

Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 6; 1Cor. 16; Ezekiel 14; Psalms 55.

September 11 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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2Sam. 6

The Ark Brought to Jerusalem

2Sa 6:1 Now **Dawid again gathered all the chosen men of Yisra'ël, thirty thousand.**

2Sa 6:2 And Dawid rose up and went with all the people who were with him from Ba'alē Yehudāh, to bring up from there the ark of Elohim, that is called by the Name, the Name **יהוה** of Hosts, who dwells between the kerubim.

We recall in 1Samuel 6 that the Philistines return the ark of YHWH.

1Sa 6:15 And **the Lēwites took down the ark of יהוה and the chest that was with it**, in which were the objects of gold, and put them on the great stone. And **the men of Bēyth Shemesh** offered ascending offerings and slaughtered slaughtering the same day to יהוה.

1Sa 6:16 And when the five princes of the Philistines saw it, they returned to Eqrn the same day.

1Sa 6:19 And **He struck among the men of Bēyth Shemesh**, for they had looked into the ark of יהוה. He struck among the people seventy men, and the people mourned because יהוה struck among the people, a great smiting.

1Sa 6:20 And the men of Bēyth Shemesh said, “Who is able to stand before this set-apart יהוה Elohim? And to whom shall He go from us?”

1Sa 6:21 **And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Qiryath Ye'arim, saying, “The Philistines have brought back the ark of יהוה. Come down, take it up to you.”**

1Sa 7:1 **And the men of Qiryath Ye'arim** came and took the ark of יהוה, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and set apart El'azar his son to guard the ark of יהוה.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye'arim, that the time increased, **it came to be twenty years**. And all the house of Yisra'ël lamented after יהוה.

Now, we are at least 20 years later, and the decision is made by David to bring up the ark of YHWH from the house of Abinadab. We have already seen how the improper handling of the ark of YHWH brought sudden death; and we will see this repeat itself with Uzzah.

YHWH had instructed the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood on how the Levites were to carry the ark.

Exo 25:13 “And you shall make poles of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold,

Exo 25:14 and shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to lift up the ark by them.

Exo 25:15 “The poles are in the rings of the ark, they are not taken from it.

2Sa 6:3 **And they placed the ark of Elohim on a new wagon**, and brought it from the house of Aḅinadab, which was on the hill. And Uzzah and Aḅyo, sons of Aḅinadab, were leading the new wagon.

2Sa 6:4 And they brought it from the house of Aḅinadab, which was on the hill, with the ark of Elohim. And Aḅyo was walking before the ark.

The celebration turns into mourning.

Uzzah and the Ark

2Sa 6:5 And Dawid and all the house of Yisra'el were dancing before **יהוה**, with all *instruments of fir wood*, and with lyres, and with harps, and with tambourines, and with sistrums, and with cymbals.

2Sa 6:6 **And when they came to the threshing-floor of Naḅon, Uzzah reached out toward the ark of Elohim and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.**

2Sa 6:7 And **the wrath of יהוה burned against Uzzah**, and Elohim struck him there for the fault. And he died there by the ark of Elohim.

The proper way to transport the ark of the Covenant was not followed and resulted in the death of Uzzah. The proper way to transport the ark of Elohim had been recorded within the Book of the Law. This was how the Book of the Law functioned; obedience brought blessings; disobedience brought curses and/or death. YHWH was not to blame; poor adherence to His Word was the culprit.

2Sa 6:8 And Dawid was displeased because **יהוה** had broken out against Uzzah. And he called the name of the place Perets Uzzah, until this day.

Perez-uzza = “breach of Uzza”

1) the place where Uzzah was slain by God for touching the Ark; located close to Jerusalem

2Sa 6:9 And Dawid was afraid of **יהוה** on that day, and said, **“How shall the ark of יהוה come to me?”**

2Sa 6:10 And Dawid would not move the ark of **יהוה** with him into the City of Dawid, but **Dawid turned it aside to the house of Obēd-Edom the Gittite.**

2Sa 6:11 And **the ark of יהוה** remained in the house of Obēd-Edom the Gittite **three new moons**, and **יהוה** blessed Obēd-Edom and all his house.

