

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 33; Proverbs 9; John 12; Ephesians 2.

March 22 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Exodus 33

In Exodus 32, we saw Moses descend from the mountain with the 1st set of stone tablets he received on his 8th accent. We read how Moses smashed the tablets and rebuked Aaron and the people for **the sin of the golden calf**. He then tells the people, he would go back up to YHWH to see if he could atone for their sins [9th Accent – Ex. 32:30].

Stay with me because this is going to be important in understanding the two priesthoods; the Melchizedek and the Aaronic Priesthood, and the ‘shift’ between the two.

YHWH’s heart has been broken several times by His people throughout history. The first three verses in Ex. 33, give us insight into one of those times. One can sense the deflated disappointment and grief. Rejection by someone you love is very piercing and slow to heal.

YHWH tells Moses, I am keeping my promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; but you and the people will be led into the land flowing with milk and honey by My Messenger; for I do not go in your midst lest I consume you. After all that YHWH had done for His people; after His heartfelt proposal; the people break His Covenant. Upon hearing the words of YHWH from Moses, the **people mourn**. Their mourning at least shows there is hope for them yet. **Now what will happen?**

The Command to Leave Sinai

Exo 33:1 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Come, go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought out of the land of Mitsrayim, to the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya’aqob, saying, ‘To your seed I give it.’”

Exo 33:2 “And I shall send My Messenger before you, and I shall drive out the Kena’anite and the Amorite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivvite and the Yebusite,

Exo 33:3 to a land flowing with milk and honey. **For I do not go up in your midst because you are a stiff-necked people, lest I consume you on the way.**”

Exo 33:4 And when the people heard this evil word, they mourned, and no one put on his ornaments.

Exo 33:5 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Say to the children of Yisra’el, ‘You are a stiff-

necked people. Should I go up in your midst for one moment I shall consume you. And now, take off your ornaments, and I shall know what to do to you.’ ”

Exo 33:6 So the children of Yisra’ël took off their ornaments at Mount Ḥorēḇ.

The Tent of Meeting

Exo 33:7 And Mosheh took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the Tent of Appointment. And it came to be that everyone who sought יהוה went out to the Tent of Appointment which was outside the camp.

Exo 33:8 And it came to be, whenever Mosheh went out to the Tent, that all the people rose, and each man stood at his tent door and watched Mosheh until he entered the Tent.

Exo 33:9 And it came to be, when Mosheh entered the Tent, that the column of cloud descended and stood at the door of the Tent, and He spoke with Mosheh.

Exo 33:10 And all the people saw the column of cloud standing at the Tent door, and all the people rose and bowed themselves, each one at the door of his tent.

Exo 33:11 Thus יהוה spoke to Mosheh face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Yehoshua son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the Tent.

Moses' Intercession

Exo 33:12 And Mosheh said to יהוה, “See, You are saying to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not made known to me whom You would send with me, though You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favour in My eyes.’”

Exo 33:13 “And now, please, if I have found favour in Your eyes, please show me Your way, and let me know You, so that I find favour in Your eyes. And consider that this nation is Your people.”

Exo 33:14 And He said, “My Presence does go, and I shall give you rest.”

Exo 33:15 And he said to Him, “If Your Presence is not going, do not lead us up from here.

Exo 33:16 “For how then shall it be known that I have found favour in Your eyes, I and Your people, except You go with us? Then we shall be distinguished, I and Your people, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.”

Exo 33:17 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Even this word you have spoken I shall do, for you have found favour in My eyes, and I know you by name.”

Exo 33:18 Then he said, “Please, show me Your esteem.”

Exo 33:19 And He said, “I shall cause all My goodness to pass before you, and I shall proclaim the Name of יהוה before you. And I shall favour him whom I favour, and shall have compassion on him whom I have compassion.”

Exo 33:20 But He said, “You are unable to see My face, for no man does see Me and live.”

Exo 33:21 And יהוה said, “See, there is a place with Me! And you shall stand on the rock.

Exo 33:22 “And it shall be, while My esteem passes by, that I shall put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand while I pass by.

Exo 33:23 “Then I shall take away My hand and you shall see My back, but My face shall not be seen.”

