

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 1; Galatians 5; Ezekiel 32; Psalm 80.*

## *September 29 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **1Kings Introduction** – **Excerpt Adam Clarke on 1Kings & 2Kings**

...But the most common opinion is, that Ezra was the author, or rather the compiler of the history found in these books. Allowing only the existence of ancient documents from which it was compiled, it appears,

1. That it is the work of one person; as is sufficiently evident from the uniformity of the style, and the connection of events.
2. That this person had ancient documents from which he compiled, and which he often only abridged, is evident from his own words, The rest of the acts of such and such a prince, are they not written in the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah, or of Israel, which occur frequently.
3. These books were written during or after the Babylonish captivity, as at the end of the second book that event is particularly described. The author states also, 2Ki 17:23, that Israel was, in his time, in captivity in Assyria, according to the declaration of God by his prophets.
4. That the writer was not contemporary with the facts which he relates, is evident from the reflections he makes on the facts that he found in the memoirs which he consulted. See 2 Kings 17:6-24.
5. There is every reason to believe that the author was a priest or a prophet; he studies less to describe acts of heroism, successful battles, conquests, political address, etc., than what regards the temple, religion, religious ceremonies, festivals, the worship of God, the piety of princes, the fidelity of the prophets, the punishment of crimes, the manifestation of God's anger against the wicked, and his kindness to the righteous. He appears everywhere strongly attached to the house of David; he treats of the kings of Israel only accidentally; his principal object seems to be the kingdom of Judah, and the matters which concern it.

Now, all this agrees well with the supposition that Ezra was the compiler of these books. He was not only a priest, a zealous servant of God, and a reformer of the corruptions which had crept into the Divine worship, but is universally allowed by the Jews to have been the collector and compiler of the whole sacred code, and author of the arrangement of the different books which constitute the Old Testament. If some things be found in these books of Kings which do not agree to his time, they may be easily accounted for on his often taking the facts as he found them in the documents which he consults, without any kind of alteration; and this is so far a proof of his great sincerity and scrupulous exactness.

The First Book of Kings contains the history of one hundred and nineteen years, from A.M. 2989 to A.M. 3108. It contains a great variety of interesting particulars, the chief of which are the following: The death of David; the reign of Solomon; the building and dedication of the temple; the building of Solomon's palace; an account of his great wisdom; his magnificence, and his fall; the division of Israel and Judah under Rehoboam; the idolatry of the ten tribes over whom Jeroboam became king. It states how Judah, Benjamin, and Levi attached themselves to the house of David; how Rehoboam was attacked by Shishak, king of Egypt, who pillaged the temple; how Baasha destroyed the house of Jeroboam, and seized on the government of Israel; how Jehu predicted the ruin of Baasha; how Ahab married the impious Jezebel, and persecuted the prophets of the Lord. It relates the acts of Elijah; the destruction of the prophets of Baal; the cruel death of Naboth; the death of Ahab; the good reign of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah; and the wicked reign of Ahaziah, king of Israel, etc. See Calmet's preface to the first and second books of Kings.

## 1Kings 1

### David in His Old Age

**1Ki 1:1** And Sovereign Dawid was old, advanced in years. And they covered him with garments, but he could not get warm.

1Ki 1:2 So his servants said to him, “Let them seek for our master the sovereign a young woman, a maiden, and she shall stand before the sovereign and be his companion, and shall lie in your bosom, so that our master the sovereign gets warm.”

1Ki 1:3 And they sought for a beautiful young woman in all the border of Yisra’ël, and found **Abishaq̄ the Shunammite**, and brought her to the sovereign.

1Ki 1:4 And the young woman was very beautiful. And she was a companion for the sovereign, and served him, but the sovereign did not know her.

### Adonijah Sets Himself Up as King

1Ki 1:5 And Adoniyah son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, “I reign.” And he prepared for himself a chariot and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

1Ki 1:6 Now his father had not worried him at any time by saying, “Why have you done so?” He was also very good-looking. And he was born after Abshalom.

1Ki 1:7 And he talked with Yo’ab son of Tseruyah and with Ebyathar the priest, and they supported Adoniyah.

1Ki 1:8 But Tsadoq the priest, and Benayahu son of Yehoyada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shim’i, and Rē’i, and the mighty men who belonged to Dawid **were not with Adoniyahu.**

1Ki 1:9 And Adoniyahu slaughtered sheep and cattle and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Ēn Roḡël. He also invited all his brothers, the sovereign’s sons, and all the men of Yehudah, servants of the sovereign.

