

*Greetings, today our manna is from Numbers 19; Psalm 56 & 57; Isaiah 8-9:1-7; James 2.*

## *May 10 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Numbers 19**      The Red Heifer ~ YHWH speaks to Moses and Aaron ~

The ceremonial sacrifice of the red heifer written about in Numbers 19 is a parallel of Yahusha HaMashiach. If one understands the red heifer sacrificial ceremony; then one should FULLY understand the gospel message of Yahusha HaMashiach.

### **The Passover Celebrated**

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

Num 19:2 “This is a law of the Torah which יהוה has commanded, saying, ‘Speak to the children of Yisra’el, that they bring **you a red heifer, a perfect one, in which there is no blemish** and on which **a yoke has never come**.”

Heb 7:26 For it was fitting that **we should have such a High Priest – kind, innocent, undefiled, having been separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens,**

1Pe 1:19 but with **the precious blood of Messiah, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless,**

1Pe 2:22 “who committed no sin,<sup>j</sup> nor was **deceit found in His mouth,**” Isa 53:9. Footnote: j Joh 8:55, Joh 15:10, 2Co 5:21, 1Jn 3:5.

Num 19:3 And you shall give it to El'azar the priest, and **he shall bring it outside the camp,** and shall slay it before him.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Set-apart Place by the high priest for sin, **are burned outside the camp.**

Heb 13:12 **And so יהושע also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.**

Heb 13:13 **Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp,** bearing His reproach.

Num 19:4 And El'azar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and **sprinkle some of its blood seven times** toward the front of the Tent of Appointment.

Yahusha also shed his blood from 7 locations: He sweated great drops of blood in the garden; He bled from the crown of thorns; by his stripes he bled; and from his feet and from his hands. After His death, His side was pierced and out flowed blood and living water. Yahusha, being crucified on the Mount of Olives, faced directly toward the temple's eastern gate entry. As the earth quaked, the temple curtain was torn from top to bottom fulfilling His blood being sprinkled in front of the Tent of Appointment, the Holy Place, **before** the Holy of holies! Remember from yesterday's devotional, Aaron's rod that budded was placed **before** the Witness.

**Definition of 'before':** H6440 פנה / פנים

**pānîym** / pāneh **BDB Definition:** **1) face 1a) face, faces 1b) presence, person 1c) face (of seraphim** or cherubim) 1d) face (of animals) 1e) face, surface (of ground) 1f) as adverb of loc/temp 1f1) before and behind, toward, in front of, forward, formerly, from beforetime, before 1g) with preposition 1g1) in front of, before, to the front of, in the presence of, in the face of, at the face or front of, from the presence of, from before, from before the face of

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the defiled, sets apart for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more shall the blood of the Messiah, who through the everlasting Spirit **offered Himself unblemished to Elohim**, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living Elohim?

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1Pe 1:2 *chosen* according to the foreknowledge of Elohim the Father, set apart by the Spirit unto obedience<sup>a</sup> and **sprinkling of the blood of יהושע Messiah**: Favour and peace be increased to you.

**Num 19:5** And **the heifer shall be burned before his eyes** – he burns its hide, and its flesh, and its blood, and its dung.

**Num 19:6** And the priest shall take **cedar wood** and **hyssop** and **scarlet**, and throw them into the midst of the fire burning the heifer.

Three items were to be thrown into the midst of the fire burning the heifer:

1. **Cedar wood** – Yahusha was crucified on most probably an almond tree and his cross-beam, was most likely made of cedar. The cross-beam was carried by Simon of Cyrene, most likely fulfilling the fact that the red-heifer was to have never been yoked to carry a burden. **Luke 23:26** And as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Shim'on a Cyrenian, who was coming from the field, and they put the stake on him, to bear it behind יהושע.

2. **Hyssop** – Yahusha had hyssop placed up to his mouth: Joh 19:29 A bowl of sour wine stood there, and they **filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and held it to His mouth.**

3. **Scarlet** – He washes away our sins. Isa 1:18 "Come now, and let us reason together," says יהוה. "**Though your sins are like scarlet,** they shall be as white as snow; though they are **red like crimson,** they shall be as wool.