We see Moses pitch his tent outside of the camp away from the people. He calls it the **Tent of Appointment**. **This is very significant!** There were only two individuals not present at the sin of the golden calf; **Moses and Joshua**. It is only these two individuals allowed into the **Tent of Appointment**.

When Moses went to the Tent of Appointment, YHWH would descend in a pillar of cloud and speak to Moses face to face as a man would speak to a friend. Moses would then return to the camp, but Joshua never left the Tent of Appointment.

Moses and Joshua were still set-apart to YHWH under the Melchizedek Priesthood. For this reason, they could enter the Tent of Appointment. **It will NOT be until Aaron and his sons** are formally consecrated and ordained by YHWH through Moses in Leviticus 8 and 9; **that they would be able to enter the Tent of Appointment and not die**. Leviticus 9:6 says their consecration was necessary for the esteem [glory] of YHWH to appear to Aaron and then to the people in Leviticus 9:23.

So, what is this all about? We are seeing the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Moses was key in order to consecrate and ordain Aaron and his sons according to YHWH’s instructions for their set-apart tasks. **The Melchizedek Priesthood would run parallel to the Aaronic Priesthood but in a denigrated position UNTIL Yahusha would come.**

Lev 8:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

Lev 8:2 “Take Aharon and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bull of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread,

Lev 8:3 and assemble all the congregation at the door of the Tent of Appointment.”

Lev 9:6 And Mosheh said, “This is the word which יהוה commanded you to do, so that the esteem of יהוה appears to you.”

Lev 9:22 Aharon then lifted up his hand toward the people and blessed them, and came down from making the sin offering, and the ascending offering, and the peace offerings.

Lev 9:23 And **Mosheh and Aharon went into the Tent of Appointment**, and came out and blessed the people. And the esteem of יהוה appeared to all the people,

Lev 9:24 and fire came out from before יהוה and consumed the ascending offering and the fat on the slaughter-place. And all the people saw and cried aloud and fell on their faces.

Moses intercession for YHWH's Presence to go with them into the promise land is granted. Moses had found favor in the eyes of YHWH. Moses is instructed to stand on the rock and was granted to SEE His esteem; to SEE His glory. Not cloaked in a pillar of cloud, but for a moment to see His esteem pass by the cleft of the rock.

Psalm 27:5 For in the day of evil He hides me in His booth; In the covering of His Tent He hides me; On a rock He raises me up. **6** And now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me; And I offer in His Tent with shouts of joy; I sing, yea, I sing praises to יהוה.

Proverbs 9

Wisdom and knowledge continues to be taught. Warnings are given to depart from the simple ones entrenched in folly. Wisdom leads to life and folly leads to She'ol.

The Way of Wisdom

Pro 9:1 Wisdom has built her house, She has hewn out its seven columns,

Pro 9:2 She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also prepared her table.

Pro 9:3 She has sent out her young women, She cries out from the highest places of the city:

Pro 9:4 "Who is simple? Let him turn in here!" As for him who lacks heart, she says to him,

Pro 9:5 "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed."

Pro 9:6 Leave the simple ones and live, And walk in the way of understanding.

Pro 9:7 He who reproveth a scoffer gets shame for himself, And he who rebukes a wrong one gets himself a blemish.

Pro 9:8 Do not reprove a scoffer, lest he hate you; Reprove a wise one, and he loves you.

Pro 9:9 Give *instruction* to a wise one, and he is wiser still; Teach a righteous one, and he increases in learning.

Pro 9:10 **The fear of יהוה is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Set-apart One is understanding.**^a Footnote: ^aSee [Pro 1:7](#).

Pro 9:11 **For by me your days become many, And years of life are added to you.**

Pro 9:12 If you have become wise, You have become wise for yourself, And if you have scoffed, You alone bear it.

The Way of Folly

Pro 9:13 A foolish woman is loud, Simple, and without knowledge.

Pro 9:14 For she has seated herself At the door of her house, On a seat by the highest places of the city,

Pro 9:15 To call to those who pass by, Who go straight on their way:

Pro 9:16 "Who is simple? Let him turn in here." And as for him who lacks heart, she

says to him,

Pro 9:17 “Stolen waters are sweet, And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.”

Pro 9:18 **But he does not know that the dead are there, Her guests are in the depths of She’ol.**

John 12

Mary Anoints Jesus at Bethany

Joh 12:1 Accordingly יהושע, six days before the Pěsaḥ, came to Běyth Anyah, where El’azar was, who had died, whom He raised from the dead.

