

Greetings, today our manna is from Genesis 31; Mark 2; Esther 7; Romans 2

January 30 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Genesis 31

Jacob Flees from Laban

Gen 31:1 And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, "Ya'aqob has taken away all that was our father's, and from what belonged to our father he has made all this wealth."

Gen 31:2 And Ya'aqob would look at the face of Laban and see that it was not toward him as before.

Gen 31:3 And יהוה said to Ya'aqob, "Return to the land of your fathers and to your relatives. And I am with you."

Gen 31:4 And Ya'aqob sent and called Raḥēl and Lě'ah to the field, to his flock,

Gen 31:5 and said to them, "I see your father's face, that it is not toward me as before, but the Elohim of my father has been with me.

Gen 31:6 "And you know that I have served your father with all my strength.

Gen 31:7 "Yet your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times, but Elohim did not allow him to do evil to me.

Gen 31:8 "When he said this, 'The speckled are your wages,' then all the flocks bore speckled. And when he said this, 'The streaked are your wages,' then all the flocks bore streaked.

Gen 31:9 "So Elohim has taken away the livestock of your father and given them to me.

Gen 31:10 "And it came to be, at the time when the flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes and looked in a dream and saw the rams which leaped upon the flocks were streaked, speckled, and mottled.

Gen 31:11 "And the Messenger of Elohim spoke to me in a dream, saying, 'Ya'aqob.' And I said, 'Here I am.'

Gen 31:12 "And He said, 'Lift your eyes now and see, all the rams which leap on the flocks are streaked, speckled, and mottled, for I have seen all that Laban is doing to you.

Gen 31:13 I am the Ēl of Běyth Ēl, where you anointed the standing column and where you made a vow to Me. Now rise up, get out of this land, and return to the land of your relatives.' "

Gen 31:14 And Raḥēl and Lě'ah answered and said to him, "Do we still have any portion or inheritance in our father's house?"

Gen 31:15 "Are we not reckoned by him as strangers? For he has sold us, and also

entirely consumed our silver.

Gen 31:16 “For all the wealth which Elohim has taken from our father is ours and our children’s. Now then, do whatever Elohim has told you.”

At a crucial moment, when timing really mattered, Rachel and Leah agree that Jacob should listen to the voice of YHWH and return to the land of his relatives. Apparently, Laban dealt shrewdly with others in protecting his worldly possessions and this had been experienced first-hand by his daughters.

Gen 31:17 So Ya'aqob rose and put his sons and his wives on camels,

Gen 31:18 and he drove off all his livestock and all his possessions which he had acquired, his property of the livestock which he had acquired in Paddan Aram, to go to his father Yitshaq in the land of Kena'an.

Gen 31:19 **And when Laban had gone to shear his sheep, Rahel stole the house idols that were her father's.**

Gen 31:20 And Ya'aqob deceived Laban the Aramean, because he did not inform him that he was about to flee.

Gen 31:21 And he fled with all that he had. And he rose up and passed over the river, and headed toward the mountains of Gil'ad.

Gen 31:22 **And on the third day** Laban was told that Ya'aqob had fled.

Gen 31:23 Then he took his brothers with him and pursued him for seven days' journey, and he overtook him in the mountains of Gil'ad.

Gen 31:24 **But in a dream by night Elohim came to Laban the Aramean, and said to him, “Guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob either good or evil.”**

Gen 31:25 Then Laban overtook Ya'aqob. Now Ya'aqob had pitched his tent in the mountains, and Laban with his brothers pitched in the mountains of Gil'ad.

Gen 31:26 And Laban said to Ya'aqob, “What have you done, that you have deceived me, and driven my daughters off like captives taken with the sword?”

Gen 31:27 “Why did you flee secretly and deceive me, and not inform me, and I would have sent you away with joy and songs, with tambourine and lyre?”

Gen 31:28 “And you did not allow me to kiss my sons and my daughters. Now you have been foolish to do this.

Gen 31:29 “It is in the power of my hand to do evil to you, but the Elohim of your father spoke to me last night, saying, ‘Guard yourself, that you do not speak to Ya'aqob either good or evil.’”