2Sa 6:12 And it was reported to Sovereign Dawid, saying, “יהוה has blessed the house of Obēd-Edom and all that he has, because of the ark of Elohim.” Dawid then went and brought up the ark of Elohim from the house of Obēd-Edom to the City of Dawid with rejoicing.

After the ark remains 3 months at the house of Obed-Edom, David decides to bring the ark of YHWH up to the City of David. Again, there is rejoicing but this time with reverence to YHWH.

2Sa 6:13 And it came to be, when those bearing the ark of יהוה had gone six steps, that he slaughtered bulls and fatted sheep.

2Sa 6:14 And Dawid danced before יהוה with all his might. And Dawid was wearing a linen shoulder garment.

Notice that David wore priestly attire and did priestly functions. He was of the righteous lineage of the Melchizedek order; both kingly and priestly.

2Sa 6:15 Thus Dawid and all the house of Yisra'ēl brought up the ark of יהוה with shouting and with a voice of a shophar.

What a wonderful and memorable day! Can you imagine the joy among all the people! Things were turning up. David was king over all Israel and the ark was among the people.

David and Michal

2Sa 6:16 And it came to be, when the ark of יהוה came into the City of Dawid, that Miḳal, daughter of Sha'ul, looked through a window and saw Sovereign Dawid leaping and dancing before יהוה, and she despised him in her heart.

By this time in Michal's life, she had experienced much heartache. She had gone through the traumatic experience of her father Saul seeking the life of her husband David; then David having to leave her and live a life as a refugee in the wilderness; then Saul wrongly gives her to Palti'el to be his wife; then she would have known of Saul's multiple excursions to seek David's life; eventually Saul is killed and David steps into the kingship of Judah and eventually Israel; David requests Ish-bosheth to return his wife Michal; Palti'el runs after her weeping, so he either loved her very much, or it was a mutual love; Michal is now one of several wives of David; then we come to the scene in 2Samuel 6:16 with Michal observing David rejoicing before the ark of YHWH with the people.

For whatever reason, Michal wasn't happy. Was it jealousy; was it envy; was life not turning out as she expected; was it all of the above? We may never know. What we do know is that David, the one she once loved; is the very one she now despises in her heart. In a marriage, that means doom.

2Sa 6:17 So they brought the ark of יהוה in, and set it in its place in the midst of the Tent that Dawid had pitched for it. And Dawid brought ascending offerings before יהוה, and peace offerings.

2Sa 6:18 And when Dawid had finished bringing ascending offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the Name of יהוה of hosts.

2Sa 6:19 And he apportioned to all the people, to all the crowd of Yisra'el, from man even to women, to each one a loaf of bread, and a measure, and a cake of raisins. And all the people left, each one to his house.

David returns to bless his household only to be met by words from the bitter heart of Michal. She spoke words of death and not life into her marriage; and to her king. This is what anger and bitterness does.

Michal missed being blessed and lives the rest of her days in barrenness; in more ways than one. We should all learn from Michal's encounter with David. When we let our flesh speak in anger and bitterness, we miss out on blessings.

I'm not saying David was perfect; but timing is everything. Also, respect goes a long way.

Remember the acronym H-A-L-T. Whenever you are hungry, angry, lonely, or tired; HALT from responding and acting until your physical and emotional state settles.

2Sa 6:20 And Dawid returned to bless his household, and Miḳal the daughter of Sha'ul came out to meet Dawid, and said, "How esteemed was the sovereign of Yisra'el today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the female servants of his servants, as one of the foolish ones shamelessly uncovers himself!"

2Sa 6:21 So Dawid said to Miḳal, "Before יהוה, who chose me instead of your father and all his house, commanded me to be ruler over the people of יהוה, over Yisra'el, so I danced before יהוה."

2Sa 6:22 "And I shall be even more slight than this, and shall be humble in my own eyes. But as for the female servants of whom you have spoken, by them I am esteemed."

2Sa 6:23 And Miḳal the daughter of Sha'ul had no children to the day of her death.

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1 Corinthians 16

Paul is concluding his final thoughts in 1 Corinthians. He covers instructions about taking up collections for the saints; plans for travel; greetings; and final instructions.

