

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 24; 1Cor. 5; Ezekiel 3; Psalms 39.

August 31 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 24

David Spares Saul's Life

1Sa 24:1 And it came to be, when Sha'ul had returned from pursuing the Philistines, that it was reported to him, saying, **“See, Dawid is in the Wilderness of Ĕn Gedi.”**

1Sa 24:2 So Sha'ul took three thousand chosen men from all Yisra'el, and went to seek Dawid and his men on the Rocks of the Wild Goats.

1Sa 24:3 And he came to the sheepfolds, on the way, and there was a cave. And Sha'ul went in to relieve himself. Now Dawid and his men were sitting in the sides of the cave.

1Sa 24:4 And the men of Dawid said to him, “See, the day of which יהוה said to you, ‘See, I am giving your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you!’ ” And Dawid arose and gently cut off a corner of Sha'ul's robe.

1Sa 24:5 And it came to be afterward that the heart of Dawid struck him because he had cut the robe of Sha'ul.

We can see why David was a man after His own heart. He was loyal; he was noble; and he lived rightly. His heart was even convicted for merely cutting the robe of the sovereign. His men clearly saw that David could have taken Saul's life; for after all, that was Saul's intent to do to David. David replies to his men.

1Sa 24:6 So he said to his men, “Far be it from me, by יהוה, that I should do this matter to my master, anointed of יהוה, to stretch out my hand against him, for he is the anointed of יהוה.”

1Sa 24:7 And Dawid dispersed his servants with words, and did not allow them to rise against Sha'ul. And Sha'ul rose up from the cave and went on his way.

1Sa 24:8 And afterward Dawid arose and went out of the cave, and called out to Sha'ul, saying,

“My master the sovereign!” And when Sha'ul looked behind him, **Dawid bowed with his face to the earth, and did obeisance.**

1Sa 24:9 And Dawid said to Sha'ul, "Why do you listen to the words of men who say, 'See, Dawid seeks to do you evil'?"

- 1Sa 24:10 "See, this day your eyes have seen that יהוה gave you today into my hand in the cave,
- and *one* said to kill you.
- But my eye pardoned you,
- and I said, 'I do not stretch out my hand against my master, for he is the anointed of יהוה.'

1Sa 24:11 "And my father, see!

- Yes, see the corner of your robe in my hand!
- For in that I cut off the corner of your robe, and did not kill you,
- know and see that there is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand,
- and I have not sinned against you, while you are hunting my life to take it.

1Sa 24:12 "Let יהוה judge between you and me, and let יהוה revenge me on you, but my hand is not against you.

1Sa 24:13 "As the proverb of the ancients says, 'Wrong comes from the wrongdoer.' But my hand is not against you.

1Sa 24:14 "After whom has the sovereign of Yisra'el come out? Whom do you pursue? A dead dog? A flea?

- 1Sa 24:15 "And יהוה shall be judge,
- and rightly rule between you and me,
- and see and plead my case,
- and rightly rule me out of your hand."

1Sa 24:16 And it came to be, when Dawid had ended speaking these words to Sha'ul, that Sha'ul said, "Is this your voice, my son Dawid?" So Sha'ul lifted up his voice and wept.

1Sa 24:17 And he said to Dawid, "You are more righteous than I, for you have rewarded me with good, whereas I have rewarded you with evil.

1Sa 24:18 "And you have shown today how you have done good to me, for when יהוה surrendered me into your hand you did not kill me.

1Sa 24:19 "For if a man finds his enemy, shall he let him get away safely? And let יהוה reward you with good for what you have done to me today.

1Sa 24:20 "And now look, I know that you shall certainly reign, and that the reign of Yisra'el shall be established in your hand.

1Sa 24:21 “And now, swear to me by יהוה that you do not cut off my seed after me, nor destroy my name from my father’s house.”

1Sa 24:22 **And Dawid swore to Sha’ul. Then Sha’ul went home, and Dawid and his men went up to the stronghold.**

For a moment in time, Saul spoke rightly, but we will see his conviction doesn’t last. One would think that all of Saul’s 3,000 chosen men as well as the approximate 600 men that David had, may have heard this exchange and stood in awe.

It was pretty much unheard of to allow one’s enemy to live; when there was opportunity to smite. Any soldier had to be moved by the nobleness of David; as we are in just reading the account.

Children’s Coloring Page of David Encountering Saul



1Corinthians 5

Sexual Immorality Defiles the Assembly

1Co 5:1 It is commonly reported that there is whoring among you, and such whoring as is not even named among the nations, so as one to have his father's wife!

1Corinthians 5 opens with a major 'red flag'. Not only was there whoring amid the assembly but it was at such a level that it was 'commonly' reported. The whoring was magnified by what kind of whoring was taking place; by one having his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And you have been puffed up, and did not rather mourn, so that he who has done this deed, be removed from among you!

