

*Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 35; Malachi 3; Rev. 21; John 20*

## *December 30 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

### **2Chron 35**

**F. B. Meyer Commentary: 2 Chronicles 35:1-15 A MEMORABLE PASSOVER** This Passover was memorable, not only for the imposing grandeur of the ceremonial, and the concourse of worshipers, but because of the strict adherence, even in minute particulars, to the prescriptions of the Law. Josiah was the soul and life of the movement. First the Levites were addressed, and reminded that as they were not required to carry the Ark from place to place, as in the days of the Exodus, they might fitly undertake other work and assist the priests, who were likely to be overwhelmed by the demands of the approaching celebration. Let us not cling to stereotyped conditions, but adapt ourselves cheerfully to new demands. One of their first duties was to bring the Ark out of the side chamber to which neglect had relegated it, and re-establish it in the Most Holy Place.

Vast preparations were made for the poor and those unable to provide for themselves. Munificent offerings were made by the king and the princes. True love to God is always accompanied by unselfish care for others. If you really love God, you will desire to promote the knowledge of, and participation in, His love. Never forget to leave a place for worship and praise!

**TSK Cross-reference notes:** The whole solemnity was performed with great exactness according to the law, and upon that account there was none like it since Samuel's time; for even in Hezekiah's passover there were several irregularities...

### **Josiah Keeps the Passover**

**2Ch 35:1** And Yoshiyahu performed a Pěsaḥ to יהוה in Yerushalayim, and they slew the Pěsaḥ on the fourteenth day of the first new moon.

**2Ch 35:2** And he set the priests in their duties and strengthened them for the service of the House of יהוה,

**2Ch 35:3** and said to the Lěwites who were teaching all Yisra'ěl, who were set-apart to יהוה, **Put the set-apart ark in the house which Shelomoh son of Dawid, sovereign of Yisra'ěl, built.** It is no longer to be a burden on your shoulders. Now serve יהוה your Elohim and His people Yisra'ěl,

**2Ch 35:4** and prepare by the fathers' houses, according to your divisions, by the writing of Dawid sovereign of Yisra'ěl and by the writing of Shelomoh his son.

**2Ch 35:5** "And stand in the set-apart place by the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brothers the lay people, and the portion of the father's house of the Lěwites.

**2Ch 35:6** "And slay the Pěsaḥ, and set yourselves apart, and prepare for your brothers, to do according to the word of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh."

**2Ch 35:7** And Yoshiyahu gave the lay people lambs and young goats from the flock, all for Pěsaḥim for everyone present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand cattle – these were from the sovereign's possessions.

**2Ch 35:8** And his leaders contributed a voluntary offering to the people, to the priests, and to the Lěwites. Hīlqiyah, and Zeḡaryahu, and Yeḡi'ěl, leaders of the House of Elohim, **gave to the priests for the Pěsaḡim two thousand six hundred, and three hundred cattle;**

**2Ch 35:9** and Konanyahu, his brothers Shemayahu and Nethan'ěl, and Ḥashabyahu and Ye'i'ěl and Yozabaḡ, chiefs of the Lěwites, gave to the Lěwites for Pěsaḡim **five thousand, and five hundred cattle.**

**2Ch 35:10** And the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their places, and the Lěwites in their divisions, according to the command of the sovereign,

**2Ch 35:11** and they slew the Pěsaḡ. And the priests sprinkled out of their hands, while the Lěwites were skinning.

**2Ch 35:12** And they removed the ascending offerings, to give them to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay people, to bring to יהוה, as it is written in the Book of Mosheh, and the same with the cattle.

**2Ch 35:13** So they roasted the Pěsaḡ with fire according to the right-ruling, and they boiled the set-apart offerings in pots, and in cauldrons, and in bowls, and brought them speedily to all the lay people.

**2Ch 35:14** And afterward they prepared for themselves and for the priests, because the priests, the sons of Aharon, were offering ascending offerings and fat until night. So the Lěwites prepared for themselves and for the priests, the sons of Aharon.

**2Ch 35:15** And **the singers**, the sons of Asaph, were in their places, according to the command of Dawiḡ, and Asaph, and Hěman, and Yeduthun the seer of the sovereign. And **the gatekeepers** at each gate did not have to leave their position, because their brothers the Lěwites prepared for them.

**2Ch 35:16** And all the service of יהוה was prepared that day, to perform the Pěsaḡ and to offer ascending offerings on the slaughter place of יהוה, according to the command of Sovereign Yoshiyahu.

