

Greetings, today our manna is from Num. 20; Psalm 58-59; Isaiah 9:8-21- 10:1-4; James 3.

May 11 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 20

Numbers 20 opens by recording the death of Miriam. The children of Israel come into the Wilderness of Zin in the first new month and the people stay in Kadesh (Petra). This Kadesh is different than Kadesh-Barnea (**Ein el-Qudeirat**) that adjoined to the Wilderness of Paran. [Note: There are some that believe that Kadesh and Kadhes-barnea are synonymous.]

Miriam dies in Kadesh and is buried there. It was in the 40th year [[as recorded by TSK cross-reference](#)].

Again, the people begin to grumble against Moses and Aaron, and ultimately YHWH; because there is no water. They bemoaned that they would have been better off dying with some of their brethren. They bemoaned that their livestock was going to die. They bemoaned and state all of this was the fault of Moses and Aaron; when it was, they themselves, that rebelled against going into the land flowing with milk and honey; even after being shown the samples of fruit the spies brought back from the land. **They had chosen to believe the 'evil report'!**

The Death of Miriam

Num 20:1 And the children of Yisra'el, all the congregation, came into the Wilderness of Tsin in the first new *moon*, and the people stayed in Qadēsh. And Miryam died there and was buried there.

The Waters of Meribah

Num 20:2 Now there was no water for the congregation and they assembled against Mosheh and against Aharon.

Num 20:3 And the people contended with Mosheh and spoke, saying, “If only we had died when our brothers died before **יהוה!**”

Num 20:4 “Why have you brought up the assembly of **יהוה** into this wilderness, that we and our livestock should die here?”

Num 20:5 “And why have you brought us up out of Mitsrayim, to bring us to this evil place? – not a place of grain or figs or vines or pomegranates, and there is no water to drink.”

Num 20:6 Then Mosheh and Aharon went from the presence of the assembly to the

door of the Tent of Appointment, and they fell on their faces. And the esteem of יהוה appeared to them.

Moses and Aaron separate from the congregation and they fall on their faces at the Tent of Appointment. The esteem of YHWH appears to them and YHWH instructs Moses as to what to do.

Num 20:7 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 20:8 “Take the rod and assemble the congregation, you and your brother Aharon. **And you shall speak to the rock before their eyes, and it shall give its water.** And you shall bring water for them out of the rock and give drink to the congregation and their livestock.”

Num 20:9 And Mosheh took the rod from before יהוה as He commanded him.

Moses Strikes the Rock

Num 20:10 And Mosheh and Aharon assembled the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels, shall we bring water for you out of this rock?”

Num 20:11 Then Mosheh lifted his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod. And much water came out, and the congregation and their livestock drank.

Moses takes the rod as commanded; he and Aaron gathers the people; and for whatever reason, Moses strikes the rock twice rather than speaking to the rock. He says to the peoples, “Hear now, you rebels, shall we bring water for you out of this rock?” Uh oh. Shall we bring?

We do well to remember the acronym H-A-L-T. We should ‘HALT’ when we are ‘hungry’, ‘angry’, ‘lonely’, or ‘tired’. Moses was probably suffering from at least two of these conditions. YHWH states the consequences to Moses’ disobedience.

Num 20:12 But יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, “Because you did not believe Me, to set Me apart in the eyes of the children of Yisra’el, therefore you do not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”

Num 20:13 These were the waters of Meribah, because the children of Yisra’el contended with יהוה, and He was set apart among them.

The first time YHWH brought water from the rock was in Exodus 17:6-7. At that time, YHWH did instruct Moses to ‘strike the rock’. That place was also called Meribah. Therefore, there are two different Meribah’s as noted in the below scripture and definition.

Exo 17:6 “See, I am standing before you there on the rock in Horëb. And you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people shall drink.” And Mosheh did so before the eyes of the elders of Yisra’ël.

Exo 17:7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the ‘strife’ of the children of Yisra’ël, and because they ‘tried’ יהוה, saying, “Is יהוה in our midst or not?”

