

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 22; 1Thes. 5; Daniel 4; Psalm 108, 109*

## October 19 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### 1Kings 22

#### Ahab and the False Prophets

**1Ki 22:1** And they continued three years without fighting between Aram and Yisra'ël.

**1Ki 22:2** And it came to be, **in the third year, that Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah came down to the sovereign of Yisra'ël.**

- ❖ **1Ki 22:3** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël said to his servants, “Do you know that **Ramoth in Gil'ad** is ours, and we are keeping silent from taking it out of the hand of the sovereign of Aram!”
- ❖ **1Ki 22:4** And he said to Yehoshaphat, “Do you go with me to battle at **Ramoth Gil'ad?**” And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra'ël, “I am as you are, my people as your people, my horses as your horses.”

**Ellicott's Commentary:** (v.3) Ramoth in Gilead.—The city is first mentioned (in [Deuteronomy 4:43](#); [Joshua 20:8](#); [Joshua 21:38](#)) as a city of refuge in the territory of Gad; then (in [1Kings 4:13](#)) as the centre of one of the provinces of Solomon, including the towns of Jair, and the strong hill country of Argob. In the Syrian wars it appears as a frontier fortress, taken and retaken. It had fallen into the hands of the Syrians, and had not been restored according to promise. The defeat and death of Ahab were subsequently avenged by Jehoram, who took it, and held it against all the attacks of the enemy ([2Kings 9:1-14](#)).

**1Ki 22:5** And Yehoshaphat said to the sovereign of Yisra'ël, **“Please, first inquire for the word of יהוה.”**

- ❖ **1Ki 22:6** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël gathered the prophets, about four hundred men, and said to them, “Do I go against Ramoth Gil'ad to battle, or do I refrain?” And they said, **“Go up, for יהוה does give it into the hand of the sovereign.”**

Apparently the first 400 prophets were ‘false prophets.’ Yehoshaphat inquires if there was not a prophet of YHWH.

**1Ki 22:7** And Yehoshaphat said, **“Is there not here a prophet of יהוה besides, that we might inquire of him?”**

**1Ki 22:8** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël said to Yehoshaphat, **“There is still one man, Mikayehu son of Yimlah [[Micaiah the son of Imlah](#)], to inquire of יהוה by him. But I hate him, because he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil.”** And Yehoshaphat said, “Let not the sovereign say so!”

1Ki 22:9 So the sovereign of Yisra'ël called an officer and said, **“Bring Mikayehu son of Yimlah at once!”**

The sovereigns of Israel and Judah each take their place on their thrones. They are dressed in their royal robes at the entrance of the gate of Samaria. There is much pomp and the 400 false prophets are boasting ‘their’ proclamations before the sovereigns.

1Ki 22:10 And the sovereign of Yisra'ël and Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah were sitting, each on his throne, dressed in their robes, at a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Shomeron. And **all the prophets were prophesying before them.**

1Ki 22:11 And Tsidqiyah son of Kena'anah had made horns of iron for himself, and said, “Thus said יהוה, ‘With these you push the Arameans until they are destroyed.’”

1Ki 22:12 And all the prophets were prophesying so, saying, **“Go up to Ramoth Gil'ad and prosper, for יהוה shall give it into the hand of the sovereign.”**

### Micaiah Prophecies Against Ahab

True followers of YHWH find themselves among the remnant minority and not the majority.

1Ki 22:13 And the messenger who had gone to call Mikayehu spoke to him, saying, “See now, the words of the prophets with one mouth are good towards the sovereign. Please, let your word be like the word of one of them, and you shall speak good.”

1Ki 22:14 And Mikayehu said, **“As יהוה lives, whatever יהוה says to me, that I speak.”**

1Ki 22:15 And he came to the sovereign, and the sovereign said to him,

✚ **“Mikayehu, do we go against Ramoth Gil'ad to battle, or do we refrain?”**

✚ And he answered him, **“Go and prosper, for יהוה shall give it into the hand of the sovereign!”**

✚ 1Ki 22:16 And the sovereign said to him, **“How many times have I made you swear that you do not speak to me, except the truth, in the Name of יהוה?”**

✚ 1Ki 22:17 So he said, **“I saw all Yisra'ël scattered on the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd. And יהוה said, ‘These have no master. Let everyone return to his house in peace.’”**

✚ 1Ki 22:18 And the sovereign of Yisra'ël said to Yehoshaphat, **“Have I not said to you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil?”**

Then Mikayehu boldly proclaims what YHWH has revealed to him. It seems Mikayehu sees a vision as well as hears what YHWH verbally states. This meeting is described by some scholars to be YHWH meeting with His divine council. Psalm 82 speaks of such a

setting.

