

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 13; Haggai 1; Rev. 3; John 2

December 12 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

2Chron 13

Abijah Reigns in Judah

2Ch 13:1 In the **eighteenth year of Sovereign Yarob'am**, **Abiyah** began to reign over **Yehudah**.

2Ch 13:2 He reigned **three years in Yerushalayim**. And his mother's name was **Mikayahu** the daughter of **Uri'el** of **Gib'ah**. **And there was fighting between Abiyah and Yarob'am**.

2Ch 13:3 And **Abiyah** joined battle with an army of mighty men of battle, **four hundred thousand choice men**. And **Yarob'am** drew up in battle formation against him with **eight hundred thousand choice** men, mighty brave men.

2Ch 13:4 And **Abiyah** stood on Mount **Tsemarayim**, which is in the mountains of **Ephrayim**, and said, **"Hear me, Yarob'am and all Yisra'el:**

✚ **2Ch 13:5** "Do you not know that **יהוה** Elohim of **Yisra'el** has given the reign over **Yisra'el** to **Dawid** forever, to him and his sons, by a covenant of salt?

Ellicott Notes: By a covenant of salt.—As or after the manner of a covenant of salt, i.e., a firm and unalterable compact (see [Numbers 18:19](#)). According to ancient custom, salt was indispensable at formal meals for the ratification of friendship and alliance; and only a "salt treaty" was held to be secure. Salt therefore accompanied sacrifices, as being, in fact, so many renewals of the covenant between man and God. ([Leviticus 2:13](#); [Ezekiel 43:24](#); [Leviticus 24:7](#) in the LXX.)

✚ **2Ch 13:6** "Yet **Yarob'am** son of **Nebat**, the servant of **Shelomoh** son of **Dawid**, rose up and rebelled against his master.

This is recorded in [1Kings 11](#) when the prophet **Ahijah** clothes **Jeroboam** with a new cloak then proceeds to tear the cloak into 12 pieces.: **26**Then **Jeroboam** the son of **Nebat**, an **Ephraimite** of **Zeredah**, **Solomon's** servant, whose mother's name was **Zeruah**, a widow, also rebelled against the king. **27**Now this was the reason why he rebelled against the king: **Solomon** built the **Millo**, and closed up the breach of the city of his father **David**. **28**Now the man **Jeroboam** was a valiant warrior, and when **Solomon** saw that the young man was industrious, he appointed him over all the forced labor of the house of **Joseph**. **29**It came about at that time, when **Jeroboam** went out of **Jerusalem**, that the prophet **Ahijah** the **Shilonite** found him on the road. Now **Ahijah** had clothed himself with a new cloak; and both of them were alone in the field. **30**Then **Ahijah** took hold of the new cloak which was on him and tore it into twelve pieces. **31**He said to **Jeroboam**, "Take for yourself ten pieces; for thus says the **LORD**, the God of **Israel**, 'Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of **Solomon** and give you ten tribes **32**(but he will have one tribe, for the sake of My servant **David** and for the sake of **Jerusalem**, the city which I

have chosen from all the tribes of Israel), [33](#) because they have forsaken Me, and have worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the sons of Ammon; and they have not walked in My ways, doing what is right in My sight and *observing* My statutes and My ordinances, as his father David *did*. [34](#) Nevertheless I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him ruler all the days of his life, for the sake of My servant David whom I chose, who observed My commandments and My statutes; [35](#) but I will take the kingdom from his son's hand and give it to you, *even* ten tribes. [36](#) But to his son I will give one tribe, that My servant David may have a lamp always before Me in Jerusalem, the city where I have chosen for Myself to put My name.

- ✚ [2Ch 13:7](#) “And vain men gathered to him, sons of Beliya'al, and strengthened themselves against Rehāb'am son of Shelomoh, when Rehāb'am was young and tender of heart and could not be strong against them.

Abijah hyperinflates the character of Rehoboam. Rehoboam was 41 when he began to reign and in 2Chronicles 10, he was anything but young and tenderhearted. He was harsh and prideful. However, many of the other points Abijah makes are very accurate.