Gen 31:30 “And now you have gone because you greatly long for your father's house, but why did you steal my mighty ones?”

Gen 31:31 **And Ya'aqob answered and said to Laban,** “Because I was afraid, for I said, ‘Lest you tear your daughters away from me.’”

Jacob makes a careless vow.

Gen 31:32 “With whomever you find your mighty ones, do not let him live. In the presence of our brothers, see for yourself what is with me and take it with you.” **For Ya'aqob did not know that Raḥēl had stolen them.**

Gen 31:33 And Laḡan went into Ya'aqob's tent, and into Lē'ah's tent, and into the tents of the two female servants, but he did not find them. And he came out of Lē'ah's tent and entered Raḥēl's tent.

Gen 31:34 **Now Raḥēl had taken the house idols and put them in the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laḡan searched all about the tent but did not find them.**

Gen 31:35 **And she said to her father**, “Let it not displease my master that I am unable to rise before you, for the way of women is with me.” And he searched but did not find the house idols.

Gen 31:36 And Ya'aqob was wroth and contended with Laḡan, and Ya'aqob answered and said to Laḡan, “What is my transgression? What is my sin, that you have hotly pursued me?”

Jacob had had enough, and he sets the record straight between himself and Laban. They would make a covenant agreement to part ways and not cross the boundaries designated by the stones they had set up to do one another evil.

Gen 31:37 “Now that you have searched all my goods what have you found of all your household goods? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, and let them decide between the two of us!”

Gen 31:38 **“These twenty years I have been with you.** Your ewes and your female goats have not miscarried their young, and I have not eaten the rams of your sheep.

Gen 31:39 “That which was torn by beasts I did not bring to you, I myself bore the loss of it. You required it from my hand, whether stolen by day or stolen by night.

Gen 31:40 “*Thus* I was! By day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night, and my sleep fled from my eyes.

Gen 31:41 “These **twenty years** I have been in your house. **I served you fourteen years for your two daughters**, and **six years for your flock**, and you have **changed my wages ten times.**

Gen 31:42 “Unless the Elohim of my father, the Elohim of Abraham and the Fear of Yitshaq, had been with me, you would now have sent me away empty-handed. **Elohim has seen my affliction and the labour of my hands, and rendered judgment last night.**”

Gen 31:43 And Laḡan answered and said to Ya'aqob, “These daughters are my daughters, and these children are my children, and this flock is my flock, and all that you see is mine. But what shall I do today to these, my daughters or to their children whom they have borne?”

Gen 31:44 “And now, come, let us make a covenant, you and I, and it shall be a witness between you and me.”

Gen 31:45 So Ya'aqob took a stone and set it up as a standing column.

Gen 31:46 And Ya'aqob said to his brothers, "Gather stones." And they took stones and made a heap, and they ate there on the heap.

Gen 31:47 And Laban called it **Yeḡar Sahadutha**, but Ya'aqob called it **Gal'ēd**.

BDB Definition: Jegar-sahadutha = "witness heap"

BDB Definition: Galeed = "witness heap"

1) the pile of stones heaped up between Jacob and Laban to certify their covenant; located on Mt Gilead

Gen 31:48 And Laban said, "This heap is a witness between you and me today." That is why its name was called Gal'ēd,

Gen 31:49 also Mitspah, because he said, "Let הוה' watch between you and me when we are out of each other's sight.

BDB Definition:

Mizpah = "watchtower"

1) a place in Gilead north of Jabbok and location of Laban's cairn... [heap of stones]

Gen 31:50 "If you afflict my daughters, or if you take other wives besides my daughters, although no man is with us; see, Elohim is witness between you and me!"

Gen 31:51 And Laban said to Ya'aqob, "See this heap and see this standing column, which I have placed between you and me.

Gen 31:52 **"This heap is a witness, and this standing column is a witness, that I do not pass beyond this heap to you, and you do not pass beyond this heap and this standing column to me, for evil.**

Gen 31:53 "The Elohim of Abraham, the Elohim of Naḥor, and the Elohim of their father rightly rule between us!" And Ya'aqob swore by the Fear of his father Yitshaq.