**Psa 82:1** Elohim stands in the congregation of Ēl; He judges in the midst of the elohim.

Psa 82:2 How long would you judge perversely, And show partiality to the wrong? Selah.

What is proclaimed by Miḳayehu is very clear; and to not heed would definitely lead to the demise of Ahab. To this day, YHWH has sent us all a very clear message. Yahusha is the Way, the Truth, and the Life! To ignore Him leads a person to destruction.

**1Ki 22:19** Then he said,

- ✚ “Therefore hear the word of יהוה: I saw יהוה sitting on His throne, and all the host of the heavens standing by Him, on His right and on His left.
- ✚ **1Ki 22:20** “And יהוה said, ‘Who shall entice Aḥaḇ to go up and fall at Ramoth Gil’ad?’ And this one said this, and another said that.
- ✚ **1Ki 22:21** “And a spirit came forward and stood before יהוה, and said, ‘Let me entice him.’
- ✚ **1Ki 22:22** “And יהוה said to him, ‘In what way?’ And he said, ‘**I shall go out and be a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all his prophets.**’
- ✚ And He said, ‘Entice him, and also prevail. Go out and do so.’

**1Ki 22:23** “And now, see, יהוה has put a spirit of falsehood in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and יהוה has spoken evil concerning you.”

**1Ki 22:24** And Tsidqiyahu son of Kena’anah came near and struck Miḳayehu on the cheek, and said, “Where did the spirit of יהוה pass over from me to speak to you?”

Miḳayehu stands his ground despite abuse and being returned to prison. The word of YHWH would linger in the ears of all present.

**1Ki 22:25** And Miḳayehu said, “Look, you shall see on that day when you go into an inner room to hide!”

**1Ki 22:26** And the sovereign of Yisra’ēl said, “Take Miḳayehu, and return him to Amon the governor of the city, and to Yo’ash son of the sovereign,

**1Ki 22:27** and say, ‘Thus said the sovereign, “Put this one in prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and water of affliction until I come in peace.” ’ ’ ”

**1Ki 22:28** And Miḳayehu said, “If you ever return in peace, יהוה has not spoken by me.” And he said, “Hear, all you people!”

## Ahab Killed in Battle

It is interesting that Yehoshaphat doesn't listen to Miḳayehu either. After all, Yehoshaphat was the one that desired to hear from a prophet of YHWH. Possibly because the prophecy did not speak of his own demise; he agrees to go along with Ahab.

**1Ki 22:29** **And the sovereign of Yisra'ël and Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yehuḏah went up to Ramoth Gil'ad.**

✚ **1Ki 22:30** And the sovereign of Yisra'ël said to Yehoshaphat, "Let me disguise myself and go into battle, but you put on your robes." So the sovereign of Yisra'ël disguised himself and went into battle.

With friends like Ahab, who needs enemies? So essentially, Ahab tells Yehoshaphat to go into battle with his royal robes which would essentially place him as a decoy; while Ahab disguises himself with anything but royalty.

Clearly, the king of Aram [Syria] has a laser focus on Ahab, the king of Israel. He alerts his 32 commanders to have the same focus.

**1Ki 22:31** And the sovereign of Aram had commanded the thirty-two commanders of his chariots, saying, "Fight with no one small or great, but only with the sovereign of Yisra'ël."

**1Ki 22:32** And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots saw Yehoshaphat, that they said, "Indeed, it is the sovereign of Yisra'ël!" So they turned aside to fight against him, and Yehoshaphat cried out.

Close call for Yehoshaphat! He should learn it is not wise to make unholy alliances.

Though Ahab wore earthly armor, nothing could prevent YHWH's Word from coming to fruition. Ahab is struck by an arrow and he dies, just as prophesied.

**1Ki 22:33** And it came to be, when the commanders of the chariots saw that it was not the sovereign of Yisra'ël, that they turned back from pursuing him.

**1Ki 22:34** **And a man drew a bow in his simplicity, and struck the sovereign of Yisra'ël between the joints of his armor.** And he said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn around and take me out of the battle, for I am wounded."

