

*Greetings, today our manna is from Lev. 24; Psalm 31; Ecc. 7; 2Tim. 3.*

## *April 20 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Leviticus 24**

Having just completed the review of His feasts, reminds us that when we enter into the presence of YHWH, **everything changes**. It is just as if we physically stepped beyond the veil of the Tabernacle into the set-apart place, the Holy Place. The lamps burning brightly with their reflective light being magnified off the pure gold and surrounding silver; the ornate tapestries; the scent of bread and incense; the awareness that our feet are standing on holy ground in His very presence. Keep in mind the priestly garments did not include sandals. One can only humbly stand in awe and in full submission to His glory and to His authority.

Before we go any further, we must fully understand that all the elements of the Tabernacle, and later the Temples, were speaking a parable (Heb. 9:9) to us about YHWH, Yahusha (YHWH in Son), and His Ruach HaKodesh.

Another verse in the New Testament (Brit Hadasha) that holds much significance; yet, can be easily overlooked, is **Matthew 16:12**.

Mat 16:12 Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

Though most of us commonly and accurately equate leaven with sin; this verse brings a more profound meaning. Leaven is anything 'added' or 'altered' in His Word; it is false doctrine. In Matthew 16:12, Yahusha is warning His taught ones about the teaching, the leaven, of the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Selah.

This simple yet profound verse, expands our thinking and understanding about leaven. Like in **Exodus 13:7 below**, when we celebrate the feasts of unleavened bread, we should focus more on **feasting on His pure Word**. The more of His pure Word we take in; the more we are detoxified and purged of sin and incorrect understanding. When we let the Word wash us, it purifies every part of our being. **He is the Word**; He is the Living Water.

We have all witnessed what happened to us when we listened to men teach us with added leaven. There was a blending of false doctrine mixed in with the purity of His Word which detoured us from His narrow path. At that time, we weren't even taught about His feasts; which would have been a remedy for several detours happening in the first place. Also, as good Bereans, we should always search out His Word diligently and be led by His Spirit for accurate understanding.

As we linger in the first few verses of **Lev. 24** about the lamps and the bread; please see that it is all about Him longing for His people; His bride. He is the light of the world; He provides the PURE oil of His Ruach HaKodesh that burns within us and lights up our lives; and in turn, we reflect His Light on those around us. We eat His bread, the Word, and drink His wine in remembrance of what it cost Him to give us abundant life! Without the Word and without the shedding of His blood, we had no hope.

Sit and take in all the beauty, hope, and love, He has bestowed on us. Don't speed read through the verses but soak them in. Know this deep truth:

1Pe 1:17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear,

1Pe 1:18 knowing that you were redeemed from your futile behaviour inherited from your fathers, not with what is corruptible, silver or gold,

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

1Pe 1:20 foreknown, indeed, before the foundation of the world, but manifested in these last times for your sakes,

1Pe 1:21 who through Him believe in Elohim who raised Him from the dead and gave Him esteem, so that your belief and expectation are in Elohim.

1Pe 1:22 Now that you have cleansed your lives in obeying the truth through the Spirit to unfeigned brotherly love, love one another fervently with a clean heart,

1Pe 1:23 having been born again – not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible – through the living Word of Elohim, which remains forever,

1Pe 1:24 because **“All flesh is as grass, and all the esteem of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, and its flower falls away,**

1Pe 1:25 **but the Word of Elohim remains forever.”** Isa 40:6-8 And this is the Word, announced as Good News to you.

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 Heb 9:11 But Messiah, having become a High Priest of the coming good *matters*, through the greater and more perfect Tent not made with hands, that is, not of this creation,

Heb 9:12 entered into the Most Set-apart Place once for all, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood, having obtained everlasting redemption.

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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**Exo 12:14** ‘And this day shall become to you a remembrance. And you shall celebrate it as a festival to יהוה throughout your generations – celebrate it as a festival, an everlasting law.

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**Exo 13:7** “Unleavened bread is to be eaten the seven days, and **whatever is leavened is not to be seen with you, and leaven is not to be seen with you within all your border.**

**Exo 13:8** “And you shall inform your son in that day, saying, **‘It is because of what יהוה did for me when I came up from Mitsrayim.’**

**Exo 13:9** “And it shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a reminder between your eyes, **that the Torah of יהוה is to be in your mouth, for with a strong hand יהוה has brought you out of Mitsrayim.**

Our minds, hands, and mouth are involved with touching and tasting the elements of Passover and Unleavened bread. They are a ‘sign’ as we gaze upon the bread, the Torah of YHWH, and drink the wine, in remembrance of Him. We recall the power of His hand that made all this possible and we share the Good News, His pure Word.

**Mat 16:12** Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

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**Joh 6:35** And יהושע said to them, “**I am the bread of life**. He who comes to Me shall not get hungry at all, and he who believes in Me shall not get thirsty at all.

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**Joh 6:48** “**I am the bread of life.**

**Joh 6:49** “Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and they died.

**Joh 6:50** “**This is the bread which comes down out of the heaven**, so that anyone might eat of it, and not die.

**Joh 6:51** “I am the living bread which came down out of the heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he shall live forever. And indeed, the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

Unleavened bread represented His pure Word. He is the Word; He is the Bread; and the Word came in the likeness of flesh and dwelt among us. He knew His Word would require His Life to save many. We must feed on His Word of Truth and BEWARE of any added leaven of false doctrine.

## The Lamps

**Lev 24:1** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 24:2** “Command the children of Yisra’el that they bring to you clear oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually.

**Lev 24:3** “Outside the veil of the Witness, in the Tent of Appointment, Aharon is to arrange it from evening until morning before יהוה continually – a law forever throughout your generations.

