

Greetings, today our manna is from Numbers 3; Psalm 37; Songs 1; Hebrews 1.

April 26 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 3

Numbers 3 reviews the **sons of Aaron** and the **duties of the Levites**. It acknowledges that Nadab (Aaron's first-born) and Abihu had died before YHWH when they brought in 'strange fire'. We learn that Nadab and Abihu had no children, so Aaron's other sons; **El'azar and Ithamar** acted as priests in the presence of Aharon their father.

Moses is instructed by YHWH to bring the tribe of Levi before Aaron and his sons. He summarizes their duties in that they shall serve him and shall guard his duty and the duty of all the congregation before the Tent of Appointment, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

A very interesting exchange takes place in this chapter. The tribe of Levi is given to Aaron and his sons, they are 'given ones' from among the children of Israel. Later in the chapter we will see more details.

The Sons of Aaron

Num 3:1 And these are the generations of Aharon and Mosheh when יהוה spoke with Mosheh on Mount Sinai.

Num 3:2 And these are the names of the sons of Aharon: Naḏab, the first-born, and Aḇihu, El'azar, and Ithamar.

Num 3:3 These are the names of the sons of Aharon, the anointed priests, whom he ordained to act as priests.

Num 3:4 And Naḏab and Aḇihu had died before יהוה when they brought strange fire before יהוה in the Wilderness of Sinai. And they had no children. So El'azar and Ithamar acted as priests in the presence of Aharon their father.

Duties of the Levites

Num 3:5 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:6 "Bring the tribe of Lēwi near, and set them before Aharon the priest, and they shall serve him,

Num 3:7 and shall guard his duty and the duty of all the congregation before the Tent of Appointment, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:8 "And they shall guard all the furnishings of the Tent of Appointment, and the

duty of the children of Yisra'ël, to do the service of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:9 “And you shall give the Lěwites to Aharon and his sons. They are the given ones, given to him from among the children of Yisra'ël.

Num 3:10 “And appoint Aharon and his sons, and they shall **guard their priesthood**. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.”

YHWH goes on to tell Moses' that He is taking possession of the tribe of Levi in exchange for the first-born that already belong to Him.

Num 3:11 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:12 “Now look, **I Myself have taken the Lěwites from among the children of Yisra'ël instead of every first-born who opens the womb among the children of Yisra'ël.** And the Lěwites shall be Mine,

Num 3:13 because all the first-born are Mine. On the day that I struck all the first-born in the land of Mitsrayim, I set apart to Myself all the first-born in Yisra'ël, both man and beast. They are Mine, I am יהוה.”

This chapter is now organizing the **Levites encampment around the Dwelling Place/Tent of Meeting** according to clans. Moses is now going to number all the children of Levi and notice the age parameters for counting are different from those of the other tribes counted in Numbers 1 & 2 of fighting age.

Num 3:14 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh in the Wilderness of Sinai, saying,

Num 3:15 “Register the children of Lěwi by their fathers' houses, by their clans.

Register every male from a new moon^a old and above. Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:16 So Mosheh registered them according to the word of יהוה, as he had been commanded.

Num 3:17 And these were the sons of Lěwi by their names: Gěrshon, and Qehath, and Merari.

Num 3:18 And these are the names of the sons of Gěrshon by their clans: Liḅni and Shim'i.

Num 3:19 And the sons of Qehath by their clans: Amram and Yitshar, Hēḅron and Uzzi'ël.

Num 3:20 And the sons of Merari by their clans: Maḅli and Mushi. These are the clans of the Lěwites by their fathers' houses.

Num 3:21 From Gěrshon came the clan of the Liḅnites and the clan of the Shim'ites. These were the clans of the Gěrshonites.

Num 3:22 Their registered ones, according to the number of all the males from a new moon^a old and above, their registered ones were seven thousand five hundred.

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:23 The clans of the Gërshonites were to camp westward, behind the Dwelling Place,

Num 3:24 and the leader of the fathers' house of the Gërshonites: Elyasaph, son of La'ël.

Num 3:25 And the duty of the children of Gërshon in the Tent of Appointment was the Dwelling Place, and the tent with its covering, and the covering of the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 3:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the door of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place, and their cords, according to all its service.

Num 3:27 And from Qehath came the clan of the Amramites, and the clan of the Yitsharites, and the clan of the Hëbronites, and the clan of the Uzzi'ëlites. These were the clans of the Qehathites.