Joh 12:2 So they made Him a supper there, and Martha served, while El’azar was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

Joh 12:3 Then Miryam took a pound of costly perfume of nard, anointed the feet of יהושע, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Joh 12:4 Then one of His taught ones, Yehuḏah from Qerioth, son of Shim’on, who was about to deliver Him up, said,

Joh 12:5 “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?”

Joh 12:6 And he said this, not because he was concerned about the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and he used to take what was put in it.

Joh 12:7 יהושע then said, “Let her alone, she has kept this for the day of My burial.

Joh 12:8 “For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.”

The Plot to Kill Lazarus

Joh 12:9 Then a great crowd of the Yehudim learned that He was there. And they came, not on account of יהושע only, but also to see El’azar, whom He had raised from the dead.

Joh 12:10 And the chief priests resolved to kill El’azar as well,

Joh 12:11 because on account of him many of the Yehudim went away and believed in יהושע.

Yahusha arrives in Bethany six days before the Passover. Bethany was the same place where He had raised Lazarus from the dead. Martha served supper [it does not state clearly as to whose house they were at] and Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Lazarus was the one who had died and was ‘resurrected’. He served as a witness to everyone!

Then Miryam takes a pound of costly perfume and anoints His feet and wipes them with her hair. Judas Iscariot, the thief over the treasury, objects in that the expensive perfume could have been sold and the funds given to the poor. Judas misses the point that the greater use of the perfume was done for Yahusha's burial anointing; the set-apart Lamb of Elohim.

A great crowd of Yehudim hear that Yahusha is at this house and come not only to seek Him; but also, Lazarus because they were angry that many Yehudim believed; due to the account of Lazarus being raised from the dead. Every day that Lazarus was seen, the resurrection miracle would be recalled by many.

Adam Clarke's Commentary shares there are conflicting viewpoints of the account of Yahusha being anointed with fragrant oil. The Gospel accounts vary and because of this, some view them as two different occurrences and/or some perceive the anointing being done by two different Mary's. Please note this for your further study. [John 12; Mark 14:3; Matt 26:7]

The triumphal entry takes place the next day, as we see Yahusha riding into Jerusalem on a donkey's colt fulfilling the many prophecies in Psalms 118 and Zechariah 9:9. The Pharisees are greatly troubled!

The Triumphal Entry

Joh 12:12 On the next day a great crowd who had come to the festival, when they heard that יהושע was coming to Yerushalayim,

Joh 12:13 took the branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and were crying out, "**Hoshia-na!** [Psa 118:25](#) **Blessed is He who is coming in the Name of יהוה,**^a [Psa 118:26](#) the Sovereign of Yisra'ël!" **Footnote:** ^aSee [Mat 23:39](#) and [Psa 118:26](#).

Joh 12:14 And יהושע, having found a young donkey, sat on it, as it has been written:

Joh 12:15 "**Do not fear, daughter of Tsiyon, see, your Sovereign is coming, sitting on the colt of a donkey.**" [Zec 9:9](#).

Joh 12:16 At first His taught ones did not understand this. But when יהושע was esteemed, then they remembered that this was written about Him and that they had done this to Him.

Joh 12:17 **Therefore the crowd, who were with Him when He called El'azar out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, were bearing witness.**

Joh 12:18 On account of this the crowd also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Joh 12:19 The Pharisees then said among themselves, "You see how you are getting nowhere at all. Look, the world has gone after Him!"

There were many people gathering for the Passover in Jerusalem from all over the world. Greeks had come inquiring to see Yahusha. Yahusha shares:

Some Greeks Seek Yahusha

Joh 12:20 And there were certain Greeks among those coming up to worship at the festival.

Joh 12:21 These then came to Philip, who was from Běyth Tsaída of Galil, and were asking him, saying, **“Master, we wish to see יהושע.”**

Joh 12:22 Philip came and told Andri, and in turn Andri and Philip told יהושע.

Joh 12:23 And יהושע answered them, saying, **“The hour has come for the Son of Adam to be esteemed.”**

Joh 12:24 **“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.”**

Joh 12:25 “He who loves his life shall lose it, and he who hates his life in this world shall preserve it for everlasting life.