Gen 31:54 And Ya'aqob slaughtered a slaughtering on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and spent the night on the mountain.

Gen 31:55 And Laban rose up early in the morning, and kissed his sons and daughters and blessed them. And Laban left and returned to his place.

Mark 2

Yahusha Heals a Paralytic

Mar 2:1 And some days later He again entered into Kephrah Naḥum, and it was heard that He was in the house.

Mar 2:2 And so many gathered together, that there was no more room, not even at the door. And **He spoke the Word to them.**

Mar 2:3 And they came to Him, bringing a paralytic, carried by four.

Mar 2:4 And not being able to come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. And when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying.

Mar 2:5 And when יהושע saw their belief, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.”

Mar 2:6 **Now some of the scribes were sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts,**

Mar 2:7 “Why does this One talk like this? He is blaspheming! Who is able to forgive sins but Elohim alone?”

Mar 2:8 And immediately יהושע, knowing in His spirit that they were reasoning that way within themselves, said to them, “Why do you reason about all this in your hearts?”

Mar 2:9 “Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk’?”

Mar 2:10 “But in order for you to know that the Son of Adam possesses authority on earth to forgive sins...” He said to the paralytic,

Mar 2:11 “I say to you, rise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

Mar 2:12 And he rose straightaway, and took up the bed, and went out before all, so that all were amazed and praised Elohim, saying, “We have never seen the like of it!”

Yahusha posed the question: Which is easier, to say to the paralytic?

1. ‘Your sins are forgiven.’ – This Yahusha had already done. This could not be ‘seen’ by others.
2. ‘Rise, take up your bed and walk.’ – This Yahusha did so they could ‘see’ His authority, not only to forgive sin; but His authority to heal and fully restore.

Yahusha Calls Levi

Levi is another name used for Matthew. When Matthew heard His voice; he immediately followed Him. Tax collectors were known to have had shady practices; but haven’t we all fallen short before responding to His call.

Yahusha wants us to come to Him just as we are; but He refuses to leave us that way. He does a divine renovation in our lives. At first many things may need to be removed from our lives; other areas may just need to be reinforced and strengthened; and at other times new materials are brought in to build us up and expand our territory in Him.

Mar 2:13 And He went out again by the sea, and all the crowd was coming to Him, and He taught them.

Mar 2:14 And passing by, He saw Lēwi the son of Alphai sitting at the tax office, and

said to him, “Follow Me.” And having risen he followed Him.

Mar 2:15 And it came to be, as He sat at the table at his house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat with יהושע and His taught ones, for there were many, and they followed Him.

Mar 2:16 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw Him eating with the tax collectors and sinners, they said to His taught ones, “Why does He eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?”

Mar 2:17 And **hearing this, יהושע said to them, “Those who are strong have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.”**

A Question About Fasting

Mar 2:18 And the taught ones of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to Him, **“Why do the taught ones of Yoḥanan and of the Pharisees fast, but Your taught ones do not fast?”**

Mar 2:19 **And יהושע said to them, “Are the friends of the bridegroom able to fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them they are not able to fast.**

Mar 2:20 **“But the days shall come when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then they shall fast in those days.**

Mar 2:21 “And no one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, otherwise the renewed piece pulls away from the old, and the tear is made worse.

Mar 2:22 “And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine runs out, and the wineskins are ruined. But new wine is to be put into fresh wineskins.”

Yahusha, our bridegroom, was ushering in the New Covenant and restoring the Melchizedek Priesthood to its reigning position. The people would no longer be a nation with an Aaronic Levitical Priest. Now, believers would become a kingdom of priests; a holy nation; a peculiar people; a mixed multitude of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation with Yahusha as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order!

It would be impossible to place this new wine, the Covenant Confirming Gospel being administered through Yahusha HaMashiach; into old wineskins of the Book of the Law administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Afterall, for this reason Yahusha came! He came to set the captives free! This is explained through the allegory of Hagar [the bond woman] and Sarah [the free woman] in Galatians.