Num 3:28 In number, all the males, from a new *moon*^a old and above, were eight thousand six hundred, guarding the duty of the set-apart place. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Num 3:29 The clans of the children of Qehath were to camp on the south side of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:30 And the leader of the fathers' house of the clans of the Qehathites was Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi'ël.

Num 3:31 And their duty was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the slaughter-places, and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service, and the covering, and all its service.

Num 3:32 And El'azar, son of Aharon the priest, was to be chief over the leaders of the Lëwites, with oversight of those who guard the duty of the set-apart place.

Num 3:33 From Merari came the clan of the Maḥlites and the clan of the Mushites. These were the clans of Merari.

Num 3:34 And the number of their registered ones, all the males from a new *moon*^a old and above, were six thousand two hundred. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Num 3:35 And the leader of the fathers' house of the clans of Merari was Tsuri'ël, son of Abiḥayil. These were to camp on the north side of the Dwelling Place.

Num 3:36 And the appointed duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets, and its utensils, and all its service,

Num 3:37 and the columns of the courtyard all around, with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords.

Num 3:38 And those who were to camp before the Dwelling Place on the east, before the Tent of Appointment, were Mosheh and Aharon, and his sons, guarding the duty of the set-apart place, and the duty of the children of Yisra'ël. But the stranger who came near was to be put to death.

Num 3:39 All the registered ones of the Lëwites, whom Mosheh and Aharon registered at the mouth of יהוה, by their clans, all the males from a new *moon*^a old and above, were twenty-two thousand. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Redemption of the Firstborn

Num 3:40 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Register all the first-born males of the children of Yisra’ël from a new *moon*^a old and above, and take the number of their names.

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Num 3:41 “And you shall take the Lěwites for Me – I am יהוה – instead of all the first-born among the children of Yisra’ël, and the livestock of the Lěwites instead of all the first-born among the livestock of the children of Yisra’ël.”

Num 3:42 And Mosheh registered all the first-born among the children of Yisra’ël as יהוה had commanded him.

Num 3:43 And all the first-born males, by the number of names, from one new *moon*^a old and above of their registered ones, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three. **Footnote:** ^aOr a month.

Sons of Gershon (Gěrshonites) **by their clans:** Liḅni and Shim’i (Liḅnites and Shim`ites)

Leader of the Gershonites: Elyasaph, son of La’ël

Camp: Westward behind the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:25 And **the duty of the children of Gěrshon** in the Tent of Appointment was the Dwelling Place, and the tent with its covering, and the covering of the door of the Tent of Appointment,

Num 3:26 and the screens of the courtyard and the covering of the door of the courtyard, which is around the Dwelling Place and the slaughter-place, and their cords, according to all its service.

Total 7,500

Sons of Qeath (Qeathites) **by their clans:** Amram (Amramites) and Yitshar (Yitsharites), Ḥeḅron (Ḥeḅronites) and Uzzi’ël (Uzzi`ëlites)

Leader: Elitsaphan, son of Uzzi’ël

Camp: South side of the Dwelling Place

Duties:

Num 3:31 **And their duty** was the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the slaughter-places, and the utensils of the set-apart place used in the service, and the covering, and all its service.

Total 8,600

Sons of Merari by their clans: Maḥli (Maḥlites) and Mushi (Mushites)

Leader: Tsurī'ēl, son of Aḇiḥayil

Camp: North side of the Dwelling Place.

Duties:

Num 3:36 And the appointed duty of the children of Merari was the boards of the Dwelling Place, and its bars, and its columns, and its sockets, and its utensils, and all its service,

Num 3:37 and the columns of the courtyard all around, with their sockets, and their pegs, and their cords.

Total 6,200

Moses, Aaron and his sons

Chief Leader: El'azar, son of Aharon the priest

Chief Leader duties: To be chief over the leaders of the Lěwites, with oversight of those who guard the duty of the set-apart place.

Camp: East side before the Dwelling Place, before the Tent of Appointment

Priestly Duties:

Guarding the duty of the set-apart place, and the duty of the children of Yisra'ēl. But the stranger who came near was to be put to death.

Total of all registered Levites a new month old and older done by Moses and Aaron: **22,000** The total of the above numbers equal **22,300**.