H4809 מריבה merîybâh BDB Definition: Meribah = “strife” or “contention”

- 1) a fountain at Rephidim, in the desert of Sin; so called because the Israelites murmured against God
- 2) the name of the water supply at Kadesh on the southern border of the promised land; the people also murmured here against God

Why was striking the rock this time so bad; besides the obvious point that Moses didn’t follow YHWH’s instructions? It was bad because Moses’ gave himself and Aaron credit for bringing the water from the rock. The rock was a representation of YHWH Yahusha. This is clearly stated in Ex. 17:6... I am standing before you there on the rock... Yahusha was to be struck when laying down His life ONCE for all; not multiple times. After, Yahusha fulfilled being the sacrificial Lamb of Elohim and giving us the New Covenant; now, we only need to speak and pray to Him, our Rock of Salvation. Never again is He to be struck.

Numbers 20:14-21 then records that messengers are sent to the king of Edom from ‘your brother Israel’ requesting passage. They had desired to travel along the king’s highway. This is the first mention of the king’s highway; and it is felt to have been a public road built by the king’s authority at the expense of the state.

Edom was the land of Esau, Jacob’s (Israel’s) brother. Even though Moses sent by messenger a summary of their journey, the king of Edom refuses passage through their land. Moses had emphasized that their passage would all be done in peace and none of their land would be touched; and if they or their livestock drank any water, they would pay for it. The request was still refused so Moses went another way. More details can be read in Deut. 2:4-25.

Edom Refuses Passage

Num 20:14 And Mosheh sent messengers from Qadësh to the sovereign of Edom. “This is what your brother Yisra’ël said, ‘You know all the hardship that has befallen us,

Num 20:15 that our fathers went down to Mitsrayim, and we dwelt in Mitsrayim a long time, and the Mitsrites did evil to us and our fathers.

Num 20:16 And we cried out to יהוה, and He heard our voice and sent the Messenger and brought us up out of Mitsrayim. And see, we are in Qadësh, a city on the edge of your border.

Num 20:17 Please let us pass over, through your land. We shall not pass over through

fields or vineyards, nor drink water from wells, we shall go along the sovereign's highway. We shall not turn aside, right or left, until we have passed over your border.' ”

Num 20:18 But Edom said to him, “You do not pass over through me, lest I come out against you with the sword.”

Num 20:19 And the children of Yisra'el said to him, “We shall go by the highway, and if I or my livestock drink any of your water, then I shall pay for it. Let me only pass over on foot, without a word.”

Num 20:20 But he said, “You do not pass over.” And Edom came out against them with many men and with a strong hand.

Num 20:21 So when Edom refused to let Yisra'el pass over through his border, Yisra'el turned away from him.

The Death of Aaron

Num 20:22 And the children of Yisra'el, all the company, departed from Qadēsh and came to Mount Hor.

Num 20:23 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon in Mount Hor near the border of the land of Edom, saying,

Num 20:24 “Aharon is to be gathered to his people, for he is not to enter the land which I have given to the children of Yisra'el, because you rebelled against My mouth at the water of Meribah.

Num 20:25 “Take Aharon and El'azar his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor,

Num 20:26 and strip Aharon of his garments and put them on El'azar his son, for Aharon is to be gathered to his people and die there.”

Num 20:27 And Mosheh did as יהוה commanded, and they went up to Mount Hor before the eyes of all the congregation.

Num 20:28 And Mosheh stripped Aharon of his garments and put them on El'azar his son. And Aharon died there on the top of the mountain. And Mosheh and El'azar came down from the mountain.

Num 20:29 And when all the congregation saw that Aharon was dead, all the house of Yisra'el wept for Aharon, thirty days.

The Death of Aaron

Num 20:22 And the children of Yisra'el, all the company, departed from Qadēsh and came to Mount Hor.

Num 33:38 Then Aharon the priest went up to Mount Hor at the mouth of יהוה, and died there in the fortieth year after the children of Yisra'el had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on the first day of the fifth new moon.

Adam Clarke records in ref. to Num. 20:1 ... Eusebius says that her [Miriam's] tomb was to be seen at Kadesh, near the city of Petra, in his time. She appears to have died about four months before her brother Aaron, Num 33:38, and eleven before her brother Moses; so that these three, the most eminent of human beings, died in the space of one year!

YHWH informs Moses that Aaron was going to be gathered to his people and would not enter the promise land, because of Moses' disobedience at the rock with the waters of Meribah. YHWH instructs Moses to bring Aaron and his son Elazar up to Mount Hor which was near the border of Edom; and strip Aaron of his garments and give them to Elazar. Aaron then dies and Moses and Elazar come down the mountain. When all the children of Israel saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for 30 days.