The red heifer had to be perfectly red. There was not to be black hairs, white hairs, or blemishes. Red equates to sin, signifying that the sins of mankind were represented by the red on the heifer. Yahusha was made red from His blood that covered Him from his head to his feet.

They even mocked Yahusha by placing a scarlet robe on Him; more than likely spun from lamb's wool. Thus, essentially cloaking Him in what appeared to be lamb's wool dipped in blood. Then, when one correlates this to Yahusha HaMashiach as **the Lamb of Elohim** that takes away the sins of the world; one sees the Savior, the Lamb of Elohim, dipped in the red sins of the world.

Mat 27:28 And having stripped Him, they put **a scarlet robe on Him.**

Lev 14:6 "Let him take the live bird and the **cedar wood** and the **scarlet** and the **hyssop**, and dip them and the live bird in the blood of the bird that was slain over the running water.

**Num 19:7** The priest shall then wash his garments, and shall bathe his body in water, and afterward come into the camp, but the priest is unclean until evening.

**Num 19:8** And he who is burning it washes his garments in water, and shall bathe his body in water, and is unclean until evening.

**Num 19:9** And a clean man shall **gather up the ashes of the heifer**, and shall place them outside the camp in a clean place. And they **shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Yisra'ël for the water for uncleanness, it is for cleansing from sin.**

**Num 9:10** "Speak to the children of Yisra'ël, 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*, between the evenings, they perform it – with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they eat it.

**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.’ ”

### 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.

The priest had to take a red heifer without blemish; not even a white hair. He would sacrifice it and then burn it with cedar wood, hyssop, and scarlet. Then the ashes of the red heifer were gathered up and kept for the congregation for cleansing from sin. The ashes would be mixed with running water in a vessel and sprinkled on individuals by the priest for cleansing of their defilement accordingly.

This was called the **water of separation; or the water of sanctification; or water for uncleanness**. The priest was most definitely in charge of the sacrifice; sprinkling and burning of the red heifer. According to the Scriptures the gathering of the ashes could be done by a clean man, not necessarily a priest.

The following verses goes over these processes.

**Num 19:17** And for the unclean being they shall take some of the ashes of the heifer burnt for cleansing from sin, and running water shall be put on them in a vessel.

**Num 19:18** And a clean man shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and shall sprinkle it on the tent, and on all the vessels, and on the beings who were there, or on the one who touched a bone, or the slain, or the dead, or a burial-site.

**Num 19:19** And the clean one shall sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day. And on the seventh day he shall cleanse himself, and shall wash his garments and bathe in water, and shall be clean in the evening.

The ashes were placed in a vessel (kind of like an urn); which was a type and shadow of Yahusha’s remains being placed in a tomb. Apparently, the ashes would last a good while, as just a portion would need to be mixed with living water; water taken from water that flowed, like a river. Yahusha was known as ‘Living Water’. And Yahusha became the ashes of the Red Heifer, that was sacrificed outside the camp.

He also oversaw His own crucifixion because the priestly transference had already been done when He was mikvah'd by the true high priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, John the Immerser. Caiaphas had clearly been disqualified when he tore his priestly garment.

When John the Immerser mikvah'd Yahusha, the process for priestly transference under the Book of the Law, was accomplished. This transferred the **Melchizedek Priesthood back to the reigning position** under **Covenant Torah** once and for all. Now we are a set-apart people, a holy nation, of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation of the Melchizedek Order.

The **third day** represents the gospel message. On the third day, Yahusha HaMashiach rose from the dead; no longer covered in red but dressed in white. Seven represents many cycles of biblical significance. Knowing that on His timeline, a day is as a thousand years; we know in the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium Yahusha will return for His people. He will separate the sheep from the goats.

