

*Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 26; Psalm 117, 118; Isaiah 53; Matthew 1.*

## *June 21 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Deuteronomy 26**

**Deu 26:1** “And it shall be, when you come into the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you as an inheritance, and you **possess it** and **dwell in it**,

Today, we too must enter the promise land YHWH has given us as our inheritance. We too must possess it and dwell in it. Because of what Yahusha did for us through the New Melchizedek Covenant Confirming Gospel message, we have entered His kingdom. He has made us a kingdom of priests of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

Jer 3:14 “Return, O backsliding children,” declares יהוה, “for I shall rule over you, and shall take you, one from a city and two from a clan,<sup>a</sup> and shall bring you to Tsiyon. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Isa 27:12.

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Isa 27:12 And in that day it shall be that יהוה threshes, from the channel of the River to the wadi of Mitsrayim. **And you shall be gathered one by one,<sup>a</sup> O children of Yisra'ĕl.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Jer 3:14-15.

Isa 27:13 And in that day it shall be that **a great shophar is blown**, and those who were perishing in the land of Ashshur and the outcasts in the land of Mitsrayim shall come, and shall worship יהוה on the set-apart mountain, in Yerushalayim.

We too have been gathered out of our own metaphorical ‘Egyptian slavery’ and now awakened, have become part of His holy nation. One by one we have been gathered into Israel, his mixed multitude; making up the one new man in Yahusha.

We don’t want to just ‘enter’, we too must possess His promises. We too must learn to dwell in His holy nation and live righteously. We too must take off our sandals for we are now standing on holy ground. He has given us garments of white; without spot or blemish. To possess and dwell, we stay in Him; stay in His Word; and keep our covenant vows to Him, our Groom.

The following verses say it all. This is how we will carry out Deut. 26 today:

Isa 61:6 But you shall be called, ‘Priests of יהוה.’ ‘Servants of our Elohim’ shall be said of you. You shall consume the strength of the nations, and boast in their esteem.

Isa 61:7 Instead of your shame and reproach, they rejoice a second time in their portion.  
 Therefore they **take possession a second time in their land, everlasting joy is theirs.**

Isa 61:8 “For I, יהוה, love right-ruling; I hate robbery for ascending offering. And I shall give their reward in truth, and make **an everlasting covenant with them.**

Isa 61:9 “And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring in the midst of the peoples. All who see them shall acknowledge them, that **they are the seed יהוה has blessed.**”

Isa 61:10 I greatly rejoice in יהוה, my being exults in my Elohim. For He has put garments of deliverance on me, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as **a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

Isa 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its bud, as the garden causes the seed to shoot up, so **the Master יהוה causes righteousness and praise to shoot up before all the nations!**

We bring to Him our first fruit offerings. We perform our priestly duties of spiritual offerings of praise and prayers. We are doers of His word and not hearers only. We are constantly in His Word so that we will have the mind of Yahusha and carry out the will of YHWH.

Daily we never forget the One that made it possible to partake of the promise given to Abraham. Daily we never forget the One that provides for us and watches over us. There is no better place to be than in Him.

We are making up the one new man. One from a city, two from a clan; worldwide we are being gathered. When the last one is gathered, we will be complete, and we will be birthed as Israel ~ His first born. Just as Israel is birthed in Rev. 12.

Exo 4:22 “And you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus said יהוה, “**Yisra’el is My son, My first-born,**

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Hos 11:1 “When Yisra’el was a child, I loved him, and out of Mitsrayim I called My son.

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Gal 3:26 For **you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah עשו.**

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 **There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah עשינו.**

Gal 3:29 **And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.**

HalleluYah! Praise Him! Now as you read the rest of Deut. 26; you can envision what this chapter means to us in our day!

Deu 26:2 that you shall take some of the **first of all the fruits** of the soil which you bring from your land that יהוה your Elohim is giving you, and shall put it in a basket and go to the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to make His Name dwell there.