**2Ch 35:17** And the children of Yisra'ěl who were present performed the Pěsaḡ at that time, and the Festival of Matzot for seven days.

**2Ch 35:18** There had not been a Pěsaḡ performed in Yisra'ěl like it since the days of Shemu'ěl the prophet. And none of the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl had performed such a Pěsaḡ as Yoshiyahu performed, with the priests and the Lěwites, and all Yehuḡah and Yisra'ěl who were present, and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

**2Ch 35:19** **In the eighteenth year of the reign of Yoshiyahu this Pěsaḡ was performed.**

In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah, would have made him 26 years of age.

### Josiah Killed in Battle

**2Ch 35:20** After all this, when Yoshiyahu had prepared the House, Neḡo sovereign of Mitsrayim came up to fight against Karkemish by the Euphrates. And Yoshiyahu went out against him.

**2Ch 35:21** And he sent messengers to him, saying, “What have I to do with you, sovereign of Yehudāh? I am not coming against you this day, but against the house with which I am fighting, for Elohim commanded me to make haste. Leave Elohim alone, who is with me, lest He destroy you.”

Neḵo, sovereign of Egypt, tried to reason with Josiah but he would not listen. Neḵo, declares that Elohim had commanded him to fight against Karkemish.

**F. B. Meyer Excerpt:** What a misfortune that so auspicious a reign should end so disastrously! Josiah opposed Pharaoh, because Palestine was under the tutelage of Babylon, and had become the cockpit of the two warring nations, which were then contending for the mastery of the world. It would seem from **2Ch 35:21**, as if the Egyptian kings acknowledged the supremacy of one over-ruling Deity and considered that they were inspired by him. Blame appears to be attached to Josiah for not recognizing the voice of God. The lamentation over his death became proverbial for its excessive grief, **Zec 12:11**. Josiah's reign was the last gleam of light in his doomed country, but it was good for him to be removed before the storm burst.

Notice that F. B. Meyer brings out the point that Judah/Jerusalem was under the tutelage of Babylon and had become the cockpit of the two warring nations, which were then contending for the master of the world. Does that sound familiar? Has the United States been placed in the cockpit between warring nations by the politics of the global elite, the UN, and the man-made state of Israel? I believe we have. Though many nations may have input on these decisions; the U.S. ends up in the cockpit.

This event could very well be connecting us to a similar situation in our prophetic future. We see the fight takes place in the Valley of Megiddo. In addition, Karkemish, was located by the Euphrates in 2Ch 35:20. Both Euphrates and Megiddo are mentioned in Revelation 16. We know that prophecies have 2-3 cyclic fulfillments. One of those fulfillments is yet to come.

**2Ch 35:22** However, Yoshiyahu would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself to fight against him, and did not listen to the words of Neko from the mouth of Elohim, and came to fight in the Valley of Meḡiddo.

Rev 16:12 And the sixth messenger poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, in order to prepare the way of the sovereigns from the east.

Rev 16:13 And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as frogs,

Rev 16:14 for they are spirits of demons, doing signs, which go out to the sovereigns of the entire world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of יהוה the Almighty.

Rev 16:15 “See, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who is staying awake and guarding his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.”

**Rev 16:16** And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, **Har Meḡiddo**.

**TSK Cross-reference Notes: 2 Chronicles 35:22 Nevertheless:** Josiah's conduct in this affair has been treated with great severity; and he has been charged with engaging rashly in an unjust war, and disregarding the express command of God. But Scripture nowhere condemns him; and Pharaoh, in marching through Josiah's territories, against his will, certainly committed an act of hostility. It is evident that Josiah was in possession of the whole land of Israel ([2Ch 26:6](#)); and probably he held the northern parts of it as a grant from the king of Babylon; and was not only in alliance with him, but bound to guard his frontiers against hostile invaders. He may, therefore, be fairly justified from the charge of unjustly meddling in a war that did not belong him. It is true the ambassadors assured Josiah, that "God had commanded Pharaoh to make haste;" and he is therefore said not to have "hearkened to the words of Necho, from the mouth of God." But Necho produced no proof that he was a prophet of Jehovah; and the word he employed, *elohim*, may denote gods or idols; and critics have noticed that the expression, "from the mouth of God," is not used when the true God is meant.

