

Week 36: Beha'alotecha 'In your uplifting': Numbers 8-12; Zechariah 2:1 - 4:7; Luke 17:11–18:14; 23:44-56; Acts 2; 10



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We clearly see in Scripture that The Cloud was a metaphoric symbol representing His Presence, His covering, His watch care, and His guidance. However, make no mistake, sa_tan has a so-called "CLOUD" too, and he wants to guide you to a path of destruction.

The patterns we see from Genesis to Revelation are extremely important for

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**7th Edition - Bech'lotcha "Lamps, Levites & Lingua"**

Torah to the Tribes

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Numbers 8

Numbers 8 first covers how Aaron is to trim and position the seven lamps with their light to shine in front of the lampstand. Next, there is the major cleansing ceremony for the Levites by Moses, Aaron, and his sons.

After the sin of the golden calf, things had greatly changed from the time YHWH had led them out of Egypt. He had appeared to all the people on Mount Sinai when giving His proposal to the people through Moses. He had led them out of captivity in Egypt; He was the pillar of cloud by day and pillar of fire by night; He was the One parting the Sea of Reeds; He was the One defeating Pharaoh and his chariots. **Now**, it would become very laborious to be cleansed and set-apart for YHWH to dwelt among them.

The following Scripture follows Hebrews 11 – heroes of the faith chapter...

Heb 12:1 We too, then, having so great a cloud of witnesses all around us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race set before us,

Heb 12:2 looking to the Prince and Perfecter of our belief, יהושע, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the stake, having despised the shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of Elohim.

Remember, after the sin of the golden calf, Moses had pitched his Tent of Appointment outside the camp with Joshua. (Ex. 33:7-9) Moses and Joshua were the only two that had not sinned with the golden calf and were still under the Melchizedek priesthood. Moses was essential to perform the washing, the ordination, and consecration of Aaron and his sons as priests. This was the transference process from the Melchizedek Priesthood to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, UNTIL Yahusha would come. Now, Moses began the cleansing process of the Levites as instructed by YHWH.

The Seven Lamps



Num 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 8:2 "Speak to Aharon, and say to him, 'When you ascend to trim the lamps, let the seven lamps give light in front of the lampstand.' "

Num 8:3 And Aharon did so. He set up the lamps to face toward the front of the lampstand, as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

Num 8:4 And this is the work of the lampstand:

beaten work of gold, from its base to its blossoms it is beaten work. According to the pattern which יהוה had shown Mosheh, so he made the lampstand.

The Creation of the World

H776:ארץ H853:ואת H8064:השמים H853:את H430:אלהים H1254:ברא H7225:בראשית Gen 1:1

The Creation of the World

Gen 1:1 In the beginning H7225 God H430 created H1254 (H853) the heaven H8064 and the earth. H776

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Num 8:2 Speak H1696 unto H413 Aaron, H175 and say H559 unto H413 him, When thou lightest H5927 (H853) the lamps, H5216 the seven H7651 lamps H5216 shall give light H215 over against H413 H4136 H6440 the candlestick. H4501

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Num 8:2 "Speak to Aharon, and say to him, 'When you ascend to trim the lamps, let the seven lamps give light in front of the lampstand.' "

Summary points from T4 video teaching in brown about the menorah:

The Menorah is the symbol of our faith.

This Torah portion is read immediately after Pentecost.

When you light (aleph-tav) the lamp shall give light in front of the menorah – **we are to bear light before the coming of Yahusha.**

This Torah portion is to get us serious about His Word.

We are the 'beaten work of gold' as we testify of Him.

The shaft was a beaten work according to the pattern – we know that Yahusha was the beaten work and the Light of the world.

The oil used in the Tabernacle/Temple was always the first 'pure press' of the olive.

What is fueling our lamps? we must make sure our flesh is no part of the oil or the illumination is not going to last awfully long in the day of trouble.

HE is the menorah we are the lamps. He is the Vine we are the branches.

GEN 28:19 where Jacob laid his head in Bethel in Aramaic means Luz or 'almond tree.'

Gen 28:18 And Ya'aqob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a standing column, and poured oil on top of it.

Gen 28:19 And he called the name of that place Bēyth Ĕl, however, the name of that city had been Luz previously.

BDB Definition:

Luz = "almond tree"

- 1) the early name of Bethel and probably the name of the town in close proximity to the actual location of the altar and pillar of Jacob
- 2) the name of a town in the land of the Hittites; site unknown

Part of Speech: noun proper locative

A Related Word by BDB/Strong's Number: probably from H3869 (as growing there)

The priests are to light the lamps and these lamps represent the individual believers. We are to bring our own pure oil to the lamps – like the 10 virgins – 5 are WISE. We must have WISDOM in the covenant of Torah but first you must have a healthy fear of reverence of YHWH. Wisdom is in Covenant Torah and therefore we receive pure oil.

10 represent the 10 tribes scattered among the nations – only 5 are WISE. The other 5 did not inspect the 'bad oil' that they purchased from men that is defiled; the bad oil lights them up temporarily, but then go out.

Where are we receiving our oil from? From YHWH! When we bear light of His Covenant confirming Gospel Message, we are lighting the way for His soon return. It takes time to inspect the oil we burn in our lamps; you can't buy it, you have to be crushed, you have to be hammered and hard pressed.

Lev. 24:2 – Command the children of Israel to bring forth pure oil therefore the lamps can burn continuously. We must keep our flesh in check so His fire will continually burn.

The foolish virgins had lit lamps but the flesh within the oil burned bright at first then went out and leaving a dirty receptacle. They received mixed doctrine of men and never inspected what was handed to them.

Imagine miners going down in a coal mine and the lanterns were given out the night before. Would you not inspect the lantern before going down in the dark mine or would you 'blindly' trust that the lantern issued was in good condition?

If we believe in men; in government; etc. – You will not inspect your lamps because you think darkness is not coming and what you have heard is truth; instead of seeking the Truth for yourself.

John 15:1 I am the TRUE vine and my Abba is the gardener. The true Vine leads us to the Gardener who leads us to Covenant Torah. – Praise Yah!

Milk of the Word is all about Yahusha which is good; but it should lead you to YHWH which leads us to His covenant commandments. That is why the true Vine leads us to the Gardener.

Every branch of the menorah that does not produce the light in the lamp is 'taken away.' It is NOT a nine branch Hanukkiah but a 7 branch Menorah! **There are NO INDIVIDUAL lamps we must illuminate together. One blaze of glory in Him.**

Cleansing of the Levites

Num 8:5 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 8:6 “Take the Lěwites from among the children of Yisra'ěl, and you shall cleanse them,

Num 8:7 and do this to them to cleanse them: Sprinkle water of sin *offering* on them, and they shall shave all their body, and shall wash their garments, and cleanse themselves,

Num 8:8 and shall take a young bull with its grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil, while you take another young bull as a sin offering.

Num 8:9 “And you shall bring the Lěwites before the Tent of Appointment, and you shall assemble all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl.

Num 8:10 “And you shall bring the Lěwites before יהוה, and the children of Yisra'ěl shall lay their hands on the Lěwites,

Num 8:11 and Aharon shall wave the Lěwites before יהוה, a wave offering from the children of Yisra'ěl – so shall they be for doing the service of יהוה.

Num 8:12 “And the Lěwites shall lay their hands on the heads of the young bulls. And one shall be prepared as a sin offering and the other as an ascending offering to יהוה, to make atonement for the Lěwites.

Num 8:13 “And you shall have the Lěwites stand before Aharon and his sons, and then wave them, a wave offering to יהוה.

YHWH reminds them that [He had taken possession of the Levites and gave them as a gift to Aaron and his sons, instead of the first-borns.](#) This transaction took place in **Numbers 3** and it is reviewed here in **Numbers 8**. We read:

Num 8:14 “Thus you shall separate the Lěwites from among the children of Yisra'ěl, and the Lěwites shall be Mine.

Num 8:15 “Then after that the Lěwites shall go in to do service in the Tent of Appointment, when you have cleansed them and waved them as a wave offering.

Num 8:16 “For they are given ones, given to Me from among the children of Yisra'ěl. I have taken them for Myself instead of all who open the womb, the first-born of all the children of Yisra'ěl.

Num 8:17 “For all the first-born among the children of Yisra'ěl are Mine, both man and beast. On the day that I struck all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim I set them apart unto Myself.

Num 8:18 “And I have taken the Lěwites instead of all the first-born of the children of Yisra'ěl.

Num 8:19 “And I have given the Lěwites as a gift to Aharon and his sons from among the children of Yisra'ěl, to do the service of the children of Yisra'ěl in the Tent of Appointment, and to make atonement for the children of Yisra'ěl, that there be no plague among the children of Yisra'ěl when the children of Yisra'ěl come near the set-apart place.”

Num 8:20 Thus Mosheh and Aharon and all the congregation of the children of Yisra'ěl did to the Lěwites according to all that יהוה commanded Mosheh concerning the Lěwites, so the children of Yisra'ěl did to them.

Num 8:21 And the Lěwites cleansed themselves and washed their garments, and Aharon waved them, a wave offering before יהוה, and Aharon made atonement for them to cleanse them.

Num 8:22 Then after that the Lěwites went in to do their service in the Tent of Appointment before Aharon and his sons as יהוה commanded Mosheh concerning the Lěwites, so they did to them.

Retirement of the Levites

Num 8:23 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 8:24 “This applies to the Lěwites: From **twenty-five years old** and above let him come into active service in the service of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 8:25 and at the age of **fifty years** they retire from active service of the service, and serve no more,

Num 8:26 but they shall attend with their brothers in the Tent of Appointment, to guard the duty, but shall do no service. Thus you shall do to the Lěwites regarding their duties.”

In **Numbers 4**, all the Levites were registered from 30 -50 years of age with the focus given toward breaking camp. Here in **Numbers 8**, the age range starts with 25 and ends with retirement age of 50 for performing service in the tent of Appointment; but those retired could still attend with their brothers. We read:

Previously in Numbers 4: They were registered as YHWH had commanded Moses:

Num 4:47 from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, all who came to do the work of service and the work of bearing burdens in the Tent of Appointment,

Num 4:48 their registered ones were eight thousand five hundred and eighty.

Grand Total: 2750 + 2,630 + 3200 = 8,580

The Tabernacle, the furnishings, and the cleansing processes of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood had been reviewed. All aspects had to work together for YHWH to once again dwell among them.

To this day, He wants His kingdom of priests under the Melchizedek order, to be set-apart and obedient to Covenant Torah.

Numbers 9

Numbers 9 opens with YHWH speaking to Moses in the first new month of the 2nd year. It had been a full year since they had come out of Egypt and would soon be observing Passover on the 14th day. And YHWH said to Moses:

The Passover Celebrated

Num 9:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, in the first new *moon*^a of the second year after they had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, saying, Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 9:2 “Now, let the children of Yisra’el perform the Pěsaḥ at its appointed time.”