1Ki 1:10 **But he did not invite Nathan the prophet, or Benayahu, or the mighty men, or Shelomoh his brother.**

Adoniyah, son of Haggith, exalted himself saying “I reign.” This occurs while his father, King David, is still alive though advanced in years. King David doesn’t bother to correct Adoniyah which makes the whole situation continue to escalate.

We can’t help but compare Adoniyah with the mindset of Satan. Satan also exalted himself. Satan also built up an entourage around himself by convincing 1/3 of the angelic hosts to follow him.

Adoniyah had made alliances with Joab, the commander of the army; and Abiathar [Ebyathar] priest.

On the flip side of this coin, Adoniyah was not supported by Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, or Benayahu [Benaiah], or the mighty men, or Solomon his brother.

**BDB Definition:**

Benaiah = “Jehovah has built” or “Yahweh has built up”

1) one of David’s mighty warriors, son of Jehoiada the chief priest, a Levite, set by David over his bodyguard, later having remained faithful to Solomon during Adonijah’s attempt on the crown, was raised into the place of Joab as commander-in-chief of the army

Adoniyah makes a great gathering and slaughter at the stone of **Zohemoth**. This seems fitting since **Zohemoth means “serpent.”** Adoniyah was trying to slither his way into the kingship.

**BDB Definition:**

Zohemoth = “serpent”

1) a boundary stone near Jerusalem where Adonijah slew sheep and oxen

**Nathan and Bathsheba Before David**

1Ki 1:11 Nathan then spoke to Bathsheba the mother of Shelomoh, saying, **“Have you not heard that Adoniyahu son of Haggith has become sovereign, and Dawid our master does not know it?”**

1Ki 1:12 **“And now, come let me give you advice, and deliver your own life and the life of your son Shelomoh.”**

Nathan was very much aware that this was an extremely serious matter. He speaks to Bathsheba and gives her very good advice. Her life and the life of her son Solomon were on the line.

1Ki 1:13 **“Go immediately to Sovereign Dawid and say to him,**

- ‘Did you not, my master, O sovereign, swear to your female servant, saying, “Certainly, your son Shelomoh shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne”?’
- Why then has Adoniyahu become sovereign?’

Then Nathan tells her:

1Ki 1:14 “Look, while you are still speaking there with the sovereign let me come in after you and confirm your words.”

Bathsheba goes to speak to King David.

- **1Ki 1:15** And Bathsheba went into the room to the sovereign.
- Now the sovereign was very old, and **Abishaq̄ the Shunammite** was serving the sovereign.
- **1Ki 1:16** And Bathsheba bowed and did obeisance to the sovereign. **And the sovereign said, "What do you wish?"**

**1Ki 1:17** And she said to him,

- "My master, you swore by יהוה your Elohim to your female servant, saying, 'Certainly, Shelomoh your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne.'
- **1Ki 1:18** "And now, look! Adoniyah has become sovereign. **And now, my master the sovereign, you do not know about it.**
- **1Ki 1:19** "And he has slaughtered great numbers of bulls and fatlings and sheep, and has invited all the sons of the sovereign, and Ebyathar the priest, and Yo'ab the commander of the army, **but he did not invite Shelomoh your servant.**
- **1Ki 1:20** "And you my master, O sovereign, the eyes of all Yisra'el are on you, to declare to them who is going to sit on the throne of my master the sovereign after him.
- **1Ki 1:21** "Otherwise it shall be, when my master the sovereign rests with his fathers, that I and my son Shelomoh shall be considered sinners."

Nathan arrives in the king's quarters.

**1Ki 1:22** And see, while she was still speaking with the sovereign, **Nathan the prophet** also came in.

**1Ki 1:23** **So they informed the sovereign, saying,** "Here is Nathan the prophet." And when he came in before the sovereign, he bowed down before the sovereign with his face to the ground.

**1Ki 1:24** And Nathan said,

- "My master, O sovereign, have you said, 'Adoniyahu shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne?'
  - **1Ki 1:25** "For he has gone down today, and has slaughtered great numbers of bulls and fatlings and sheep, and has invited all the sovereign's sons, and the commanders of the army, and Ebyathar the priest.
  - And look! They are eating and drinking before him. **And they say, 'Let Sovereign Adoniyahu live!'**
  - **1Ki 1:26** "But he **has not invited me**, me your servant, **nor Tsadoq the priest, nor Benayahu son of Yehoyada, nor your servant Shelomoh.**

**1Ki 1:27** "If this matter is from my master the sovereign, then you did not let your servant know who should sit on the throne of my master the sovereign after him."