TSK Cross-reference on Num. 20:22 records: mount Hor: Mount Hor was situated in Arabia Petrea, on the confines of Edom. It is described by Burckhardt, as being situated on the western side of a valley called Wady Mousa; in which are found the ruins of the ancient Petra, and which is two long days' journey north-east of Accaba (on the northern point of the Elanitic gulf of the Red sea), in the Djebel Shera, or mount Seir, and on the east side of the Araba, the valley which forms the continuation of that of the Jordan. On the summit of the mountain is the tomb of Haroun, or Aaron, which is held in great veneration by the Arabs; which agrees with the testimonies of Josephus, Eusebius, and Jerome, all persons well acquainted with these countries, who agree in proving that the sepulchre of Aaron, in mount Hor, was near Petra. When visited by Mr. Legh, it was attended by a crippled Arab hermit, about 80 years of age, who conducted them into a small white building, crowned by a cupola, that contains the tomb of Aaron. The monument is of stone, about three feet high; and round the chamber where it stood were suspended beads, etc., the votive offerings of the devotees. [Num 21:4](#), [Num 33:37-38](#), [Num 34:7](#)

Psalm 58 & 59

YHWH gives perfect 'right-rulings'; He is the just Judge.

YHWH Who Judges the Earth

Psa 58:1 Would you indeed speak righteousness, in silence? Do you judge straightly, you sons of men?

Psa 58:2 No, in heart you work unrighteousness; On earth you weigh out the violence of your hands.

Sadly, to this day there are activist judges that wrongly use their seat of power. We also see a desire by the Sanhedrin, re-established in 2004, to serve as the 'International Court System' under their man-made Babylonian Talmudic laws; and their man-made Noahide Laws with lethal consequences.

On another front, we have Pope Francis, pushing Climate Change laws, that would dictate the enforcement of the SUNday blue laws already on the law books. Essentially, these multi-prong approaches all have the desire to form the globalist's New World Order.

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/pope-francis-the-common-good-has-become-global-93364?fbclid=IwAR3ajHA7vCMXOo8enMwdsc1XLhu8p9g0Pwx8Bd92NgPPdYZs43Mjnk-u83>

David spares no words in sharing how he feels about those that scheme evil in the rest of Psalm 58!

Isa 29:15 Woe to those who seek deep to hide their counsel far from יהוה, and their works are in the dark; they say, “Who sees us?” and, “Who knows us?”

Psa 58:3 The wrong have been estranged from the womb; These who speak lies go astray from birth.

Psa 58:4 Their poison is like the poison of a snake; Like a deaf cobra that stops its ear,

Psa 58:5 So as not to hear the voice of whisperers, Or a skilled caster of spells.

Psa 58:6 O Elohim, break their teeth in their mouth! Break out the fangs of the young lions, O יהוה!

Psa 58:7 Let them melt, let them vanish as water; Let Him aim His arrows that they be cut down;

Psa 58:8 Like a snail which melts away as it moves, Like a woman’s stillbirth, Let them not see the sun!

Psa 58:9 Before your pots feel the thorns, Whether green or ablaze, He sweeps them away.

Psa 58:10 The righteous rejoices when he has seen the vengeance, He washes his feet in the blood of the wrong,

Psa 58:11 And man says, “Truly, the righteous are rewarded; Truly, there is an Elohim judging in the earth.”

Psalm 59

Deliver Me from My Enemies

Psa 59:1 Deliver me from my enemies, O my Elohim; Set me on high from those who rise up against me.

Psa 59:2 Deliver me from the workers of wickedness, And save me from men of blood.

We must keep in perspective that the war that rages, is between the two nations of Esau and Jacob [Israel] – **the believers in Yahusha**; not the current ‘man named’ nation of Israel]. The color of Esau/Edom/Seir is red, the shedders of blood. This war defines the great tribulation; the war between good and evil; the war between the righteous and unrighteous.

Gen 25:23 And יהוה said to her, “**Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples shall be separated from your body.** And one people shall be stronger than the other, and the older serve the younger.”

EVERY nation has a blend of the wheat and tares. They ‘look’ the same until the time of harvest. The only way to tell them apart is by their fruit. Even then, at times it is hard to discern because the tares lie and put on a ‘good performance’; but they are ravenous wolves in sheep clothing. However, YHWH is never fooled nor mocked!