[2Ch 35:23](#) And the archers shot at Sovereign Yoshiyahu. And the sovereign said to his servants, "Take me away, for I am severely wounded."

[2Ch 35:24](#) And his servants took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had, and they brought him to Yerushalayim. And he died, and was buried in one of the burial-sites of his fathers. And all Yehudah and Yerushalayim were mourning for Yoshiyahu.

[2Ch 35:25](#) And Yirmeyahu lamented for Yoshiyahu. And to this day all the singing men and the singing women speak of Yoshiyahu in their lamentations, and made it a law in Yisra'el. And see, they are written in the Laments.

[2Ch 35:26](#) And the rest of the acts of Yoshiyahu and his loving-commitment, according to what was written in the Torah of יהוה,

[2Ch 35:27](#) and his acts from the first to the last, see, they are written in the book of the sovereigns of Yisra'el and Yehudah.

## Malachi 3

**Mal 3:1** "See, I am sending My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me.

- ✚ Then suddenly the Master you are seeking comes to His Hēkal, even the Messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. See, He is coming," said יהוה of hosts.
- ✚ [Mal 3:2](#) "And who is able to bear the day of His coming, and who is able to stand when He appears? For He is like the fire of a refiner, and like the soap of a launderer.
- ✚ [Mal 3:3](#) "And He shall sit as a refiner and a cleanser of silver. And He shall cleanse the sons of Lēwi, and refine them as gold and silver, and they shall belong to יהוה, bringing near an offering in righteousness.
- ✚ [Mal 3:4](#) "Then shall the offering of Yehudah and Yerushalayim be pleasant to יהוה, as in the days of old, as in former years.
- ✚ [Mal 3:5](#) "And I shall draw near to you for right-ruling. **And I shall be a swift**

witness against the **practisers of witchcraft**, and **against adulterers**, and **against them that swear to falsehood**, and **against those who oppress the wage earner** in his wages and widows and the fatherless, and **those who turn away a sojourner** and do not fear Me," said יהוה of hosts.

We must be very careful not to unknowingly practice witchcraft and commit adultery against YHWH. If we are not alert to the schemes of the devil, then we may very well pass on poison to others. What do I mean? In the past decade or so, there has been a tremendous push about extra-biblical texts [ex. Dead Sea Scrolls], extra-biblical resources [ex. Enoch etc.], and emerging new age congregations; Hebrew Roots congregations; and Messianic congregations connecting to Judaism, Talmud, etc.

We hear comments such as books being removed from the Bible that were once included. Could it be that these books were removed for **'good' reasons rather than for 'bad?'** Do we not believe the Almighty YHWH can provide us with His truth in the 66 books contained within our present-day Bibles? Do we not have His Ruach HaKodesh to lead us to all Truth? My point is that we must exercise extreme caution and not be mesmerized by these 'new discoveries' which could very well turn out to be deceptive witchcraft concoctions, devious plants in our path, and poisonous potions of lies mixed with truth.

Deu 4:2 "Do not add to the Word which I command you, and do not take away from it,<sup>a</sup> so as to guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim which I am commanding you. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also Deu 12:32, Pro 30:6, Rev 22:18-19.

At Passover we are instructed to rid our houses of leaven. This doesn't mean throw out your bread and wheat products. Leaven means false doctrine. We are to clean or rid our homes and our bodily temple from taking in or feeding on leaven through books, newspapers, internet articles, social media, etc. A little 'false doctrine' or leaven can leaven the whole lump. Leaven is poisonous to believers. The bread is a symbolic reminder.

We see leaven defined clearly by Yahusha as false doctrine in Mark 8.

#### **The Leaven of the Pharisees and Herod**

Mar 8:14 And they had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat.

Mar 8:15 And He was warning them, saying, "Mind! **Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the leaven of Herodes.**"

Mar 8:16 And they were reasoning with one another, saying, "Because we have no bread."

Mar 8:17 And יהושע, being aware of it, said to them, “Why do you reason because you have no bread? **Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is your heart still hardened?**

Mar 8:18 **“Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? Eze 12:2. And do you not remember?**

A good shepherd leads his sheep unto green pastures. Before he allows the sheep to graze, he inspects the table, or plain of pastureland, for poisonous weeds or snakes, etc. He doesn't want His healthy sheep to be exposed to lethal plants or animals. He doesn't want His sheep to be exposed to leaven.

