

Greetings, today our manna is from Num. 27; Psalm 70 & 71; Isaiah 17 & 18; 1Peter 5.

May 18 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 27

The book of Numbers covers a time span in the wilderness of 38-39 years. We know Miriam and Aaron die in the 40th year and Moses would follow about 6 months after Aaron.

Num 1:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the Tent of Appointment, on the first day to the second new moon, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, saying,

What should have been a journey of a matter of months, turned into 40 years. I say a matter of months because though we have all heard the journey should have taken a couple of weeks, I question that. We know YHWH moves according to His moedim. They had observed Passover prior to exiting out of Egypt. They arrive at Mt. Sinai at the time of Pentecost. It was at the time of Pentecost that YHWH proposed to the people at Mt. Sinai. That covered a minimum of 50+ days. Following the acceptance of YHWH's proposal; the blood ratification of the Marriage Covenant (The Book of the Covenant) would have also taken more time.

The first major delay was caused by the people sinning with the golden calf. This caused the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood/Tabernacle system, to administer the imposed Book of the Law as a witness against them. It took almost a year to get everything in place. So, at this point, they still could have made it into the promise land within a few years except they rebel again.

Exo 40:2 "On the first day of the first new moon, you are to raise up the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Appointment,

The second major delay was caused by the people receiving the 'evil report' of the 10 spies at Kadesh Barnea, rather than listening to the 'good report' of Joshua and Caleb. This was the major rebellion that prolonged their entry into the promise land by a whole generation!

In today's narrative, Miriam and Aaron have already passed away. Moses is getting the final instructions from YHWH. YHWH tells Moses after he ascends Mt. Abarim and views the promise land, **he would be gathered to his people as Aaron had been.** **Before this takes place**, Moses is given final instructions to the children of Israel about to enter the promise land. These closing chapters in the Book of Numbers, cover many topics, but much is devoted to the land inheritances and boundaries; offerings and moedim; and we see the commissioning of Joshua.

From yesterday's devotional in the counting of the next generation we recall:

Num 26:33 And Tselophhad son of Hēpher had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Tselophhad: Maḥlah, and No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, Milkah, and Tirtsah.

Num 27:1 **Then came the daughters** of Tselophhad, son of Hēpher, son of Gil'ad, son of Maḳir, son of Menashsheh, **from the clans of Menashsheh, son of Yosēph.** And these were the names of his daughters: **Maḥlah, No'ah, Ḥoḡlah, and Milkah, and Tirtsah.**

Num 27:2 **And they stood before Mosheh, and before El'azar the priest, and before the leaders and all the congregation, by the doorway of the Tent of Appointment, saying,**

Num 27:3 "Our father died in the wilderness, yet he was not in the company of those who were met together against יהוה, in company with Qorah, but he died in his own sin. And he had no sons.

Num 27:4 "Why should the name of our father be removed from among his clan because he had no son? Give us a possession among the brothers of our father."

Num 27:5 Mosheh then brought their case before יהוה.

Num 27:6 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Moses brings the case to YHWH. YHWH agrees with the daughters of Tselophhad.

Num 27:7 **"The daughters of Tselophhad speak what is right. You should certainly give them a possession of inheritance among their father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them.** [NOTE: Numbers 36 is devoted to female heirs.]

YHWH then further expounds on proper inheritance distributions under various circumstances. The instructions are given as laws of right-rulings to ensure the proper handling of inheritances.

The Last Ascent of Moses

In the latter half of Numbers 27, we read that YHWH speaks to Moses about ascending to Mt. Abarim to see the land being given to the children of Israel. Moses would not be able to enter the promise land due to his rebellion at the waters of Meribah, at Qadesh in the Wilderness of Tsin. After Moses views this beautiful sight he would be gathered to his people. This would be Moses' last ascent up a mount in his lifetime. Though this instruction is given to Moses and is recorded in Numbers 27, we will see Moses continue to receive instructions to impart to the children of Israel prior to this ascent up Mt. Abarim, as well as the commissioning of Joshua.

Num 27:8 “And speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, ‘When a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter.