In Nehemiah, the rebuilding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple/wall started with the sheep gate (Neh. 3:1); and in the end of days, will end with the sheep gate. The last gate completed PRIOR to connecting back to the sheep gate; was the inspection gate. **We too will arrive at the inspection gate before our final entry through the sheep gate!** Yahusha, the Good Shepherd, will inspect His people, (His sheep) to see if they are dressed in their white wedding garments without spot or blemish! Those with the proper wedding attire, will enter through the Door, Yahusha, of the sheep gate once and for all in the 7<sup>th</sup> millennium. We are now at this very door in history. The stage is set, and time is short.

**Num 19:20** But the man who is unclean and does not cleanse himself, that being shall be cut off from among the assembly, because he has defiled the set-apart place of יהוה – water for uncleanness has not been sprinkled on him, he is unclean.

**Only a remnant will be saved**. That remnant could be as low as one in ten based on several Scriptures in His Word. Unless a person is washed by the blood of Yahusha; one can never be without spot or blemish. **Only through the washing of the Word, Yahusha, can one be washed with the ashes of the red heifer mixed with living water**. Numbers 19 was a foreshadow of what Yahusha did for the world.

For those that do NOT understand that Yahusha HaMashiach has already come and is about to come again; they still function in darkness. They do not have the eyes to see or ears to hear. Many have held onto the Aaronic Levitical Priestly system that carried out the sacrificial ceremony of the red heifer. They do not see it was POINTING TO the coming of Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest of the Melchizedek order!

So, when we read about current events in relation to a temple being built with brick and mortar or when we read about a red heifer being raised for sacrifice; KNOW THAT these processes are driven by blind men to the gospel message; and they are knowingly or unknowingly ushering in the FALSE MESSIAH! Those are the ones that ‘say’ they are Jews and are not. Yahusha referred to them as the synagogue of Satan. In 2005, the Sanhedrin were re-established. They are on the rise once again as in the days of Yahusha.

Through Yahusha HaMashiach, we are Israel, and we ARE His TRUE temple!

With this context, now read the following excerpts:

**Current News on Red Heifers - Excerpt:**

“According to rabbinical tradition, **there have been nine red heifers sacrificed since Moses’ time. Since the destruction of the second temple, no red heifers have been slaughtered.** The rabbi Maimonides (1135—1204) taught that the tenth red heifer would be sacrificed by the Messiah Himself. Those who anticipate the construction of a third temple are eager to find a red heifer that meets all the conditions, because the red heifer ashes will be necessary to purify the new temple. Many consider that the appearance of a red heifer will herald the construction of the temple and the return of Christ. According to the Temple Institute, a group advocating the construction of a third temple, a flawless red heifer was born in August 2018 in Israel. <https://www.gotquestions.org/red-heifer.html>

**Current News on Red Heifers – Excerpt:**

“In the past, we brought you the exciting news that Israeli cattlemen were raising a herd of cattle they hoped would produce a red heifer; a red calf with no more than two black hairs on its entire body. The red heifer was specified by the Bible as required for the Jewish purification rituals. Rabbi Azariah Ariel explained to *Breaking Israel News* that the ashes of a red heifer are “necessary for us to engage in anything that is holy or sanctified. The highest level of impurity comes from contact with the dead and to purify this condition, the ashes of the red heifer are required.” **In November of 2018**, it was announced **that a red calf had been born that met the initial criteria**. Even more exciting, it was recently announced that **another calf has been born that meets the initial qualifications**. Rabbi Azariah Ariel told *Breaking Israel News* that there are currently two calves that may potentially be used in for the preparation of the ashes. **They are currently being raised in an undisclosed location under special conditions.** <https://www.thekingiscoming.com/blog/2019/3/21/another-red-heifer-born-in-israel>

Sometimes Orthodox Judaism/Chabad-Lubavitch Sect may initially declare they have a heifer that qualifies; only later to find a flaw that disqualifies the heifer. The main take away, is that they are looking for such a heifer which today has nothing to do with true salvation and cleansing through Yahusha HaMashiach. Those that are blind have never acknowledged that the priesthood has changed back to Melchizedek; that Yahusha HaMashiach is our High Priest; and with a change in priesthood comes a change in law [Aaronic Levitical Priesthood under the Book of the Law to the Melchizedek Priesthood under Covenant Torah].