TSK Cross Reference notes the following:

"...This total does not agree with the particulars; for the Gershonites were 7,500, the Kohathites 8,600, and the Merarites 6,200, which make a total of 22,300. Several methods of solving this difficulty have been proposed by learned men. Houbigant supposes there is an error in the enumeration of the Kohathites in Num 3:28; the numeral shesh, "six," being written instead of shalosh, "three," before "hundred." Dr. Kennicott's mode of reconciling the discrepancy, however, is the most simple. He supposes that an error has crept into the number of the Gershonites in Num 3:22, where instead of 7,500 we should read 7,200, as 7, caph final, which stands for 500, might have been easily mistaken for 7, resh, 200 (Dr. Kennicott on the Hebrew Text, vol. II. p. 212). Either of these modes will equally reconcile the difference. Num 4:47-48, Num 26:62; Mat 7:14" [TSK]

Now there is to another counting:

Num 3:40 And יהוה said to Mosheh, "Register **all the first-born males of the children**

of Yisra'ël from a new moon^a old and above, and take the number of their names.

Footnote: ^aOr a month.

Total: 22,273

Then YHWH gives Moses these specific instructions to ransom the difference:

Num 3:44 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Num 3:45 “Take the Lëwites instead of all the first-born among the children of Yisra'ël, and the livestock of the Lëwites instead of their livestock. And the Lëwites shall be Mine, I am יהוה'.

Num 3:46 “And for the ransom of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the children of Yisra'ël, who are more than the number of the Lëwites,

Num 3:47 you shall take five sheqels for each one, head by head – take it by the sheqel of the set-apart place, the sheqel of twenty gërahs.

Num 3:48 “And you shall give the silver, the ransom of those who are in excess among them, to Aharon and his sons.”

Num 3:49 And Mosheh took the ransom silver from those who were over and above those who were ransomed by the Lëwites.

Num 3:50 From the first-born of the children of Yisra'ël he took the silver, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five pieces, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place.

Num 3:51 And Mosheh gave their ransom silver to Aharon, and to his sons, according to the word of יהוה', as יהוה' had commanded Mosheh.

Total pieces of ransom silver given to Aaron and his sons: $273 \times 5 = 1,365$ pieces of silver

Num 18:6 “And see, I Myself have taken your brothers the Lëwites from the midst of the children of Yisra'ël – a gift to you, given by יהוה', to do the service of the Tent of Appointment.

Num 18:7 “But you and your sons with you are to guard your priesthood for all matters at the slaughter-place and behind the veil, and you shall serve. I have given you the priesthood as a gift for service, but the stranger who comes near is put to death.”

Eph 4:10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.

Eph 4:11 And **He Himself gave some as emissaries, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as shepherds and teachers.**

Eph 4:12 for the perfecting of the set-apart ones, to the work of service to a building up of the body of the Messiah,

Eph 4:13 until we all come to the unity of the belief and of the knowledge of the Son of Elohim, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the completeness of Messiah,

Eph 4:14 so that we should no longer be children, tossed and borne about by every wind of teaching, by the trickery of men, in cleverness, unto the craftiness of leading astray,^b Footnote:

^bSee Eph 5:6, also 2Co 10:5, 2Co 11:3-14, Gal 1:6-9, 2Ti 3:1-8, 2Ti 4:2-4, 2Pe 2:2-22,

[Jud 1:10-19.](#)

Eph 4:15 but, maintaining the truth in love, we grow up in all respects into Him who is the head, Messiah,

Eph 4:16 from [whom the entire body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the working by which each part does its share, causes growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.](#)

Psalm 37 Read and feed on His Word...

TSK Commentary notes: This is the third alphabetical Psalm. It seems to have been intended as an instructive and consoling ode for the captives in Babylon, who might feel themselves severely tempted when they saw those idolaters in prosperity, and themselves in adversity.

He Will Not Forsake His Saints

Psa 37:1 Aleph Do not fret because of evil-doers, Do not be envious of the workers of unrighteousness.

Psa 37:2 For they soon wither like grass, And fade like green plants.

Psa 37:3 Bēṯ Trust in יהוה, and do good; Dwell in the earth, and feed on steadfastness.

Psa 37:4 And delight yourself in יהוה, And let Him give you the desires of your heart.

Psa 37:5 Gimel Commit your way to יהוה, And trust in Him, and He does it.

Psa 37:6 And He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your right-ruling as midday.

Psa 37:7 Dalet Rest in יהוה, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man doing wicked devices.

Psa 37:8 Hē Abstain from displeasure, and forsake wrath; Do not fret, also to do evil.