- ✚ [2Ch 13:8](#) “And now you think to be strong against the reign of יהוה, which is in the hand of the sons of Dawid. And you are a large crowd, and with you are the gold calves which Yarob'am made for you as mighty ones.

[2Ch 11:14](#) For the Lēwites left their open lands and their possessions and came to Yehudāh and Yerushalayim, for Yarob'am and his sons had rejected them from serving as priests unto יהוה,

[2Ch 11:15](#) as he appointed for himself priests for the high places, and for goats, and the calf idols which he had made.

- ✚ [2Ch 13:9](#) “Have you not thrown out the priests of יהוה, the sons of Aharon, and the Lēwites, and made for yourselves priests, like the peoples of the lands, so that whoever comes to ordain himself with a young bull and seven rams then becomes a priest of what are not mighty ones?

- ✚ [2Ch 13:10](#) “But as for us, יהוה is our Elohim, and we have not forsaken Him, and priests are serving יהוה, the sons of Aharon and the Lēwites, in the work,

- ✚ [2Ch 13:11](#) and are burning to יהוה every morning and every evening ascending offerings and sweet incense, and the showbread is set on the clean table, and the lampstand of gold with its lamps to burn every evening, for we are guarding the Charge of יהוה our Elohim. But you have forsaken Him.

- ✚ [2Ch 13:12](#) “And see, with us as Head is Elohim Himself, and His priests with sounding trumpets to sound the alarm against you. O children of Yisra'el, do not fight against יהוה Elohim of your fathers, for you are not going to prosper!”

[2Ch 13:13](#) But Yarob'am sent round an ambush to go behind them, so they were in front of Yehudāh, and the ambush was behind them.

Judah faced a battle with a 2 to 1 ratio; with them being the lesser in numbers. However, YHWH was with them; YHWH showed them favor; and YHWH gave them victory while Israel loses 500,000 choice men.

2Ch 13:14 And Yehudah turned and saw the battle was both in front and behind them. Then they cried out to יהוה', and the priests sounded the trumpets.

2Ch 13:15 And the men of Yehudah gave a shout. And it came to be, as the men of Yehudah shouted, that Elohim smote Yarob'am and all Yisra'el before Abiyah and Yehudah.

2Ch 13:16 And the children of Yisra'el fled before Yehudah, and Elohim gave them into their hand.

2Ch 13:17 And Abiyah and his people struck them with a great slaughter, and **five hundred thousand choice men of Yisra'el fell slain.**

2Ch 13:18 And the children of Yisra'el were humbled at that time, while the children of Yehudah prevailed, because they relied on יהוה' Elohim of their fathers.

2Ch 13:19 And Abiyah pursued Yarob'am and captured cities from him: Bëyth Ēl with its villages, and Yeshanah with its villages, and Ephron with its villages.

2Ch 13:20 And Yarob'am did not regain power again in the days of Abiyahu. And יהוה' smote him, and he died.

2Ch 13:21 But Abiyah became strong, and took fourteen wives, and brought forth twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters.

2Ch 13:22 And the rest of the acts of Abiyah, and his ways, and his words are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

Haggai Introduction

F. B. Meyer INTRODUCTION TO HAGGAI

Haggai returned from exile in Babylon, under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Joshua, in the year 536 B.C., when Cyrus, moved by the striking prophecies about himself, which had probably been brought under his notice by Daniel, granted the Jews their liberty, and provided them with materials for restoring their Temple. This work of rebuilding went on under Cyrus and his successor, in spite of the opposition of the Samaritans; but, finally, these inveterate foes of the returned exiles obtained an edict from Artaxerxes to stay the progress of the rebuilding of the Temple, [Ezr 4:7-23](#). The Jews gave up the work, and began to build splendid mansions for themselves, so that the operations on the Temple site were not recommenced, even when there was opportunity for them. For fourteen years the work was discontinued, **until Haggai uttered his burning message.** He seems to have been an old man when summoned to the prophet's office, and his term of service lasted for only four months. But when a man speaks in the power of God, you cannot measure the effect by chronology. His brief ministry had immediate effect, for within three weeks the people were once more at work.