### **Psalm 56 & 57**

Read Psalm 56 & 57 and see David as being a sheep among wolves. For like David, we too can be stalked or oppressed by the enemy. Sheep among predators is not a good situation to be in, UNLESS one knows that the Good Shepherd is overseeing all things!

The Good Shepherd has already spotted the predators of His sheep; He has already spared their lives by His willingness to lay down His life for the sheep. By doing so, He has sent us the Comforter, the Ruach HaKodesh, that lives in us and through us. The Comforter in many ways is His Shepherd's rod and staff that 'comforts' us. Praise Him! Exalt His Name!

Heb 13:6 so that we boldly say, “יהוה is my helper, I shall not fear what man shall do to me.” [Psa 118:6](#).

Daily, envision yourself among His sheep with Him as the Good Shepherd. What peace and rest one receives by knowing the all-powerful, all-knowing, and all-present Most High Elohim, is our Good Shepherd! Not even a sparrow falls to the ground without Him knowing it. He has the hairs on your head numbered; as well as those hairs no longer on our head! When one receives Yahusha, He is the Door of the Tent of Appointment that one enters into REST. So, rest in Him!

### **In YHWH I Trust**

**Psa 56:1** Show me favor, O Elohim, For man would swallow me up; Fighting all day long, he oppresses me.

**Psa 56:2** My enemies would swallow me up all day long, For many are fighting against me, O *Most High*.

**Psa 56:3** In the day I am afraid, I trust in You.

**Psa 56:4** In Elohim, whose Word I praise, In Elohim I have trusted; I do not fear; What

could flesh do to me?

**Psa 56:5** All day long they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me for evil.

**Psa 56:6** They stir up strife, they hide, They watch my steps, As they lie in wait for my life.

**Psa 56:7** Because of wickedness, cast them out. Put down the peoples in displeasure, O Elohim!

**Psa 56:8** You have counted my wanderings; You put my tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Your book?

**Psa 56:9** My enemies turn back in the day I call; This I know, because Elohim is for me.

**Psa 56:10** In Elohim, whose Word I praise, In יהוה, whose Word I praise,

**Psa 56:11** In Elohim I have trusted; I do not fear; What could man do to me?

**Psa 56:12** On me, O Elohim, are Your vows; I render praises to You,

**Psa 56:13** For You have delivered my life from death, My feet from stumbling, That I might walk before Elohim, In the light of the living!

## Psalm 57

### Let Your Glory Be over All the Earth

**Psa 57:1** Show me favor, O Elohim, show me favor! For in You my being is taking refuge; And in the shadow of Your wings I take refuge, Until destruction passes by.

**Psa 57:2** I cry out to the Most High Elohim, To Ėl who is perfecting *all matters* for me.

**Psa 57:3** He sends from the heavens and saves me; He reproaches the one who would swallow me up. Selah. Elohim sends forth His loving-commitment and His truth.

**Psa 57:4** My being is in the midst of lions; I lie *among* those who breathe fire, Whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue is a sharp sword.

**Psa 57:5** Be exalted, O Elohim, above the heavens; Let Your esteem be above all the earth.

**Psa 57:6** They have prepared a net for my footsteps; My being was bowed down; They have dug a pit before me; They fell into the midst of it! Selah.

**Psa 57:7** My heart is firm, O Elohim, My heart is firm; I sing and praise.

**Psa 57:8** Awake, my esteem! Awake, harp and lyre! I awake the dawn.

**Psa 57:9** I praise You among the peoples, O יהוה; I sing to You among the nations.

**Psa 57:10** For Your loving-commitment is great up to the heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds.

**Psa 57:11** Be exalted above the heavens, O Elohim; Let Your esteem be above all the earth.

**Isaiah 8** The opening four verses of Isaiah 8 is not only a spoken prophesy; but a written one placed on a large tablet for all to see; and identifies two additional witnesses of what was about to happen. Assyria was about to invade and take over Syria and Israel (the 10 northern tribes). Judah (the 2 southern tribes) would also suffer damage and loss but would not be taken into captivity by Assyria. The capital of the Assyrian empire was Ninevah.