**1Ki 22:35** And the battle increased that day. And the sovereign was propped up in his chariot, facing the Arameans, and died at evening, and the blood ran out from the wound onto the floor of the chariot.

**1Ki 22:36** And as the sun was going down, a shout passed through the camp, saying, "Each to his city, and each to his land!"

**1Ki 22:37 So the sovereign died and was brought to Shomeron, and they buried the sovereign in Shomeron.**

1Ki 22:38 And when the chariot was washed at a pool in Shomeron, the dogs licked up his blood, where the whores bathed, according to the word of יהוה which He had spoken.

1Ki 22:39 And the rest of the acts of Aḥaḇ and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'el?

1Ki 22:40 **So Aḥaḇ slept with his fathers, and Aḥazyahu his son reigned in his place.**

### Jehoshaphat Reigns in Judah

1Ki 22:41 And **Yehoshaphat son of Asa began to reign over Yehuda in the fourth year of Aḥaḇ sovereign of Yisra'el.**

1Ki 22:42 **Yehoshaphat was thirty-five years old when he became sovereign**, and he reigned **twenty-five years in Yerushalayim**. And his mother's name was Azuḇah the daughter of Shilḥi.

1Ki 22:43 And he walked in all the ways of his father Asa. He did not turn aside from them, **doing what was right in the eyes of יהוה**. **Only, the high places were not taken away, for the people slaughtered and burned incense on the high places.**

1Ki 22:44 And **Yehoshaphat made peace with the sovereign of Yisra'el.**

1Ki 22:45 And the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, and the might that he showed, and how he fought, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehuda?

1Ki 22:46 And the rest of the cult prostitutes, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he cleared out from the land.

1Ki 22:47 And there was then no sovereign in Edom, a deputy was sovereign.

1Ki 22:48 Yehoshaphat made Tarshish ships to go to Ophir for gold. However, they did not go, for the ships were wrecked at Etsyon Geber.

1Ki 22:49 Then Aḥazyahu son of Aḥaḇ said to Yehoshaphat, **“Let my servants go with your servants in the ships.”** But Yehoshaphat would not.

1Ki 22:50 So Yehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawiḍ his father. **And Yehoram his son reigned in his place.**

### Ahaziah Reigns in Israel

1Ki 22:51 **Ahazyahu son of Ahab began to reign over Yisra'el in Shomeron in the seventeenth year of Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehuda, and reigned two years over Yisra'el,**

1Ki 22:52 and **did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, and walked in the way of his father and in the way of his mother and in the way of Yarob'am son of Neḇat, who had made Yisra'el sin,

**1Ki 22:53** and **served Ba'al and bowed himself to it, and provoked יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el, according to all that his father had done.**

## **1Thes. 5**

Paul again speaks to the Thessalonians about the end times. He states the fact that they know very well that the day of YHWH will come as a thief in the night. It will be during a time when the world will be proclaiming 'peace and safety' then sudden destruction will come.

However, the children of light should not be caught off guard. The children of light know to keep His appointed times for these are the times that he follows. For this reason, we have an idea of the season in which He shall return. We should be vigilant and watch and pray. We should be ready. We should keep our temple, our house in order. We should not grieve the Ruach HaKodesh. We should hold fast to what is good and live peaceably with one another. We should observe and be mindful of the days we live in.

Most importantly, we should take being set-apart for Him, seriously.

### **The Day of YHWH**

**1Th 5:1** Now, brothers, as to the times and the seasons, you do not need to be written to.

**1Th 5:2** For you yourselves know very well that the day of **יהוה** comes as a thief in the night.

**1Th 5:3** For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then suddenly destruction comes upon them, as labour pains upon a pregnant woman, and they shall not escape.

**1Th 5:4** But you, brothers, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief.

**1Th 5:5** For you are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

**1Th 5:6** So, then, we should not sleep, as others do, but we should watch and be sober.

**1Th 5:7** For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night.

**1Th 5:8** But we who are of the day should be sober, putting on the **breastplate** of belief and love, and as **a helmet the expectation of deliverance.** [Isa 59:17](#).