**Deu 26:3** “And you shall come to the one who is priest in those days, and say to him, ‘I shall declare today to יהוה your Elohim that I have come to the land which יהוה swore to our fathers to give us.’”

**Deu 26:4** “And the priest shall take the basket from your hand and place it before the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim.

**Deu 26:5** “And you shall answer and say before יהוה your Elohim, ‘My father was a perishing Aramean, and he went down to Mitsrayim and sojourned there with few men. And there he became a nation, great, mighty, and numerous.’

**Deu 26:6** But the Mitsrites [Egyptians] did evil to us, and afflicted us, and imposed hard labor on us.

**Deu 26:7** Then we cried out to יהוה Elohim of our fathers, and יהוה heard our voice and saw our affliction and our toil and our oppression.

**Deu 26:8** And יהוה brought us out of Mitsrayim [Egypt] with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, with great fear and with signs and wonders.

**Deu 26:9** And He brought us to this place and has given us this land, “a land flowing with milk and honey.”

**Deu 26:10** And now, see, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which You, O יהוה, have given me.’ Then you shall place it before יהוה your Elohim, and bow down before יהוה your Elohim,

**Deu 26:11** and shall rejoice in all the good which יהוה your Elohim has given to you and your house, you and the Léwite and the stranger who is among you.

**Deu 26:12** “When you have completed tithing all the tithe of your increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, and have given it to the Léwite, to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, and they have eaten within your gates and have been satisfied,

**Adam Clarke Commentary:** The third year, which is the year of tithing - This is supposed to mean the third year of the seventh or Sabbatical year, in which the tenths were to be given to the poor. See the law, Deu 14:28. But from the letter in both these places it would appear that the tithe was for the Levites, and that this tithe was drawn only once in three years.

**Deu 26:13** then you shall say before יהוה your Elohim, ‘I have put away the set-apart portion from my house, and also have given it to the Léwite, and to the stranger, and to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Your command which You have commanded me. I have not transgressed Your commands, nor have I forgotten.

**Deu 26:14** I have not eaten any of it when in mourning, nor have I removed any of it for any unclean use, nor given any of it for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of יהוה my Elohim, I have done according to all that You have commanded me.

**Deu 26:15** Look from Your set-apart dwelling place, from the heavens, and bless Your people Yisra'él and the land which You have given us, as You swore to our fathers, “a land flowing with milk and honey.” ’

**Deu 26:16** “Today יהוה your Elohim is commanding you to do these laws and right-rulings. And you shall guard and do them with all your heart and with all your being.

**Deu 26:17** “You have today caused יהוה to proclaim to be your Elohim, and to walk in His ways and guard His laws, and His commands, and His right-rulings, and to obey His voice.

**Deu 26:18** “And יהוה has caused you to proclaim today to be His people, a treasured possession, as He has spoken to you, and to guard all His commands,

**Deu 26:19 so as to set you high above all nations which He has made, for a praise, and for a name, and for esteem, and for you to be a set-apart people to יהוה your Elohim, as He has spoken."**

## Psalm 117

### YHWH's Faithfulness Endures Forever

There are just two verses in Psalm 117, but they are powerful!

**Psa 117:1** Praise יהוה, all you nations! Extol Him, all you peoples!

**Psa 117:2** For His loving-commitment is mighty over us, And the truth of יהוה is everlasting. Praise Yah!

## Psalm 118

### His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

Read Psalm 118 aloud giving praise and thanksgiving to Him.

**Psa 118:1** Oh, give thanks to יהוה, for He is good! Because His loving-commitment is everlasting.

**Psa 118:2** Let Yisra'el now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting."

**Psa 118:3** Let the house of Aharon now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting."

**Psa 118:4** Let those who fear יהוה now say, "His loving-commitment is everlasting."

**Psa 118:5** I called on Yah in distress; Yah answered me in a broad place.

**Psa 118:6** יהוה is on my side; I do not fear what man does to me!

**Psa 118:7** יהוה is for me among those helping me; Therefore I look on those hating me.

**Psa 118:8** It is better to take refuge in יהוה Than to trust in man.

**Psa 118:9** It is better to take refuge in יהוה Than to trust in princes.

**Psa 118:10** All the nations surrounded me, In the Name of יהוה I shall cut them off.

**Psa 118:11** They surrounded me, Yes, they surrounded me; In the Name of יהוה shall I cut them off.

**Psa 118:12** They surrounded me like bees; They were extinguished like burning thorns; In the Name of יהוה I shall cut them off.