Num 9:3 “On the fourteenth day of this new moon, between the evenings, perform it at its appointed time. According to all its laws and right-rulings you perform it.”

Num 9:4 And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra’el to perform the Pěsaḥ.

Num 9:5 So they performed the Pěsaḥ on the fourteenth day of the first new *moon*, between the evenings, in the Wilderness of Sinai. According to all that יהוה commanded Mosheh, so the children of Yisra’el did.

Num 9:6 But there were men who were defiled for a being of a man, so that they were not able to perform the Pěsaḥ on that day. So they came before Mosheh and Aharon that day,

Num 9:7 and those men said to him, “We are defiled for the being of a man. Why are we withheld from bringing near the offering of יהוה at its appointed time among the children of Yisra’el?”

Num 9:8 And Mosheh said to them, “Wait, let me hear what יהוה commands concerning you.”

Num 9:9 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

We recall in Exodus 12 that no uncircumcised male was to partake of the Passover:

Exo 12:48 “And when a stranger sojourns with you and shall perform the Pěsaḥ to יהוה, **let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and perform it**, and he shall be as a native of the land. **But let no uncircumcised eat of it.**

Exo 12:49 “There is **one Torah for the native-born and for the stranger** who sojourns among you.”

In Numbers 9:10-11 we see **YHWH institute the 2nd Passover**. It was brought about when some men had missed the appointed Passover because they were defiled by an unclean being, possibly had cared for a dead body or some other unclean matter. They inquired to Moses and Aaron why couldn't they observe the Passover? Moses tells them to wait until he inquires of YHWH then he returns with His answer:

Num 9:10 “Speak to the children of Yisra’el, saying, “When **any male of you or your generations is unclean for a being, or is far away on a journey**, he shall still perform the Pěsaḥ of יהוה.

Num 9:11 On the **fourteenth day of the second new moon (month)**, between the evenings, they perform it – with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they eat it.

Handling of a dead body or any other unclean being made the men unclean. So why after death, would believer's redeemed souls, that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb, soul sleep in their rotting or non-existent corpse? Just a question for pause.

Num 9:12 They do not leave of it until morning, and they do not break a bone of it. According to all the laws of the Pěsaḥ they perform it.

Num 9:13 **But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and has failed to perform the Pěsaḥ, that same being shall be cut off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of יהוה at its appointed time – that man bears his sin.**

Num 9:14 And when a stranger sojourns among you, then he shall perform the Pěsaḥ of יהוה. He shall do so according to the law of the Pěsaḥ and according to its right-

ruling. **You have one law, both for the stranger and the native of the land.** ”

YHWH goes on to tell Moses that if a man is present for the 1st month Passover; and is clean and not away on a journey; yet, does not observe it and does not bring his offering to YHWH; that individual would be cut-off from the people and bears his sin.

Any stranger sojourning among the people was also to perform the Passover. There was one law for the stranger and the native of the land.

Now we read, YHWH once again dwelt among the people and led the people. Implementing the Book of the Law had been no easy task under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood system; requiring the making of the Tabernacle and all its furnishings; and the slaughter place. This was YHWH's permissive will to teach the people and to spare their very lives; until Yahusha HaMashiach would come. We read:

The Cloud Covering the Tabernacle

Num 9:15 And **on the day that the Dwelling Place was raised up**, the cloud covered the Dwelling Place, the Tent of the Witness. From evening until morning it was above the Dwelling Place like the appearance of fire.

Num 9:16 Thus it was continually: the cloud covered it by day, and the appearance of fire by night.

Num 9:17 And **whenever the cloud was taken up from above the Tent, after that the children of Yisra'el would depart. And in the place where the cloud dwelt, there the children of Yisra'el would camp.**

Num 9:18 **At the mouth of יהוה the children of Yisra'el departed, and at the command of יהוה they camped. They remained camped as long as the cloud dwelt above the Dwelling Place.**

Num 9:19 Even when the cloud lingered many days above the Dwelling Place, the children of Yisra'el guarded the Charge of יהוה, and did not depart.

So, this was how they traveled. Whenever the cloud lifted, day or night, they would break camp.

Num 9:20 And so it was, when the cloud was above the Dwelling Place a few days: according to the mouth of יהוה they camped, and according to the mouth of יהוה they would depart.

Num 9:21 And so it was, when the cloud dwelt only from evening until morning: when

the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they departed. Whether by day or by night, whenever the cloud was taken up, they departed.

Num 9:22 Whether two days, or a new *moon*^a or a year that the cloud lingered above the Dwelling Place to dwell upon it, the children of Yisra'el camped, and did not depart. But when it was taken up, they departed. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Num 9:23 At the mouth of יהוה they camped, and at the mouth of יהוה they departed. They guarded the Charge of יהוה, at the mouth of יהוה by the hand of Mosheh.

Notice that **Moses of the Melchizedek order**, remained active, as YHWH still spoke to him. Though the **Aaronic Levitical Priesthood system was elevated to implement the imposed Book of the Law**, the Melchizedek (My King is Righteous) Priesthood was still active and ran parallel in a denigrated position.

Also recall in Exodus 24:9-11, that Aaron and two of his eldest sons, Nadab and Abihu, had partook in the covenant confirming meal of the Melchizedek Priesthood prior to the establishment of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Numbers 10

Everything had been prepared and readied for the orderly movement of 'breaking camp' and moving the Tabernacle and the furnishings. Now, the people are instructed about the soundings of the silver trumpets with or without shouting; to know 'when' to gather and for 'what' reason, such as for battle or breaking camp.

Silver Trumpet Soundings and Shouting Instructions:

1. The silver trumpets were only to be blown by the sons of Aaron, the priests. (Numbers 10:8)
2. Both trumpets blown meant: All the people should gather at the door of the Tent of Appointment. (Numbers 10:3)
3. One trumpet blown meant: The leaders, the heads of thousands of the Israelites, were to gather. (Numbers 10:4)
4. Blowing a shout meant: The start of breaking camp on the east side.
5. Blowing a shout, the 2nd time meant: Breaking camp on the south side was to follow.
6. Blowing without a shout meant: The assembly was to be assembled. (Num. 10:7)
7. Shouting with the trumpets meant: Going into battle along with YHWH's care. (Num. 10:9)
8. Blowing the trumpets during special times (Num. 10:10):
 - a. Day of your gladness
 - b. Appointed Times
 - c. Beginning of new months
 - d. Ascending offerings
 - e. Slaughtering of peace offerings

- f. They would be a remembrance for them before YHWH

NOW THE FIRST MOVE FROM MT. SINAI TAKES PLACE on the 20th day of the 2nd month in the 2nd year!

The cloud was taken up from the Dwelling place in the Wilderness of Sinai and moved into the Wilderness of Paran.

The Silver Trumpets

Num 10:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 10:2 “Make two silver trumpets for yourself, make them of beaten work. And you shall use them for the gathering of the congregation and for breaking camp.

Num 10:3 “And when they blow both of them, all the congregation shall meet before you at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

Num 10:4 “And if they blow one, then the leaders, the heads of the thousands of Yisra’el, shall gather to you.

Num 10:5 “And when you blow a shout, the camps that lie on the east side shall depart.

Num 10:6 “And when you blow a shout the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall depart – they blow a shout for them to depart.

Num 10:7 “And when the assembly is to be assembled, you blow, but do not shout.

Num 10:8 “And the sons of Aharon, the priests, blow with the trumpets. And it shall be to you for a law forever throughout your generations.

Num 10:9 “And when you go into battle in your land against the enemy that distresses you, then you shall shout with the trumpets, and you shall be remembered before יהוה your Elohim, and you shall be saved from your enemies.

Num 10:10 “And in the day of your gladness, and in your appointed times, and at the beginning of your new *moons*, you shall blow the trumpets over your ascending offerings and over your slaughterings of peace *offerings*. And they shall be a remembrance for you before your Elohim. I am יהוה your Elohim.”

Israel Leaves Sinai

Num 10:11 And it came to be on the twentieth day of the second new *moon*, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from above the Dwelling Place of the Witness.

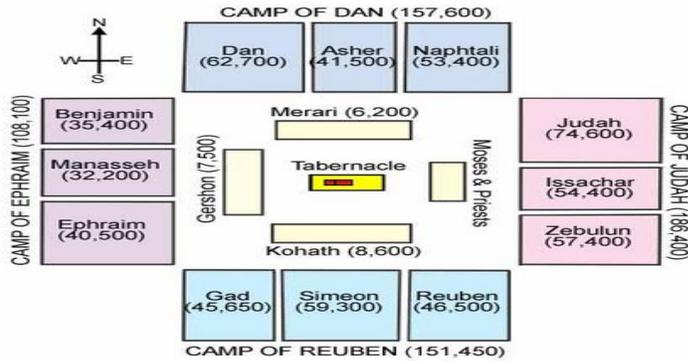
Num 10:12 And the children of Yisra’el departed, setting out from the Wilderness of Sinai. And the cloud dwelt *on it* in the Wilderness of Paran.

Num 10:13 Thus they **departed the first time**, according to the mouth of יהוה by the

hand of Mosheh.

Then the movement of the camp (approximately 2 million including women and children) began according to all that had been spoken.

**Yahweh's Presence in the Midst of His People
(Numbers 2:1-3:39)**



**Arrangement of the Camp of Israel
Numbers 2:1-3:39**

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The lead banner of the East Camps was Yehuda totaling 186,400: **Depart 1st**

Num 10:14 And **the banner of the camp** of the children of **Yehudah** departed first according to their divisions. And over their **army was Nahshon, son of Amminadab.**

Num 10:15 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Yissaskar** was Nethan'el, son of Tsu'ar.

Num 10:16 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Zebulun** was Eliyab, son of Hēlon.

NEXT:

Num 10:17 And the **Dwelling Place** was taken down. And the **sons of Gērshon** and the **sons of Merari** departed, bearing the Dwelling Place.

Camp: Westward behind the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:25 And **the duty of the children of Gērshon** in the Tent of Appointment was the Dwelling Place, and the tent with its covering, and the covering of the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 3:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the door of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place, and their cords, according to all its service. **Total 7,500**

Sons of Merari by their clans: Maḥli (Maḥlites) and Mushi (Mushites)

Leader: Tsuri'el, son of Aḇihayil

Camp: North side of the Dwelling Place.

Duties:

Num 3:36 And the appointed duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets, and its utensils, and all its service,

Num 3:37 and the columns of the courtyard all around, with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords. **Total 6,200**

NEXT: The lead banner of the South Camps was Reuben totaling 151,450: **2nd to depart** of the camps.

Num 10:18 And **the banner of the camp of Re'ubēn** departed according to their divisions. And **over their army was Elitsur, son of Sheděy'ur.**

Num 10:19 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Shim'on** was Shelumi'ěl, son of Tsurishaddai.