**1Th 5:9** Because Elohim did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain deliverance through our Master **יהושע** Messiah,

**1Th 5:10** who died for us, so that we, whether awake or asleep, should live together with Him.

**1Th 5:11** Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, as indeed you do.

### Final Instructions and Benediction

**1Th 5:12** But brothers, we beg you to know those who labour among you, and are over you in the Master and admonish you,

**1Th 5:13** and to hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

**1Th 5:14** And we appeal to you, brothers, warn those who are disorderly, encourage the faint-hearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.

**1Th 5:15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.

**1Th 5:16** Rejoice always,

**1Th 5:17** pray without ceasing,

**1Th 5:18** in all *circumstances* give thanks, for this is the desire of Elohim in Messiah **יהושע** for you.

**1Th 5:19** Do not quench the Spirit.

**1Th 5:20** Do not despise prophecies,

**1Th 5:21** prove them all. Hold fast what is good.

**1Th 5:22** Keep back from every form of wickedness.

**1Th 5:23** And the Elohim of peace Himself set you completely apart, and your entire spirit, and being, and body - be preserved blameless at the coming of our Master **יהושע** Messiah!

**1Th 5:24** He who calls you is trustworthy, who also shall do it.

**1Th 5:25** Brothers, pray for us.

**1Th 5:26** Greet all the brothers with a set-apart kiss.

**1Th 5:27** I charge you by the Master that this letter be read to all the set-apart brothers.

**1Th 5:28** The favor of our Master **יהושע** Messiah be with you. Amēn.

### Daniel 4

Daniel 4 opens with Nebuchadnezzar proclaiming praise to the Most High Elah who's reign is an everlasting reign and His rulership from generation to generation! This wording sounds as if Nebuchadnezzar does know and believe in the One true YHWH; however, his 2<sup>nd</sup> dream tells us otherwise.

### Nebuchadnezzar Praises Elohim

**Dan 4:1** Nebukadnettsar the sovereign, to all peoples, nations and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be increased to you.

**Dan 4:2** I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders which the Most High Elah has worked for me.

Dan 4:3 How great are His signs, and how mighty His wonders! His reign is an everlasting reign, and His rulership is from generation to generation.

### Nebuchadnezzar's Second Dream

Now Nebuchadnezzar tells of his second dream. Unlike the first dream, Nebuchadnezzar remembers this dream and relays it to his 'earthly' wisemen, but they are unable to interpret the dream. Therefore, Nebuchadnezzar seeks out Daniel to interpret the dream for he had the Spirit of the Set-apart Elahin.

Dan 4:4 I, Neḅuḱadnetšsar, was at rest in my house, and prospering in my palace.

Dan 4:5 I saw a dream and it frightened me, and the thoughts on my bed and the visions of my head alarmed me.

Dan 4:6 **So I issued a decree to bring in all the wise ones of Babel before me, to make known to me the interpretation of the dream.**

Dan 4:7 So the magicians, the astrologers, the Kasdim, and the diviners came in, and I related the dream to them, but its interpretation they did not make known to me.

Dan 4:8 And at last Dani'ēl, whose name is Bēlteshatšsar, according to the name of my elah, came before me. In him is the Spirit of the Set-apart Elahin. So I related the dream to him, saying,

Dan 4:9 "Bēlteshatšsar, chief of the magicians, because I know that the Spirit of the Set-apart Elahin is in you, and no secret is too difficult for you, explain to me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and its interpretation.

Dan 4:10 "Now the visions of my head on my bed were these:

- ✚ I looked, and saw a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height great.
- ✚ Dan 4:11 "The tree became great and strong, and its height reached to the heavens, and it was visible to the ends of all the earth.
- ✚ Dan 4:12 "Its leaves were lovely, and its fruit plenty, and in it was food for all. The beasts of the field found shade under it, and the birds of the heavens dwelt in its branches, and all flesh was fed from it.
- ✚ Dan 4:13 "In the visions of my head on my bed, I looked and saw a Watcher, even a set-apart one, coming down from the heavens.
- ✚ Dan 4:14 "He cried aloud and said this, 'Hew down the tree and cut off its branches, strip off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the beasts flee from under it, and the birds from its branches.
- ✚ Dan 4:15 But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze, in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion be with the beasts on the grass of the earth.
- ✚ Dan 4:16 Let his heart be changed from man's, let him be given the heart of a beast, and seven times pass over him.
- ✚ Dan 4:17 This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the command by the word of the set-apart ones, **so that the living know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and gives it to whomever He wishes, and sets over it the lowest of men.'**

Dan 4:18 "This dream have I seen, I, Sovereign Neḅuḱadnetšsar. And you,



Bēlteshatstsar, reveal its interpretation, since all the wise ones of my reign are unable to make known to me the interpretation. But you are able, for the Spirit of the Set-apart Elahin is in you.”