The timeframe for this is related through the maturing of a child that would be born to Isaiah and his prophetess wife. The child's name would be **Mahěr-Shalal-Hash-Baz** meaning:

**H4122 מהר שלל חט בז mahēr shâlâl châsh baz BDB Definition:** = Maher-shalal-hash-baz  
 “swift is booty, speedy is prey”

- 1) **symbolic name given by Isaiah by the Lord's direction to Isaiah's son; prophetic indication that Damascus and Samaria were soon to be plundered by the king of Assyria**

Before this child, named Mahěr-Shalal-Hash-Baz, would learn how to cry words of ‘My father’ and ‘My mother’; the Assyrian invasion would have been completed with the spoils taken from Syria and the House of Israel.

We learned previously what the name of Isaiah's other son's name meant in Isaiah 7: **She'ar-Yashub** - meaning ‘a remnant will return’. Both of the son's names foretold the future.

### The Coming Assyrian Invasion

**Isa 8:1** And **יהוה** said to me, “Take a large tablet, and write on it with a man's pen concerning Mahěr-Shalal-Hash-Baz.

**Isa 8:2** “And let Me take reliable witnesses to record, Uriyah the priest and Zeqaryahu son of Yeberekyahu.”

**Isa 8:3** And I went to the prophetess, and she conceived and bore a son. And **יהוה** said to me, “Call his name Mahěr-Shalal-Hash-Baz;

**Isa 8:4** for before the child knows to cry ‘My father’ and ‘My mother,’ the riches of Dammeseq and the spoil of Shomeron is taken away before the sovereign of Ashshur.”

**Isa 8:5** And **יהוה** spoke to me again, saying,

**Isa 8:6** “Inasmuch as these people refused the waters of Shiloah that flow softly, and rejoice in Retsin and in Remalyahu's son;

**Isa 8:7** now therefore, see, **יהוה** brings up over them the waters of the River, strong and mighty – the sovereign of Ashshur and all his esteem. And he shall come up over all his channels and go over all his banks.

**Isa 8:8** “And he shall pass through Yehudah, he shall overflow and pass over, reaching

up to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of Your land, O Immanu'el.

**Isa 8:9** “Be shattered, O you peoples, and be broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from the far places of the earth. Gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, but be broken in pieces.

**Isa 8:10** “Take counsel, and it comes to naught; speak a word, and it does not stand, for Ēl is with us.”

**Isaiah 8:5-10:** Isaiah speaks again and in essence tells them, to ‘get ready’; the stage is set; time is short. The Assyrian Empire sprawled over the territories of the great Euphrates river and the Tigris river; powerful flowing rivers. The House of Israel chose to make an unholy alliance with a people of raging rivers; instead of the still gentle flowing waters of Shiloah provided by YHWH that fed the pool of Siloam.

Sheep and raging rivers are never a good combination; so, the powerful flooding of the Assyrian army overwhelmed the sheep! If the House of Israel wanted unholy alliances, they got what they asked for; and YHWH removed His hand of protection. He honored the fact that they did not want ‘GOD with us’ though later they moaned for Him. They would go into a season of discipline.

The waters came up to the neck of Judah and they barely survived the Assyrian invasion.

**2 Kings 18:13** describes the extent of the Assyrian invasion against Judah: *And in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and took them.* Hezekiah did whatever was necessary to prevent Judah from being overtaken by Assyria. He paid the king of Assyria three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the House of יהוה and in the treasuries of the sovereign's house. Hezekiah even cut off the doors of the Hēkal of יהוה, and the doorposts which Hezekiah sovereign of Yehudah had overlaid and gave it to the sovereign of Assyria.

**Excerpt references on waters of Shiloah:** <https://biblewalks.com/sites/ShiloahPool.html>

The Bible also implies that **Shiloah as the "lower" pool, while Gihon is the "upper" pool**. Here are several verses: Gihon: (*2 Kings 18:17*): "And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller's field". ...