Num 27:9 And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers.

Num 27:10 And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father’s brothers.

Num 27:11 And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to the nearest relative in his clan, and he shall possess it.’ ” And it shall be to the children of Yisra’el a law of right-ruling, as **יהוה** commanded Mosheh.

Joshua to Succeed Moses

Num 27:12 And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, “Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Yisra’el.

Num 27:13 “And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aharon your brother was gathered,

Num 27:14 because you rebelled against My mouth in the Wilderness of Tsin, in the strife of the congregation, to set Me apart at the waters before their eyes.” These were the waters of Meribah, at Qadesh in the Wilderness of Tsin.

Num 27:15 And Mosheh spoke to **יהוה**, saying,

Moses has a request of YHWH.

Num 27:16 “Let **יהוה**, the Elohim of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation,

Num 27:17 who goes out before them and comes in before them, who leads them out and brings them in, so that the congregation of **יהוה** be not like sheep without a shepherd.”

YHWH replies:

Num 27:18 And **יהוה** said to Mosheh, “**Take Yehoshua son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit.** And you shall lay your hand on him,

Num 27:19 and shall set him before El’azar the priest and before all the congregation, and give him command before their eyes,

Num 27:20 and shall put some of your esteem upon him, so that all the congregation of the children of Yisra'el obey *him*.

Num 27:21 “And he is to stand before El'azar the priest, who shall inquire before יהוה for him by the right-ruling of the Urim. At his word they go out, and at his word they come in, both he and all the children of Yisra'el with him, all the congregation.”

A Change in Priesthood; A Change in Law

Joshua would receive answers from YHWH through Elazar the priest by the right ruling of the Urim. This was different than how Moses had been able to speak to YHWH face to face. The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel, but all would be guided by **the imposed Book of the Law**, YHWH's permissive will. The **Book of the Covenant** had been broken.

Heb 7:12 For the priesthood being changed,^b of necessity there takes place a change of law also. Footnote: ^bFrom Malkitsedeq to Aharon.

Joshua is commissioned by Moses as YHWH commanded:

Num 27:22 And Mosheh did as יהוה commanded him, and took Yehoshua and set him before El'azar the priest and before all the congregation,

Num 27:23 and laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as יהוה commanded by the hand of Mosheh.

Psalm 70 & 71

Psalm 70 & 71 have tones of urgency as if the enemy is crouched at the door seeking whom he may devour. Only in YHWH is their deliverance. Praise Him! In Him is victory!

Mat 10:28 “And **do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in GëHinnom.**

Mat 10:29 “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground without your Father.

Mat 10:30 “And even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Mat 10:31 “So do not fear, you are worth more than many sparrows.

Mat 10:32 “**Everyone, therefore, who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.**

Mat 10:33 “**But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.**

YHWH, Do Not Delay

Psa 70:1 O Elohim, deliver me! Hasten to my help, O יהוה!

Psa 70:2 Let those who seek my life Be ashamed and abashed, Let those who are desiring my evil Be turned back and humiliated.

Psa 70:3 Let those who say, “Aha, aha!” Be turned back because of their shame.

Psa 70:4 Let all those who seek You Rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love Your deliverance always say, “Let Elohim be made great!”

Psa 70:5 But I am poor and needy; Hasten to me, O Elohim! You are my help and my deliverer; O יהוה, do not delay.

Psalm 71

Forsake Me Not When My Strength Is Spent

Psa 71:1 In You, O יהוה, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed.

Psa 71:2 In Your righteousness deliver and rescue me; Incline Your ear to me, and save me.

Psa 71:3 Be to me a rock to dwell in, To go into continually. You have given the command to save me, For You are my rock and my stronghold.

Psa 71:4 Rescue me, O my Elohim, Out of the hand of the wrong, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel.

Psa 71:5 For You are my expectation, Master יהוה, my Trust from my youth.

Psa 71:6 Upon You I have leaned from my birth; You took me out of my mother’s womb. My praise is continually of You.

Psa 71:7 I have become as a wonder to many, But You are my strong refuge.