### Daniel Interprets the Second Dream

Dan 4:19 Then Dani’ēl, whose name was Bēlteshatstsar, was stunned for a short time, and his thoughts alarmed him. The sovereign responded and said, “Bēlteshatstsar, do not let the dream or its interpretation alarm you.” Bēlteshatstsar answered and said, “My master, the dream is to those who hate you, and its interpretation to your enemies!

The tree is Nebuchadnezzar.

Dan 4:20 “The tree you saw, which became great and strong, whose height reached to the heavens and was visible to all the earth,

Dan 4:21 whose leaves were lovely and its fruit plenty, and in it was food for all, under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and on whose branches the birds of the heavens sat—

Dan 4:22 it is you, O sovereign, for you have become great and strong. And your greatness has grown, and has reached to the heavens and your rulership to the end of the earth.

Dan 4:23 “And as the sovereign saw a Watcher, even a set-apart one, coming down from the heavens, and he said, ‘Hew down the tree and destroy it, but leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and bronze in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of the heavens, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him’ —

Dan 4:24 **this is the interpretation**, O sovereign, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my master the sovereign:

- + Dan 4:25 “That you are going to be driven away from men,
- + and your dwelling be with the beasts of the field,
- + and you be given grass to eat like oxen,
- + and you be wetted with the dew of the heavens,
- + and seven times pass over you,
- + till you know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men,
- + and that He gives it to whomever He wishes.
- + Dan 4:26 “And they that gave the command to leave the stump of its roots of the tree: **your reign remains yours, from the time you come to know that the heavens are ruling.**

Dan 4:27 “Therefore, O sovereign, let my counsel be acceptable to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your crookednesses by showing favor to the poor — your prosperity might be extended.”

### Nebuchadnezzar's Humiliation

Dan 4:28 All this came upon Sovereign Nebūkadnetšar.

Dan 4:29 **At the end of the twelve months** he was walking about the palace of the reign of Babel.

Dan 4:30 The sovereign spoke and said, "Is not this great Babel, which I myself have built, for the house of the reign, by the might of my power and for the esteem of my splendor?"

Dan 4:31 The word was still in the sovereign's mouth, when a voice fell from the heavens, "Sovereign Nebūkadnetšar, to you it is spoken: the reign has been taken away from you,

Dan 4:32 and you are driven away from men, and your dwelling is to be with the beasts of the field. You are given grass to eat like oxen, and seven seasons shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High is ruler in the reign of men, and He gives it to whomever He wishes."

Some view the seven seasons as seven years, but it could refer to another set time period such as the 7 moedim. However, most interpret the seven seasons as years.

Dan 4:33 In that hour the word was executed on Nebūkadnetšar, and he was driven from men and he ate grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens till his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers* and his nails like birds' *claws*.

### Nebuchadnezzar Restored

Dan 4:34 And at the end of the days I, Nebūkadnetšar, lifted my eyes to the heavens, and my understanding returned to me. And I blessed the Most High and praised and made Him great who lives forever, whose rule is an everlasting rule, and His reign is from generation to generation.

Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are of no account, and He does as He wishes with the host of the heavens and among the inhabitants of the earth. And there is none to strike against His hand or say to Him, "What have You done?"

Dan 4:36 At the same time my understanding returned to me, and for the preciousness of my reign, my esteem and splendor were returning to me. And my counsellors and nobles sought me out, and I was re-established to my reign, and excellent greatness was added to me.

Dan 4:37 **Now I, Nebukadnetšar, am praising and exalting and esteeming the Sovereign of the heavens, for all His works are truth, and His ways right. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.**

## Psalm 108 & 109

Start praising Him in the morning and all day long!

**Psa 108:1** O Elohim, my heart is steadfast; I sing and give praise – even my esteem.

**Psa 108:2** Awake, harp and lyre! I awake the dawn.

**Psa 108:3** I praise You, O יהוה, among peoples, And I sing praises to You among the nations.

**Psa 108:4** For Your loving-commitment is great above the heavens, And Your truth reaches to the clouds.

**Psa 108:5** Exalt Yourself above the heavens, O Elohim, And Your esteem above all the earth;

**Psa 108:6** In order that those You love Might be delivered. Save with Your right hand, And answer me.

**Psa 108:7** Elohim has spoken in His set-apartness, “I exult, I portion out Shekem, And I measure out the Valley of Sukkoth.