We become a new creation by His Ruach HaKodesh that lives in us and through us. His kingdom of priests have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. We are His Royal Ambassadors that stay set-apart in carrying out His kingdom work. YHWH is not an Elohim of mixing His holiness with any 'strange fire' or beliefs of other little 'g' gods.

Soon, the prince of this world, sa_tan, will be cast down to earth. He who had once been the Cherub that covered; will soon be the one cut off.

Eze 28:13 “You were in Eḏen, the garden of Elohim. Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, topaz, and diamond, beryl, shoham, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald and gold. The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 “You were the anointed kerub that covered. And I placed you, you were on the set-apart mountain of Elohim. You walked up and down in the midst of stones of fire.

Eze 28:15 “You were perfect in your ways from the day you were created, until unrighteousness was found in you.

Eze 28:16 “By the greatness of your trade you became filled with violence within, and you sinned. So I thrust you from the mountain of Elohim, and I destroyed you, O covering kerub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Eze 28:17 “Your heart was lifted up because of your loveliness, you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendour. I threw you to the earth, I laid you before sovereigns, to look at you.

Eze 28:18 “You profaned your set-apart places by your many crookednesses, by the unrighteousness of your trading. Therefore I brought forth fire from your midst. It has devoured you, and I turned you to ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all who see you.

Eze 28:19 “All who knew you among the peoples were astonished at you. Waste you shall be, and cease to be, forever.” ’ ’

Yahusha is Elohim of the Sabbath

Mar 2:23 And it came to be that He went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And as they went His taught ones began to pluck heads of grain,

Mar 2:24 and the Pharisees said to Him, **“Look, why do they do what is not right on the Sabbath?”**

Mar 2:25 And He said to them, “Have you never read what Dawid did when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him?”

Mar 2:26 “How he went into the House of Elohim, while Ebyathar was high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not right to eat, except for the priests, and he gave it also to those who were with him?”

Mar 2:27 And He said to them, **“The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath.”**

Mar 2:28 “So the Son of Adam is also **Master of the Sabbath.**”^a Footnote: ^aSee also

Gen 2:2-3.

Yahusha wants us to be at ‘rest’ in Him on the Sabbath. He knows this world can consume every free minute that a person has; but He wants us to redeem the time; He wants us to take pause and sit at His feet; He wants to fill us with a fresh Word and revitalize our being.

He wants to hear from us about the good things; the bad things; and He wants to hear about the desires of our hearts. He is our Groom and we are His beloved. We are betrothed to Him. During this time, we practice those things pleasing to Him as we mature as His bride.

Under the Book of the Law, the Sabbath was mandated to be observed. The Book of the Law was a schoolmaster that enforced obedience; to hopefully train them in the ways of YHWH. The Book of the Law was unforgiving; yet it served its purpose to spare their lives after the sin of the golden calf; until Yahusha could come and give ‘rest.’

Esther 7

Esther prepares the second feast.

Est 7:1 And the sovereign and Haman came in, to drink with Sovereignness Estěr.

Est 7:2 And again on the second day, at the feast of wine, the sovereign said to Estěr, “What is your petition, Sovereignness Estěr? And it is given to you. And what is your request? Up to half my reign, and it is done!”

Est 7:3 And Sovereignness Estěr answered and said, “If I have found favour in your eyes, O sovereign, and if it pleases the sovereign, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request.”

Est 7:4 “For we have been sold, my people and I, to be cut off, to be killed, and to be destroyed. And if we had been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept silent, although the adversary could not make up for the sovereign’s loss.”

Est 7:5 Then Sovereign Ahashwěrosh asked Sovereignness Estěr, “Who is he, and where is he, whose heart is set to do so?”

Est 7:6 And Estěr said, “The adversary and enemy is this evil Haman!” Then Haman was afraid before the sovereign and sovereignness.

Haman Is Hanged

Est 7:7 And the sovereign, arising in his wrath from the feast of wine, went into

the palace garden. And Haman remained before Sovereigns Estër, pleading for his life, for he saw that evil had been decided against him by the sovereign.