Psa 37:9 For evil-doers are cut off; But those who wait on יהוה, [They shall inherit the earth.^a](#)

Footnote ^aAlso see [Psa 37:11](#), [Psa 37:22](#), [Psa 37:29](#), [Psa 37:34](#) and [Mat 5:5](#).

Psa 37:10 Waw Yet a little while and the wrong is no more; And you shall look on his place, But it is not.

Psa 37:11 But the meek ones shall inherit the earth, And delight themselves in plenty of peace.

Psa 37:12 Zayin The wrong plots against the righteous, And gnashes his teeth at him.

Psa 37:13 יהוה laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming.

Psa 37:14 Het The wrong have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cause the poor and needy to fall, To slay those who walk straightly.

Psa 37:15 Their sword does enter into their own heart, And their bows are broken.

Psa 37:16 Tet Better is the little of the righteous one, Than the riches of many wrongdoers.

Psa 37:17 For the arms of the wrongdoers are broken, But יהוה sustains the righteous.

Psa 37:18 Yod יהוה knows the days of the perfect, And their inheritance is forever.

Psa 37:19 They are not ashamed in a time of evil, And in the days of scarcity of food they are satisfied.

Psa 37:20 Kaph But the wrongdoers shall perish; And the enemies of יהוה, Like the splendour of the meadows they vanish, Like smoke they vanish away.

- Psa 37:21 Lamed** The wrongdoer is borrowing and does not repay, But the righteous one shows favour and gives.
- Psa 37:22** For His blessed ones inherit the earth, But those cursed by Him are cut off.
- Psa 37:23 Mem** The steps of a man are ordered by יהוה, And He delights in his way.
- Psa 37:24** Though he falls, he is not cast down, For יהוה is supporting his hand.
- Psa 37:25 Nun** I have been young, and now I am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Or his seed begging bread.
- Psa 37:26** All day long he is showing favour and lending; And his seed is for a blessing.
- Psa 37:27 Samek** Turn away from evil, and do good; And dwell forever.
- Psa 37:28** For יהוה loves right-ruling, And does not forsake His lovingly-committed ones; They shall be guarded forever, But the seed of the wrongdoers is cut off.
- Psa 37:29** The righteous shall inherit the earth, And dwell in it forever.
- Psa 37:30 Pě** The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of right-ruling.
- Psa 37:31** The Torah of his Elohim is in his heart;^b His steps do not slide. Footnote: ^b [Deu 6:6](#), [Psa 40:8](#), [Psa 119:11](#), [Isa 51:7](#).
- Psa 37:32 Tsadi** The wrong one is watching for the righteous, And is seeking to slay him.
- Psa 37:33** יהוה does not leave him in his hand, Or let him be declared wrong when he is judged.
- Psa 37:34 Qoph** Wait on יהוה and guard His way, And He shall exalt you to inherit the earth – When the wrongdoers are cut off, you shall see it.
- Psa 37:35 Rěsh** I have seen the wrongdoer in great power, And spreading himself like a native green tree.
- Psa 37:36** Yet he passed away, and see, he was not; And I sought him, but he was not found.
- Psa 37:37 Shin** Watch the perfect, and observe the straight; For the latter end of each is peace.
- Psa 37:38** But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The latter end of the wrong shall be cut off.
- Psa 37:39 Taw** But the deliverance of the righteous is from יהוה, Their strength in time of distress.
- Psa 37:40** And יהוה does help them and deliver them; He delivers them from the wrongdoers and saves them, Because they took refuge in Him.

Song 1

A King's Ransom – One of the most remarkable love stories of all time involved the abdication of a throne. In 1936, King Edward VIII gave up his right of ascension to marry a divorced American named Wallis Simpson. He did so over the stern objections of the British government, the Royal Family and the Church of England. As the romance between Edward and his lover burgeoned, Wallis' sullied reputation became fodder for scandal. The controversy grew until it became clear to Edward that to have the woman he loved he would have to leave his throne. On December 11, 1936, he did just that when he submitted his formal abdication in writing after occupying the throne for only eleven months. In doing so, he renounced forever the unique privilege, power and birthright afforded him. At that moment his brother became England's king and the lesser title of Duke of Windsor was bestowed upon Edward. The

news rocked the world and has since become an enduring testimony to the compelling power of passionate desire.