Joh 12:26 **“If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me. And where I am, there My servant also shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father shall value him.”**

Nothing can separate us from Yahusha. We are the ‘one new man’ in Him with Yahusha being the head [Col. 1:18].

Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor messengers nor principalities nor powers, neither the present nor the future,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of Elohim which is in Messiah יהושע our Master.

Yahusha knew His hour had come and was troubled; yet, He knew ‘this hour’ was what He had come to fulfill. **Next, a remarkable scene takes place that isn’t often spoken of!** In Exodus, we witness **Moses SEEING YHWH’s esteem;** and we also read about what it took to consecrate Aaron and his sons to see YHWH’s esteem.

Now, Yahusha communicates directly and openly to His Father stating **“Father, esteem Your Name.”** and the people present also HEAR!

Joh 12:27 “Now I Myself am troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this reason I came to this hour.

Joh 12:28 **“Father, esteem Your Name.” Then a voice came from the heaven, “I have both esteemed it and shall esteem it again.”**

Joh 12:29 So the crowd who stood by and heard it were saying there had been thunder. Others said, “A messenger has spoken to Him.”

Joh 12:30 יהושע answered and said, **“This voice did not come because of Me, but for your sake.**

Yahusha states many of the prophecies that He had come to fulfill through giving his life, and states that the ‘ruler of this world’ would be cast out!

Joh 12:31 “Now is the judgment of this world, now **the ruler of this world^b** shall be cast out. Footnote: ^bSee [Luk 4:6](#).

Many of the people lacked understanding and belief.

Joh 12:32 “And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, shall draw all *men* unto Myself.”

Joh 12:33 This He said, signifying by what death He was about to die.

Joh 12:34 The crowd answered Him, “We have heard out of the Torah that the Messiah remains forever. And how do You say, ‘The Son of Adam has to be lifted up’? Who is this Son of Adam?”

Joh 12:35 יהושע, therefore, said to them, “Yet a little while the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. And he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.

The Unbelief of the People

Joh 12:36 “While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you become sons of light.” These *words* יהושע spoke, and went off and was hidden from them.

Joh 12:37 But though He had done so many signs before them, they did not believe in Him,

Joh 12:38 that the word of Yeshayahu the prophet might be filled, which he spoke, **“יהוה, who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of יהוה been revealed?”** [Isa 53:1](#).

Joh 12:39 Because of this they were unable to believe, because again Yeshayahu said:

Joh 12:40 **“He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, so that they should not see with their eyes and understand with their heart, and I should heal them.”^c** [Isa 6:10](#). Footnote: ^cSee [Mat 13:15](#).

Joh 12:41 Yeshayahu said this when he saw His esteem and spoke of Him.

Joh 12:42 Still, even among the rulers many did believe in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *Him*, lest they should be put out of the congregation,

Joh 12:43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of Elohim.

Yahusha came to seek and to save that which was lost. **He has shown us His esteem** for those that have eyes to see; and ears to hear Him. He has shown us His glory! His signature is on all creation!

Yahusha Came to Save the World

Joh 12:44 Then יהושע cried out and said, “He who believes in Me, believes not in Me but in Him who sent Me.

Joh 12:45 “And he who sees Me sees Him who sent Me.

Joh 12:46 “I have come as a light into the world, **so that no one who believes in Me should stay in darkness.**

Joh 12:47 “And if anyone hears My Words but does not watch over them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world but to save the world.

Joh 12:48 “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My Words, has one who judges him: **the Word that I have spoken shall judge him in the last day.**^d Footnote: ^dSee also [Joh 3:18-19](#), [Joh 7:16](#).

Joh 12:49 “Because I spoke not from Myself, but the Father who sent Me has given Me a command,^e what I should say and what I should speak. Footnote: ^eSee [Joh 7:16](#).

Joh 12:50 “And I know that His command is everlasting life.^f Therefore, whatever I speak, as the Father has said to Me, so I speak.” Footnote: ^fSee [Mat 19:17](#) and [Joh 3:36](#).

Ephesians 2

Paul brings to light the many blessings bestowed on the Ephesians, as well as on all believers. One must read through **Ephesians 2** and rejoice with EACH verse. It is so powerful!!!