Haggai 1

The Command to Rebuild the Temple

Hag 1:1 **In the second year of Dareyawesh the sovereign, in the sixth new moon, on the first day of the new moon,** the word of יהוה came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel son of She'alti'eĕl, governor of Yehudāh, and to Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, saying,

Adam Clarke Notes: Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel - Who was son of Jeconiah, king of Judah, and of the family of David, and exercised the post of a governor among the people, but not over them, for both he and they were under the Persian government; but they were permitted to have Zerubbabel for their own governor, and Joshua for their high priest; and these regulated all matters relative to their peculiar political and ecclesiastical government. But it appears from Ezra, [Ezr 5:3](#), that Tatnai, the governor on this side the river, had them under his cognizance. None of their own governors was absolute. The Persians permitted them to live under their own laws and civil regulations; but they always considered them as a colony, over which they had a continual superintendence.

Joshua the son of Josedech - And son of Seraiah, who was high priest in the time of Zedekiah, and was carried into captivity by Nebuchadnezzar, [1Ch 6:15](#). But Seraiah was slain at Riblah, by order of Nebuchadnezzar, [2Ki 25:18-21](#).

Hag 1:2 **“Thus spoke יהוה of hosts, saying,**

✚ ‘This people have said, “The time has not come, the time the House of יהוה is to be built.” ’ ’ ”

Hag 1:3 Then the word of יהוה came by Haggai the prophet, saying,

✚ **Hag 1:4** “Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your panelled houses, and this House be in ruins?”

Adam Clarke Notes: Is it time for you - If the time be not come to rebuild the temple, it cannot be come for you to build yourselves comfortable houses: but ye are rebuilding your houses; why then do ye not rebuild the house of the Lord? The foundation of the temple had been laid fourteen years before, and some considerable progress made in the building; and it had been lying waste in that unfinished state to the present time.

Hag 1:5 And now, thus said יהוה of hosts,

✚ **“Consider your ways!**

✚ **Hag 1:6** **“You have sown much, but brought in little;** eat, but do not have enough; drink, but you are not filled with drink; clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he who earns wages, earns wages to put into a bag with holes.”

Hag 1:7 Thus said יהוה of hosts,

✚ **“Consider your ways!**

✚ **Hag 1:8** Go up to the mountain, and you shall bring wood and build the House. And I will be pleased with it, and let Me be esteemed,” said יהוה.

Adam Clarke Notes: Go up to the mountain, and bring wood - Go to Lebanon, and get timber. In the second year of the return from the captivity, they had procured cedar trees from Lebanon, and brought them to Joppa, and had hired masons and carpenters from the Tyrians and Sidonians; but that labor had been nearly lost by the long suspension of the building. [Ezr 3:7](#).

- ✚ Hag 1:9 “When you looked for much, then see, it came to little. And when you brought it home, I would blow on it. **Why?” declares יהוה of hosts. “Because of My House which lies in ruins, while each of you runs to his own house.**
- ✚ Hag 1:10 “**Therefore** the heavens above you have withheld the dew, and the earth has withheld its fruit.
- ✚ Hag 1:11 “And I called for a drought on the land, and on the mountains, and on the grain, and on the new wine, and on the oil, and on whatever the ground brings forth, and on man, and on livestock, and on all the labour of the hands.”

The People Obey YHWH

Hag 1:12 **Then Zerubbabel son of She’alti’el, and Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of יהוה their Elohim, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as יהוה their Elohim had sent him. And the people feared the presence of יהוה.**

Praise Yah! Everyone was united in obeying the voice of YHWH and Haggai the prophet!

Hag 1:13 And Haggai, the messenger of יהוה, spoke the message of יהוה to the people, saying,

- ✚ **“I am with you, declares יהוה.”**

What words could be more precious than those! “I am with you, declares YHWH.”

Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to this? If Elohim is for us, who is against us?

- ✚ Hag 1:14 And יהוה stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel son of She’alti’el, governor of Yehudah, and the spirit of Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. **And they came and worked on the House of יהוה of hosts, their Elohim,**
- ✚ Hag 1:15 on the **twenty-fourth day of the sixth new moon, in the second year of Dareyawesh the sovereign.**

Revelation 3

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To the Church in Sardis

Rev 3:1 “And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write, ‘He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars, says this, “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

Rev 3:2 “Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before Elohim.