**Psa 118:13** Pushing, the enemy pushed me to fall, But יהוה helped me.

**Psa 118:14** Yah is my strength and song, And He has become my deliverance.<sup>a</sup>

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See footnote at [Exo 15:2](#).

**Psa 118:15 The voice of rejoicing and deliverance Is in the tents of the righteous; The right hand of יהוה is doing mightily.**

Psa 118:16 The right hand of יהוה is exalted, The right hand of יהוה acts mightily.

Psa 118:17 Let me not die, but live, And declare the works of Yah.

Psa 118:18 Yah has punished me severely, But did not give me over to death.

**Psa 118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness; I enter through them, I thank Yah.**

Psa 118:20 **This is the gate of יהוה, The righteous enter through it.**

Psa 118:21 I thank You, For You have answered me, And have become my deliverance.

**Psa 118:22 The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.<sup>b</sup>** Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also Act 4:11.

Psa 118:23 This was from יהוה, It is marvellous in our eyes.

Psa 118:24 **This is the day יהוה has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Psa 118:25 **I pray, O יהוה, please save us now;<sup>c</sup>** I pray, O יהוה, please send prosperity. Footnote: <sup>c</sup>Hebrew: Hoshianah.

Psa 118:26 **Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of יהוה!<sup>d</sup>** We shall bless you from the House of יהוה. Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Also see Mat 21:9, Joh 12:13 and Deu 18:18-20.

Psa 118:27 יהוה is Ěl, and He gave us light; Bind the festival offering With cords to the horns of the slaughter-place.

**Psa 118:28 You are my Ěl, and I praise You; You are my Elohim, I exalt You.**

**Psa 118:29 Give thanks to יהוה, for He is good! For His loving-commitment is everlasting.**

## Isaiah 53

Isaiah 53 lays out what our High Priest of the Melchizedek order has done for us! While we were yet sinners, Yahusha took our guilt and sicknesses; and died in our place. Should that be taken lightly? Not only did He die in our place, but He arose again the third day! He lives!

Before anyone denies Him, they should simply ask Him, to reveal Himself to them. But one should ask with a sincere heart. Do not patronize Him. He is the Word; He is YHWH in Son. Daily, by reading His Word, we see and know Him more and more.

Do not take lightly all that He has done for us! There is no greater love than His; and there is no salvation in any other!

Joh 15:13 "No one has greater love than this: that one should lay down his life for his friends.

Joh 15:14 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Joh 15:15 "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all teachings which I heard from My Father I have made known to you. Joh 15:16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He might give you.

Joh 15:17 "These words I command you, so that you love one another.<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See Joh 13:34 and Joh 15:12.

**Isa 53:1** Who has believed our report? And to whom was the arm of הָנִינֵּה revealed?

**Isa 53:2** For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or splendor that we should look upon Him, nor appearance that we should desire Him –

**Isa 53:3** despised and rejected by men, a man of pains and knowing sickness. And as one from whom the face is hidden, being despised, and we did not consider Him.

**Isa 53:4** Truly, He has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains. Yet we reckoned Him smitten-, stricken by Elohim, and afflicted.

**Isa 53:5** But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

**Isa 53:6** We all, like sheep, went astray, each one of us has turned to his own way. And הַנָּה has laid on Him the crookedness of us all.

Do we understand that the enemy mocks YHWH's people? Do we understand the enemy gives His people the name of 'sheeple' to declare their ignorance to the evil ways of Satan? Do we understand the only way Satan can get back at YHWH is to attack His people, His sheep? Satan leads people to false gods and the things of this world. Satan leads them into traps and snares.