Through Yahusha, we too are resurrected to life. We **were spiritually dead** and **now are alive in Messiah!** Daily we are being sanctified, built up, and set-apart for Him. One day our bodies will be physically resurrected to glorification in Him. We recall in Ephesians 1 that **we have been ordained** to adoption as sons through Messiah.

Through Messiah laying down His life and taking it back up again; He has torn down the partition of separation, and has become the Door, whereas believers from every tongue, tribe, people, and nation can enter. Rev 4:1 After **this I looked and saw a door having been opened** in the heaven.

Eph 1:5 having previously ordained us **to adoption as sons through יהושע Messiah to**

Himself, according to the good pleasure of His desire,
 Eph 1:6 **to the praise of the esteem of His favour** with which He favored us in the Beloved,

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in trespasses and sins,^a Footnote: ^aSee also [Eph 2:5](#), as well as [Mat 8:22](#), [Rom 8:6](#), [Col 2:13](#), [1Ti 5:6](#), [1Jn 3:14](#), [Rev 3:1](#).

Eph 2:2 **in which you once walked according to the course of this world**, according to the **ruler of the authority of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience**,^b Footnote: ^b[Eph 5:6](#), [Col 3:6](#).

Eph 2:3 among whom also **we all once lived in the lusts of our flesh**, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, as also the rest.

We have all lived by worldly standards and have sinned. [Rom 3:23](#) for all have sinned and fall short of the esteem of Elohim,

Eph 2:4 But Elohim, who is rich in compassion, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph 2:5 **even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Messiah** – by favour you have been saved –

Eph 2:6 **and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenlies in Messiah יהושע**,

Eph 2:7 in order to show in the coming ages the exceeding riches of His favour in kindness toward us in Messiah יהושע.

By FAITH!

Eph 2:8 For by favour you have been saved, **through belief**, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of Elohim,

Eph 2:9 **it is not by works**, so that no one should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Messiah יהושע unto good works, which Elohim prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

He is bringing us together as the ‘one new man’ in Him! We were ‘once nations’ led away by all kinds of cultural idols. We were all essentially born into slavery. But now, for those that receive Yahusha; we have been redeemed and set-apart!

Eph 2:11 Therefore **remember that you, once nations^c** in the flesh, who are called ‘the uncircumcision’ by what is called ‘the circumcision’ made in the flesh by hands, Footnote: ^cSee [1Co 12:2](#).

Eph 2:12 that **at that time you were without Messiah, excluded from the citizenship of Yisra’el** and **strangers from the covenants of promise**, having no expectation and without Elohim in the world.

1Co 12:2 You know that you were nations,^a led away to the dumb idols, even as you might be led. Footnote: ^aSee also Eph 2:11, Eph 4:17, 1Pe 4:3, 1Th 4:5.

By the blood of Messiah our garments are washed and made white.

Eph 2:13 But now in Messiah יהושע you who once were far off have been brought near **by the blood of the Messiah.**

Rev 7:14 And I said to him, “Master, you know.” And he said to me, “These are those coming out of the great distress, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

Yahusha broke down the barrier partition, abolishing it in His flesh.

Eph 2:14 For He is our peace, **who has made both one, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,**

Eph 2:15 **having abolished in His flesh the enmity^d** – the torah of the commands in dogma – so as to create in Himself **one renewed [new] man from the two**, thus making peace, Footnote: ^dAlso see Col 2:14, Col 2:20, Act 11:1-3.

ESV: **Eph 2:15** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself **one new man** in place of the two, so making peace,

Eph 2:16 and to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.

Eph 2:17 And having come, He **brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.** Isa 57:19.

Eph 2:18 **Because through Him** we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Through Him, is extremely important! He is the Door! No one can come to the Father except THROUGH the Son, the Door!

Eph 2:19 So then you are **no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones** and **members of the household of Elohim,**^e Footnote: ^eSee Rom 11:17-24, Isa 14:1.

Eph 2:20 having been **built upon the foundation of the emissaries and prophets, יהושע Messiah Himself being chief corner-stone,**

Eph 2:21 in whom all the building, being joined together, **grows into a set-apart Dwelling Place in יהוה,**

Eph 2:22 in whom you also **are being built together into a dwelling of Elohim in the Spirit.**

Believers in Yahusha, are the ‘living stones’ that make up the temple. We are the temple!
We are Israel, being formed into the one new man.

Shalom ~ Libby

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