### Solomon Anointed King

**1Ki 1:28** And Sovereign Dawid answered and said,

- "Call Bathsheba to me." So she came into the sovereign's presence and stood before the sovereign.

King David takes an oath before YHWH.

1Ki 1:29 **And the sovereign took an oath and said,**

- “As יהוה lives, who has ransomed my life out of all distress,
- 1Ki 1:30 even as I swore to you by יהוה Elohim of Yisra’ël, saying, ‘Certainly, Shelomoh your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit on my throne in my place,’ **even so I do this day.**”

1Ki 1:31 **And Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the sovereign, and said, “Let my master Sovereign Dawid live forever!”**

1Ki 1:32 **And Sovereign Dawid said, “Call me**

1. Tsadoq the priest, and
2. Nathan the prophet, and
3. Benayahu son of Yehoyada.” And they came before the sovereign.

1Ki 1:33 **And the sovereign said to them,**

- “Take with you the servants of your master, and you shall have **Shelomoh my son ride on my own mule, and take him down to Gihon.**
- 1Ki 1:34 “And there Tsadoq the priest and Nathan the prophet shall anoint him sovereign over Yisra’ël. And **blow the shophar, and say, ‘Let Sovereign Shelomoh live!’**
- 1Ki 1:35 “And you shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit on my throne, and he shall reign in my place.
- For I have commanded him to be ruler over Yisra’ël and over Yehudah.”

1Ki 1:36 **And Benayahu son of Yehoyada answered the sovereign and said,**

- “Amēn! So says יהוה Elohim of my master the sovereign.
- 1Ki 1:37 “As יהוה has been with my master the sovereign, so let Him be with Shelomoh and
- make his throne greater than the throne of my master Sovereign Dawid.”

The instructions of King David are carried out as directed.

1Ki 1:38 Then Tsadoq the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benayahu son of Yehoyada, and the Kerēthites, and the Pelēthites went down and **had Shelomoh ride on Sovereign Dawid’s mule, and took him to Gihon.**

1Ki 1:39 And **Tsadoq the priest took a horn of oil from the Tent and anointed Shelomoh.** And **they blew with the shophar**, and all the people said, **“Let Sovereign Shelomoh live!”**

A lively celebration follows the anointing of Solomon as king following David.

1Ki 1:40 And all the people came up after him. **And the people played the flutes and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was split by their noise!**

## Word reaches Adoniyahu!

1Ki 1:41 And Adoniyahu and all the guests who were with him heard it as they had finished eating. And **Yo'ab heard the voice of the shophar, and said, "Why is the city in such a noisy uproar?"**

1Ki 1:42 And he was still speaking, then see, **Yonathan came, son of Ebyathar the priest.** And Adoniyahu said to him, "Come in, for you are a brave man, and you bring good news."

1Ki 1:43 But Yonathan answered and said to Adoniyahu, **"No! Our master Sovereign Dawid has made Shelomoh sovereign,**

1Ki 1:44 **and the sovereign has sent with him Tsadoq the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benayahu son of Yehoyada, and the Kerethites, and the Pelathites. And they had him ride on the sovereign's mule.**

1Ki 1:45 "And **Tsadoq the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him sovereign at Gihon.** And they have gone up from there rejoicing, and the city is moved. This is the noise you heard.

1Ki 1:46 **"And further, Shelomoh sits on the throne of the reign.**

1Ki 1:47 **"And further,** the servants of the sovereign have gone to bless our master Sovereign Dawid, saying, 'Let your Elohim make the name of Shelomoh better than your name, and his throne greater than your throne.' And **the sovereign bowed himself on the bed.**

1Ki 1:48 **"And the sovereign also said thus, 'Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, who has given one to sit on my throne this day, while my eyes see it!'"**

Reality and fear set in among those in attendance to Adoniyahu's gathering and to Adoniyahu himself.

1Ki 1:49 And all the guests who were invited by Adoniyahu were afraid, and rose, and each one went his way.

1Ki 1:50 And Adoniyahu was afraid of Shelomoh, and rose, and went and **took hold of the horns of the slaughter-place.**

1Ki 1:51 And it was reported to Shelomoh, saying, "Look, Adoniyahu is afraid of Sovereign Shelomoh. And look, he has taken hold of the horns of the slaughter-place, saying, 'Let Sovereign Shelomoh swear to me today that he does not put his servant to death with the sword.'"