A pastor once recalled a time he went to visit the well-known Smith Wigglesworth. He arrived at his front door with a newspaper tucked beneath his arm. Smith Wigglesworth invited the pastor inside his home but told him he doesn't permit lies to enter his dwelling; therefore, he would need to leave his newspaper outside.

We must be ever mindful of how the enemy entices and taints the food, the manna of the set-apart ones. There were reasons why there were cupbearers. They were meant to protect kings from taking in poisonous foods and drinks as a result of witchcraft and potions. Be careful who is feeding you, spiritually and physically.

### Robbing YHWH

Mal 3:6 “For I am יהוה, I shall not change,<sup>a</sup> and you, O sons of Ya'aqob, shall not come to an end. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Jas 1:17.

Mal 3:7 **“From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from My laws and did not guard them. Turn back to Me, and I shall turn back to you,” said יהוה of hosts. “But you said, ‘In what shall we turn back?’**

Mal 3:8 “Would a man rob Elohim? Yet you are robbing Me! But you said, ‘In what have we robbed You?’ In the tithe and the offering!

Mal 3:9 “You have cursed Me with a curse, for you are robbing Me, this nation, all of it!

Mal 3:10 “Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and **let there be food in My house**.

And please prove Me in this,” said יהוה of hosts, “whether I do not open for you the windows of the heavens, and shall pour out for you boundless blessing!

‘I shall rebuke the devourer...’

Mal 3:11 “And **I shall rebuke the devourer for you, so that it does not destroy the fruit of your ground, nor does the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the field,” said יהוה of hosts.**

Mal 3:12 “And all nations shall call you blessed, for you shall be a land of delight,” said



יהוה of hosts.

**Mal 3:13** “Your words have been strong against Me,” said יהוה, “but you have said, ‘What have we spoken against You?’

**Mal 3:14** “You have said, ‘It is worthless to serve Elohim. And what did we gain when we guarded His Charge, and when we walked as mourners before יהוה of hosts?

**Mal 3:15** **And now we are calling the proud blessed – not only are the doers of wrongness built up, but they also try Elohim and escape.’ ”**

### The Book of Remembrance

**Mal 3:16** Then shall those who fear יהוה speak to one another, and יהוה listens and hears, and **a book of remembrance be written before Him, of those who fear יהוה, and those who think upon His Name.**

**Mal 3:17** “And they shall be Mine,” said יהוה of hosts, “on the day that I prepare a treasured possession. And I shall spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him.

**Mal 3:18** “Then you shall again see the *difference* between **the righteous** and **the wrong**, between one who serves Elohim and one who does not serve Him.

## Revelation 21

### 2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo\\_gEIAi-if](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo_gEIAi-if)

### The New Heaven and the New Earth

**Rev 21:1** And I saw a **renewed heaven and a renewed earth**,<sup>a</sup> [Isa 65:17](#) for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea is no more.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Also see [Isa 66:22](#).

**Rev 21:2** And I, Yoḥanan, saw the set-apart city, renewed Yerushalayim, coming down out of the heaven from Elohim, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

**Rev 21:3** And I heard a loud voice from the heaven saying, “See, the Booth of Elohim is with men, and **He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and Elohim Himself shall be with them and be their Elohim.**”<sup>b</sup> [Lev 26:11-12](#) Footnote:

<sup>b</sup>Also see [Isa 7:14](#), [Isa 8:8](#), [Isa 8:10](#), [Jer 31:33](#), [Eze 37:27](#), [2Ch 6:18](#).

The first three verses of Revelation 21 seem to support that the New Jerusalem hovers above the old defiled earth until the new heaven and earth are made. It states the former earth and heaven are passed away and the sea was no more; then the New Jerusalem comes down.

Revelation 21:2-3 clearly tells us that the New Jerusalem comes down from heaven (possibly from the 1st heaven which is in our atmosphere), as a bride adorned for her husband. Then it is proclaimed that the booth of Elohim now dwells with man. This appears to be a reference to the time period being the Feast of Booths; or the Feast of Tabernacles; also, referred to as the Feast of Ingathering.

**Rev 21:4** “And Elohim shall wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, nor mourning, nor crying. And there shall be no more pain, for the former *matters* have passed away.”

**Rev 21:5** And He who was sitting on the throne said, “See, I make all *matters* new.” And He said to me, “Write, for these words are true and trustworthy.”

**Rev 21:6** And He said to me, “It is done! I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, the Beginning and the End. To the one who thirsts I shall give of the fountain of the water of life without payment.