1Co 5:3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged the one who did this, as though I were present.

Paul instructs the Corinthians to 'clean house.' Such behavior would 'leaven' and puff up the whole assembly if not promptly dealt with. The behavior was a contaminant; an abomination.

1Co 5:4 In the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Master יהושע Messiah,

1Co 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan for destruction of the flesh, in order that his spirit be saved in the day of the Master יהושע.

'Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order that his spirit be saved in the day of the Master Yahusha.' We just recently read in 1Samuel that an evil spirit from Elohim came upon Saul. The characteristics displayed by this evil spirit was envy and jealous desiring David's very life.

1Sa 18:10 And it came to be on the next day that an evil spirit from Elohim came upon Sha'ul, and he prophesied inside the house, while Dawid was playing *the lyre* with his hand, as usual. And the spear was in the hand of Sha'ul.

1Sa 18:11 Then Sha'ul hurled the spear, for he said, "Let me strike Dawid, even to the wall." But twice Dawid withdrew from his presence.

We read of a similar account in Romans.

Rom 1:26 Because of this Elohim gave them over to degrading passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is against nature,

Rom 1:27 and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency, and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying.

1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the entire lump?**

Remedy.

1Co 5:7 **Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Pěsah was slaughtered for us.**

1Co 5:8 So then let us celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

If unleavened bread represents sincerity and truth; leavened bread represents disobedience, lies, evil, and wickedness.

1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter **not to keep company with those who whore.**

1Co 5:10 And I certainly did not mean with those of this world who whore, or with the greedy of gain, or swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone **called 'a brother,' if he is one who whores**, or greedy of gain, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.

The focus was **not to keep company with 'brethren' that whored within the assembly.** The context was not about those in the world that whored because they were lost; and had not yet become believers.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are inside?

1Co 5:13 But Elohim judges those who are outside. And **put away the wicked one from among you!**^a Deu 13:5. Footnote: ^aSee Deu 17:7, Deu 17:12, Deu 19:19, Deu 21:21, Deu 22:21.

Ezekiel 3 Ezekiel 3 is part of the 13th Scroll.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
FOROS L	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoiachin's captivity)

Eze 3:1 And He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find, eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Yisra’ël.”

We noted yesterday that to eat the book, or the scroll in this case, was identified as a Hebraism which means to receive knowledge.

Eze 3:2 And I opened my mouth, and He fed me the scroll.

Eze 3:3 And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your stomach, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I am giving you.” And I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.^a

Footnote: ^a Psa 19:10, Psa 119:103, Rev 10:9-10.

Rev 10:9 And I went to the messenger and said to him, “Give me the little book.” And he said to me, “Take and eat it,^b and it shall make your stomach bitter, but it shall be as sweet as honey in your mouth.” Footnote: ^b Eze 2:1-10 and Eze 3:1-27. This is a Hebraism which means *to receive knowledge.*

Rev 10:10 And I took the little book out of the messenger’s hand and ate it, and **it was as sweet as honey in my mouth,** Eze 3:3 but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

Eze 3:4 And He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Yisra’ël, and you shall speak to them with My words.

Eze 3:5 “For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and of difficult language, but to the house of Yisra’ël,

Eze 3:6 not to many people of foreign speech and of difficult language, whose words you do not understand. If I had rather sent you to them, they would have listened to you.

Eze 3:7 “But the house of Yisra’ël is going to refuse to listen to you, for they refuse to listen to Me. For all the house of Yisra’ël are hard of head, and hard of heart.”

YHWH knows beforehand that the house of Israel will refuse to listen to Ezekiel. However, YHWH had to have Ezekiel speak to them, so that they themselves would know YHWH did everything possible to bring them back into obedience to Himself. Therefore, the outcome would be based on THEIR decision. They would reap what they sowed.

‘Like Adamant Stone’

Eze 3:8 “See, I shall make your face as hard as their faces and your forehead as hard

as their foreheads.

Eze 3:9 **“Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I shall make your forehead. Do not be afraid of them, nor be discouraged at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.”**

Eze 3:10 And He said to me, “Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears.

Eze 3:11 “And go! Come to the exiles, to the children of your people, and speak to them and say to them, **‘Thus said the Master יהוה,’ whether they hear, or whether they refuse.”**

Ezekiel is transported by the Spirit to the exiles at Tel Abib, who were dwelling by the River Kebar. Ezekiel sat there stunned for seven days. We read:

Eze 3:12 And **the Spirit lifted me up**, and behind me I heard the sound of a great rumbling voice, “Blessed be the esteem of יהוה from His place,”

Eze 3:13 and the **sound of the wings of the living creatures** touching one another, and the sound of the wheels beside them, and the sound of a great rushing.

Eze 3:14 And **the Spirit lifted me and took me away**, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, while the hand of יהוה was strong upon me.