Num 10:20 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Gad** was Elyasaph, the son of De'u'ěl.

NEXT:

Num 10:21 **And the Qehathites departed, bearing the set-apart objects, while the Dwelling Place was set up before they came.**

Sons of Qehath (Qehathites) **by their clans:** Amram (Amramites) and Yitshar (Yitsharites), Hebron (Hebronites) and Uzzi'ěl (Uzzi'ělites)

Leader: Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi'ěl

Camp: South side of the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:31 **And their duty** was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the slaughter-places, and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service, and the covering, and all its service. **Total 8,600**

NEXT: The lead banner of the West Camps was Ephrayim totaling 108,100: **3rd to depart** of the camps.

Num 10:22 **And the banner of the camp of the children of Ephrayim** departed according to their divisions. And **over their army was Elishama, son of Ammihud.**

Num 10:23 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Menashsheh** was Gamli'ěl, son of Peđahtsur.

Num 10:24 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Binyamin** was Abīdan, son of Gid'oni.

LAST: The lead banner of the North Camps was Dan totaling 157,600: **Departs last of the camps**

Total fighting men in ALL the camps: 603,550

Num 10:25 **Then the banner of the camp of the children of Dan, which formed the rear guard of all the camps, departed according to their divisions. And over their army was Ahi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.**

Num 10:26 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Ashēr** was Paḡ'i'ēl, the son of Oḵran.

Num 10:27 And over the army of the tribe of the children of **Naphtali** was Aḥira, the son of Ēnan.

Num 10:28 **Such was the order of setting out of the children of Yisra'ēl, according to their divisions, when they departed.**

Moses has a brief exchange with **Hobab**, whom appears to be a son of Yitro (Jethro); so, he would be like Moses' brother-in-law. Yitro had already returned to his land, and now Hobab was informing Moses, he too was going to return to his land. Moses encourages him to sojourn with them and then it speaks of their departure. It appears Hobab did depart to his land; and we may gain more insights when we get to Judges chapter 4.

So, all the people 'break camp' and move out from Mt. Sinai. This is the **1st departure under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood system, along with the Tabernacle.**

Num 10:29 And Mosheh said to **Hobab**, the son of Re'u'ēl the Midyanite, Mosheh's father-in-law, "We are setting out for the place of which יהוה said, 'I give it to you.' Come with us, and we shall do good to you, for יהוה has spoken good concerning Yisra'ēl."

Num 10:30 And he replied to him, "I am not going, but I am going to my own land and to my relatives."

Num 10:31 Then he said, "Please do not leave us, because you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and you shall be our eyes.

Num 10:32 "And it shall be, when you go with us, then it shall be that whatever good יהוה does to us, the same we shall do to you."

Num 10:33 **So they set out from the mountain of יהוה on a journey of three days. And the ark of the covenant of יהוה went before them for the three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.**

Num 10:34 And the cloud of יהוה was above them by day when they went out from the

camp.

Insights to the 'inverted nuns' in Scripture separating these two verses of Numbers 10:25-36: https://www.randomgroovybiblefacts.com/the_seven_books_of_torah.html

Moses surely was comforted by the presence of YHWH! He would say:

Num 10:35 And it came to be, whenever the ark set out, that Mosheh said, “Rise up, O יהוה! And let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.”

Num 10:36 And when it rested, he said, “Return, O יהוה, to the countless thousands of Yisra'el.”

Remember what Moses said to YHWH in Exodus:

Exo 33:15 And he said to Him, “If Your Presence is not going, do not lead us up from here.

Exo 33:16 “For how then shall it be known that I have found favour in Your eyes, I and Your people, except You go with us? Then we shall be distinguished, I and Your people, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

Exo 33:17 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Even this word you have spoken I shall do, for you have found favour in My eyes, and I know you by name.”

Exo 33:18 Then he said, “Please, show me Your esteem.”

Numbers 11

Not long into their 1st journey from Mount Sinai, the people start complaining. YHWH hears their complaining, and His displeasure burns. A literal fire of YHWH burned in their midst and consumed those on the outskirts of the camp. Moses intercedes in prayer and the fire died down. The place where this occurred is given the named **Taberah, which means ‘burning’**. This occurred in the Wilderness of Paran.

The People Complain

Num 11:1 And it came to be, when the people were as complainers, it was evil in the ears of יהוה. And יהוה heard it, and His displeasure burned. And the fire of יהוה burned among them, and consumed those in the outskirts of the camp.

Num 11:2 And the people cried out to Mosheh, and Mosheh prayed to יהוה, and the fire died down.

Num 11:3 Then he called the name of the place Tab'erah, because the fire of יהוה had

burned among them.

The mixed multitude of people were crying for the foods they once had in Egypt.

Num 11:4 And the mixed multitude who were in their midst **lusted greatly**, so the children of Yisra'el also wept again and said, **“Who is giving us meat to eat?”**

Num 11:5 “We remember **the fish** which we ate without cost in Mitsrayim, the **cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic,**

Num 11:6 but now our being is dried up. **There is naught to look at but this manna!”**

Moses was tired. He felt caught in the middle as he heard the cries of the people wanting meat to eat. Moses was feeling overwhelmed. He turned to YHWH seeking what to do with such a great burden. At one point, Moses even desired death for relief of this burden.

From YHWH's response to Moses, it seems He fully understood Moses' distraught emotional state. After all, Moses, and his assistant Joshua, were the only one's still part of the Melchizedek Priesthood. The whole tribe of Levi was given to Aaron and his sons to carry out their duties.

YHWH tells Moses to **gather 70 known elders of the people of Israel and officers over them**. Moses was to bring them to the Tent of Appointment and have them stand there with him.

Num 11:7 Now the manna was like coriander seed, and its appearance like the appearance of bdellium.

Num 11:8 The people went about and gathered it, ground it on millstones or beat it in the mortar, and cooked it in a pot, and made cakes of it. And its taste was as the taste of cakes baked with oil.

Num 11:9 And when the dew fell on the camp at night, the manna fell on it.

Num 11:10 And Mosheh heard the people weeping throughout their clans, each man at the door of his tent. And the displeasure of יהוה burned exceedingly. And in the eyes of Mosheh it was evil,

Num 11:11 so Mosheh said to יהוה, “Why have You done evil to Your servant? And why have I not found favour in Your eyes, to put the burden of all these people on me?”

Num 11:12 “Was it I who conceived all these people? Was it I who brought them forth, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as the foster father carries a nursing child,’ to the land which You swore to their fathers?”

Num 11:13 “Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they weep before me, saying, ‘Give us meat to eat.’

Num 11:14 “I am unable to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me.

Num 11:15 “And if You are doing *this* to me, kill me – please kill me, if I have found favour in Your eyes, and let me not see my evil!”

Elders Appointed to Aid Moses

Num 11:16 Then יהוה said to Mosheh, “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Yisra’el, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them. And bring them to the Tent of Appointment, and let them stand there with you.

Num 11:17 “And **I shall come down and speak with you there, and shall take of the Spirit that is on you, and put on them.** And they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you do not bear it yourself alone.

The people are going to be taught to be careful of what they complain about. It would be nice to say the people are ‘going to learn’ a lesson; but that would not be accurate because we will see they will continue to complain in the future. For this occurrence, they were going to be punished for rejecting YHWH and desiring to go back to Egypt.

YHWH tells Moses that the people are going to have so much meat to eat; that it would come out of their nostrils! YHWH is going to give them 30 days of quail meat! At first Moses cannot imagine how YHWH is going to arrange enough meat for 600,000 plus men; but YHWH tells Moses:

Num 11:18 “And say to the people, ‘Set yourselves apart for tomorrow, and you shall eat meat, because you have wept in the hearing of יהוה, saying, “Who is giving us meat to eat? For it was well with us in Mitsrayim.” And יהוה shall give you meat, and you shall eat.

Num 11:19 You are going to eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days,

Num 11:20 but for a new *moon*^a of days, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes an abomination to you, because you have rejected יהוה who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, “Why did we come up out of Mitsrayim?” ’ ”

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 11:21 And Mosheh said, “The people in whose midst I am are six hundred thousand men on foot, and You, You have said, ‘I give them meat to eat for a new *moon*^a of days.’ **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Num 11:22 "Could flocks and herds be slain for them, to be sufficient for them? Or could all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be sufficient for them?"

Num 11:23 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Is the arm of יהוה too short? Now see whether My word meets you or not!"

YHWH follows through and meets Moses and the elders at the Tent of Meeting and places the same Spirit that was on Moses on the 70 elders; two of which did not make it to the Tent of Appointment; yet still received the same Spirit and all prophesied. Moses wasn't upset about the two not present. It seems in the big scheme of things, the two not making it to the Tent of Appointment; yet, knowing they had still prophesied in the camp, was the least of Moses' worries.

Num 11:24 And Mosheh went out and spoke to the people the words of יהוה, and he gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the Tent.

Num 11:25 And יהוה came down in the cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the Spirit that was upon him, and placed the same upon the seventy elders. And it came to be, when the Spirit rested upon them, that they prophesied, but did not continue.

Num 11:26 However, **two men had remained in the camp**. The name of one was **Eldad**, and the name of the other **Mëydad**. And the Spirit rested upon them. Now they were among those listed, but did not go out to the Tent. And they prophesied in the camp.

Num 11:27 And a young man ran and informed Mosheh, and said, "Eldad and Mëydad are prophesying in the camp."

Num 11:28 And Yehoshua son of Nun, Mosheh's assistant from his youth, answered and said, "Mosheh my master, forbid them!"

Num 11:29 Then Mosheh said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Oh, that all the people of יהוה were prophets, that יהוה would put His Spirit upon them!"

Num 11:30 And Mosheh returned to the camp, both he and the elders of Yisra'ël.

Quail and a Plague

Num 11:31 And a wind went forth from יהוה, and it brought quail from the sea and let them fall beside the camp, about a day's journey on this side and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits above the surface of the ground.

Num 11:32 And the people were up all that day, and all that night, and all the next day, and gathered the quail. He who had least gathered ten ḥomers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp.

Num 11:33 The meat was still between their teeth, before it was chewed, and the wrath of יהוה burned against the people, and יהוה struck the people with an exceeding great

plague.

Num 11:34 Then he called the name of that place Qibroth Hatta'awah, because there they buried the people who had lusted.

Num 11:35 From Qibroth Hatta'awah the people set out for Hatseroth – and they were at Hatseroth.

So, YHWH brings in massive amounts of quail and a plague. Those that had lusted died and the place where this occurred was named Kibrothhattaavah 'graves of lusts.'

Numbers 12

The complaining continues but this time it comes from those closest to Moses; his brother and sister! First, the complaint seems to be against the Kushite (Ethiopian) woman Moses took for his wife. There are speculations that this was in reference to Zipporah; while others say this woman was taken after the death of his wife.