Presently some leaders and the re-established Sanhedrin of the nation of Israel are apparently wanting to become a nation of tares only, since their desire is to make the satanic Babylonian Talmud the law of ‘their’ land. Make no mistake, the LAND belongs to YHWH! And guess what? He is coming back for it!

Netanyahu Promises Talmud Will Be Israeli Law

Netanyahu tells Likud hareidi leader Hebrew calendar will be official calendar of state in new Basic Law, Jewish law basis of legal system.

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<http://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/180440>

Psa 59:3 For look, they have lain in wait for my life; Mighty men assemble against me, For no transgression or sin of mine, O יהוה,

Psa 59:4 For no guilt of mine! They run and prepare themselves. Awake to help me, and see!

Psa 59:5 And You, יהוה Elohim of hosts, Elohim of Yisra'el, Awake to punish all the nations; Show no favour to any wicked traitors. Selah.

Psa 59:6 They return at evening, They howl like a dog, And go around the city.

Psa 59:7 See, they belch out with their mouth, Swords are in their lips, For who is listening?

Psa 59:8 But You, יהוה, laugh at them, You mock all the nations.

Psa 59:9 O my Strength, I wait for You; For Elohim is my strong tower.

Psa 59:10 My Elohim of loving-commitment, Elohim does go before me. He lets me look upon my enemies.

Psa 59:11 Do not kill them, lest my people forget; Scatter them by Your power, And bring them down, O יהוה our shield.

Psa 59:12 The sin of their mouth is the words of their lips, And they are captured in their pride, And for the cursing and lying they utter.

Psa 59:13 Bring them to an end in wrath, Bring them to an end, That they be no more;

And let them know That Elohim is ruling in Ya'aqob To the ends of the earth. Selah.

Psa 59:14 And at evening they return, They howl like a dog, And go around the city.

Psa 59:15 They wander up and down for food, And whine if they are not satisfied.

Psa 59:16 And I, I sing of Your power; And in the morning I sing aloud of Your loving-commitment; For You have been my strong tower And a refuge in the day of my distress.

Psa 59:17 O my Strength, to You I sing praises; For Elohim is my strong tower, My Elohim of loving-commitment.

Yahusha knows perfectly well, who David is referring to.

Joh 15:25 but...that the word might be filled which was written in their Torah, '**They hated Me without a cause.**' [Psa 35:19](#), [Psa 69:4](#).

Psalm 59:9 reminds us to wait on Him. This doesn't mean to do nothing. Absolutely not! This means to give our petitions to Him and know that He hears us; then continue in His Word; continue learning; continuing being doers of His Word; and yes, sometimes it means to just be still, and see the deliverance of Elohim!

Luk 12:11 "And when they bring you to the congregations and rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say,

Luk 12:12 for the Set-apart Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what you should say."

Isaiah 9:8-21 – 10:1-4

The following segment of Scriptures are sometimes referred to as the 'The Speech of the Outstretched Hand'. These four segments of scripture all end with:

'With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.'

These passages portray the fall of the Northern Kingdom of Israel. They were rebellious; prideful; disobedient; and would not listen nor turn from their wicked ways. In all their foolishness, they essentially thumbed their noses at YHWH.

-----First Segment-----

Judgment on Arrogance and Oppression

Isa 9:8 יהוה sent a word against Ya'aqob, and it has fallen on Yisra'el.

Isa 9:9 And the people shall know, all of them, Ephrayim and the inhabitant of Shomeron, who say in pride and greatness of heart:

Isa 9:10 “The bricks have fallen down, but we rebuild with hewn stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we replace them with cedars.”

Isa 9:11 And **יהוה** set up the adversaries of Retsin against him, and stirred up his enemies,

Isa 9:12 the Arameans before and the Philistines behind. And they devour Yisra’ël with an open mouth. **With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.**

-----Second Segment -----

At first, I thought there had to have been a small remnant in the house of Israel that were not so wicked; however, Isaiah 9:17 clears that up. [It states EVERYONE was defiled and evil!](#)

Isa 9:13 And the people have not turned back to Him who strikes them, nor have they sought **יהוה** of hosts.

Isa 9:14 And **יהוה** cuts off head and tail from Yisra’ël, palm branch and reed in one day.

Isa 9:15 Elder and highly respected, he is the head; the prophet who teaches falsehood, he is the tail.

Isa 9:16 For the leaders of this people *lead them astray,^b* and those who are guided by them are swallowed up. Footnote: ^bSee [Isa 3:12](#).