Est 7:8 And when the sovereign returned from the palace garden to the place of the feast of wine, Haman was falling on the couch where Estër was. Then the sovereign said, “Also to ravish the sovereignty while I am in the house?” As the word left the sovereign’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

Est 7:9 And Harbonah, one of the eunuchs, said to the sovereign, “Also, see the wooden structure, fifty cubits high, which Haman made for Mordeḳai, who spoke good on behalf of the sovereign, is standing at the house of Haman.” And the sovereign said, “Impale him on it!”

Est 7:10 And they hanged Haman on the wooden structure that he had prepared for Mordeḳai, and the sovereign’s wrath abated.

The intent of what Haman was planning to do to Mordecai had made its way to Harbonah, one of the king’s eunuchs. Haman was about to reap what he had sowed.

Romans 2

YHWH's Righteous Judgment

Rom 2:1 Therefore, O man, you are without excuse, everyone who judges, for in which you judge another you condemn yourself, since you who judge practice the same *wrongs*.

The ‘religious ones’, the ‘elders and scribes’ that fought against the new covenant of Yahusha, pretty much followed the old cliché: ‘Don’t do as I do; do as I say do.’ They would judge others for wrongs; that they themselves were doing! Don’t we see this today in religious and political circles! What hypocrisy!

Rom 2:2 And we know that the judgment of Elohim is according to truth against those who practice such *wrongs*.

Rom 2:3 And do you think, O man, you who judge those practicing such *wrongs*, and doing the same, that you shall escape the judgment of Elohim?

Rom 2:4 Or do you despise the riches of His kindness, and tolerance, and *patience*,^a not knowing that the kindness of Elohim leads you to repentance? **Footnote: ^a 2Pe 3:9.**

Rom 2:5 But according to your hardness and your unrepentant heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of Elohim,

Rom 2:6 who “shall render to each one according to his works”:^b **Psa 62:12.**

Footnote: ^bSee footnote Mat 16:27.

Everlasting Life...

Rom 2:7 everlasting life to those who by persistence in good work seek for esteem, and respect, and incorruptibility;

Wrath of YHWH

Rom 2:8 but wrath and displeasure to those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness;

Affliction and Distress...

Rom 2:9 affliction and distress on every human being working what is evil, of the Yehudi first, and also of the Greek;

Esteem, Respect, and Peace...

Rom 2:10 but esteem, respect, and peace to everyone working what is good, to the Yehudi first and also to the Greek.

Rom 2:11 For there is no partiality with Elohim.

YHWH's Judgment and the Law

Rom 2:12 For as many as sinned without Torah shall also perish without Torah, and as many as sinned in the Torah shall be judged by the Torah.

Rom 2:13 For not the hearers of the Torah are righteous in the sight of Elohim, but the doers of the Torah^c shall be declared right. Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 7:21-27](#), [Jas 2:14-24](#).

Mat 7:21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Master, Master,’ shall enter into the reign of the heavens, but he who is doing the desire of My Father in the heavens.

Mat 7:22 “Many shall say to Me in that day, ‘Master, Master, have we not prophesied in Your Name, and cast out demons in Your Name, and done many mighty works in Your Name?’

Mat 7:23 “And then I shall declare to them, ‘I never knew you, **depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!**’^c [Psa 6:8](#). Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 7:15](#), and also [Mat 13:41-42](#).

Mat 7:24 “Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does them, shall be like a wise man who built his house on the rock,

Mat 7:25 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock.

Mat 7:26 “And everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does not do them,^d shall be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand, Footnote: ^dSee [Mat 7:15](#), and also [Mat 13:41-42](#).

Mat 7:27 and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and they beat on

that house, and it fell, and great was its fall.”

Jas 2:14 My brothers, what use is it for anyone to say he has belief but does not have works? This belief is unable to save him.

Jas 2:15 And if a brother or sister is naked and in need of daily food,

Jas 2:16 but one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” but you do not give them the bodily needs, what use is it?

Jas 2:17 So also belief, if it does not have works, is in itself dead.

Jas 2:18 But someone might say, “You have belief, and I have works.” Show me your belief without your works, and I shall show you my belief by my works.