Psa 71:8 My mouth is filled *with* Your praise, Your splendor, all the day.

Psa 71:9 Do not cast me off in the time of old age, When my strength fails, do not forsake me.

Psa 71:10 For my enemies have spoken against me. And those who watch for my life Have taken counsel together,

Psa 71:11 Saying, “Elohim has forsaken him; Pursue and take him, for there is no one to deliver.”

Psa 71:12 O Elohim, do not be far from me; My Elohim, hasten to my help!

Psa 71:13 Let those who are adversaries of my life Be ashamed, consumed, Let those who seek my evil, Be covered with reproach and confusion.

Psa 71:14 But I continually wait, And shall praise You more and more.

Psa 71:15 My mouth recounts Your righteousness Your deliverance all the day, Though I do not know *their* numbers.

Psa 71:16 I come in the might of the Master יהוה; I make mention of Your righteousness, Yours alone.

Psa 71:17 Elohim, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your

wonders.

Psa 71:18 And also when I am old and grey, O Elohim, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to a generation, Your might to all those who are to come.

Psa 71:19 For Your righteousness, O Elohim, is very high, You who have done great *deeds*. O Elohim, who is like You?

Psa 71:20 You who have shown me great and evil distresses, Revive me again and bring me up again From the depths of the earth.

Psa 71:21 You increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.

Psa 71:22 Also with the lyre I praise You For Your trustworthiness, O my Elohim! I sing to You with the lyre, O Set-apart One of Yisra'ël.

Psa 71:23 My lips shout for joy when I sing to You, Even my being, which You have redeemed.

Psa 71:24 My tongue, too, utters Your righteousness all day long; For those who have been seeking my evil Have been put to shame, Have become abashed.

Isaiah 17 & 18

Isaiah 17 & 18 cover the oracles against [Damascus and Cush](#). Implications applied then and now.

Isa 17:1 The message concerning Dammeseq. “See, **Dammeseq ceases to be a city, and shall become a heap of ruins.**”

Isa 17:2 “The **cities of Aro'ër are forsaken**, they are for flocks which shall lie down, with no one to frighten.

Deu 3:12 “And this land, which we possessed at that time, **from Aro'ër, which is by the wadi Arnon, and half the mountains of Gil'ad and its cities, I gave to the Re'ubēnites and the Gadites.**”

Isa 17:3 “And the stronghold shall cease from Ephrayim, and the reign from Dammeseq, and the remnant of Aram be as the esteem of the sons of Yisra'ël,” declares **יהוה** of hosts.

Isa 17:4 “And in that day it shall be that the esteem of Ya'aqoḇ wanes, and the fatness of his flesh grows lean.

Isa 17:5 “And it shall be as when the harvester gathers the grain, and reaps the heads with his arm. And it shall be as he who gathers heads of grain in the Valley of Repha'im.

Isa 17:6 “And gleaning grapes shall be left in it, like the shaking of an olive tree, two or three olives at the top of the uppermost branch, four or five in its most fruit-bearing branches,” declares **יהוה** Elohim of Yisra'ël.

Isa 17:7 In that day man shall look to his Maker, and **his eyes turn to the Set-apart One of Yisra'ël.**

Isa 17:8 And he **shall not look to the slaughter-places**, the work of his hands; and he shall not see that which his own fingers made, nor the Ashērim nor the sun-pillars.

Isa 17:9 In that **day his strong cities become like a forsaken forest and an uppermost branch**, which they left because of the children of Yisra'el. And it shall become a ruin.

Isa 17:10 Because you have forgotten the Elohim of your deliverance, and have not remembered the Rock of your stronghold, therefore you shall plant pleasant plants and set out foreign seedlings,

Isa 17:11 by day make your plant to grow, and in the morning make your seed to flourish – *but* the harvest is a heap in the day of grief and incurable pain.

Isa 17:12 Woe to the uproar of many people who make a noise like the roar of the seas, and to the rushing of nations that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters

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Isa 17:13 nations rushing like the rushing of many waters. But He shall rebuke them and they shall flee far away, and be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, like whirling dust before the whirlwind.