Isa 9:17 Therefore **יהוה** does not rejoice over their young men, and has no compassion on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is defiled and evil, and every mouth speaks foolishness. **With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.**

-----Third Segment -----

Isa 9:18 For wrongness burns as the fire; it consumes thornbushes and weeds, and sets the bushes of the forest ablaze, and they roll up like rising smoke.

Isa 9:19 The land shall be burned up by the wrath of **יהוה** of hosts, and the people be as fuel for the fire. A man shall not spare his brother,

Isa 9:20 and cut down on the right hand, but shall be hungry; and he devours on the left hand, but shall not be satisfied; each one devouring the flesh of his own arm:

Isa 9:21 Menashsheh Ephrayim, and Ephrayim Menashsheh; together they are against Yehudah. **With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.**

-----Fourth Segment -----

Isaiah 10:1-4

Isa 10:1 “Woe to those making unrighteous inscriptions, and writers who have prescribed toil,

Isa 10:2 **to keep the needy back from right-ruling, and to take what is right from the poor of My people, that widows become their prey, and orphans their plunder.**

Isa 10:3 “What shall you do in the day of visitation, and in the ruin which comes from afar? To whom would you run for help? And where would you leave your wealth?

Isa 10:4 “Without Me they shall bow down among the prisoners, and fall among the killed.” **With all this His displeasure has not turned back, and His hand is still stretched out.**

James 3

Much wisdom is imparted in **James 3**. As with all Scripture, there is no commentary that can improve on the words of Scripture. Commentaries, such as these devotionals we share, reflect our desire to break bread with one another and understand the beauty and exactness of His Word. It is a coming together and feeding on His manna, His Word; seeking every morsel His Word has to offer. It is about redeeming the time; it is about unlearning lies; it is about maturing as His bride!

As His kingdom of priests, our goal should be that we are swift to hear; slow to speak; and slow to wrath. Our words can speak life or death into a situation; speak life. We, as priests, are gate keepers of our ears, eyes, and mouths. May YHWH remind us always to take every thought captive; and THINK before we speak!

Taming the Tongue

Jas 3:1 **Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, knowing that we shall receive greater judgment.**

Though we share our insights and understanding of Scripture; and facilitate discussions on His Word; it is the Ruach HaKodesh that guides us into all truth. His Word is the ultimate authority. We are to be good Bereans with everything we read and are taught by always going back to the Scriptures to see if ‘these things be so.’

Human teachers make mistakes; but there are also false teachers that purposefully lead astray. For this reason, always be good Bereans!

Jas 3:2 For we all stumble in many *matters*. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the entire body.

Jas 3:3 Look, we put bits in the mouths of horses, for them to obey us, and we turn their body.

Jas 3:4 Look at the ships too: although they are so big and are driven by strong winds,

they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot intends.

Jas 3:5 **So too the tongue is a little member, yet boasts greatly. See how a little fire kindles a great forest!**

Jas 3:6 **And the tongue is a fire, the world of unrighteousness.** Among our members the tongue is set, the one defiling the entire body, and setting on fire the wheel of life, and it is set on fire by GëHinnom.

Jas 3:7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind.

Jas 3:8 **But no man is able to tame the tongue. It is unruly, evil, filled with deadly poison.**

Jas 3:9 With it we bless our Elohim and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made **in the likeness of Elohim.** [Gen 1:26-27.](#)

Jas 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be so.

Jas 3:11 Does the fountain send forth the sweet and the bitter from the same opening?

Jas 3:12 My brothers, is a fig tree able to bear olives, or a grapevine figs? **So neither is a fountain able to make salt and sweet water.**

Wisdom from Above

Jas 3:13 **Who is wise and understanding among you?** Let him show by his good behavior his works in meekness of wisdom.

Jas 3:14 But if you have bitter jealousy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast against and lie against the truth.

Jas 3:15 This is not the wisdom coming down from above, but it is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.

Jas 3:16 **For where jealousy and self-seeking are, there is confusion and every foul deed.**

Jas 3:17 **But the wisdom from above is**

- ✚ first clean,
- ✚ then peaceable,
- ✚ gentle,
- ✚ ready to obey,
- ✚ filled with compassion and good fruits,
- ✚ without partiality and
- ✚ without hypocrisy.

Jas 3:18 **And the fruit of righteousness^a is sown in peace by those who make peace.**

Footnote: ^aSee [Php 1:11](#).

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