The Collection for the Saints

1Co 16:1 And concerning the collections for the set-apart ones, you are to do as I gave orders to the assemblies of Galatia:

1Co 16:2 Every *day* one of *the week*^a let each one of you set aside, storing up whatever he has prospered, so that there are no collections when I come. **Footnote:** ^aGk. One of *the sabbath* (singular).

(JUB) Each first sabbath let each one of you set aside in store, as *God* has prospered him, that there be no collections when I come.

(ABP+) According to^{G2596} one^{G1520} of *the Sabbaths*^{G4521} each^{G1538} of you^{G1473} by^{G3844} yourself^{G1438} put in!^{G5087} treasuring up^{G2343} what^{G3748} ever^{G302} way he should be prospered in;^{G2137} that^{G2443} not^{G3361} whenever^{G3752} I come,^{G2064} then^{G5119} *the collections*^{G3048} should take place.^{G1096}

The footnote gives us insight to a better translation of 1Cor. 16:2. It is more closely referring to a Sabbath; and not the 'first day of the week Sunday.' When you see text in italics, it lets you know that the word was not in the original text.

1Co 16:3 And when I come, whomever you approve by your letters, I shall send to bear your gift to Yerushalayim.

1Co 16:4 And if it is fitting for me to go, they shall go with me.

Plans for Travel

1Co 16:5 And I shall come to you when I pass through Makedonia, for I am passing through Makedonia.

1Co 16:6 And possibly I shall stay with you, or even spend the winter, so that you send me forward, wherever I go.

1Co 16:7 For I do not wish to see you now on the way, but I expect to stay a while with you, if the Master permits.

1Co 16:8 And I shall remain in Ephesos until the Festival of *Shabu'oth*.^b **Footnote:** ^bWeeks.

1Co 16:9 For a great and effective door has opened to me, and many are opposing.

He shares with the Corinthians good news of a great and effective door opening in Ephesus. Hearing of a move of the Ruach HaKodesh is always heart-warming; and at the same time much prayer is needed. For wherever the Ruach HaKodesh moves, the enemy works diligently to quench.

1Co 16:10 And if Timotiyos comes, see that he is with you without fear, for he does the work of the Master, even as I.

1Co 16:11 Therefore let no one despise him. And send him forward in peace, so that he comes to me, for I am waiting for him with the brothers.

Timothy may have been young, but he did the work of the Master. We should bless those in His service and edify one another. We each are fulfilling our purpose in Him.

Final Instructions

1Co 16:12 And concerning our brother Apollos, I strongly urged him to come to you with the brothers, but he had no desire at all to come at this time; however, he shall come when it is convenient.

Apollos was a powerful evangelist. For whatever reason, he didn't make the trip Paul first mentions, but says he would go when it was a convenient time. Teaching, traveling, and evangelizing is hard work but also rewarding work. We all need time to regroup and re-energize by having set-apart time with YHWH. We become less effective when we are stretched too thin.

Paul closes with encouraging words:

1Co 16:13 Watch, stand fast in the belief, be men, be strong.

1Co 16:14 Let all that you do be done in love.

1Co 16:15 And I urge you, brothers, you know the household of Stephanas, that it is the first-fruit of Achaia, and that they have assigned themselves for service to the set-apart ones,

1Co 16:16 that you also be subject to such, and to everyone who works and labors with us.

1Co 16:17 And I rejoice about the coming of Stephanas, and Fortunatos, and Achaikos, for what was lacking on your part they supplied.

1Co 16:18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours, therefore give recognition to such ones.

Paul also sends the greetings from other brethren and he blesses them.

Greetings

1Co 16:19 The assemblies of Asia greet you. Aquilas and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Master, with the assembly that is in their house.

1Co 16:20 All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a set-apart kiss.

1Co 16:21 The greeting with my own hand – Sha’ul.

1Co 16:22 If anyone does not love the Master יהושע Messiah, let him be a curse. Maranatha!

1Co 16:23 The favor of our Master יהושע Messiah be with you.

1Co 16:24 My love be with you all in Messiah יהושע. Amēn.

Ezekiel 14 Ezekiel 14 continues within Scroll 1.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
PROB	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoiachin's captivity)
1	8:1 - 19:14 (the present state of Israel, temple abominations, wicked slain, the glory departs- E, opportunity of regathering, Judah & Jerusalem's guilt)	06/05/06

Idolatrous Elders Condemned

Eze 14:1 And some of the elders of Yisra'ël came to me and sat before me.