**Here is the definition of 'Sheeple':** People unable to think for themselves. Followers. Lemmings. Those with no cognitive abilities of their own.

**What is a lemming?** A lemming is a small rodent, usually found in or near the Arctic in tundra biomes. Lemmings have become the subject of a widely popular misconception that they are driven to commit mass suicide when they migrate by jumping off cliffs. It is not a deliberate mass suicide where the animal voluntarily chooses to die, but rather a result of their migratory behavior.

The misconception of lemming "mass suicide" is long-standing and has been popularized by a number of factors. It was well enough known to be mentioned in "The Marching Morons", a 1951 short story by Cyril M.

Kornbluth. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lemming>

**Herd Mentality Defined:** Herd behavior is the behavior of individuals in a group acting collectively without centralized direction. Herd behavior occurs in animals in herds, packs, bird flocks, fish schools and so on, as well as in humans in demonstrations, riots and general strikes,<sup>[1]</sup> sporting events, religious gatherings, episodes of mob violence and everyday decision-making, judgement and opinion-forming.

### Versus YHWH's Narrow Path that leads to life!

Mat 7:13 “**Enter in through the narrow gate!** Because the gate is wide – and the way is broad – that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter in through it.

Mat 7:14 “Because the gate is narrow and the way is hard pressed<sup>a</sup> which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or the way is afflicted.

Mat 7:15 “But beware of the false prophets, <sup>b</sup> who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are savage wolves. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also Mat. 7:23.

Mat 7:16 “By their fruits you shall know them. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles?

Mat 7:17 “So every good tree yields good fruit, but a rotten tree yields wicked fruit.

Mat 7:18 “A good tree is unable to yield wicked fruit, and a rotten tree to yield good fruit.

Mat 7:19 “Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 7:20 “**So then, by their fruits you shall know them** –

**Isa 53:7** He was oppressed and He was afflicted, but He did not open His mouth. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, but He did not open His mouth.

**Isa 53:8** He was taken from prison and from judgment. And as for His generation, who considered that He shall be cut off from the land of the living? For the transgression of My people He was stricken.

**Isa 53:9** And He was appointed a burial-site with the wrong, and with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor was deceit in His mouth.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> 1Pe 2:22.

**Isa 53:10** But יהוה was pleased to crush Him, He laid sickness on Him, that when He made Himself an offering for guilt, He would see a seed, He would prolong His days and the pleasure of יהוה prosper in His hand.

**Isa 53:11** He would see the result of the suffering of His life and be satisfied. Through His knowledge My righteous Servant makes many righteous, and He bears their crookednesses.

**Isa 53:12** Therefore I give Him a portion among the great, and He divides the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His being unto death, and He was counted with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

## Matthew 1

Some suppose that the original title to this Gospel was 'the book of the generation of Yahusha HaMashiach.' Thereby not only encompassing the account of the genealogy of Yahusha but also the history of His:

- ❖ Birth
- ❖ Acts
- ❖ Suffering
- ❖ Death
- ❖ Resurrection
- ❖ Ascension

Similarly, Genesis 5:1 states:

Gen 5:1 This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that Elohim created man, He made him in the likeness of Elohim.

**Mat 1:1** The book of the genealogy of **יעשָׁה מֶשֶׁיחַ** Messiah, Son of Dawid, Son of Abraham;

**Mat 1:2** **Abraham** brought forth Yits̄aq, and Yits̄aq brought forth Ya'aqob, and **Ya'aqob** brought forth Yehudah and his brothers.

The righteous seed would come through Isaac [Yits̄aq], the son of Abraham and Sarah. We read this account in Genesis 17.