**Rev 21:7** “The one who overcomes shall inherit all this, and I shall be his Elohim and he shall be My son.

**Rev 21:8** “But as for the cowardly, and untrustworthy, and abominable, and murderers, and those who whore, and drug sorcerers, and idolaters, and all the false, their part is in the lake which burns with fire and sulphur, which is the second death.”

This will be a time to praise YHWH! Every tear will be wiped away. No more death and mourning. The pain of the past has passed away. YHWH has made all things new. The Aleph and the Taw; the Beginning and the End proclaims, ‘It is done!’ No more thirst for there will be a mountain of living water freely given. Overcomers are to inherit all of this. We as Israel, will be His son with Yahusha as the head. The ones that do not overcome, will have their part in the lake of fire which is the second death.

### **The New Jerusalem**

**Rev 21:9** And one of the seven messengers who held the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, “**Come, I shall show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.**”

**Rev 21:10** And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the **set-apart Yerushalayim**, descending out of the heaven



from Elohim,

Rev 21:11 having the esteem of Elohim, and her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal,

Rev 21:12 and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are those of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'el:<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See Eze 47:22-23, Eze 48:31-34.

Rev 21:13 three gates on the east. three gates on the north. three gates on the south. and three gates on the west.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve emissaries of the Lamb.

[Keep in mind the wall measured 144 forearms, the measurement of man. This may somehow connect to the 144,000 witness in determining the exponential number that 144,000 represents.]

One of the 7 messengers with the bowls of 7 plagues calls to John and says to come so he could show him, the bride. John is taken by the messenger to a very high mountain, which probably equates to Mt. Zion; and to see the great city, the New Jerusalem descending out of heaven from Elohim; which heaven [1st, 2nd, 3rd], is not specified.

When reading the Book of Revelation, we must stay connected to what the symbolism represents. We know the set-apart ones are His bride. We know we are living stones being built together as a spiritual house. Let's read the following scriptures in 1Peter.

1Pe 2:4 Drawing near to Him, a living Stone – rejected indeed by men, but chosen by Elohim and precious –

1Pe 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up, a spiritual house, a set-apart priesthood, to offer up spiritual slaughter offerings acceptable to Elohim through יהושע Messiah.

1Pe 2:6 Because it is contained in the Scripture, “See, I lay in Tsiyon a chief corner-stone, chosen, precious, and he who believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame.” Isa 28:16.

1Pe 2:7 This preciousness, then, is for you who believe; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone,” Psa 118:22.

1Pe 2:8 and “A stone of stumbling and a rock that makes for falling,” Isa 8:14 who stumble because they are disobedient<sup>a</sup> to the Word, to which they also were appointed. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Joh 3:36, Heb 3:18.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen race,<sup>b</sup> Deu 10:15 a royal priesthood,<sup>c</sup> Isa 61:6 a set-apart nation,<sup>d</sup> Exo 19:6 a people for a possession,<sup>e</sup> Isa 43:2 that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light. Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see Isa 43:20.

<sup>c</sup>Also see Isa 66:21. <sup>d</sup>Also see Deu 7:6. <sup>e</sup>Also see Exo 19:5, Tit 2:14.

1Pe 2:10 who once were not a people,<sup>f</sup> but now the people of Elohim;<sup>f</sup> who had not obtained

**compassion,<sup>f</sup> but now obtained compassion.** <sup>f</sup> [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#). Footnote: <sup>f</sup>Also see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

We are told that there are 3 gates positioned north-south-east-west, with the names of the 12 tribes. We are told that there are 12 foundations of the wall with the names of the emissaries or apostles of the Lamb.

Below, I have listed some “possibilities” to consider for the symbolism we have covered to date:

The twelve patriarchs of Jacob [Israel] are represented in the gates.

The twelve apostles of the Lamb are the twelve foundations built on Yahusha, the Rock.

The 4 living creatures reflect the pattern of **the wilderness encampments**. The 4 living creatures seem to represent the 4 lead banners of the 4 sets of 3 tribal encampments around the Dwelling Place. The square formation described in Revelation would make one lean toward the wilderness encampments being a square encampment instead of other possible shapes.

Keep in mind, we are examining the symbolism to match patterns from past biblical accounts.

Yahusha stands in the midst of the assemblies [we are the assembly].

There are 7 flames of light, representing His 7 spirits/messengers before the throne.