A Lovesick King – In some ways, this love story is very much like the eternal love story of Jesus [Yahusha] and His own Bride. To have the one He loved, He also had to abdicate His throne. The Bible says,

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: (ISR)

Theologians call this act of abdication the “kenosis,” which means “to empty oneself of position and authority. Like Edward, Jesus [Yahusha] also chose to relinquish the heavenly throne in order to have His own “scandalous” Bride. The dark blemish of our sinful nature did not dissuade our lovesick King in His passionate pursuit of us. Many have been taught that salvation is a demonstration of God’s [YHWH’s] pity. *There is no love story in that!* He did not save us because He pitied us. He saved us because He *desired us!*” **[Excerpts: Becoming the Beloved by Mark Davidson]**

The Song of Solomon depicts Solomon’s love for his bride the Shulamite. It is a typology of the great love of YHWH for His people. In short, for those that have eyes to see and ears to hear, the Song of Solomon is much like His love letter to His bride. His beloved bride will be revealed in the end of days. For now, she is continuing the sanctification process of maturing and making herself ready.

Until then, the bride communes with YHWH in prayer, in His Word, and with Him at His moedim.

Eph 5:26 in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word,^f Footnote:
^f Rev 19:8-9.

Eph 5:27 in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless.

One day His bride will tabernacle with Him:

Son 1:1 The song of songs, which is Shelomoh’s.

The Bride Confesses Her Love

Son 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth, For your *carnal*-love are better than wine.

Son 1:3 For fragrance your oils are good. Your name is oil poured forth,^a Therefore the young women^b love you. Footnotes: ^aSee also [Ecc 7:1](#). ^bSee Explanatory Notes: Maiden.

Son 1:4 Draw me! We run after you. **The sovereign has brought me into his inner rooms.** We exult and rejoice in you. We praise your *carnal*-love more than wine. Rightly do they love you.

Isa 26:20 Go, my people, enter your rooms, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little while, until the displeasure is past.

Isa 26:21 For look, יהוה is coming out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their crookedness. And the earth shall disclose her blood, and no longer cover her killed ones.

Son 1:5 I am dark, but lovely, O daughters of Yerushalayim, Like the tents of Qēdar, Like the curtains of Shelomoh.

Son 1:6 Do not look upon me, because I am dark, Because the sun has tanned me. My mother's sons were displeased with me. They made me the keeper of the vineyards, My own vineyard I have not kept.

Son 1:7 Make known to me, O you whom my being loves, Where you feed *your flock*, Where you make it rest at noon. For why should I be as one who is veiled Beside the flocks of your companions?

Solomon and His Bride Delight in Each Other

Son 1:8 If you do not know, O beautiful among women, Go in the footsteps of the flock, And feed your little goats beside the shepherds' dwellings.

Son 1:9 I have compared you, my love, To my filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

Son 1:10 Your cheeks are pretty with ornaments, Your neck with strings of beads.

Son 1:11 Let us make you ornaments of gold with studs of silver.

Son 1:12 While the sovereign is at his table, My nard shall give its fragrance.

Son 1:13 My beloved is a bundle of myrrh to me, Lying between my breasts.

Son 1:14 My beloved is to me a cluster of henna blooms In the vineyards of Ĕn Gedi.

Son 1:15 See, you are beautiful, my love! See, you are beautiful! Your eyes are as doves.

Son 1:16 See, you are handsome, my beloved! Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is green.

Son 1:17 The beams of our houses are cedar, our rafters are of fir.

Rev 21:18 And the structure of its wall was jasper. And the city was clean gold, like clear glass.

Rev 21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were adorned with all kinds of precious stones: the first foundation jasper, the second sapphire, the third agate, the fourth emerald,

Rev 21:20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth ruby, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst.

Rev 21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls – each one of the gates was a single pearl. And the street of the city was clean gold, like transparent glass.

Rev 21:22 And I saw no Dwelling Place in it, for יהוה Ĕl Shaddai is its Dwelling Place, and the Lamb.

Joh 14:2 "In My Father's house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

Joh 14:3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.

1Co 2:9 But as it has been written, “**Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him.**”
Isa 64:4.

Hebrews Introduction & Hebrews 1

Excerpts in brown: Introduction from Matthew Nolan’s – Hebrews Hebraically – Torah to the Tribes:

Time Period: A few years before the destruction of the 2nd Temple.