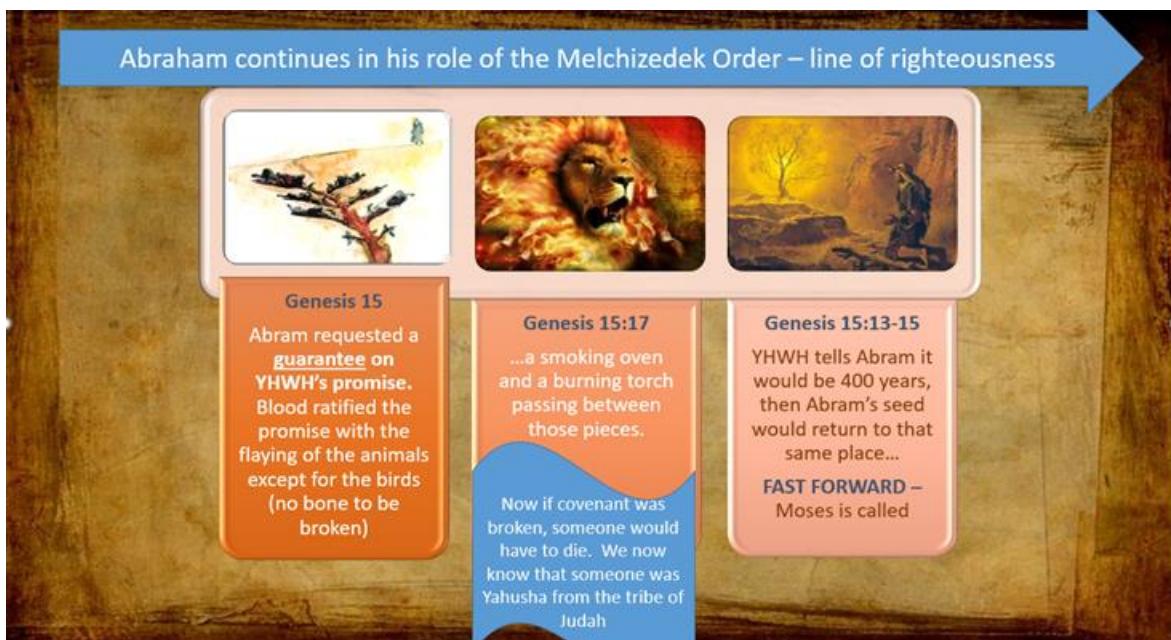
Gen 17:17 And Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said in his heart, "Is a child born to a man who is a hundred years old? Or is Sarah, who is ninety years old, to bear a child?"

Gen 17:18 And Abraham said to Elohim, "Oh, let Yishma'el live before You!"

Gen 17:19 And Elohim said, "No, Sarah your wife is truly bearing a son to you, and you shall call his name Yitshaq. And I shall establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him.

Gen 17:20 "And as for Yishma'el, I have heard you. See, I shall bless him, and shall make him fruitful, and greatly increase him. **He is to bring forth twelve princes, and I shall make him a great nation.**

Gen 17:21 "**But My covenant I establish with Yitshaq, whom Sarah is to bear to you at this appointed time next year.**"



In Gen. 17 we see the covenant of circumcision established between YHWH and Abraham. The covenant of circumcision was initiated when Abraham was 99 years of age and Ishmael was 13 years of age.

Gen 17:24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:25 And Yishma'ěl his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin.

Gen 17:26 Abraham and his son Yishma'ěl were circumcised that same day.

We see a year later that **Isaac is conceived by the union of Abraham and Sarah.** At this time, it is stated that **Abraham was 100 years of age.** Therefore, the seed passed through Abraham's circumcised flesh before being conceived in Sarah's womb and producing the covenant heir, Isaac. YHWH still looked after Ishmael, but **the covenant seed would continue through Isaac.**

Gen 21:2 So **Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son** in his old age, at the appointed time of which Elohim had spoken to him.

Gen 21:3 And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, **Yitsḥaq.**

Gen 21:4 And Abraham circumcised his son **Yitsḥaq** when he was eight days old, as Elohim had commanded him.

Gen 21:5 And **Abraham was one hundred years old when his son Yitshaq was born to him.**

It is important to take the time to focus on this part of the genealogy of Yahusha. Why? Because Islam and Judaism also proclaim Abraham as their Father; but deny Yahusha as the Messiah. Galatians 4 explains the 'allegory' of Sarah and Hagar as being two covenants.