**Psa 108:8** “Gil’ad is Mine, Menashsheh is Mine, And **Ephrayim is My chief defence, Yehudah is My inscriber.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Gen 49:10](#) and [Psa 60:7](#).

**Psa 108:9** **“Mo’ab is My wash-pot, Over Edom I cast My shoe,** Over Philistia I raise a shout.”

**Psa 108:10** Who would bring me into the strong city? Who shall lead me to Edom?

**Psa 108:11** Have You not rejected us, O Elohim? And You do not go out with our armies, O Elohim!

**Psa 108:12** Give us help from distress, For the help of man is naught.

**Psa 108:13** **In Elohim we do mightily, For it is He who treads down our adversaries.**

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The Psalmist doesn’t hold back from requesting YHWH to provide justice to those wrongly and falsely coming against him.

**TSK Cross-reference: Psalms 109:1** am 2942, B.C. 1062 (Title), It is generally supposed that this Psalm was composed by David, when persecuted by Saul, who was rendered more implacable by the base and malicious calumnies of Doeg and others; though some are of opinion, that it was written when David fled from Absalom, and that Ahithophel, rather than Doeg, is the typical person against whom it is principally directed.

**Psa 109:1** Do not be silent, O Elohim of my praise!

**Psa 109:2** For the mouth of the wrong And the mouth of the deceiver Have opened

against me; They have spoken against me with a false tongue.

**Psa 109:3 They have surrounded me with words of hatred, And they attack me without a cause.**

Psa 109:4 In return for my love they accuse me, While I am *in* prayer.

Psa 109:5 And they repay me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

Psa 109:6 Appoint over him one who is wrong, And let an accuser stand at his right hand.

Psa 109:7 When he is judged, let him be found wrong, And let his prayer become sin.

Psa 109:8 Let his days be few, Let another take his office.

Psa 109:9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

Psa 109:10 And let his children always wander and beg, And seek *food* out of their ruins.

Psa 109:11 Let the creditor lay a snare for all that he has, And let strangers plunder his labour.

Psa 109:12 Let him have no one to extend loving-commitment, Nor any to show favour to his fatherless children.

Psa 109:13 Let his descendants be cut off, Their name be blotted out in the next generation.

Psa 109:14 Let the crookedness of his fathers Be remembered before יהוה, And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

Psa 109:15 Let them always be before יהוה, And let Him cut off their remembrance from the earth;

**Psa 109:16 Because he did not remember to show loving-commitment, But persecuted the poor and needy man; And the broken-hearted, to put to death.**

Psa 109:17 He also loved cursing, so let it come to him; And he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him.

Psa 109:18 And he put cursing on as with his garment, So let it enter his inward parts like water, Into his bones and like oil.

Psa 109:19 Let it be to him like a cloak he wraps around him, And as a girdle that he always girds on.

**Psa 109:20 This is the reward of my accusers from יהוה, And to those speaking evil against my being.**

Psa 109:21 But You, O יהוה, Master, Deal with me for Your Name's sake; Because Your loving-commitment is good, deliver me.

Psa 109:22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is pierced within me.

Psa 109:23 I have gone like a lengthening shadow, I have been driven away like a locust.

Psa 109:24 My knees are weak through fasting, And my flesh grows lean from fatness.

Psa 109:25 And I, I have become a reproach to them; They see me, they shake their heads.

Psa 109:26 Help me, O יהוה my Elohim! **Save me according to Your loving-**

**commitment,**

**Psa 109:27** And let them know that this is Your hand. You, יהוה, You have done it!

**Psa 109:28** Let them curse, but You bless. They shall arise, but be ashamed, And let Your servant rejoice.

**Psa 109:29** **Let my accusers put on shame, And be wrapped in their own confusion as in a cloak.**

**Psa 109:30** I greatly thank יהוה with my mouth, And I praise Him in the midst of the throng.

**Psa 109:31** **For He stands at the right hand of the poor, To save from those judging his being.**

*Mikayehu, prophet of YHWH*

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