Rev 3:3 “Remember, then, how you have received, and heard. And watch and repent. If, then, you do not wake up, I shall come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know at all what hour I come upon you.

Rev 3:4 “Nevertheless, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 “He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes, and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

Rev 3:6 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

To: The messenger of the assembly of Sardis [Rev. 3:1-6]

From: He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars

Negative/Weaknesses: Rev 3:1b “I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Rev 3:2 “Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before Elohim.

Remarks/Advice: Rev 3:3 “Remember, then, how you have received, and heard. And watch and repent. If, then, you do not wake up, I shall come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know at all what hour I come upon you.

Positive/Strengths: Rev 3:4 “Nevertheless, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

Overcomer Rewards: Rev 3:5 “He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes, and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

Key Verse: Rev 3:6 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.”

To the Church in Philadelphia

Rev 3:7 “And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write, ‘He who is set-apart, He who is true, He who has **the key of Dawid, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens,** [Isa 22:22](#) says this:

Rev 3:8 “I know your works – see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it – that you have little power, yet have guarded My Word, and have not denied My Name.

Rev 3:9 “See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 3:10 “Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 3:11 “See, I am coming speedily! Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

Rev 3:12 “He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name.

Rev 3:13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’

To: The messenger of the assembly of Philadelphia [Rev. 3:7-13]

From: ‘He who is set-apart, He who is true, He who has the key of Dawid, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens, [Isa_22:22](#)

Positive/Strengths: Rev 3:8 “I know your works – see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it – that you have little power, yet have guarded My Word, and have not denied My Name. Rev 3:9 “See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Warning/Advice: Rev 3:10 “Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth. Rev 3:11 “See, I am coming speedily! Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

Negative/Weaknesses: None Mentioned

Overcomer Rewards: Rev 3:12 “He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name.

Key Verse: Rev 3:13 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.”

To the Church in Laodicea

Rev 3:14 “And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia write, ‘The Amēn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the [Beginning of the creation of Elohim](#),^a says this:

Footnote: ^a [Col 1:15](#), [Heb 1:6](#).

Rev 3:15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 “So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth.

Rev 3:17 “Because you say, ‘**Rich I am, and I am made rich**, [Hos 12:8](#) and need none at all,’ and do not know that you are wretched, and pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Rev 3:18 “I advise you to buy from Me gold [refined in the fire](#),^b so that you become rich; and white garments, so that you become dressed, so that the shame of your nakedness might not be shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see.

Footnote: ^b [Psa 19:10](#), [Psa 119:72](#) and [Psa 119:127](#), [Pro 30:5](#).

Rev 3:19 “As many as I love, I reprove and discipline. So be ardent and repent.

Rev 3:20 “See, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I shall come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:21 “To him who overcomes I shall give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 3:22 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.” ’ ”

To: The messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia – [Rev. 3:14-22]

From: 'The Amēn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim, a says this: Footnote: a Col_1:15, Heb_1:6.

Negative/Weaknesses: Rev 3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. Rev 3:16 "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth. Rev 3:17 "Because you say, 'Rich I am, and I am made rich, Hos_12:8 and need none at all,' and do not know that you are wretched, and pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Positive/Strengths: None mentioned.

Warning/Advice: Rev 3:18 "I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire,^b so that you become rich; and white garments, so that you become dressed, so that the shame of your nakedness might not be

shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see. Footnote: b Psa_19:10, Psa_119:72 and Psa_119:127, Pro_30:5.

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Key Verse: Rev 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."""

Here are my concluding thoughts about these assemblies. Again, we are walking through the Book of Revelation together, and we will all see more clearly as the days draw closer. I do not have this all figured out.

There were only two lampstands out of 7 lampstands, that were not rebuked. Those were Smyrna and Philadelphia. All 7 of these conditions within the assemblies will exist in the end of days.

Smyrna and Philadelphia held fast to their profession of Yahusha Messiah, the Word; and were both heavily persecuted by those that called themselves 'Jews' but were of the Synagogue of Satan.

We will read in Rev. 11:

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.

The two olive trees represent the **House of Israel** and the **House of Judah**, along with those grafted in. These, based on what we have looked at, appear to also be inclusive of the two lampstands reflected by the assemblies of faithful believers in **Smyrna and Philadelphia**. Would this also include the 144,000? Probably.

