Aha, aha! Our eyes have seen it.”

Psa 35:22 This You have seen, O יהוה; Do not be silent. O יהוה, do not be far from me.

Psa 35:23 Stir up Yourself and awake to my right-ruling – To my cause, my Elohim and my Master.

Psa 35:24 Rule me rightly, O יהוה my Elohim, According to Your righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me.

Psa 35:25 Let them not say in their hearts, “Aha, our desire!” Let them not say, “We have swallowed him up.”

Psa 35:26 Let those who are rejoicing at my evil Be ashamed and abashed altogether; Let those who are exalting themselves over me Be clad in shame and humiliation.

Psa 35:27 Let those who delight in my righteous cause Shout for joy and be glad, And let them always say, “Let יהוה be made great, Who is desiring the peace of His servant.”

Psa 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of Your righteousness, Your praise, All day long.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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