1Ki 1:52 And Shelomoh said, **"If he proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of him is going to fall to the earth, but if evil is found in him, then he shall die."**

1Ki 1:53 And Sovereign Shelomoh sent, and they brought him down from the slaughter-place. And he came and fell down before Sovereign Shelomoh. And Shelomoh said to him, "Go to your house."

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## Galatians 5

By faith, Yahusha has set us free! Never go back!

**Gal 5:1** In the freedom with which Messiah has made us free, stand firm, then, and do not again be held with a yoke of slavery.

**Gal 5:2** See, I, Sha'ul, say to you that if you become circumcised, Messiah shall be of no use to you.

**Gal 5:3** **And I witness again to every man being circumcised that he is a debtor to do the entire Torah.** [Book of the Law]

**Gal 5:4** You **who are declared right by Torah [Book of the Law]** have **severed yourselves from Messiah, you have fallen from favour.**

If a person places themselves under the Book of the Law, they are obligated to follow the entire law. Circumcision for health reasons is one thing; but circumcision to follow the Book of the Law instead of the New Covenant is another! Paul writes if a person declares themselves right by keeping the Book of the Law; they sever themselves from being justified by faith in Messiah.

**Gal 5:5** For we, in Spirit, **by belief**, eagerly wait for the expectation of righteousness.

**Gal 5:6** **For in Messiah יְהוֹשֻׁעַ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any strength,** but **belief working through love.**

**Gal 5:7** You were running well, **who held you back from obeying the truth?**

**Gal 5:8** That persuasion does not come from Him who calls you.

We are saved by grace through faith! We cannot obtain righteousness by keeping the Book of the Law. The transference of priesthoods has taken place. Melchizedek Priesthood is again back in its reigning position once and for all. Receive Him by faith! Accept Yahusha's proposal of the new blood ratified covenant. Do not be persuaded by the enemy to do otherwise! Seek Him! He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! He lives! Discard any of doctrine. There is only one Truth.

**Gal 5:9** A little leaven leavens all the lump.

Leaven spoken of here is the 'added doctrine' of men and false doctrine. Yahusha is the Word. Follow and rightly divide His Word and do not add to it or take away from it. Be good Bereans and always take any discussion or commentary back to His Word to see if these things be so. Man is prone to make errors, but YHWH never makes errors.

**Gal 5:10** I trust in you, in the Master, that you shall have no other mind. And he who is troubling you shall bear his judgment, whoever he is.



**Gal 5:11** And I, brothers, if I still proclaim circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling-block of the stake has been set aside.

**Gal 5:12** O that those who disturb you would even cut themselves off!

**Gal 5:13** For you, brothers, have been called to freedom, only do not use freedom as an occasion for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

**Gal 5:14** For the entire Torah is completed in one word, in this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” [Lev 19:18](#).

**Gal 5:15** And if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

**Gal 5:16** And I say: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not accomplish the lust of the flesh.

**Gal 5:17** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are opposed to each other, so that you do not do what you desire to do.

**Gal 5:18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under Torah. [Book of the Law]

**Ezekiel 32** The chronological order of Ezekiel 32 falls in Scroll 8 & 9.

Text In Chronological Order ( <i>Chapter &amp; Verses</i> )	Date Given In Text ( <i>M/D/Y</i> ) (of King Jehoiachin's captivity)
(Scroll 8) 32:17 - 33:20 ( <i>Egypt assigned to pit</i> )	?/15/12
(Scroll 9) 32:1-16 ( <i>lamentation for Egypt</i> )	12/01/12 (**fall of Egypt came before fall of Jerusalem)

### A Lament over Pharaoh and Egypt

**Eze 32:1** And it came to be in the twelfth year, in the twelfth new moon, on the first of the new moon, that the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

The extinguishment of Egypt by YHWH proclaimed by Ezekiel.

**Eze 32:2** “Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim, and you shall say to him,

- ‘You were like a young lion among the nations, and
- you are like a monster in the seas, and
- you burst forth in your rivers, and
- trouble the waters with your feet, and
- muddy their rivers.’

**Eze 32:3** “Thus said the Master יהוה,

- ‘And I shall spread My net over you with an assembly of many peoples,
- and they shall bring you up in My net.
- [Eze 32:4](#) And I shall leave you on the land,
- hurl you out on the open fields,
- and make all the birds of the heavens dwell on you.