Isa 17:14 At eventide, look! Alarm! Before morning, it is no more. This is the portion of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

Isaiah 18

An Oracle Concerning Cush

Isa 18:1 Woe to the land shadowed with whirring wings, which is beyond the rivers of Kush,

Isa 18:2 which sends envoys by sea, even in vessels of reed on the waters, saying, “Go, swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth-skinned, to a people dreaded from their beginning onward, a nation mighty and trampling, whose land the rivers divide.”

TSK Cross-reference Isaiah 18:1

Woe: Bp. Lowth renders, after Bochart, "Ho! to the land of the winged cymbal;" which he thinks is a periphrasis for the Egyptian sistrum; and consequently, that **Egypt, "which borders on the rivers of Cush," is the country to which the prophecy is addressed.** If we translate "shadowing with wings," it may allude to the multitude of its vessels, whose sails may be represented under the notion of wings.

vessels: It is well known that the Egyptians commonly used on the Nile a light sort of ships or boats made of the papyrus.

YHWH holds watch; and right before harvest He prunes the land.

Isa 18:3 All inhabitants of the world, and you that dwell on the earth: When a banner is lifted up on the mountains, look! And when a shophar is blown, hear!

Isa 18:4 For thus יהוה said to me, “I am still, and I watch in My dwelling place like dazzling heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.”

Isa 18:5 For before harvest, when the bud is perfect and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, then He shall cut off the twigs with pruning hooks, and shall cut down and take away the spreading branches.

Isa 18:6 They are left together for the mountain birds of prey and for the beasts of the earth. And the birds of prey shall summer on them, and all the beasts of the earth winter on them.

The last verse speaks of a ‘gift’ brought to YHWH in the end of days. The gift is brought from a people tall and smooth skinned; a nation mighty and trampling; whose land the rivers have divided. If one applies these verses to our day, these verses could very easily describe North America. North America is a refuge for many of the dispersed tribes of Israel. Though it could be speaking of another nation one must read and let the Ruach HaKodesh guide to all truth.

Isa 18:7 **In that time a present shall be brought to יהוה of hosts** from a people tall and smooth-skinned, and from a people awesome from their beginning onward – a nation mighty and trampling, whose land the rivers have divided – to the place of the Name of יהוה of hosts, to Mount Tsiyon.

1Peter 5

An appeal to the shepherds:

Shepherd the Flock of Elohim

1Pe 5:1 Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and also a sharer of the esteem that is to be revealed, **I appeal to the elders among you:**

- + **1Pe 5:2** Shepherd the flock of Elohim which is among you,
- + serving as overseers, not by compulsion but voluntarily,
- + not out of greed for filthy gain, but eagerly,
- + **1Pe 5:3** neither as being masters over those entrusted to you,
- + but being examples to the flock.

1Pe 5:4 And when **the Chief Shepherd appears**, you shall receive the never-fading crown of esteem.

An appeal to younger ones: If new believers are not disciplined; they are not equipped to face the adversary.

1Pe 5:5 In the same way, you younger ones, be subject to elders. And gird yourselves with humility toward one another, for “Elohim resists the proud, but gives favor to the humble.” **Pro 3:34.**

1Pe 5:6 Humble yourselves, then, under the mighty hand of Elohim, so that He exalts you in due time,

1Pe 5:7 casting all your worry upon Him, for He is concerned about you.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1Pe 5:9 Resist him, firm in the belief, knowing that the same hardships are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1Pe 5:10 And the Elohim of all favor, who called you to His everlasting esteem by Messiah יהושע, after you have suffered a while, Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

1Pe 5:11 To Him be the esteem and the might forever and ever. Aměn.

Final Greetings

1Pe 5:12 Through Silas the trustworthy brother, as I reckon, I have written to you briefly, encouraging and witnessing that this is the true favor of Elohim. In this stand fast.

1Pe 5:13 She who is in Babel, chosen together with you, greets you, also my son, Marqos.

1Pe 5:14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Messiah יהושע. Aměn.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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