These are the zealous ones for Him. These are the faithful and true ones. These are those that have entered covenant with their Groom. These, as I see it are the bride, these are His kingdom of priests.

These are those that have been washed by His Word; observe His moedim inclusive of His Sabbaths; know their priestly duties; and have been purified and washed by the acting High Priest Yahusha HaMashiach; so that they may enter into the 'Tent of Appointment' to commune with Him and consummate the marriage. Rev. 11 states they are standing BEFORE the Elohim of earth. Only His sanctified priests can stand before Him. This is what we have been understanding through the Exodus Tabernacle system. These are those not only in the 'Book of Life' but are also in the 'Book of Remembrance' [Mal. 3:16-18].

The believers in the other five assemblies, appear to be those whose names may very well be in the Book of Life, they are 'saved', but do not take seriously his warnings and advice.

Rev 12:14 And **the woman** was given two wings of a great eagle, to fly **into the wilderness** to her place, where she is nourished **for a time and times and half a time**, [Dan 7:25](#), [Dan 12:7](#) from the presence of the serpent.

Rev 12:15 And out of his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by the river.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 And **the dragon** [Satan] was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight **with the remnant of her seed**, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of Messiah.

Wilderness is often associated with 'witnessing!'

- Where did John the Immerser 'witness' from? The wilderness
- Yahusha went into the wilderness for 40 days & 40 nights being tempted by Satan; and showed us how to be a powerful 'witness' by using His Word.
- The Israelites wandering in the wilderness were a powerful 'witness' of YHWH; to the surrounding nations.
- In Rev. 12, we see the woman flies to her place in the wilderness and is nourished for 3.5 years.

All 7 assemblies are encouraged to be His Overcomers; His Bride; His kingdom of priest of the Melchizedek Order; His Holy Nation; His set-apart ones.

John 2

The Wedding at Cana

Joh 2:1 And on the third day there was a wedding in Qanah of Galil, and the mother of יהושע was there.

Joh 2:2 And both יהושע and His taught ones were invited to the wedding.

Joh 2:3 And when they were short of wine, the mother of יהושע said to Him, "They have no wine."

Joh 2:4 יהושע said to her, "Woman, what is that to Me and to you? My hour has not yet come."

Joh 2:5 His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever He says to you."

Joh 2:6 And there were six stone water-jugs standing there, according to the mode of cleansing of the Yehudim, each holding two or three measures.

Joh 2:7 יהושע said to them, "Fill the water-jugs with water." And they filled them up to the brim.

Joh 2:8 And He said to them, "Now draw out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it.

Joh 2:9 But when the master of the feast had tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from – though the servants who had drawn the water knew – the master of the feast called the bridegroom,

Joh 2:10 and said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when they have drunk, then that which is poorer. You have kept the good wine until now."

Joh 2:11 This, the beginning of the signs, יהושע did in Qanah of Galil, and manifested His esteem. And His taught ones believed in Him.

Joh 2:12 After this He went down to Kephrah Nahum, He and His mother, and His brothers, and His taught ones. And there they stayed not many days.

The Wedding at Cana – The chapter opens that **on the 3rd day** there was a wedding at Cana and Yahusha's mother was there. Some speculate that '**on the 3rd day**' is referring to possibly the 3rd day of a 7-day wedding. We know in His Word that '**on the 3rd day**' holds prophetic significance and this wedding is a unique account recorded in the Book of John. It is a type and shadow of our future consummation with our Groom. He has given us the 'new wine' of the Covenant Confirming Gospel which could never be contained in the old wineskins under the Book of the Law and Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Regarding '**on the 3rd day**', if we look back in **John Chapter 1**, we see John the Immerser identify Yahusha as the **Lamb of Elohim** to two of his taught ones (one of which was Andrew). Andrew then goes and finds Peter. Then, the **next day** Philip is called who is of **Bethsaida (fishing house)**, the same place Andrew and Peter were from. Andrew finds and tells Nathaniel whom he locates under **the fig tree**. It is interesting that the Scriptures read '**the**' **fig tree** and not 'a' **fig tree**. This could be significant as to ascertain a specific location and a specific tree. When Nathaniel, a faithful Israelite, encounters Yahusha, he too believes Him to be the Son of Elohim. So now, we start Chapter 2, which states **on the 3rd day**. So, could '**on the 3rd day**' be relating to this sequence of events and are these disciples still with him as they go to this wedding in Cana? Remember numbered chapters and verses were later added to His Word for ease in locating Scripture. Also, by now, there had to have been a buzz circulating that he was the Son of Elohim.