The 7 lights on a menorah correlate to His appointed times; His calendar.

In turn, His appointed times correlate to the different harvests and the first fruits of each.

The 24 elders – more than likely are the 12 Patriarchs and the 12 Apostles.

Mat 19:27 Then Kěpha answering, said to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You. What then shall we have?”

Mat 19:28 And יהושע said to them, “Truly I say to you, when the Son of Ađam sits on the throne of His esteem, **you who have followed Me in the rebirth, shall also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra’ěl.**

The two witness are the two olive trees AND the two lampstands. The two witnesses seem to first be a combination of two prophets [possibly Moses and Elijah] that represent the two olive trees [the House of Israel and the House of Judah]. Secondly, the two witnesses, seem to include the two lampstands, the set-apart ones [Smyrna & Philadelphia]. These were the two assemblies without negative remarks. All the assemblies were referred to as 'lampstands.'

The two prophets are called up to heaven in a cloud in Rev. 11. The next scene we see is in Rev. 12 is of the woman clothed in the sun with the moon at her feet and crowned with 12 stars. If the two prophets represent the two houses or the two sticks [Israel & Judah], then this scene may be showing the two sticks becoming one. Why? Because shortly thereafter we see the 'complete' woman; who gives birth to the one new man, Israel, with Yahusha as the head and the body being believers [Col. 1:18].

Col 1:18 And He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

In the normal birthing process, the head of the child comes first, then the body. The one-new man is the child, Israel. The child is caught away to heaven after its birth.

The heavenly scene of Revelation 12 changes to an earthly scene when Satan is kicked out of heaven. We then see Satan pursuing the woman now pictured on earth and the earth opens its mouth to help the woman by consuming the water or fire spewed from the dragon's mouth. She is given two wings of an eagle, like each tribe was represented by the 6 wings of the living creatures. She flies into the wilderness where she is nourished for 3 ½ years. We then see the dragon go to make war with the remnant of the seed of the woman which could also equate to the 144,000.

The 144,000 are 12,000 from each of the 12 tribes listed in Revelation 7. These will go through the great tribulation; but these also will be given great rewards.

The great mountain, Mt. Zion and the great city, the New Jerusalem, are where the set-apart ones will dwell with Him.

The directions N-S-E-W of the New Jerusalem and the wilderness encampments are like the layout of Eden and the garden east of Eden; with the One river that branched off in 4 directions. We should start to see these patterns aligning to the point of becoming a perfect symbolic representation of one another.

All these patterns and symbols are insights that we can envision as being ONE with Him. These are 3 dimensional descriptions for us to see the bigger picture! The picture that all twelve tribes are built around Him, Yahusha, the living Stone! There are many dwelling places! We may seem dimly in the mirror; yet, with time these symbols will become more and more clear.

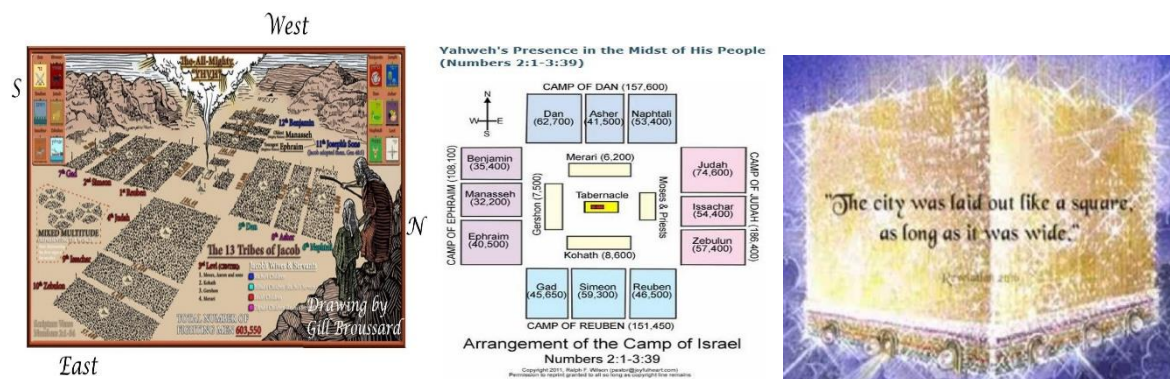
**Rev 21:15** And he who spoke with me had a golden measuring rod, to measure the city, and its gates, and its wall.