**Here's more on the feats Hezekiah:** <https://biblewalks.com/sites/ShiloahPool.html>

After the death of the Assyrian king Sargon II (705 B.C.), king **Hezekiah**, son of King Ahaz, mutinied against the Assyrians, joining other cities in the area who attempted to free themselves from the Assyrian conquest. Anticipating the coming Assyrian intrusion, he fortified Jerusalem and the major cities.

Hezekiah (King 716-687 B.C.) prepared Judea on the eve of the Assyrian intrusion. Among other works, he constructed a tunnel from the Gihon spring to the **Shiloah (Siloam) pool**, blocking the old Canaanite watercourse in order to prevent the waters of the Gihon to be used by the enemy.

The Bible recorded the historical events leading to the construction of the tunnel, which gave it the common name "Hezekiah tunnel". (2 Chronicles 32 2-4):

"And when **Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, He took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city: and they did help him.** So, there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water?"

#### **Archaeological find of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century:**

An inscription was found on a wall of the tunnel, 6m from the end of the tunnel at the Shiloah pool. This inscription, 6 lines of ancient Hebrew script carved on the limestone rock, was one of the important findings of Biblical archaeology in the 19th Century. **It was found in 1880** and brought to Istanbul, where it is on display today. The Shiloah (Siloam) inscription tells the story of the tunnel, and how the two teams of diggers met after cutting the tunnel on both ends...

### **Fear Elohim, Wait for YHWH**

**Isa 8:11** For **יהוה** spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

**Isa 8:12** "Do not say, 'A conspiracy,' concerning all that this people call a conspiracy, nor be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled.

**Isa 8:13** "**יהוה** of hosts, Him you shall set apart. Let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

**Isa 8:14** "And He shall be for a set-apart place, but a stone of stumbling and a rock that makes for falling to both the houses of Yisra'el, as a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim.

**Isa 8:15** "And many among them shall stumble and fall, and be broken and snared and taken."

**Isa 8:16** Bind up the witness, seal the Torah among my taught ones.

**Isa 8:17** And I shall wait on **יהוה**, who hides His face from the house of Ya'aqob. And I shall look for Him.

**Isa 8:18** Look, I and the children whom **יהוה** has given me – for signs and wonders in Yisra'el from **יהוה** of hosts, who dwells in Mount Tsiyon.

**Isa 8:19** And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their Elohim? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

**Isa 8:20** To the Torah and to the witness! If they do not speak according to this Word, it is because they have no **daybreak**.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or *light*.

**Isa 8:21** And they shall pass through it hard pressed and hungry. And it shall be, when they are hungry, that they shall be wroth and curse their sovereign and their Elohim, looking upward.

**Isa 8:22** And they shall look to the earth and see distress and darkness, gloom of hard

times, and be driven into thick darkness.

This is a key message for us today also. We should not walk in the ways of this world but walk on His path that **leads to righteousness**. The ways of the world are satanic. Satan is a counterfeit. His counterfeit “miracles” are achieved through wizardry and witchcraft. The house of Israel continued to indulge in idol worship of golden calves on the high places; make sacrifices to Moloch; and make unholy alliances with the nations. The house of Judah would ultimately make these same mistakes although they would hold out approximately 130 years longer before being exiled to Babylon.

### **Isaiah 9:1-7**

**Isaiah 9:1-7** speaks of the Hope and restoration to come through Yahusha HaMashiach. The northern territory of the House of Israel took the hardest blow from the Assyrian invasion. The northern kingdom of Israel was made up of people that walked in darkness, in the very shadow of the land of death. As in most cases, there were always a remnant that did not.

These fallen people in darkness, Israel; would also one day [see a great light](#).

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth.**

1Jn 1:7 **But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of יהושע Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

We are all exiled in a land that is not our own. Our home is with Him. He came to set us free; and He did. His sheep know His voice and they follow Him. One day soon, Israel will be reunited into **the one new man of Yahusha HaMashiach**. Yahusha wears the multi-colored coat of every tongue, tribe, people and nation! Praise Him for His great love for us! **YHWH's Son's name is Yahusha**: meaning YHWH saves!