Gal 4:21 Say to me, you who wish to be under Torah [the Book of the Law], do you not hear the Torah?

Gal 4:22 **For it has been written that Abraham had two sons,** one by a female servant, the other by a free woman.

Gal 4:23 But he who was of the **female servant** was born according to the flesh, and he of the **free woman** through promise.

Gal 4:24 **This is allegorical, for these are the two covenants:** one indeed from Mount Sinai which brings forth slavery, which is Haḡar.

Gal 4:25 **for this Haḡar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Yerushalayim which now is, and is in slavery with her children.**

Gal 4:26 But the **Yerushalayim above is free, which is the mother of us all.**

With this in mind, we proceed through the genealogy of Yahusha HaMashiach.

**Mat 1:3** And Yehudah brought forth Perets and Zeraḥ by Tamar, and Perets brought forth Hetsron, and Hetsron brought forth Ram.

Tamar had been married to Er the eldest son of Judah (Yehudah). Er and Onan the two eldest brother's lives were taken by YHWH (Gen. 38). Then Judah promises Tamar his youngest son, Shelah, would take her as his wife when he was grown. But Judah doesn't keep his promise.

For this reason, Tamar removes her widow garments and places herself along the path of Judah's journey. He believes her to be a harlot, goes into her, and she conceives. He leaves her his seal, cord, and staff as a pledge until he would send her a young goat for her services. (Gen. 38 – take time to read the full account.)

Long story short we read:

Gen 38:24 And it came to be, about three new moons after, that Yehudah was informed, saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has whored, and see, she has conceived by whoring." And Yehudah said, "Bring her out and let her be burned!"

Gen 38:25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please examine whose these are: the seal and the cord and the staff."

Gen 38:26 And Yehudah examined and said, "She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to Shělah my son." And he never knew her again.

She gives birth to Perets and Zerah. The genealogical royal priestly seed line would continue through the son Perets, from the unlikely union of Judah and Tamar.

**Mat 1:4** And Ram brought forth Amminadab, and Amminadab brought forth Nahshon, and Nahshon brought forth Salmon.

**Mat 1:5** And Salmon brought forth Bo'az by Rahab, and Bo'az brought forth Oběd by Ruth, and Oběd brought forth Yishai.

Heb 11:31 By belief, Rahab the whore did not perish with those who did not believe, having received the spies with peace.

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Rth 1:22 Thus Na'omi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the fields of Mo'ab, and they came to Běyth Lehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

**Mat 1:6** And Yishai brought forth Dawid the sovereign, and Dawid the sovereign brought forth Shelomoh by Uriyah's wife. [This was Bathsheba]

Act 13:22 "And having removed him, He raised up for them Dawid as sovereign, to whom also He gave witness and said, 'I have found Dawid the son of Yishai, a man after My own heart, who shall do all My desires.'

Act 13:23 "From this one's seed, according to the promise, Elohim raised up for Yisra'él a Saviour, ישׁועה,

So far, we have looked at four women in Yahusha's genealogy with sorted backgrounds only to let us know, that the righteous shall live by faith.

Like with Abraham:

[Gen 15:6 And he \[Abraham\] believed in הָנִינִי, and He reckoned it to him for righteousness.](#)

David is seen in three roles: Prophet (as with the Psalms he wrote); priest [the royal-priestly line of Melchizedek] wearing the linen ephod several times and partaking of the shewbread etc.; and his role as King of Israel. This also mirrors Yahusha's roles.