**Rev 21:16** And the city lies four-cornered, and its length is as great as its breadth. And he measured the city with the rod: **twelve thousand stadia<sup>d</sup>** – the length, and the breadth, and height of it are equal. **Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Approx. 2216 kilometres or 1377 miles.**

**Rev 21:17** And he measured its wall: **hundred and forty-four forearms,<sup>e</sup>** according to the measure of a man, that is, of a messenger. **Footnote: <sup>e</sup>Approx. 66 metres or 216 feet.**

These measurements seem to be describing a square foundation. If that is the case, we still must consider the square design of the wilderness encampments versus the cross design. In addition, some believe that the base may be square; but the top may form into a pyramid, the shape of a mountain.

The 144-forearm measurement of the wall most probably has some connection to the 144,000 witnesses.



**Rev 21:18** And the structure of its wall was jasper. And the city was clean gold, like clear glass.

**Rev 21:19** And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

**Rev 21:20** the fifth sardonyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the

ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

**Rev 21:21** And the twelve gates were twelve pearls – each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was clean gold, like transparent glass.

We now see that there is no Dwelling Place, for YHWH Yahusha is its Dwelling Place; and the esteem of Elohim lightens it and the Lamb is its lamp.

**Rev 21:22** And I saw no Dwelling Place in it, for יהוה' Ēl Shaddai is its Dwelling Place, and the Lamb.

**Rev 21:23** And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it, for the esteem of Elohim lightened it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

What Rev. 21:24-27 seems to be saying, is that the nations shall walk in the light of the city of the New Jerusalem; but that does not necessarily mean in its midst. There will be representatives in His Kingdom that will bring the esteem of the nations into the city. Only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life can enter the city.

**Rev 21:24** And the nations, of those who are saved, shall walk in its light,<sup>f</sup> and the sovereigns of the earth bring their esteem into it. Footnote: <sup>f</sup>See [Isa 60:3](#).

**Rev 21:25** And its gates shall not be shut at all by day, for night shall not be there. **Rev 21:26** And they shall bring the esteem and the appreciation of the nations into it.

**Rev 21:27** And there shall by no means enter into it whatever is unclean, neither anyone doing abomination and falsehood,<sup>g</sup> but only those **who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.**

[Dan 12:1](#) Footnote: <sup>g</sup>See [Rev 22:15](#), and [2Th 2:11](#).

## John 20

### The Resurrection

**Joh 20:1** And on *day* one of the *week*<sup>a</sup> Miryam from Maḡdala came early to the tomb, while it was still *dark*,<sup>b</sup> and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Gk. One of the sabbaths - See Explanatory Notes - First day of the week.

<sup>b</sup>Gk. Dimness or obscurity.

As the day was dawning from the Sabbath to the first day of the week, Miryam from Magdala arrived at the tomb. The day had not yet dawned into the first day of the week [Sunday] and the stone had already been removed from the tomb. This is my understanding of the timing.

**Joh 20:2** So she ran and came to Shim'on Kěpha, and to the other taught one whom יהושע loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Master out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him."

**Joh 20:3** Then Kěpha and the other taught one went out, and they were going to the tomb,

**Joh 20:4** and the two were running together, but the other taught one outran Kěpha and came to the tomb first.

**Joh 20:5** And stooping down he saw the linen wrappings lying, but he did not go in.

**Joh 20:6** Then Shim'on Kěpha came, following him, and went into the tomb. And he saw the linen wrappings lying,

**Joh 20:7** and the cloth which had been on His head, not lying with the linen wrappings, but folded up in a place by itself.

**Joh 20:8** So, then, the other taught one, who came to the tomb first, also went in. And he saw and believed.

**Joh 20:9** For they did not yet know the Scripture, that He has to rise again from the dead.

**Joh 20:10** Therefore the taught ones went away again, by themselves.

The Resurrection! Each of the synoptic gospels record different aspects of the same event. John's account shows that Miryam from Maḡdala, sometimes referred to as Mary Magdalene, arrives at the tomb on the Sabbath as the day was dawning into the first day of the week; and finds the stone rolled away.

She runs and tells Peter and John that, "They have taken the Master out of the tomb, and we do not know where they laid Him." Since, she mentions, 'we', it appears she had not gone to the tomb alone.

Peter and John run to the tomb; John arrives at the tomb first and peers inside; but Peter enters the tomb first, then John enters. They both see the linen wrappings in one place and the cloth covering His head is folded and placed by itself; and John seeing this believed. At this point, they had not fully understood the Scripture about His resurrection. Then they leave.