### **For to Us a Child Is Born**

**Isa 9:1** But there is no gloom upon her who is distressed, as when at first He humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward more heavily oppressed her, by the way of the sea, beyond the Yardēn, in Galil of the nations.

**Isa 9:2** The people who were walking in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death a light has shone.

**Isa 9:3** You shall increase the nation; You shall make its joy great. They shall rejoice before You, as in the joy of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

**Isa 9:4** For You shall break the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midyan.

**Isa 9:5** For every boot of one trampling in tumult, and coat rolled in blood, shall be used for burning and fuel of fire.

**Isa 9:6** For a Child is born unto us, a Son is given unto us, and the rule is on His shoulder. And His Name is called Wonder, Counsellor, Strong Ėl, Father of Continuity, Prince of Peace.

**Isa 9:7** Of the increase of His rule and peace there is no end, [upon the throne of Dawid and over His reign,<sup>a</sup>](#) to establish it and sustain it with right-ruling and with righteousness from now on, even forever. The ardour of יהוה of hosts does this. [Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Isa 16:5, Psa 2:1-12, Psa 45:6, Mic 5:2, Luk 1:32-33.](#)

## James 2

James addresses a very important topic that is [NOT to be found among the brethren: Partiality.](#)

### The Sin of Partiality

**Jas 2:1** My brothers, do not hold the belief of our Master יהושע Messiah, the Master of esteem, with partiality.

- ✚ **Jas 2:2** For if there should come into your meeting place a man with gold rings, in a splendid robe, and there should also come in a poor one dressed in rags,
- ✚ **Jas 2:3** and you pay attention to the one wearing the splendid robe and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor one, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here by my feet,”
- ✚ **Jas 2:4** have you not discriminated among yourselves, and become judges with wicked thoughts?

**Jas 2:5** Listen, my beloved brothers:

- ✚ Has Elohim not chosen the poor of this world, rich in belief and heirs of the reign which He promised to those who love Him?

**Jas 2:6** But you have shown disrespect towards the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you and drag you into the courts?

**Jas 2:7** Do they not blaspheme that good Name by which you are called?

**Jas 2:8** If you truly accomplish the sovereign law according to the Scripture,

- ✚ “**You shall love your neighbor as yourself,**” [Lev 19:18](#) you do well,
- ✚ **Jas 2:9** but **if you show partiality,** you commit sin, being found guilty by the Torah as transgressors.
- ✚ **Jas 2:10** For whoever shall guard all the Torah, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

**Jas 2:11** For He who said, “**Do not commit adultery,**” [Exo 20:14](#) also said, “**Do not murder.**” [Exo 20:13](#) Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of Torah.

**Jas 2:12** So speak and so do as those who are to be judged by a Torah of freedom.<sup>a</sup>

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Jas 1:25](#) and [Joh 8:32-36](#).

**Jas 2:13** **For the judgment is without compassion to the one who has shown no compassion.** And compassion boasts over judgment.

Here we see the dichotomy between the Book of the Law and the ‘Torah of freedom’ [the Book of the Covenant or Covenant Torah]. This was the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of believers partaking in the restored reign of the Melchizedek Priesthood. They, like us, were having to ‘unlearn’ the doctrines of man and the twisting of the true Scriptures. Awakening to truth and unlearning the lies is a process. This is what is meant ‘by getting the leaven out.’ Leaven is the false or inaccurately taught doctrine, that should be cleansed out of our lives; the Ruach HaKodesh dwells in us; we are the ‘priests’ of our temple. We are responsible for keeping our temple clean and in order with His Word.

### Faith Without Works Is Dead

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

We know other believers by their fruit, their works. If they have no fruit, then they must not have true belief. A believer produces fruit. Belief and works go hand in hand; but belief comes first thereby producing the fruit unto righteousness. It is by grace through faith (belief) that we are saved.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**the belief was perfected?**

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

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

Jas 2:25 In the same way, was not **Rahab the whore also declared right by works** when she received the messengers and sent them out another way?

Jas 2:26 **For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also the belief is dead without the works.**

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