[Mat 1:7 And Shelomoh brought forth Reḥab'am<sup>a</sup>](#) and Reḥab'am brought forth Abiyah, and Abiyah brought forth Asa. [Footnote: <sup>a</sup>His mother was an Ammorite - 1Ki 14:21, 1Ki 14:31.](#)

[Mat 1:8 And Asa brought forth Yehoshaphat, and Yehoshaphat brought forth Yoram, and Yoram brought forth Uzziyah.](#)

[Mat 1:9 And Uzziyah brought forth Yotham, and Yotham brought forth Aḥaz, and Aḥaz brought forth Ḥizqiyyahu.](#)

[Mat 1:10 And Ḥizqiyyahu brought forth Menashsheh, and Menashsheh brought forth Amon, and Amon brought forth Yoshiyahu.](#)

[Mat 1:11 And Yoshiyahu brought forth Yeḥonyah and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babel.](#)

### Adam Clarke's Commentary regarding Jechonias

**Josias begat Jechonias, etc.** - There are three considerable difficulties in this verse.

1. Josias was not the father of Jechonias; he was only the grandfather of that prince: [1Ch 3:14-16.](#)
2. Jechonias had no brethren; at least, none are on record.
3. Josias died 20 years before the Babylonish captivity took place, and therefore Jechonias and his brethren could not have been begotten about the time they were carried away to Babylon.

To this may be added a fourth difficulty, viz. there are only thirteen in this 2nd class of generations; or forty-one, instead of forty-two, in the whole. But all these difficulties disappear, by adopting a reading found in many MSS. Ιωσιας δε εγεννησε τον Ιωακειμ· Ιωακειμ δε εγεννησε τον Ιεχονιαν. And Josias begat Jehoiakim, or Joakim, and Joakim begat Jechonias. For this reading, see the authorities in Griesbach. Josiah was the immediate father of Jehoiakim (called also Eliakeim and Joakim) and his brethren, who were Johanan, Zedekiah, and Shallum: see [1Ch 3:15.](#) Joakim was the father of Joachin or Jechonias, about the time of the first Babylonish captivity: for we may reckon three Babylonish captivities. The first happened in the fourth year of Joakim, son of Josiah, about A. M. 3398. In this year, Nebuchadnezzar, having taken Jerusalem, led a great number of captives to Babylon. The second captivity happened under Jechoniah, son of Joakim; who, having reigned three months, was taken prisoner in 3405, and was carried to Babylon, with a great number of the Jewish nobility. The third captivity took place under Zedekiah, A. M. 3416. And thus, says Calmet, [Mat 1:11](#) should be read: Josias begat Joakim and his brethren: and Joakim begat Jechonias about the time of the first Babylonish captivity; and Jechonias begat Salathiel, after they were brought to Babylon. Thus, with the necessary addition of Joakim, the three classes, each containing fourteen generations, are complete. And to make this the more evident, I shall set down each of these three

generations in a separate column, with the additional Joakim, that the reader may have them all at one view.

1 Abraham	1 Solomon	1 Jechonias
2 Isaac	2 Rehoboam	2 Salathiel
3 Jacob	3 Abia	3 Zorobabel
4 Judah	4 Asa	4 Abiud
5 Pharez	5 Josaphat	5 Eliakim
6 Esrom	6 Joram	6 Azor
7 Aram	7 Ozias	7 Sadoc
8 Aminadab	8 Joatham	8 Achim
9 Naason	9 Achaz	9 Eliud
10 Salmon	10 Ezekias	10 Eleazar
11 Booz	11 Manasses	11 Matthan
12 Obed	12 Amon	12 Jacob
13 Jesse	13 Josias	13 Joseph
14 david	14 joachim	14 jesus

In all *forty-two* generations.

**Mat 1:12** And after the exile to Babel, Yekonyah brought forth She'alti'el, and She'alti'el brought forth Zerubbabel.

**Mat 1:13** And Zerubbabel brought forth Abihud, and Abihud brought forth [Abner and Abner brought forth]<sup>b</sup> Elyaqim, and Elyaqim brought forth Azor. Footnote: b[Abner and Abner brought forth] appears in the Du Tillit Hebrew text.