Either way, it seems that this was NOT the primary source of their criticism. The primary source appears to have been 'jealousy and envy.' These spirits are powerful and destructive. They eat at a person from the inside out. They fester; they stew; they scheme; they conspire.

Miriam and Aaron Oppose Moses

Num 12:1 Now Miryam and Aharon spoke against Mosheh because of the Kushite woman whom he had taken, for he had taken a Kushite woman.

So here the primary source of 'jealousy and envy' is verbalized:

Num 12:2 And they said, “Has יהוה spoken only through Mosheh? Has He not also spoken through us?” And יהוה heard it.

Num 12:3 And the man Mosheh was very humble, more than all men who were on the face of the earth.

Num 12:4 And suddenly יהוה said to Mosheh, and Aharon, and Miryam, “You three, come out to the Tent of Appointment!” So the three came out.

Num 12:5 And יהוה came down in the column of cloud and stood in the door of the Tent, and called Aharon and Miryam. And they both went forward.

At this point, Moses had greatly matured, and it is stated in Scripture that he was the humblest man on all the earth. It is also interesting to recall that Moses was the youngest of the three siblings. In addition, we recall how Aaron had once been included as Moses' mouthpiece and how closely that had once walked together before the sin of the golden calf.

We recall in Psalm 37:

1 Do not fret because of evil-doers, Do not be envious of the workers of unrighteousness. 2 For they soon wither like grass, And fade like green plants. 3 Trust in יהוה, and do good; Dwell in the earth, and feed on steadfastness. **4** And delight yourself in יהוה, And let Him give you the desires of your heart. **5** Commit your way to יהוה, And trust in Him, **and He does it. 6** And He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your right-ruling as midday.

It was only through Moses, being set-apart, and far away from the debauchery of the sin of the golden calf; that **he could intercede to YHWH to spare the lives of the people and not 'wipe them out!'** This would have been inclusive of Aaron and Miriam.

Remember the old cliché: No good deed goes unpunished; but do them anyway.

Moses, the called one of YHWH, had remained faithful and continued as a 'preacher of righteousness' under the order of Melchizedek. It was Moses that had found favor in the eyes of YHWH. It was Moses that YHWH instructed to perform the priestly washings, ordination and consecration ceremonies needed to establish Aaron and his sons as priests under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. It was only by these measures that finally, once again, YHWH would speak to Aaron within the parameters of the Tabernacle system.

With all that said, YHWH had heard the words of Aaron and Miriam and he calls an immediate meeting with Moses, Aaron and Miriam at the Tent of Appointment. Aaron and Miriam will most definitely be 'spoken to' by YHWH! YHWH appears in a pillar of cloud and calls forth Aaron and Miriam. Then He says:

Num 12:6 And He said, "**Hear now My words:** If your prophet is of יהוה, I make Myself known to him in a vision, and I speak to him in a dream.

Num 12:7 "Not so with My servant Mosheh, he is trustworthy in all My house.

Num 12:8 "**I speak with him mouth to mouth, and plainly, and not in riddles. And he sees the form of יהוה.** So **why were you not afraid to speak against My servant Mosheh?**"

Num 12:9 And **the displeasure of יהוה burned against them**, and He left.

Num 12:10 And the cloud turned away from above the Tent, and look: **Miryam was leprous, as white as snow! And Aharon turned toward Miryam, and look: a leper!**

This leprosy, this three-dimensional ‘manifestation of sin’ on Miriam, spoke a ‘thousand words!’ It quickly excised the spiritual wickedness of envy and jealousy and was replaced with humbleness. Now, we see whole different Aaron and Miriam.

Aaron’s words and demeanor toward Moses are much different as we read:

Num 12:11 And Aharon said to Mosheh, “Oh, my master! Please do not hold against us the sin in which we have done foolishly and in which we have sinned.

Num 12:12 “Please do not let her be as one dead when coming out of his mother's womb, with his flesh half consumed!”

Num 12:13 And Mosheh cried out to יהוה, saying, “O Ėl, please heal her, please!”

Num 12:14 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “If her father had but spit in her face, would she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out of the camp seven days, and after that let her be readmitted.”

Num 12:15 And Miryam was shut out of the camp seven days, and the people did not set out until Miryam was readmitted.

Num 12:16 And afterward the people departed from Hătsĕroth, and they camped in the Wilderness of Paran.

YHWH hears the prayers of Moses. YHWH does heal Miriam but not immediately. Sin stops progression, as we see Miriam sent outside the camp for seven days. Everything came to halt until these seven days had passed before moving from Haseroth and camping in the Wilderness of Paran. This gave everyone time to ‘take pause’ and contemplate their actions, words, and deeds toward YHWH’s called servant.

Zechariah 2

A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line

Zec 2:1 And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand.

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, “Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Zec 2:2 And I said, "Where are you going?" And he said to me, "To measure Yerushalayim, to see what is its width and what is its length."

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^d – the length, and the breadth, and height of it are equal. Footnote: ^dApprox. 2216 kilometres or 1377 miles.

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

Zec 2:3 And see, the messenger who was speaking to me was going out. And another messenger was coming out to meet him,

Zec 2:4 and he said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying,

✚ 'Yerushalayim is to remain unwalled, because of the many men and livestock in it.

Adam Clarke notes: Zechariah 2:4 Run, speak to this young man - Nehemiah must have been a young man when he was sakee, or cup-bearer, to Artaxerxes.

As towns without walls - It shall be so numerously inhabited as not to be contained within its ancient limits. Josephus, speaking of this time, says, Wars 5:4:2, "The city, overflowing with inhabitants, by degrees extended itself beyond its walls."

✚ Zec 2:5 For I Myself am to her,' declares יהוה, 'a wall of fire all around, and for esteem I am in her midst.' "

Much of this is speaking about the New Jerusalem. YHWH is a consuming fire and He will dwell in our midst.

✚ Zec 2:6 "Oh, Oh! And flee from the land of the north," declares יהוה, "for I have scattered you like the four winds of the heavens," declares יהוה.

✚ Zec 2:7 "Oh, Tsiyon! Escape, you who dwell with the daughter of Babel."

Adam Clarke notes: Zechariah 2:6 Flee from the land of the north - From Chaldee, Persia, and Babylon, where several of the Jews still remained. See [Zec 2:7](#).

2:8 **For thus said יהוה of hosts** (for the sake of esteem He sent me to the nations which plunder you): **"For he who touches you touches the apple of My eye."**^a

Footnote: ^a [Deu 32:10](#).

Zec 2:9 “For look, I am waving My hand against them, and they shall become spoil for their servants. And you shall know that יהוה of hosts has sent Me.

Zec 2:10 **“Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Tsiyon! For look, I am coming, and shall dwell in your midst,” declares יהוה.**

Zec 2:11 **“And many nations shall be joined to יהוה in that day,^b and they shall become My people. And I shall dwell in your midst. And you shall know that יהוה of hosts has sent Me to you.** Footnote: ^b [Isa 14:1](#), [Isa 56:6-8](#), [Isa 60:3](#), [Eze 47:22-23](#), [Joh 10:16](#), [Act 15:14-17](#).

Isa 14:1 Because יהוה has compassion on Ya'aqob, and shall again choose Yisra'el,^a and give them rest in their own land. And the strangers shall join them, and they shall cling to the house of Ya'aqob.^b Footnotes: ^aSee [Isa 45:17](#), [Jer 30:11](#), [Jer 46:28](#), [Dan 2:44](#), [Amo 9:8](#), [Zec 1:16-17](#), [Zec 2:10-12](#), [Joe 3:16](#). ^bSee [Isa 56:6-8](#) and [Isa 60:3](#), [Amo 9:12](#), [Zec 2:11](#), [Zec 8:23](#), [Rom 11:17-24](#), [Rev 21:24](#).

Isa 56:6 “Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to יהוה, to serve Him, and to love the Name of יהוה, to be His servants, all who guard the Sabbath, and not profane it, and are holding onto My covenant –

Isa 56:7 them I shall bring to My set-apart mountain, and let them rejoice in My house of prayer. Their ascending offerings and their slaughterings are accepted on My slaughter-place, for My house is called a house of prayer for all the peoples.”

Isa 56:8 The Master יהוה, who gathers the outcasts of Yisra'el, declares, “I gather still *others* to him besides those who are gathered to him.”

Isa 60:3 “And the nations shall come to your light,^a and sovereigns to the brightness of your rising. Footnote: ^a [Isa 60:19-20](#), [Rev 21:23-24](#).

Eze 47:22 “And it shall be that you divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who sojourn in your midst and who bear children among you. And they shall be to you as native-born among the children of Yisra'el – with you they have an inheritance in the midst of the tribes of Yisra'el.^a Footnote: ^a [Isa 14:1](#), [Isa 56:6-8](#), [Rom 11:17-26](#), [Eph 2:19](#), [Eph 3:6](#), [Rev 21:12](#).

Eze 47:23 “And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger sojourns, there you give him his inheritance,” declares the Master יהוה.

Joh 10:16 “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold – I have to bring them as well, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one shepherd.^b Footnote: ^bSee also [Joh 11:52](#), [Eph 2:13-19](#), [Isa 56:8](#), [Eze 34:23](#), [Eze 37:24](#).

Act 15:14 “Shim'on has declared how Elohim first visited the nations to take out of them a people for His Name.

Act 15:15 “And the words of the prophets agree with this, as it has been written:

Act 15:16 ‘After this I shall return and rebuild the Booth of Dawid which has fallen down. And I shall rebuild its ruins, and I shall set it up,

Act 15:17 so that the remnant of mankind shall seek יהוה, even all the nations on whom My Name has been called, says יהוה who is doing all this,’

Act 15:18 who has made this known from of old. [Amo 9:11-12](#).

Zec 2:12 “**And יהוה shall inherit Yehudah, His portion in the Set-apart Land. And He shall again choose Yerushalayim.**”^c Footnote: ^cSee [Zec 1:17](#).

Zec 2:13 “Hush, all flesh, before יהוה, for He has roused Himself out of His set-apart dwelling!”

Zechariah 3

Zechariah has had 3 visions and is about to have the 4th vision. Let us recap:

The 1st vision: Described a warning vision, a timing vision, and a preparation vision. The red horse connected us to the vision of Revelation 6, but these in Zechariah 1 are standing in the shade as if waiting and their colors are red, sorrel, and white; not white, red, black, and pale green. These had gone throughout the earth and reported all is peaceful. This appears to be the ‘calm before the storm.’ This is before the white horse goes out to overcome followed by the red horse of war and death. The sorrel or chestnut colored horse could mean that since it was a time of peace, bread and health prevailed.

Throughout history we have seen nations rise against nation; we have heard of wars and rumors of wars, but these precede the time that the nations will face the final battle of the nations against YHWH’s army and His set apart people. There will be a shift from warring among themselves and their associated principalities; to warring against the King of kings.