Jas 2:19 You believe that **Elohim is one.** Deu 6:4 You do well. The demons also believe – and shudder!

Jas 2:20 But do you wish to know, O foolish man, that the belief without the works is dead?

Jas 2:21 Was not Abraham our father declared right by works when he offered Yitshaq his son on the slaughter-place?

Jas 2:22 Do you see that the belief was working with his works, and by the works the belief was perfected?

Jas 2:23 And the Scripture was filled which says, “**Abraham believed Elohim, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness.**” Gen 15:6 And He called him, “**he who loves Elohim.**” Isa 41:8, 2Ch 20:7.

Jas 2:24 You see, then, that a man is declared right by works, and not by belief alone.

Rom 2:14 For when nations, who do not have the Torah, by nature do what is in the Torah, although not having the Torah, **they are a torah to themselves,**

Rom 2:15 who show the work of the Torah written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or even excusing,

Rom 2:16 in the day when Elohim shall judge the secrets of men through יהושע Messiah, according to my Good News.

There will be a day when YHWH shall judge the secrets of men by the New Blood Ratified Covenant, the ‘Good News’ through Yahusha HaMashiach! Those that do not receive Yahusha as Messiah are essentially the walking dead. The Ruach HaKodesh, the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Life is not in them. He that does not have the Son; neither has the Father for they are One. There is only One Way and that is His Way.

Rom 2:17 See, you are called a Yehudi, and rest on the Torah, and make your boast in Elohim,

Rom 2:18 and know the desire of *Elohim*, and approve what is superior, being instructed out of the Torah,

Rom 2:19 and are trusting that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness,

Rom 2:20 an instructor of foolish ones, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and of **the truth in the Torah.**^d Footnote: ^d [Psa 147:19](#), [Rom 3:2](#), [Rom 9:4](#).

- Rom 2:21 You, then, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?
- You who proclaim that a man **should not steal**,^e [Exo 20:15](#) do you steal?
Footnote: ^e [Deu 5:18](#).
- Rom 2:22 You who say, “**Do not commit adultery**,”^f [Exo 20:14](#) do you commit adultery?
- You who abominate idols, do you rob temples? Footnote: ^f[Deu 5:19](#).
- Rom 2:23 You who make your boast in the Torah, through the transgression of the Torah do you disrespect Elohim?

Rom 2:24 For **“The Name of Elohim is blasphemed among the nations because of you,”** [Isa 52:5](#) as it has been written.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision indeed profits if you practise the Torah, but if you are a transgressor of the Torah, your circumcision has become uncircumcision.

Rom 2:26 So, if an uncircumcised one watches over the righteousnesses of the Torah, **shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned as circumcision?**

Rom 2:27 And the uncircumcised by nature, who perfects the Torah, shall judge **you who notwithstanding letter and circumcision are a transgressor of the Torah!**

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Yehudi who is so outwardly, neither is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh.

Rom 2:29 **But a Yehudi is he who is so inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart,**^g **in Spirit, not literally, whose praise is not from men but from Elohim.** Footnote: ^g [1Co 7:19](#), [Exo 19:5](#), [Deu 10:12-16](#), [Deu 30:6-8](#).

A person that receives Yahusha, has a changed heart. When a sinner’s heart is convicted, they realize their need for the Savior. We come to Him just as a child in humble repentance asking for forgiveness of our sins. We then ask Yahusha to come into our lives and He sends us the Comforter, the Holy Spirit or Ruach HaKodesh.

Yahusha has ratified the New Covenant by His blood. When we enter Covenant through Yahusha; we enter through the ‘Door’ that covers us with His atoning blood. He is the Lamb of Elohim. He is the opened Door connecting us back to YHWH in Revelation 4:1.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, “Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this.”

We are washed by the blood of the Lamb and now can partake of the Covenant confirming meal of bread and wine. Believers have **been circumcised of heart.**

Psa 51:17 The slaughterings of Elohim are **a broken spirit, A heart broken and crushed,** O Elohim, These You do not despise.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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