Eze 3:15 And I came to the exiles at **Tēl Abib**, who were dwelling **by the River Kebar**. And I sat where they were sitting, and **sat there, stunned among them, seven days**.

A Watchman for Israel

Eze 3:16 And **it came to be at the end of seven days** that the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

- Eze 3:17 **“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Yisra’ēl.**

YHWH stresses to Ezekiel the importance of being faithful to warn the people.

- And you shall hear a word from My mouth, and shall warn them from Me.
 - Eze 3:18 **“When I say to the wrong,^b ‘You shall certainly die,’ and you have not warned him**, nor spoken to warn the wrong from his wrong way, to save his life, that same wrong man shall die in his crookedness, and **his blood I require at your hand.** Footnote: ^bThis passage is almost the same as in Eze 18:20-32 and Eze 33:8-20.
 - Eze 3:19 **“But if you have warned the wrong** and he does not turn from his wrong, nor from his wrong way, he shall die in his crookedness, and **you have delivered your being.**

Eze 3:20 “And when a righteous one turns from his righteousness and shall do unrighteousness, when I have put a stumbling-block before him, he shall die. **Because you did not warn him**, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done is not remembered, and **his blood I require at your hand**.”

Eze 3:21 “**But if you have warned the righteous one** that the righteous should not sin, and he did not sin, he shall certainly live because he has been warned, and **you have delivered your being.**”

Eze 3:22 **And the hand of יהוה** came upon me there, and He said to me, “Arise, go out into the plain, so that I might speak to you there.”

Eze 3:23 So I got up and went out into the plain, and see, **the esteem of יהוה stood there**, like the esteem which I saw by the River Kebar, and I fell on my face.

Eze 3:24 And **the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet**, and spoke with me and said to me,

- “Go, shut yourself inside your house.”
- Eze 3:25 “And you, O son of man, see, they shall put cords on you and bind you with them, so that you do not go out in their midst.”
- Eze 3:26 “And I make your tongue stick to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be dumb and not be a reprover to them, for they are a rebellious house.”
- Eze 3:27 “But when I speak with you, I open your mouth, and **you shall say to them, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה.’** He who hears, let him hear. And he who **refuses, let him refuse, for they are a rebellious house.**”

Ezekiel was to be a watchman and do exactly as YHWH had said and warn the people. Circumstances would unfold exactly like YHWH had told Ezekiel; so, he wouldn’t be caught off guard as to what they were going to do to him; nor, be concerned when he would be made silent. When the time was right; YHWH would speak through Ezekiel and whoever would hear would hear; and those who refused to listen, He would let them have their way.

YHWH knew the depth of the rebellious hearts then; as well as NOW. Today, YHWH calls many but they refuse to listen. Thankfully many are experiencing the recent awakening of Israel. It was all foretold; and we are now living out His prophetic word.

Psalm 39

David was familiar with both spiritual and physical warfare. We see David, of the righteous lineage of the Melchizedek Order, pray to YHWH. He asks Him to guard His ways from sinning with his tongue. David was full of emotions! He felt inner pain and describes his heart burning within him. He was struggling and wrestling within.

David asks for deliverance from all his transgressions so as not to be a reproach of the foolish. He understands that YHWH chastens those that He loves, and His refining fire is much to bear. We read in Hebrews about this refining process.

Heb 12:11 And indeed, no discipline seems pleasant at the time, but grievous, but afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.^a Footnote: ^aSee also Deu 8:2.

What Is the Measure of My Days?

Psa 39:1 I have said, “Let me guard my ways Against sinning with my tongue; Let me guard my mouth with a muzzle, While the wrongdoer is before me.”

Psa 39:2 I became dumb, keeping still; I was silent, from good; And my pain was stirred.

Psa 39:3 My heart was hot within me; While I was meditating, the fire burned. Then I spoke with my tongue:

Psa 39:4 “יהוה, let me know my end, And the measure of my days, what it is, Let me know how short-lived I am.

Psa 39:5 “See, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my lifetime is as non-existence before You; Only, all men standing, are all breath. Selah.

Psa 39:6 “As but a shadow each one walks; They busy themselves, only in vain; He heaps up *wealth*, But knows not who gathers them.

Psa 39:7 “And now, יהוה, what do I wait for? My expectancy is in You.

Psa 39:8 “Deliver me from all my transgressions; Do not make me the reproach of the foolish.

Psa 39:9 “I was dumb, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did it.

Psa 39:10 “Turn aside Your stroke from me; I am overcome by the blow of Your hand.

Psa 39:11 “When You chastise man for crookedness with reproofs, You consume what he loves, like a moth; All men are but a breath. Selah.

Psa 39:12 “Hear my prayer, O יהוה, And give ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my tears; For I am a stranger with You, A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Psa 39:13 “Look away from me, That I might brighten up, Before I go away and am no more.”

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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