“Probable Location: These were **Jewish believers in Judea** (Gal 1:22) located outside Jerusalem. They were suffering tremendous persecution, short of martyrdom at the time of the writing and **were tempted to be drawn back into the temple system or abandon the assembly for the apparent safety of Qumran.**”

Author: **Apollos is a strong contender.** Others look to Paul or Barnabas.

“Others still **prefer Apollos**, a Jew from Alexandria who was well versed in the scriptures.”

Act 18:24 And a certain Yehuđi named Apollos, born at Alexandria, a learned man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesos.

Act 18:25 This one had been instructed in the way of the Master. And being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching the *matters* about the Master exactly, though he knew only the immersion of Yoħanan. [ISR]

“Apollos: highly educated in the Alexandrian texts, the LXX, highly familiar with Yochanan ha Matbeel’s micvah [John the Immerser’s micvah] transference to Yahusha, an acquaintance of Paul, tutored by Pricilla and Aquila and a second generation believer to boot! Positively, the author is a Diaspora Jew who’s very familiar with the Hellenized texts of Alexandria with over thirty direct quotations from it along with many indirect allusions to it.”

“The audience like us, was awaiting the destruction of their culture at the hands of the world order of the day and was going to have to keep the faith with no operating infrastructure to go to, a place where no generation had gone before!”

The author is encouraging the believers **not to turn back** despite the threat of persecution. The author **is going to strengthen their faith and understanding.** The author is going to **tear down 3 pillars of Judaism that is holding them back and teach them to stand firm on the excellent foundation of Yahusha HaMashiach – the reigning High Priest of the Melchizedek Order.** These 3 pillars the author addresses are:

1. Angelology
2. The deity portrayal of Moses
3. and the Levitical Priesthood.

Yahusha:

“He’s our **eternal sacrifice, priesthood and temple!** Reconciliation to יהוה were accomplished by these three things! These were the objects of atonement for sin, fulfilled and thus transferred to the highest order by Yahusha. Keeping Shabbat, observing the Feasts and keeping the dietary requirements and so on, had nothing to do with atonement for sin. **He did NOT end these commandments!** Now, if on the other hand **you look to animal sacrifices, a Levitical priesthood and another Jewish temple - then that’s when your encroaching upon the blood of Yahusha and putting His sacrifice, priesthood and temple to an open shame!**”

In Hebrews 1, the author completely affirms **Yahusha’s superiority to angels** as he often quotes from Psalms and the Tenak; thus, addresses the first pillar of Judaism, ‘angelology’.

The Supremacy of YHWH's Son

Heb 1:1 Elohim, **having of old spoken in many portions and many ways to the fathers by the prophets,**

Heb 1:2 **has in these last days spoken to us by the Son,** whom He has appointed heir of all, **through whom also He made the ages,**^a Footnote: ^aSee [Joh 1:3](#).

Heb 1:3 who being the brightness of the esteem and the exact representation of His substance, and sustaining all by the word of His power, having made a cleansing of our sins through Himself, **sat down at the right hand** [Psa 110:1](#) of the Greatness on high,

Heb 1:4 having **become so much better than the messengers, as He has inherited a more excellent Name than them.**

Heb 1:5 For to which of the messengers did He ever say, **“You are My Son, today I have brought You forth”?** [Psa 2:7](#) And again, **“I shall be to Him a Father, and He shall be to Me a Son”?**^b [2Sa 7:14](#) Footnote: ^bSee also [2Ch 17:13](#).

Heb 1:6 And when He again brings the first-born into the world, He says, **“Let all the messengers of Elohim do reverence to Him.”** [Psa 97:7](#).

Heb 1:7 And of the messengers indeed He says, **“... who is making His messengers spirits and His servants a flame of fire.”** [Psa 104:4](#).

Heb 1:8 But to the Son *He* says, **“Your throne, O Elohim, is forever and ever, a sceptre of straightness is the sceptre of Your reign.**

Heb 1:9 **“You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness. Because of this, Elohim, Your Elohim, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions.”** [Psa 45:6-7](#).

Heb 1:10 And, **“You, Master, did found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands.**

Heb 1:11 **“They shall perish, but You remain. And they shall all grow old like a garment,**

Heb 1:12 **and like a mantle You shall fold them up, and they shall be changed. But You are the same, and Your years shall not fail.”** [Psa 102:25-27](#).

Heb 1:13 And to which of the messengers did He ever say, “**Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet**”? [Psa 110:1](#).

Heb 1:14 Are they not all serving spirits sent out to attend those who are about to inherit deliverance?

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