Zec 1:16 said: Therefore thus said יהוה, “I shall return to Yerushalayim with compassion. My house shall be built in it,” declares יהוה of hosts, “and a surveyor’s line be stretched out over Yerushalayim.” ’

When YHWH returns to Jerusalem in the 1st vision, then His house shall be built. It will not be a man-made temple with the abomination of desolation, the Anti-messiah, sitting in the holy place proclaiming to be all powerful.

A Vision of a Horseman

Zec 1:7 On the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh new moon, which is the new moon Shebat, in the second year of Dareyawesh, the word of יהוה came to Zeḱaryah son of Bereḱyahu, son of Iddo the prophet, saying,

If we were looking on today's calendar, the 24th day of the 11th month would have been around February 7th.

Zec 1:8 "I looked at night and saw a man riding on a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle trees in the shade. And behind him were horses: red, sorrel, and white."

Zec 1:9 And I said, "My master, what are these?" And the messenger who was speaking to me said to me, "Let me show you what they are."

Zec 1:10 And the man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, "They are the ones יהוה has sent to go throughout the earth."

Zec 1:11 And they answered the messenger of יהוה, who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, "We have gone throughout the earth, and see, all the earth is at peace and rest."

Zec 1:12 And the messenger of יהוה answered and said, "O יהוה of hosts, how long would You have no compassion on Yerushalayim and on the cities of Yehudah, against which You were enraged these seventy years?"

Zec 1:13 And יהוה answered the messenger who talked to me, good words, comforting words.

The second vision: Described the 4 horns - horns are connected to powerful nations. Craftsmen are builders; with the Master Craftsman, Yahusha, being the repairer of the breach, along with his apprentices – His set-apart ones – those of the four encampments around the Dwelling Place.

We have read in Revelation 11, that the two witnesses, which are the two olive trees AND the two candlesticks, 'trouble' or torment the nations for 3 ½ years and the nations rejoice over their demise for 3 ½ days before YHWH raises them up. In Zechariah 1:21, we see the craftsmen 'trouble' the nations.

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, "Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:2 "But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

Rev 11:3 “And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

Rev 11:4 These are the **two olive trees** [Eze 4:3](#) and the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

Rev 11:10 and those dwelling on the earth rejoice over them and exult. And they shall send gifts to each other, **because these two prophets tortured those dwelling on the earth.**

A Vision of Horns and Craftsmen

Zec 1:18 And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and **saw four horns.**

Zec 1:19 And I said to the messenger who was speaking to me, “What are these?” And he said to me, **“These are the horns that have scattered Yehudah, Yisra’el, and Yerushalayim.”**

Zec 1:20 And יהוה showed **me four craftsmen.**

Zec 1:21 And I said, “What are these coming to do?” And he spoke saying, “These are the horns that scattered Yehudah, so that no one lifted up his head. **But these come to trouble them, to throw down the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Yehudah to scatter it.”**

The 3rd Vision: A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line

Zec 2:1 And I lifted up my eyes and looked, and saw a man with a measuring line in his hand.

Zec 2:2 And I said, “Where are you going?” And he said to me, “To measure Yerushalayim, to see what is its width and what is its length.”

Measuring is a metaphor for judgment. Jerusalem was to be **measured**. We see in Rev. 11:1 that three areas are to be measured: The Dwelling Place; the slaughter-place; and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:1 And a **reed like a measuring rod** was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, “Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Mat 7:2 “For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with **the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you.**

Spiritual Jerusalem is the bride and does not always refer to a ‘physical’ Jerusalem.

Rev 21:2 And I, Yoĥanan, 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.**”^b [Lev 26:11-12](#) Footnote: ^bAlso see [Isa 7:14](#), [Isa 8:8](#), [Isa 8:10](#), [Jer 31:33](#), [Eze 37:27](#), [2Ch 6:18](#).

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.”

YHWH is our Dwelling Place.

Zec 2:5 For I Myself am to her,' declares יהוה, 'a wall of fire all around, and for esteem I am in her midst.' ”

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

Wheat and the tares are separated at the time of the harvest.

Mat 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I shall say to the reapers, “First gather the darnel and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my granary.” ’ ’ ”

The 4th Vision: Today we have the 4th vision of Joshua the High Priest. Keep in mind, that the name Joshua in this context of Zechariah, appears to be a type and shadow referring to Yahusha. Here is an excerpt explanation given by got-questions.org but by no means an exhaustive explanation:

...*Yeshua* is the Hebrew name, and its English spelling is “Joshua.” *Iesous* is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew name, and its English spelling is “Jesus.” Thus, the names “Joshua” and “Jesus” are essentially the same; both are English pronunciations of the Hebrew and Greek names for our Lord. (For examples of how the two names are interchangeable, see [Acts 7:45](#) and [Hebrews 4:8](#) in the KJV. In both cases, the word *Jesus* refers to the Old Testament character Joshua.)...

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Yeshua-Jesus.html>

Each end-time prophecy is given in part. Each has a piece of the big picture, observing what is and is to come from different angles and at different times. We too, understand the end-time prophecies in part and see them from various angles. This means none of us holds the perfect vision of the end-time events. We MUST rely on one another and work within One body and appreciate what each believer brings to the table. Beware of those boasting saying they have it all figured out. Read 1 Cor. 13:9.

1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

A Vision of Joshua the High Priest

Zec 3:1 **And he showed me Yehoshua the high priest** standing before the messenger of יהוה, and **Satan standing at his right hand to be an adversary to him.**

Zec 3:2 **And יהוה said to Satan**, “יהוה rebuke you, Satan! יהוה who has chosen Yerushalayim rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?”

Zec 3:3 **And Yehoshua was dressed in filthy garments, and was standing before the messenger.**

Yahusha took upon himself our filthy sins and laid down His life to make full atonement with His precious blood on the heavenly altar. When Yahusha washes us; He gives us a wedding garment without spot or blemish.

Rev 19:8 And to her it was given to be dressed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteousnesses of the set-apart ones.

Zec 3:4 And He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, **“Remove the filthy garments from him.”** And to him He said, **“See, I have removed your guilt from you, and shall put costly robes on you.”**

Zec 3:5 And I said, **“Let them put a clean turban on his head.”** **Then they put a clean turban on his head, and they put garments on him.** And the messenger of יהוה stood by.

When we come through the Door of Yahusha HaMashiach, the inspection gate; we, who were once prodigal sons and daughters have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. We are given costly robes and we receive a seal on our foreheads stating we are set-apart to YHWH and His Son, Yahusha.

Rev 14:1 And I looked and saw a Lamb standing on Mount Tsiyon, **and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand**, having **His Father’s Name^a** written upon their foreheads. **Footnote: ^aSome texts read: having His Name and His Father’s Name.**

Zec 3:6 And the messenger of יהוה witnessed to Yehoshua, saying,

Zec 3:7 “Thus said יהוה of hosts,

- + If you walk in My ways,
- + and if you guard My duty,
- + then you shall also rule My house,
- + and also guard My courts.
- + And I shall give you access among these standing here.

Zec 3:8 Now listen, Yehoshua the high priest, you and your companions who sit before you, for they are men of symbol. **For look, I am bringing forth My Servant – the Branch.^a** Footnote: ^aOr *Sprout*. See [Isa 4:2](#), [Isa 11:1](#), [Jer 23:5](#), [Jer 33:15](#), [Zec 6:12](#).

Isa 4:2 In that day the Branch of יהוה shall be splendid and esteemed. And the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for the escaped ones^a of Yisra'el. Footnote: ^a[Joe 2:32](#), [Oba 1:17](#).

Isa 11:1 And a Rod shall come forth from the stump of Yishai, and a Sprout from his roots shall be fruitful.

Jer 23:5 “See, the days are coming,” declares יהוה, “when I shall raise for Dawid a Branch^c of righteousness, and a Sovereign shall reign and act wisely, and shall do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth. Footnote: ^cOr *Sprout*.

Jer 33:14 See, the days are coming,’ declares יהוה, ‘when I shall establish the good word which I have promised to the house of Yisra'el and to the house of Yehudah:

Jer 33:15 In those days and at that time I cause a Branch of righteousness to spring forth for Dawid. And He shall do right-ruling and righteousness in the earth.

Joshua [Yehoshua] clearly equates to Yahusha, the Branch, in Zec. 6:11-12.

The Crown and the Temple

Zec 6:9 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Zec 6:10 “Receive the gift from the exiles, from Hēldai, Tobiyah, and Yedayah, who have come from Babel. Then you shall go the same day and enter the house of Yoshiyah son of Tsephanyah.

Zec 6:11 **“And you shall take the silver and gold, make a crown, and set it on the head of Yehoshua the son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest,**

Zec 6:12 and shall speak to him, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, saying, “See, the Man whose name is the Branch!^a And from His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Hēkal of יהוה.” Footnote: ^aSee [Zec 3:8](#).

Zec 6:13 “It is He who is going to build the Hēkal of יהוה. It is He who is going to bear the splendour. And He shall sit and rule on His throne, and shall be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between Them both,” ’

Zec 6:14 while the crown is for a remembrance in the Hěḵal of יהוה to Hělem, and to Toḇiyah, and to Yeḡayah, and to Hěn son of Tsephanyah.

Zec 6:15 “And those who are far away shall come and build the Hěḵal of יהוה. And you shall know that יהוה of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall be, if you diligently obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim.”

Zec 3:9 See the stone which I have put before Yehoshua: **on one stone are seven eyes. See, I am engraving its inscription, declares יהוה of hosts, and I shall remove the guilt of that land in one day.**

Rev 5:6 And I looked and saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders a **Lamb standing, as having been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim sent out into all the earth.**

Zec 3:10 In that day, declares יהוה of hosts, **‘you shall invite one another, under the vine and under the fig tree.’ ”**

Zechariah 4

The 5th vision of Zechariah – A lampstand with a bowl on top – and on the stand 7 Lamps with 7 spouts – two olive trees on either side of the bowl - two gold pipes - Zerubbabel

Recap to date of the series of visions given to Zechariah speaking the message.

The 1st vision: Described a warning vision, a timing vision, and a preparation vision. The red horse connected us to the vision of Revelation 6, but these in Zechariah 1 are **standing in the shade as if waiting** and their colors are red, sorrel, and white; not white, red, black, and pale green. These had gone throughout the earth and reported all is peaceful. This appears to be the ‘calm before the storm.’ This is **before** the white horse goes out to conquer followed by the red horse of war and death. The sorrel or chestnut colored horse could mean that since it was a time of peace, bread and health prevailed.

The 2nd vision: Described the 4 horns - horns are connected to powerful nations. Craftsmen are builders; with the Master Craftsman, Yahusha, being the repairer of the breach, along with his apprentices – His set-apart ones – those of the four encampments around the Dwelling Place.