- And with you I shall satisfy the beasts of all the earth.
- Eze 32:5 And I shall put your flesh on the mountains,
- and fill the valleys with your height,
- Eze 32:6 and water the land with the flow of your blood unto the mountains,
- and let streams be filled with you.
- Eze 32:7 And **when I extinguish you**,
  - I shall cover the heavens,
  - and make its stars dark.
  - I shall cover the sun with a cloud,
  - and the moon shall not give her light.
  - Eze 32:8 All the bright lights of the heavens I shall make dark over you,
  - and I shall bring darkness upon your land,' **declares the Master יהוה**.

Egypt's destruction will be so great that many peoples and sovereigns will greatly fear.

Eze 32:9 And I shall trouble the hearts of many peoples, when I bring your destruction among the nations, into the lands which you have not known.

Eze 32:10 And I shall make many peoples appalled at you, and their sovereigns shall be greatly afraid of you when I swing My sword before them. And they shall tremble continually, every man for his own life, in the day of your fall.'

Eze 32:11 **"For thus said the Master יהוה**,

- 'The **sword of the sovereign of Babel shall come upon you**.
- Eze 32:12 By the swords of the mighty men, all of them **the ruthless ones of the nations**, I shall make your host fall.
- And they shall ravage the arrogance of Mitsrayim,
- and all its host shall be destroyed.
- Eze 32:13 And I shall destroy all its beasts from beside its great waters,
- and let the foot of man trouble them no more,
- nor let the hooves of beasts trouble them.

Eze 32:14 **Then**

- I shall make their waters clear,
- and make their rivers run like oil,' **declares the Master יהוה**.

Eze 32:15 When I lay the land of Mitsrayim waste, and the land shall be stripped of all that once filled it, when I have stricken all who dwell in it, **then they shall know that I am יהוה**.

Eze 32:16 This is the lamentation, and they shall lament her, the daughters of the nations lament her. Over Mitsrayim and over all her crowd they shall lament her,' declares the Master **יהוה**."

Eze 32:17 And it came to be in the **twelfth year, on the fifteenth of the new moon**, that the word of **יהוה** came to me, saying,

Eze 32:18 **"Son of man, wail over the crowd of Mitsrayim, and send them down to the depths of the earth, her and the daughters of the mighty nations, with those going down to the pit.**

- Eze 32:19 Are you more pleasant than others?
- Go down, be placed with the uncircumcised.'
- Eze 32:20 "In the midst of those slain by the sword they fall.
- She shall be given to the sword, drawing her and all her crowds.

Mitsrayim are to be sent down to the torment side of Sheol. Assyria is there. Eylam is there. Meshek and Tubal are there. Edom is there. All the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Tsidonians are there. Pharaoh – Pharaoh and all his army are there.

Notice the 'present tense' as 'is there.' Upon death, it is my understanding that souls either go to the torment side of Sheol or are now to His presence in the heavenlies. Before Yahusha, those in faith, would go to the 'comfort side of Sheol' as depicted by Lazarus and the rich man.

- Eze 32:21 "The mightiest among the mighty **speak to him out of the midst of She'ol** with those who help him, 'They have gone down, they lie with the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.'
- Eze 32:22 "**Ashshur [Assyria] is there,** and all her assembly, with their burial-sites all around her, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, Eze 32:23 **whose burial-sites are set in the sides of the pit,** and her assembly is all around her burial-place, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, **because they instilled fear in the land of the living.**
- Eze 32:24 "**There is Eylam** and all her crowd, around her burial-place, all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, because they instilled fear in the land of the living. And they bear their shame with those going down to the pit. Eze 32:25 "They have set her bed in the midst of the slain, with all her crowd, with her burial-sites all around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, **for the fear they instilled in the land of the living.** So they bear their shame with those going down to the pit. In the midst of the slain they have been placed.
- Eze 32:26 "**There are Meshek and Tubal** and all her crowd, with all their burial-sites around it, all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword, because they instilled fear in the land of the living. Eze 32:27 "And they shall not lie with the mighty who are fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to She'ol with their battle gear, and whose swords were laid under their heads. **But their crookednesses are on their bones, because of the fear of the mighty in the land of the living.** Eze 32:28 "And you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and lie with those slain by the sword.
- Eze 32:29 "**There is Edom,** her sovereigns and all her princes, who shall be given up in their might, with those slain by the sword. With the uncircumcised they lie, and with those going down to the pit.
- Eze 32:30 "**There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Tsidonians,** who have gone down with the slain, **because of the fear they instilled. They are ashamed of their might.** And they lie uncircumcised with those slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those going down to the pit.
- Eze 32:31 "**Pharaoh – Pharaoh and all his army – shall see them,** and he shall be comforted for all his host that were slain by the sword," **declares the Master יהוה.**

Eze 32:32 "For I have put a fear of him in the land of the living, yet he shall be placed in the midst of the uncircumcised with those slain by the sword – **Pharaoh and all his host,**" **declares**

the Master יהוה.