Though Ezekiel had been exiled to Babylon, he was still geographically close enough for the elders of Israel to visit him; and him to visit them.

Eze 14:2 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 14:3 "Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and have put the stumbling-block of their crookedness before their face. Should I let them inquire of Me at all?"

YHWH sees the heart of mankind. He cannot be fooled or deceived. He sees all and He knows all. He makes the NSA look like Ned and the first reader! YHWH condemns their idolatry.

Eze 14:4 "Therefore speak to them, and you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

- "Everyone of the house of Yisra'ël who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to the prophet – I יהוה shall answer him who comes, according to his many idols, Eze 14:5 in order to lay hold of the house of Yisra'ël by their heart, for they have become estranged from Me by their idols, all of them." '

Eze 14:6 **“Therefore say to the house of Yisra’ël, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה,**

- “Repent, and turn back from your idols, and turn back your faces from all your abominations.
- Eze 14:7 “For anyone of the house of Yisra’ël, or of the strangers who sojourn in Yisra’ël, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart and puts the stumbling-block of his crookedness before his face, and shall come to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I יהוה shall answer him Myself.
 - Eze 14:8 “And I shall set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I shall cut him off from the midst of My people. And you shall know that I am יהוה.”
 - Eze 14:9 “And if the prophet is deceived, and shall speak a word, I יהוה have deceived that prophet, and shall stretch out My hand against him and destroy him from the midst of My people Yisra’ël.
 - Eze 14:10 “And they shall bear their crookedness, the crookedness of the prophet is the same as the crookedness of the inquirer,
 - Eze 14:11 so that the house of Yisra’ël no longer strays from Me, nor be made unclean any more with all their transgressions. And they shall be My people and I be their Elohim,” declares the Master יהוה.’ ”

Jerusalem Will Not Be Spared

Eze 14:12 **And the word of יהוה came again to me, saying,**

Ezekiel 14:14, 16, 18, & 20 gives us insight on how to be delivered from nations and lands that have rejected YHWH and His Word. Only by being washed by the blood of the Lamb can one be delivered. The believers that set themselves apart for YHWH is His righteous ones. We read:

If I cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food...

Eze 14:13 “Son of man, when a land sins against Me to commit a trespass, and I shall stretch out My hand against it, and cut off its supply of bread and send scarcity of food on it, and cut off man and beast from it,

Eze 14:14 **even though these three men, Noah, Dani’ël, and Iyob, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness,” declares the Master יהוה.**

If I cause evil beast...

Eze 14:15 “If I cause an evil beast to pass through the land, and it shall bereave it, and it shall be a wasteland, so that no man passes through because of the beasts,

Eze 14:16 **even though these three men were in it, as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the**

land be a wasteland.

If I bring a sword...

Eze 14:17 “Or if I bring a sword on that land, and I shall say, ‘Sword, go through the land,’ and I shall cut off man and beast from it,

Eze 14:18 even though these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither sons nor daughters, for they alone would be delivered.

If I send a pestilence...

Eze 14:19 “Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and I shall pour out My wrath on it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,

Eze 14:20 even though Noah, Dani’el, and Iyob were in it, as I live,” declares the Master יהוה, “they would deliver neither son nor daughter. They would deliver their own lives by their righteousness.”

Eze 14:21 For thus said the Master יהוה, “How much more it shall be when I send My four evil judgments on Yerushalayim: **the sword** and **scarcity of food** and **evil beasts** and **pestilence**, to cut off man and beast from it?

Eze 14:22 “But see, there shall be left in it a remnant who are brought out, both sons and daughters. See, they are coming out to you, and you shall see their ways and their deeds, and shall be comforted concerning the evil which I have brought upon Yerushalayim – all that I have brought upon it.

Eze 14:23 “And they shall comfort you, when you see their ways and their deeds. **And you shall know that it was not for naught that I have done whatever I did in it,**” declares the Master יהוה.