The 3rd vision: A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line: Measuring is a metaphor for judgment. Jerusalem was to be measured. Spiritual Jerusalem is the bride and does not always refer to a 'physical' Jerusalem.

The 4th vision: The 4th vision of Joshua the High Priest. Keep in mind, that the name Joshua in this context of Zechariah, appears to be a type and shadow referring to Yahusha. Yahusha took our sins and laid down His life for us.

The 5th vision of Zechariah – A lampstand with a bowl on top – and on the stand 7 Lamps with 7 spouts – two olive trees on either side of the bowl - two gold pipes - Zerubbabel

A Vision of a Golden Lampstand

Zec 4:1 And the messenger who was speaking to me came back and woke me up as a man is awakened from sleep.

Zec 4:2 And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said,

- ✚ "I have looked, and see: a lampstand all of gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven spouts to the seven lamps.
- ✚ Zec 4:3 "And two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left."

The lampstand menorah of gold is in located in the Holy Place. This would be the area that the priests would enter and attend every day. Olive oil represents the fresh anointing of the Ruach HaKodesh. Yahusha is the vine and we are the branches. Without Him we can do nothing. Life was in Aaron's rod that brought forth buds. In Him, we have life and we have light; for He is the Light of the world.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.

The Two Witnesses

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, "Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:2 "But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

Rev 11:3 "And I shall give **unto my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth."

Rev 11:4 **These are the two olive trees** Eze 4:3 and **the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.**

Zec 4:4 Then I responded and spoke to the messenger who was speaking to me, saying, **"What are these, my master?"**

Zec 4:5 And the messenger who was speaking to me answered and said to me, **"Do you not know what these are?"** And I said, **"No, my master."**

Zec 4:6 And he answered and said to me,

✚ **"This is the word of יהוה to Zerubbabel, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' said יהוה of hosts.**

This was a word not only to Zerubbabel but to all believers.

F. B. Meyer notes: "NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER" Zerubbabel had faltered in the great work of reconstruction and had practically lost heart. Here he is encouraged to renew his efforts and persevere to the top-stone. He might be weak and flexible as a wick but none of his deficiencies could hinder him from finishing his life-work, if only his spirit was kindled with the divine fire and fed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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BDB Definition:

Zerubbabel = "sown in Babylon"

1) the grandson of king Jehoiachin and leader of the first group of returning exiles from Babylon

✚ Zec 4:7 Who are you, great mountain, before Zerubbabel? A plain! **And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of "Favour, favour to it!"** ' ' "

Adam Clarke Notes:

O great mountain? - The hinderances which were thrown in the way; the regal prohibition to discontinue the building of the temple.

He shall bring forth the headstone - As he has laid the foundation stone, so shall he put on the headstone: as he has begun the building, so shall he finish it!

Luke 17:11-18:14**Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers**

One out of the 10 lepers returned to praise and thank Yahusha! Narrow is the path that leads to life and there are few that find it.

Luk 17:11 And it came to be, as He went to Yerushalayim, that He passed through the midst of Shomeron and Galil.

Luk 17:12 And as He was entering into a certain village, He was met by ten leprous men, who stood at a distance.

Luk 17:13 And they lifted up their voices, saying, “יהושע, Master, have compassion on us!”

Luk 17:14 And having seen *them*, He said to them, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And it came to be, that as they were going, they were cleansed.

Luk 17:15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, praising Elohim with a loud voice,

Luk 17:16 and he fell down upon his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Shomeroni.

Luk 17:17 And יהושע answering, said, “Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?”

Luk 17:18 “Was no one found to return to give praise to Elohim, except this foreigner?”^a Footnote: ^aThe Greek word referring to this Shomeroni is *allogenes*, which means “of another race.”

Luk 17:19 And He said to him, “Rise, go your way. Your belief has made you well.”

The Coming of the Kingdom

Many will be deceived in the last days. In our day, the Pharisees have been ‘intently watching’ and growing impatient with their desire to ‘usher’ in their false Messiah and ‘his’ kingdom. This will be a ‘man desired’ king, such as was King Saul.

There will be great signs and wonders and people will say look here or look there, but Yahusha is warning us; that that is the counterfeit anti-messianic kingdom.

Luk 17:20 And having been asked by the Pharisees when the reign of Elohim would come, He answered them and said, “The reign of Elohim does not come with intent

watching,

Luk 17:21 **nor shall they say, 'Look here!' or 'Look there!' For look, the reign of Elohim is in your midst!**

Luk 17:22 And He said to the taught ones, “Days shall come when you shall long to see one of the days of the Son of Adam, but you shall not see it.

Luk 17:23 “And they shall say to you, ‘Look here!’ or ‘Look there!’ **Do not go after them, nor follow.**

Luk 17:24 **“For as the lightning that flashes out of one part under heaven shines to the other part under heaven, so also the Son of Adam shall be in His day.**

Luk 17:25 “But first He has to suffer much and be rejected by this generation.

Luk 17:26 **“And as it came to be in the days of Noah, so also shall it be in the days of the Son of Adam:**

- Luk 17:27 “They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were marrying,
- they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.

The atmosphere at the end of days will ‘appear’ that life goes on as usual! People and nations will be living as if they have all the time in the world; and they will mock those that believe otherwise.

Luk 17:28 **“And likewise, as it came to be in the days of Lot:**

- They were eating,
- they were drinking,
- they were buying,
- they were selling,
- they were planting,
- they were building,
- Luk 17:29 but on the day Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and sulphur from heaven and destroyed all.

Luk 17:30 **“It shall be the same in the day the Son of Adam is revealed.**

- Luk 17:31 “In that day, he who shall be on the house-top, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away.
- And likewise the one who is in the field, let him not turn back.
- Luk 17:32 “Remember the wife of Lot.

The following verse reminds us that we are not our own. We are to confess Him and be faithful to Him no matter the cost. We are to heed His warnings; and we should not look back or go back.

- **Luk 17:33** “Whoever seeks to save his life shall lose it, and whoever loses his life shall preserve it.

Then, there is a series of people being taken and left behind. Matthew 13:30 tells us that the tares will be gathered first.

Matthew 13:30 Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: **First collect the weeds** and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat into my barn.” (emphasis mine)

Luk 17:34 **“I say to you,**

- ✚ in that night there shall be two in one bed, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ **Luk 17:35** “Two women shall be grinding together, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.
- ✚ **Luk 17:36** “Two^b shall be in the field, the one shall be taken and the other shall be left.” Footnote: ^b [Mat 24:40](#). Some manuscripts do not contain this verse, 17:36.

Luk 17:37 And they answering, said to Him, **“Where, Master?”** And He said to them, **“Where the body is, there also the vultures^c shall be gathered together.”** Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 24:28](#).

Zec 13:8 And it shall be throughout all the soil,” declares יהוה, “that two thirds therein are cut off and die, and one third is left therein.

Zec 13:9 “And I shall bring the third into fire, and refine them as silver is refined, and try them as gold is tried. **They shall call on My Name,**^b and I shall answer them. I shall say, ‘This is My people,’ while they say, ‘יהוה is my Elohim.’” Footnote: ^b [Zep 3:9](#).

Luke 18:1-14

We should glean the wisdom of ‘persistence’ like the widow.

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luk 18:1 And He spoke a parable to them, **that they should always pray and not lose heart,**

Luk 18:2 saying, “In a certain city there was a certain judge, not fearing Elohim nor regarding man.

Luk 18:3 “And a widow was in that city, and she came to him, saying, ‘Do right to me on my adversary.’”

Luk 18:4 “And he would not for a while, but afterward he said within himself, ‘Even if I do not fear Elohim nor regard man,

Luk 18:5 yet because this widow troubles me I shall do right to her, lest by her continual coming she wears me out.’”

Luk 18:6 And the Master said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge said.

Luk 18:7 **“And shall Elohim not do right by all means to His own chosen ones who are crying out day and night to Him, and being patient over them?”**

Luk 18:8 “I say to you that He shall do right to them speedily. **But when the Son of Adam comes, shall He find the belief on the earth?”**

What a difference this parable could make if taught correctly or at all in today’s Talmudic yeshivas (schools), congregations, and seminaries. One should not rely on themselves to be righteous nor look down on others as being ‘less than themselves’.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luk 18:9 And He also spoke this parable to some who **relied on themselves** that they were righteous, and looking down on others:

Luk 18:10 “Two men went up to the Set-apart Place to pray – **the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.**

Luk 18:11 “**The Pharisee** stood and began to pray with himself this way, ‘Elohim, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men, swindlers, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I acquire.’

Luk 18:13 “But **the tax collector** standing at a distance would not even raise his eyes to the heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘Elohim, show favor unto me, a sinner!’

Luk 18:14 “I say to you, this man went down to his house declared right, rather than the other. **For everyone who is exalting himself shall be humbled, and he who is humbling himself shall be exalted.**”

It is easy for any of us as His disciples, to exhibit a fleshly pharisaical attitude. Daily we must wash ourselves from 'worldly' thinking and shift ourselves to 'Kingdom' thinking; drawing closer to Him through His sweet Ruach HaKodesh; rather than being religious repellents.

Acts 2

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Act 2:1 And when the Day of the Festival of **Shabu'oth^a** had come, they were all with **one mind** in **one place**. Footnote: ^aWeeks.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from the heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and settled on each one of them.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Set-apart Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them to speak.

As promised, the Ruach HaKodesh comes as Yahusha had told them. They had been obedient and had stayed in Jerusalem; they were of one mind; and they were in one place; and they were filled with the Set-apart Spirit and began to speak with other tongues.

This occurred on YHWH's prophetic appointed time of Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks or Pentecost. Fifty days prior, His crucifixion had taken place on Passover and Yahusha had ascended on the 3rd day, the feast of First Fruits. From that point, He had made full atonement on the heavenly altar with His precious blood and afterwards appeared for 40 days to more than 500 people including His disciples.

What does this mean? This means that the Set-apart Spirit now dwells in believers. This means that we are living stones of the Temple of YHWH. This means that we are brought together by one mind in Him and are gathered into one place: the body of believers! This means we are made into a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nations; a set-apart people, a holy nation.

The Promise, the Comforter had come! Greater things could now be done because [His Spirit now dwelt in believers](#) who serve as His Royal Ambassadors and carry out the Great Commission all around the world!

Act 2:5 Now in Yerushalayim there were dwelling Yehudim, dedicated men from every nation under the heaven.

Act 2:6 And when this sound came to be, the crowd came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marveled, saying to each other, “Look, are not all these who speak Galileans?”

Act 2:8 “And how do we hear, each one in our own language in which we were born?”