Yahusha's mother brings to His attention that they have no wine and Yahusha responds:

Joh 2:4 יהושע said to her, "Woman, what is that to Me and to you? **My hour** has not yet come."

Yahusha's mother tells the servants to do whatever Yahusha says to them. In other words, she left the decision to Yahusha. If Yahusha told them to do nothing, then they would have done nothing. But He doesn't. Changing the water into wine is said to be His first miracle. Keep in mind during this time period, running out of wine for the guests at a wedding would be a sadness not easily forgotten. I suppose today, it would be like the groom forgetting the wedding ring.

Yahusha has the servants fill the six jugs present that held the water for ceremonial washings. Each normally would hold 20-30 gallons each. They do so. Then Yahusha instructs them to draw some out and take it to the master of the feast. The master of the feast was unaware of the source and in turn, he compliments the bridegroom for saving and serving the best wine for last. I'm sure the servants stood speechless.



There is so much here, I could go on and on but will leave you in His presence to contemplate all that this event speaks. What made Yahusha decide to change the water into wine? Why did he make a point to say, “My hour has not yet come.”? Why was his mother so involved with the wedding provisions? Was the person getting married very close to them? Were there any nefarious occurrences behind the wine running out? Oh, the questions we will ask one day!

Yahusha Cleanses the Temple

Joh 2:13 And the Pěsaḥ of the Yehudim was near, and יהושע went up to Yerushalayim.

Joh 2:14 And He found in the Set-apart Place those selling oxen and sheep and doves, and the moneychangers sitting.

Joh 2:15 And having made a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the Set-apart Place, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the moneychangers’ coins and overturned the tables.

Joh 2:16 And He said to those selling doves, “Take these away! Do not make the house of My Father a house of merchandise!”

Joh 2:17 And His taught ones remembered that it was written, “**The ardour for Your house has eaten Me up.**” [Psa 69:9](#).

Joh 2:18 And the Yehudim answered and said to Him, “What sign do You show to us, since You are doing these?”

Joh 2:19 יהושע answered and said to them, “Destroy this Dwelling Place, and in three days I shall raise it.”

Joh 2:20 Then the Yehudim said, “It took forty-six years to build this Dwelling Place, and You are going to raise it in three days?”

Joh 2:21 But He spoke about the Dwelling Place of His body.

Joh 2:22 So, when He was raised from the dead, His taught ones remembered that He said this to them. And they believed the Scripture and the word which יהושע had said.

Yahusha Cleanses the Temple – It was near the Passover of the Yehudim when He found the money changers and sellers of doves in the Set-apart place. He drives them out with a whip made of cords and overturns their tables. He declares not to make His Father’s house a house of merchandise! Today we are the temple and we are to keep our ‘soul realm’ clean as His Spirit lives in us.

He is questioned by the Yehudim. Again, we see the significance of in **three days**.

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Yahusha Knows What Is in Man

Joh 2:23 And when He was in Yerushalayim at the Pěsaḥ, at the festival, many believed in His Name when they saw the signs which He was doing.

Joh 2:24 But יהושע was not entrusting Himself to them, because He knew all men,

Joh 2:25 and had no need that anyone should witness of man, for He knew what was in man.

Yahusha Knows What Is in Man – Yahusha knows. He knew the thoughts of man before they spoke. He knew Nathaniel sat under the fig tree before he came to Him. He knew the wedding at Cana would run out of wine and He knew ‘the why’ behind the wedding running out of wine.

He knows what is in man and that is why He came. Only through His blood could we be washed white as snow. So, we remember, by faith we are saved; and we partake in remembrance of Him with the bread and the wine.

“I am with you, declares יהוה.”

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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