**Mat 1:14** And Azor brought forth Tsadoq, and Tsadoq brought forth Aqim, and Aqim brought forth Elihud.

**Mat 1:15** And Elihud brought forth El'azar, and El'azar brought forth Mattan, and Mattan brought forth Ya'aqob.

**Mat 1:16** And Ya'aqob brought forth Yoséph the husband of Miryam, of whom was born יֶשׁוּעָה who is called Messiah.

**Mat 1:17** So all the generations from Abraham to Dawid were fourteen generations, and from Dawid until the exile to Babel were fourteen generations, and from the exile to Babel until the Messiah were fourteen generations.

There is much more to be said and to be studied with the genealogy of Yahusha. Matthew 1:17 makes note of the 14 generational time spans between Abraham to David; David to the Babylonian exile; and from Babylonian exile until Messiah. So, with 14 being a multiple of '7' we count six 7's or 42 generations. There is definitely a message here for us to ponder. We will keep these time frames in mind as we continue to seek more meaning and understanding.

David Gusik gives his commentary on this at

[https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/archives/guzik\\_david/StudyGuide\\_Mat/Mat\\_1.cfm](https://www.blueletterbible.org/Comm/archives/guzik_david/StudyGuide_Mat/Mat_1.cfm)

It will still be up to each of us, as good Bereans, to study these things out on our own.

### The Birth of Yahusha HaMashiach

**Mat 1:18** But the birth of **יעשׂה יְהוָה** Messiah was as follows: After His mother Miryam was engaged to Yoséph, before they came together, she was found to be pregnant from the Set-apart Spirit.

**Mat 1:19** And Yoséph her husband, being righteous, and not wishing to make a show of her, had in mind to put her away secretly.

**Mat 1:20** But while he thought about this, see, a messenger of **יהוָה** appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Yoséph, son of Dawid, do not be afraid to take Miryam as your wife, for that which is in her was brought forth from the Set-apart Spirit.

**Mat 1:21** "And she shall give birth to a Son, and you shall call His Name **יעשׂה יְהוָה** for He shall save<sup>c</sup> His people from their sins." **Footnote:** <sup>c</sup>This is the meaning of the Hebrew of His Name.

**Mat 1:22** And all this came to be in order to fill what was spoken by **יְהוָה** through the prophet, saying,

**Mat 1:23** "**See, an 'almah<sup>d</sup>' shall conceive, and she shall give birth to a Son, and they shall call His Name Immanu'ěl,**" [Isa 7:14](#) which translated, means, "Ěl with us." **Footnote:** <sup>d</sup>According to the Shem Tob Hebrew text and [Isa 7:14](#). Virgin / young woman. See also Explanatory Note "Maiden".

**Mat 1:24** And Yoséph, awaking from his sleep, did as the messenger of **יהוָה** commanded him and took his wife,

**Mat 1:25** but knew her not until she gave birth to her Son, the first-born. And he called His Name **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ**.

Matthew 1:18-25 records Miryam, the virgin, conceives Yahusha by the Set-apart Spirit. We also see that a messenger of YHWH appears to Joseph to dispel his concerns over Miryam's pregnancy. He is told, her conception by the Set-apart Spirit fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14. Joseph takes Miryam as his wife but does not know her until after the birth of her Son, the first-born, Yahusha.

We also see a parallel connection to the 'virgin constellation' giving birth in Rev. 12 to a male child. Yahusha is the head of the one new man, Israel; the two sticks (Israel and Judah) becoming one again; along with those grafted in.

Col 1:18 And **He is the Head of the body, the assembly, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.**

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Rev 12:1 And a great sign was seen in the heaven: a woman clad with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

Rev 12:2 And being pregnant, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.a

Rev 12:3 And another sign was seen in the heaven: and see, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns on his heads.

Rev 12:4 And his tail draws a third of the stars of the heaven and throws them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, to devour her child as soon as it was born.

Rev 12:5 And she bore a male child<sup>a</sup> who was to shepherd all nations with a rod of iron.

Psa\_2:9 And her child was caught away to Elohim and to His throne. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also Isa\_26:17, Isa\_66:7, Mic\_4:9-10.

Rev 12:6 And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by Elohim, to be nourished there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.

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