Act 2:9 “Parthians and Medes and Ęylamites, and those dwelling in Aram Naharayim, both Yehudah and Kappadokia, Pontos and Asia,

Act 2:10 both Phrygia and Pamphulia, Mitsrayim and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Yehudim and converts,

Act 2:11 “Cretans and Arabs, **we hear them speaking in our own tongues the great deeds of Elohim.**”

Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were puzzled, saying to each other, “What does this mean?”

Act 2:13 And others mocking said, “They have been filled with sweet wine.”

There had been a great influx of people from across the world gathering in Jerusalem for the Feast of Shavuot [Festival of Weeks or Pentecost]. This Shavuot was like none other. The Promise, the Comforter had come!

Those that received His Spirit spoke in tongues; and the people that had traveled in from every nation heard them speaking in their own language about the great deeds of Elohim. This was a very powerful witness that all those visiting would take back to their countries.

These Spirit filled believers were now His kingdom of priests powerfully witnessing to the nations gathered for Pentecost.

This great outpouring of His Spirit will happen again in the end of days through the two witnesses we have previously discussed. These witnesses will proclaim the great deeds of Elohim and do mighty signs and wonders for 3 ½ years, just as those did at the coming of the Ruach HaKodesh.

Now we see Peter address those that were mocking this blessed event.

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Act 2:14 But **Kěpha, standing up with the eleven**, lifted up his voice and said to them, “Men of Yehudah and all those dwelling in Yerushalayim, let this be known to you, and listen closely to my words.

Act 2:15 “For these men are not drunk, as you imagine, since it is only the third hour of the day.

Act 2:16 **“But this is what was spoken by the prophet Yo’ël:**

Act 2:17 ‘And it shall be in the last days, says Elohim, that I shall pour out of My Spirit on all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams,

Act 2:18 and also on My male servants and on My female servants I shall pour out My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy.

Act 2:19 ‘And I shall show wonders in the heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapour of smoke.

Act 2:20 ‘The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, **before the coming of the great and splendid day of יהוה**.

Act 2:21 **‘And it shall be that everyone who calls on the Name of יהוה shall be saved.** ^b Joe 2:28-32 Footnote: ^b Rom 10:13.

Act 2:22 “Men of Yisra’el, hear these words: **יהושע** of Natsareth, a Man from Elohim, having been pointed out to you by mighty works, and wonders, and signs which Elohim did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know,

Act 2:23 this One, given up by the set purpose and foreknowledge of Elohim, you have impaled and put to death through the hands of lawless men –

Act 2:24 “Him Elohim raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, because it was impossible that He could be held in its grip.

Act 2:25 **“For Dawid says concerning Him, ‘I saw יהוה before me continually, because He is at my right hand, in order that I should not be shaken.**

Act 2:26 'For this reason my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad, and now my flesh shall also rest in expectation,

Act 2:27 because You shall not leave my being in She'ol, nor shall You give Your Lovingly-committed One to see corruption.

David rejoiced knowing that his soul would not be left in the comfort side of Sheol; but Yahusha would set the captives free.

Act 2:28 'You have made known to me the ways of life, You shall fill me with joy in Your presence.' [Psa 16:8-11](#).

Act 2:29 "Men and brothers, let me speak boldly to you of the ancestor Dawid, that he died and was buried,^C and his tomb is with us to this day. [Footnote: ^CSee Act 2:34](#).

Act 2:30 "Being a prophet, then, and knowing that Elohim had sworn with an oath to him: of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, to raise up the Messiah to sit on his throne,

Act 2:31 foreseeing this he spoke concerning the resurrection of the Messiah, that His being was neither left in She'ol, nor did His flesh see corruption.

David knew that:

1. His soul or being would not be left in Sheol nor
2. Would his flesh see corruption.

Yahusha is the Resurrection AND the Life. Those that believe in Him though they die they live and those that are living and believing in Him shall never die at ALL!

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?"

Through the death, burial, and resurrection of Yahusha, He opened the door in Revelation 4:1. Now, since that time, those that die, their souls no longer go to Abraham's bosom in the comfort side of Sheol; but now go to be in His heavenly presence.

We are tripartite beings made up of Spirit, soul, and body.

1. Our spirit, His Ruach HaKodesh, returns to Him in heaven.
2. Our soul is also caught up to heaven for Yahusha is the Life.
3. Our body is buried in the grave and awaits corruptible to put on incorruptible by receiving our new glorified body at the resurrection.

Act 2:32 **Elohim has raised up this יהושע, of which we are all witnesses.**

Act 2:33 "Therefore, having been exalted to the right hand of Elohim, and having received from the Father the promise of the Set-apart Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Act 2:34 "For Dawid did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself said, 'יהוה **said to my Master, "Sit at My right hand,**

Act 2:35 **until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."** ' [Psa 110:1](#).

No one had ascended into heaven BEFORE Yahusha. Yahusha defeated Satan by laying down His life and taking it back up again. Yahusha had defeated Satan by pouring out His Ruach HaKodesh upon all believers. Yahusha descended before ascending to proclaim fulfillment of the prophecies to the faithful ones that had passed on previously; He had fulfilled YHWH's Promise. It is my understanding, that he gathered these souls' captive in Abraham's bosom, and brought them with Him as he had torn down the partition of separation from YHWH. He was the only One that could open the Door in Revelation 4:1.

Now, the spirit and souls of believers could be joined with Him and would later receive their glorified bodies upon the resurrection in the last day. This is my understanding to date; you may disagree but again this is my understanding of what the Scriptures say.

Mar 12:25 "For **when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as messengers** in the heavens.

Mar 12:26 "And **concerning the dead, that they rise – have you not read in the book of Mosheh, at the bush, how Elohim spoke to him, saying, 'I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitshaq, and the Elohim of Ya'aqob'?** [Exo 3:6](#).

Mar 12:27 “**He is not the Elohim of the dead, but Elohim of the living.** You, then, go greatly astray.”

Act 2:36 “Therefore let all the house of Yisra’el know for certain that **Elohim has made this יהושע, whom you impaled, both Master and Messiah.**”

Act 2:37 And having heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Kěpha and the rest of the emissaries, **“Men, brothers, what shall we do?”**

Act 2:38 And Kěpha said to them, **“Repent, and let each one of you be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah for the forgiveness of sins.”^d And you shall receive the gift of the Set-apart Spirit.** Footnote: ^dAlso see [Act 2:40](#), [Act 3:19](#), [Act 3:26](#).

Act 2:39 “**For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are far off, as many as יהוה our Elohim shall call.**”

Act 2:40 And with many other words he earnestly witnessed and urged them, saying, **“Be saved from this crooked generation.”^e** Footnote: ^e [Jer 51:6](#), [Php 2:15](#), [Rev 18:4](#).

Act 2:41 **Then those, indeed, who gladly received his word, were immersed. And on that day about three thousand beings were added to them.**

I pray everyone who reads this study of insights, heeds the words of Peter. Yahusha was YHWH ‘in Son’; He came in the ‘likeness’ of flesh from the heavens. He laid down His life and took it back up to make a way for mankind to repent; to be redeemed; and to be washed by the blood of the Lamb. While a person has breath, it is never too late!

As believers we are to partake in His Moedim; partake in His Covenant Confirming meal; be washed by Him, the Word, through immersion, Baptism or Mikvah. Then daily walk in a set-apart lifestyle according to Covenant Torah which is the process of sanctification. Our lifestyle is directed by Him; not us.

That day of Pentecost, 3,000 beings were saved; unlike after the sin of the golden calf when 3,000 beings died. Now, in the New Covenant, we are saved through grace by faith; not of works, lest any man should boast. Yet, we do good works, from the overflow of our hearts and love for Him and His Word.

Eph 2:8 For by favor you have been saved, **through belief**, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim.

Eph 2:9 it is not by works, so that no one should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יהושע unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The Fellowship of the Believers

Act 2:42 **And they were continuing steadfastly in the teaching of the emissaries, and in the fellowship, and in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.**

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every being, and many wonders and signs were being done through the emissaries.

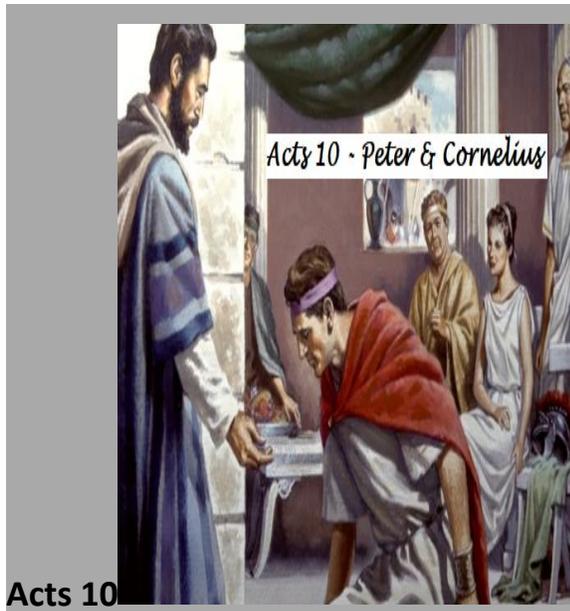
Act 2:44 And all those who believed **were together**, and had all in common,

Act 2:45 and sold their possessions and property, and divided them among all, as anyone might have need.

Act 2:46 And **day by day, continuing with one mind in the Set-apart Place, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,**

Act 2:47 praising Elohim and having favour with all the people. And the Master added to the assembly those who were being saved, day by day.

Acts 10 – The below timeline is approximate only.



Acts 10

Where are we at on the linear timeline?	
34 A.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul arrives in Jerusalem - Stephen debates Jews coming from Cyrene, Cilicia (ie. Saul), Alexandria (Ac. 6:9) - Stephen arrested by Sandhedrin (Ac. 6:12) - Stephen stoned (Ac. 7:59) - Saul persecutes the church in Jerusalem - Philip goes to Samaria (Ac. 8:4) - Philip meets Ethiopian Treasurer (Ac. 8:26)
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul converted on road to Damascus (Ac. 9) - Saul is in Damascus - Saul leaves for Arabia (Gal. 1:17)
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul is in Arabia
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul returns to preach in Damascus - Saul's life is threatened (Ac. 9:23) - Saul escapes to Jerusalem - Barnabus introduces Saul to disciples - Saul stays with Peter 15 days (Gal. 1:18-19) - Saul debates Grecian Jews (Ac. 9:29) - Saul flees to Tarsus in Cilicia (Ac. 9:29,30)
39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul preaches in Cilicia and Syria for five years (Gal. 1:21) - Persecution has ceased in Jerusalem - Jerusalem church continues to grow (Ac. 9:31) - Peter travels Judean Countryside (Ac. 9:32) - Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda (Ac. 9:33) - Peter raises Tabitha in Joppa (Ac. 9:36) - Peter called to Caesarea by Cornelius (A. 10)
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter has to defend having preached in a Gentile house to the church leaders in Jerusalem. (Ac. 11) - Missionaries from Cyrene in North Africa come to Antioch in Syria and preach to the Gentiles (Ac. 11:20) - Saul is preaching in Cilicia and Syria

Peter and Cornelius

Cornelius was a captain (or Centurion) serving in what was called the Italian Regiment of the Roman Army. He apparently grew to love the Elohim of the Hebrew people and was devoted to Him and to good deeds.