Psalm 55

The enemy of YHWH, targets YHWH’s people. Their father is the devil. The devil doesn’t throw stones at ‘dead birds.’ So, if the enemy is sending fiery darts your way, hold up the shield of faith. That is why in Ephesians 6, we are to put on and take up the full armor of YHWH so we can stand! Prayer and praising YHWH is very much a part of that armor.

Cast Your Burden on YHWH

Psa 55:1 Give ear to my prayer, O Elohim, And do not hide Yourself from my plea.

Psa 55:2 Give heed to me, and answer me; I wander and moan in my complaint,

Psa 55:3 Because of the noise of the enemy, Because of the outcry of the wrong; For they bring down wickedness upon me, And in wrath they hate me.

1Pe 3:12 **“Because the eyes of יהוה are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayers, but the face of יהוה is against those who do evil.”** [Psa 34:12-16](#).

1Pe 3:13 And who is the one doing evil to you, if you become imitators of the good?

1Pe 3:14 But even if you suffer [for righteousness’ sake, you are blessed](#).^a **“And do not fear their threats, neither be troubled.”**

David has gone into prayer knowing that YHWH is forever faithful. What pains David the most is that the enemy he is speaking of, [was at one time, INSIDE the camp](#). He was his friend, a companion that he had shared sweet counsel with, and had walked with the throng to the House of Elohim. What happened?

Apparently, this person(s) had displayed **fruit of wickedness**. It is felt to be possibly referring to Absalom’s rebellion and Ahithophel’s treachery. This also serves as a prophetic picture of when Yahusha will deal with his own enemy **‘within the camp’**, Judas of Iscariot. We must always remember, we do not battle against flesh and blood but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness in heavenly places. The flesh of people can be influenced to do evil by these entities.

Psa 55:4 My heart is pained within me, And the frights of death have fallen upon me.

Psa 55:5 Fear and trembling have come upon me, And shuddering covers me.

Psa 55:6 And I said, “Who would give me wings like a dove! I would fly away and be at rest.

Psa 55:7 “See, I would wander far off, I would lodge in the wilderness. Selah.

Psa 55:8 “I would hasten my escape From the raging wind and storm.”

Psa 55:9 Confuse, O יהוה, divide their tongues, For I saw violence and strife in the city.

Psa 55:10 Day and night they go around it on its walls; Wickedness and trouble are also in the midst of it.

Psa 55:11 Covetings are in its midst; Oppression and deceit do not vanish from its streets.

Psa 55:12 It is not an enemy who reproaches me – That I could bear; Nor one who hates me who is making himself great against me – Then I could hide from him.

Psa 55:13 But it was you, a man my equal, My companion and my friend.

Psa 55:14 We took sweet counsel together, We walked to the House of Elohim in the throng.

The next verse reminds us of the similar punishment of Korah and his cohorts.

Psa 55:15 Let death come upon them; Let them go down into She’ol alive, For evil is in their dwellings, in their midst.

Psa 55:16 I, I call upon Elohim, And יהוה saves me.

Psa 55:17 Evening and morning and at noon I complain and moan, And He hears my voice.

Psa 55:18 He has redeemed my life in peace From the battle against me, For there were many against me.

Psa 55:19 Ęl, even He who sits *enthroned* from of old, Does hear and afflict them – Selah – Those with whom there are no changes, Those who do not fear Elohim.

Heb 5:6 As He also says in another place, **“You are a priest forever according to the order of Malkitsedeq,”** [Psa 110:4](#).

Heb 5:7 who, **in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and petitions with strong crying and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His reverent fear,**

Heb 5:8 **though being a Son, He learned obedience by what He suffered.**

The enemy comes as an angel of light and seems to drip with honey.

Psa 55:20 He has put forth his hands against those Who were at peace with him; He has broken his covenant.

Psa 55:21 His mouth was smoother than curds, Yet in his heart is fighting; His words were softer than oil, But they are drawn swords.

Psa 55:22 Cast your burden on יהוה, And let Him sustain you; He never allows the righteous to be shaken.

Psa 55:23 For You, O Elohim, do bring them down To the pit of destruction; Men of blood and deceit do not reach half their days; But I, I trust in You.

The Psalm wraps up reminding us to cast our burden on Him knowing He never allows the righteous to be shaken. YHWH will bring those of blood and deceit down. Vengeance is His.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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