### **Yahusha Appears to Mary Magdalene**

**Joh 20:11** But Miryam was standing outside by the tomb weeping. Then as she wept,

she stooped down to the tomb,

**Joh 20:12** and **saw two messengers in white sitting, one at the head and the other at the feet, where the body of יהושע had been laid.**

**Joh 20:13** And they said to her, “Woman, why do you weep?” She said to them, “Because they took away my Master, and I do not know where they laid Him.”

**Joh 20:14** And having said this, she turned around and saw יהושע standing, but she did not know that it was יהושע.

**Joh 20:15** יהושע said to her, “Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek?” Thinking He was the gardener, she said to Him, “Master, if You have carried Him away, say to me where You put Him, and I shall take Him away.”

**Joh 20:16** יהושע said to her, “Miryam!” She turned and said to Him, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).

**Joh 20:17** יהושע said to her, “Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and say to them, **‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My Elohim and your Elohim.’**”

**Joh 20:18** Miryam from Maḡdala came announcing to the taught ones that she had seen the Master, and that He had told her this.

Miryam of Magdala remains weeping at the tomb. Upon stooping down and looking inside she sees two messengers in white; one at the head and the other at the feet of where Yahusha had laid. And in answering the messengers as to why she wept, she turns and sees Yahusha but didn’t realize it was Him.

He too asks her why she wept. She, thinking him to be the gardener, questions if he had removed the body and if he would tell her where; she would go and get Him. It is not until He calls her by name, does she realize it is Yahusha. He instructs her not to take hold of Him for He had not ascended to the Father. He goes on to instruct her to go back and tell the others. At this point, Yahusha was not touchable because He had not yet made atonement on the heavenly altar for our sins, that He had taken upon Himself.

Joh 20:17 יהושע said to her, “Do not hold on to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father. But go to My brothers and **say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My Elohim and your Elohim.’**”

Joh 20:18 Miryam from Maḡdala came announcing to the taught ones that she had seen the Master, and that He had told her this.



We continue to have more of the 'parable of the Tabernacle' unfolding [Heb. 9:9].

The messengers at the head and at the feet of where Yahusha laid, is clearly the same description of the Ark of the Covenant with the two angels facing each other and looking down toward the lid of atonement. Yahusha is the Word. He made full atonement "at-one-ment" for our sins at the heavenly altar. He is the seat of mercy!

The linen wrappings and head cover are of the same material, as the 'garments of white' that the High Priest would wear on Yom Kippur or the 'Day of Atonement'.

The fact that Yahusha tells Mary, He had not yet 'ascended' to the Father; tells us He was our ascending offering and much more! He fulfills all the 5 offerings mentioned in Leviticus 1-7.

### Yahusha Appears to the Disciples

**Joh 20:19** When therefore it was evening on that day, *day* one of the **week<sup>C</sup>**, and when the doors were shut where the taught ones met, for fear of the Yehudim, יהושע came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace to you." **Footnote: <sup>C</sup>Gk. One of the sabbaths - See Explanatory Notes - First day of the week.**

**Joh 20:20** And having said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The taught ones therefore rejoiced when they saw the Master.

**Joh 20:21** Then יהושע said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

**Joh 20:22** And having said this, **He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Set-apart Spirit."**

**Joh 20:23** "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they have been retained."

### Yahusha and Thomas

**Joh 20:24** But T'oma, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when יהושע came,

**Joh 20:25** so the other taught ones said to him, "We have seen the Master." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the imprint of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I shall by no means believe."

**Joh 20:26** **And after eight days** His taught ones were again inside, and T'oma with them. יהושע came, the doors having been shut, and He stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!"

**Joh 20:27** Then He said to T'oma, **"Bring your finger here, and see My hands. And bring your hand and put it into My side – and do not be unbelieving, but believing."**

**Joh 20:28** And T'oma answered and said to Him, "My Master and my Elohim!"

**Joh 20:29** יהושע said to him, “T’oma, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

### **The Purpose of This Book**

**Joh 20:30** There were indeed many other signs that יהושע did in the presence of His taught ones, which are not written in this book,

**Joh 20:31** but these have been written so that you believe that יהושע is the Messiah, the Son of Elohim, and that, believing, you might possess life in His Name.

*‘I shall rebuke the devourer...’*

*~ Shalom ~ Libby*

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