The Book of Acts focuses mainly on the acts of Peter and Paul. We know YHWH sends Peter to the circumcised and Paul to the nations; however, this doesn't mean that is a 'hard-fast line.' Both, Peter and Paul, share the Good News as directed by the Ruach HaKodesh. The Good News was presented to the Jews/Hebrews first, but many rejected the message. This doesn't mean that they are forgotten; no, to this day the Good News is shared with everyone. By belief in Yahusha, His kingdom of priests is multi-tribal, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-national from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

Gal 2:6 But from those who were esteemed to be whatever – what they were, it makes no difference to me, **Elohim shows no partiality** – for those who were esteemed contributed naught to me. 7 But on the contrary, when they saw that **the Good News to the uncircumcised had been entrusted to me, even as Kěpha to the circumcised** – 8 for He who worked in Kěpha to make him an emissary to the circumcised also **worked in me [Paul] for the nations.**

Act 10:1 Now there was **a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius**, a captain of what was called the Italian Regiment,

Act 10:2 **dedicated, and fearing Elohim with all his household**, doing many kind deeds to the people, and praying to Elohim always.

Act 10:3 He clearly saw in a **vision**, about the **ninth hour of the day**, a messenger of Elohim coming to him, and saying to him, "Cornelius!"

Act 10:4 And looking intently at him, and becoming afraid, he said, "What is it, master?" And he said to him, **"Your prayers and your kind deeds have come up for a remembrance before Elohim.**

Instructions given by the messenger:

Act 10:5 "And now

- **send men to Yapho, and**
- **send for Shim'on who is also called Kěpha.**
- **Act 10:6** "He is **staying with Shim'on, a leather-tanner, whose house is by the sea.**"

Act 10:7 And when the messenger who spoke to him went away, Cornelius called **two of his household servants, and a dedicated soldier** from among those who waited on him continually.

Act 10:8 And having explained to them all, he sent them to Yapho.

At the ninth hour (3 p.m.) is the same 'time of day' that Yahusha had died. I call these 'time markers' that show us patterns and possible connections to pivotal events. **At 3 p.m.** a messenger angel appears to Cornelius in a vision; which was all possible because of the finished work of Yahusha on the tree. The Good News was for all!

Galatians 3:28 There is not Yehudite nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah. יהושע

What made Cornelius stand out?

Acts 10:4b and he said to him, "Your prayers and your kind deeds have **come up** for a remembrance before Elohim.

Cornelius Calls his Dedicated 'Devout' Soldier

Cornelius was a leader. He not only ruled his cohort regimen well; he ruled his household servants, and family well. We see him call two household servants and a dedicated soldier who waited on Cornelius continually.

Cornelius did not keep his faith a secret. His household, servants, and his dedicated soldier, would have known the character and the belief of Cornelius.

Peter's Vision

Act 10:9 And on the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Kěpha went up on the house-top to pray, about the sixth hour.

At the sixth hour (12:00 p.m.) is the same 'time of day' that the three hours of darkness occurred during Yahusha HaMashiach's crucifixion on the tree.

We can only imagine what work Yahusha was combating in the spiritual realm during the 3 hours of darkness; noon to 3 p.m. What we do know, was His finished work of laying down His life and taking it back up again; ushered in His proposal of the New Covenant Confirming Gospel message for all people who would receive Him by faith. Now, here in the account of Peter and Cornelius, we see the Gospel message starting to go out to the nations. The 'time markers' in this account directly link us to Yahusha's finished work on the crucifixion tree!

Mat 27:45 And from **the sixth hour** there was darkness over all the land, **until the ninth hour**
 Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour יְהוֹשֻׁעַ cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Ĕli, Ĕli, lemah shebaqtani?" that is, "My Ĕli, My Ĕli, why have You forsaken Me?" Psa 22:1.

'Three hours of darkness' let's ponder this. we know YHWH can make anything happen. We also know He usually incorporates nature in His miracles; the parting of the Sea of Reeds; the storm on the sea of Galilee; the water from the rock; the meteor shower of Sodom & Gomorrah etc. Is the possibility of a 3rd planetary body coming into our solar system between the sun and the earth feasible to cause a double eclipse of the sun and moon resulting in 3 hours of darkness? Yes, it is possible.

Three hours of darkness is biblical astronomy language. A planetary body approaching between the sun and the earth would cause great geological disturbances. Such a planetary body passing through our solar system has been documented in times past; the Chinese Guest Star of 1054 C.E.

Act 10:10 And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into a trance,

Act 10:11 and he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

Act 10:12 in which were all kinds of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of the heaven.

Act 10:13 And a voice came to him, "Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat."

Act 10:14 But Kěpha said, "Not at all, Master! Because I have never eaten whatever is common or unclean."

Act 10:15 And a voice *came* to him again the second time, "What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common."

Act 10:16 And this took place **three times**, and the vessel was taken back to the

heaven.

Act 10:17 And while Kěpha was doubting within himself about what the vision might mean, look, **the men who had been sent from Cornelius**, having asked for the house of Shim'on, stood at the gate,

Here we have what I call a connecting 'numerical marker.' In the trance, Peter sees this sheet of unclean creatures 3 times. We know there are 3 nation people approaching Shim'on's home [2 household servants and a dedicated soldier]. The meaning of Peter's vision follows immediately by the 3 men arriving. The interpretation being, the Gospel Message of Yahusha is offered to all people. As mentioned before, in Him, there is neither Jew nor Greek; slave or free; male or female for all are one in Messiah Yahusha.

Act 10:18 and calling out, they enquired whether Shim'on, also known as Kěpha, was staying there.

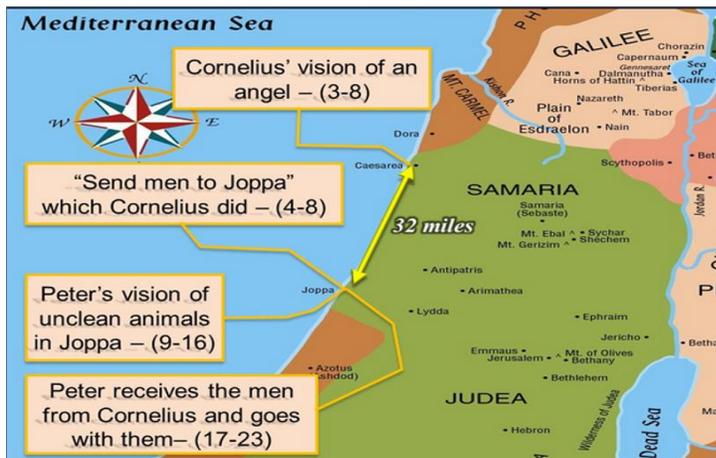
Act 10:19 And as Kěpha was thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, **"See, three men** seek you.

Act 10:20 **"But rise up, go down and go with them, not doubting at all, for I have sent them."**

Act 10:21 So Kěpha went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Look, I am the one you seek. Why have you come?"

Act 10:22 **And they said, "Cornelius the captain, a righteous man and one who fears Elohim and well spoken of by the entire nation of the Yehudim, was instructed by a set-apart messenger to send for you to his house, and to hear words from you."**

Act 10:23 So inviting them in, he housed them. And on the next day Kěpha went away with them, and some brothers from Yapho went with him.



Act 10:24 And the following day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting

for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

Act 10:25 And it came to be, that when Kěpha entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and bowed before him.

Act 10:26 **But Kěpha raised him up, saying, “Stand up, I myself am also a man.”**

Act 10:27 And talking with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

Act 10:28 And he said to them, “You know that a Yehudi man is not allowed^a to associate with, or go to one of another race. But Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man^b common or unclean. Footnotes: ^aThis was a man-made law. See [Mat 15:3](#), [Mat 15:9](#), [Mar 7:7-8](#), [Col 2:14](#), [Col 2:20](#) and [Col 2:22](#). ^bNot animal - See also [Act 10:35](#).”

Act 10:29 “**That is why I came without hesitation** when I was sent for. So I ask, why have you sent for me?”

Act 10:30 And Cornelius said, “**Four days** ago I was fasting until this hour. And at **the ninth hour** I prayed in my house, and see, a man stood before me in shining garments,

Act 10:31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your kind deeds were remembered before Elohim.’

Act 10:32 Now send to Yapho and call Shim'on here, who is also called Kěpha. He is staying in the house of Shim'on, a leather-tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he shall speak to you.’

Act 10:33 “**So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. And now, we are all present before Elohim, to hear all that you have been commanded by Elohim.**”

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Act 10:34 And opening his mouth, Kěpha said, “Truly I see that Elohim shows no partiality,

Act 10:35 but in **every nation**, he who **fears Him** and **works righteousness** is accepted by Him.

Act 10:36 “He sent the word to the children of Yisra'ěl, bringing the Good News: peace through **ישוע** Messiah! He is Master of all.

Act 10:37 “You know what word came to be throughout all Yehudah, **beginning from Galil after the immersion which Yoħanan proclaimed:**

Act 10:38 how **Elohim did anoint ישוע of Natsareth with the Set-apart Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for Elohim was with Him.**

Act 10:39 “And **we are witnesses** of all He did, both in the country of the Yehudim and in Yerushalayim, whom they even killed **by hanging on a timber**. [Deu 21:22-23](#).

Act 10:40 “**Elohim raised up this One on the third day**, and let Him be seen,

Act 10:41 not to all the people, but to witnesses, those having been chosen before by Elohim – to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Act 10:42 “**And He commanded us to proclaim to the people, and to witness that it is He who was appointed by Elohim to be Judge of the living and the dead.**”^c Footnote:

^cSee [Act 17:31](#), [Joh 5:29](#), [Psa 96:13](#), [Psa 98:9](#), [Rev 19:11](#).

Act 10:43 “**To this One all the prophets bear witness, that through His Name, everyone believing in Him does receive forgiveness of sins.**”

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

Act 10:44 While Kěpha was still speaking these words, the **Set-apart Spirit fell** upon all those hearing the word.

Act 10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, **because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit had been poured out on the nations also,**

Act 10:46 for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. Then Kěpha answered,

Act 10:47 “Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be immersed who have received the Set-apart Spirit – even as also we?”

Act 10:48 And he **commanded them to be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah**. Then they asked him to remain a few days.

That is worth repeating! And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit **had been poured out on the nations also**, for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. HalleluYAH!

Other Torah Portion Readings:

2 Corinthians 10:5-13

Hebrews 3:1-6

Revelation 11:1-3

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