## Psalm 80

Psalm 80 connects to Isaiah 27

Isa 27:2 In that day sing to her. "A vineyard of red wine!

Isa 27:3 "וְיִהְיֶה, יהוה, do guard it, I water it every moment; lest any hurt it, I guard it night and day.

The positional perspective of the opening verses of Psalm 80 is very interesting.

Psa 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Yisra'el, Who leads Yosēph like a flock; Who dwells between the kerubim, shine forth!

Psa 80:2 Before Ephrayim, Binyamin, and Menashsheh, Stir up Your might, And come and save us!

Ephrayim, Binyamin, and Menashsheh were the three tribes that camped west of the Dwelling Place in the Wilderness and would walk behind the Levites carrying the Ark. These were the tribes of Joseph and of his younger brother Binyamin. To see the Ark ever before them, had to be difficult, especially during the times of their epic failures. To constantly have in their vision, the One that rescued them out of Egypt and had shown Joseph their father/brother favor all those years.

He was ever before them, and their soul moaned to feel His compassion and love for them again; to have His face shine upon them. To know of the pain, they had caused the One that loved them; and how they had failed Him.

When camped, the Ark would be in the Dwelling place; and apparently out of sight out of mind. But when they broke camp, the Ark would be wrapped properly and be carried on the poles by the Levitical priests right in front of them.

They walked as unruly sheep behind their faithful Shepherd that they had greatly spurned and rejected. Their regret was deep. The journey was sorrowful and was more like a funeral procession; and their hearts wondered each time they failed Him; might it be their last.

Psa 80:3 Cause us to turn back, O Elohim, And cause Your face to shine, That we might be saved!

**Psa 80:4** O יהוה Elohim of hosts, How long shall You be wroth Against the prayer of Your people?

**Psa 80:5** You have caused them to eat the bread of tears, And have caused them to drink With tears, a third time.

**Psa 80:6** You have made us a strife to our neighbours, And our enemies laugh among themselves.

**Psa 80:7** Turn us back, O Elohim of hosts, And cause Your face to shine, That we might be saved!

We read the **words of repentance in Psalm 80:8-19**, longing for YHWH to return to the vine, Israel, the vine He had rescued from Egyptian slavery; driving out the nations before them; and planting them in the promise land. We see repeatedly, **that their spirit is willing, but their flesh is weak**. His adulterous bride moans in regret; and longs for His face to shine upon them again. They have reaped what they sowed; it was their sins that separated them from His favor just as it is today.

It was only out of His loving commitment to His people throughout the ages; that there was hope. He has always loved us while we were yet sinners! His love is immeasurable, and one can only stand in awe.

**Psa 80:8** You brought a vine out of Mitsrayim; You drove out the nations, and planted it.

**Psa 80:9** You cleared a place for it, And caused it to take deep root, And it filled the land.

**Psa 80:10** Hills were covered with its shadow, And the mighty cedars with its twigs.

**Psa 80:11** She spread her branches to the Sea, And her shoots to the River.

**Psa 80:12** Why have You broken down her hedges, So that every passer-by plucked her fruit?

**Psa 80:13** The boar out of the forest ravages it, And the wild beast of the field devours it.

**Psa 80:14** Return, we beg You, O Elohim of hosts; Look down from heaven, and see, And visit this vine,

**Psa 80:15** And the stock which Your right hand has planted, And the Son whom You made strong for Yourself.

**Psa 80:16** It is burned with fire, it is cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your face.

**Psa 80:17** Let Your hand be upon the One at Your right hand, Upon the Son of Adam whom You made strong for Yourself,

**Psa 80:18** And we shall not backslide from You. Revive us, and let us call upon Your Name.

**Psa 80:19** Turn us back, O יהוה Elohim of hosts, And cause Your face to shine, That we might be saved!

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