**Lev 24:4** “He is to arrange the lamps on the clean gold lampstand before יהוה”

continually.

### **Bread for the Tabernacle**

**Lev 24:5** “And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes with it, two-tenths of an *ěphah* in each cake.

**Lev 24:6** “And you shall set them in two rows, six in a row, on the clean table before יהוה.

**Lev 24:7** “And you shall put clear frankincense on each row, and it shall be on the bread as a remembrance portion, an offering made by fire to יהוה.

**Lev 24:8** “On every Sabbath he is to arrange it before יהוה continually, from the children of Yisra’ěl – an everlasting covenant.

**Lev 24:9** “And it shall be for Aharon and his sons, and they shall eat it in the set-apart place, because it is most set-apart to him from the offerings of יהוה made by fire – an everlasting law.”

### **Punishment for Blasphemy**

**Lev 24:10** And the son of an Yisra’ěli woman, whose father was a Mitsrian man, went out among the children of Yisra’ěl. And the Yisra’ěli woman’s son and a man of Yisra’ěl strove in the camp.

**Lev 24:11** And the Yisra’ěli woman’s son blasphemed the Name, and cursed. So they brought him to Mosheh. Now his mother’s name was Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan.

**Lev 24:12** And they put him under guard, that it might be declared to them at the mouth of יהוה.

**Lev 24:13** And יהוה spoke to Mosheh, saying,

**Lev 24:14** “Bring the one who has cursed outside the camp, and all those who heard him shall lay their hands on his head, and all the congregation shall stone him.

**Lev 24:15** “And speak to the children of Yisra’ěl, saying, ‘Anyone who curses his Elohim shall bear his sin.

**Lev 24:16** ‘And he who blasphemes the Name of יהוה shall certainly be put to death, and all the congregation certainly stone him, the stranger as well as the native. When he blasphemes the Name, he is put to death.

### **An Eye for an Eye**

This section reminds us to use equal weights and measures.

**Lev 24:17** ‘And a man who strikes the being of any man shall certainly be put to death.

**Lev 24:18** ‘And he who strikes a beast repays it, body for body.

**Lev 24:19** ‘And when a man inflicts a blemish upon his neighbour, as he has done so it is done to him:

**Lev 24:20** ‘Fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he inflicts a blemish upon him, so it is done to him.

**Lev 24:21** ‘And he who strikes a beast repays it, and he who strikes a man *to death* is

put to death.

**Lev 24:22** ‘You are to have one right-ruling, for the stranger and for the native, for I am יהוה your Elohim.’ ”

**Lev 24:23** And Mosheh spoke to the children of Yisra’ël, and they brought the one who cursed outside the camp, and stoned him with stones. And the children of Yisra’ël did as יהוה commanded Mosheh.

**Leviticus 24** closes with [right-rulings under the Book of the Law regarding blasphemy of His Name](#) and other matters. It tells of a young man who [blasphemes His Name](#). This young man’s mother was an Israelite and his father an Egyptian. The only additional insights offered in this account are the names of his mother and grandfather. His mother’s name, Shelomith, meaning ‘peaceful’; and his grandfather’s name, Dibri, means ‘my word.’ Though the son demonstrated rebellion; it [does not mean](#) those in His family didn’t try to teach him the proper way.

The [penalty for blasphemy of the Name under the Book of the Law](#); was physical stoning to death. Under [Covenant Torah](#), Yahusha laid our sins on Himself; and offers forgiveness and the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, that comes and lives in us and through us. There is however an unpardonable sin:

Mat 12:30 “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.

Mat 12:31 “Because of this I say to you, all sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven men.

Mat 12:32 “And whoever speaks a word against the Son of Adam, it shall be forgiven him, but whoever speaks against the Set-apart Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.

## **Psalm 31** ‘Into Your hand I commit my spirit...’

Though the words of Psalm 31 are attributed to David while possibly fleeing from Absalom; they also speak prophetically of Yahusha’s persecution and crucifixion.

### **Into Your Hand I Commit My Spirit**

**Psa 31:1** In You, O יהוה, I have taken refuge; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness.

**Psa 31:2** Incline Your ear to me, Deliver me speedily; Be a rock of refuge to me, A house of defence to save me.

**Psa 31:3** For You are my rock and my stronghold; For Your Name’s sake lead me and guide me.

**Psa 31:4** Bring me out of the net which they have hidden for me, For You are my stronghold.

**Psa 31:5** Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have redeemed me, O יהוה Ėl of truth.

**Psa 31:6** I have hated those who observe lying vanities; But I trust in יהוה.

**Psa 31:7** I exult and rejoice in Your loving- commitment, For You have seen my affliction; You have known the distresses of my life,

**Psa 31:8** And You have not shut me up into the hand of the enemy. You have set my feet in a large place.

**Psa 31:9** Show me favour, O יהוה, for I am in distress; My eye, my being and my body have become old with grief!

**Psa 31:10** For my life is consumed in sorrow, And my years in sighing; My strength fails because of my crookedness, And my bones have become old.

**Psa 31:11** I am a reproach among all my adversaries, But most of all among my neighbours, And a dread to my friends; Those who see me outside flee from me.

**Psa 31:12** I have been forgotten like someone dead from the heart; I have been like a missing vessel.

**Psa 31:13** For I hear the evil report of many; Fear is from all around; When they take counsel together against me, They plot to take away my life.

**Psa 31:14** But I, I have put my trust in You, O יהוה; I have said, “You are my Elohim.”

**Psa 31:15** My times are in Your hand; Deliver me from the hand of my enemies, And from those who pursue me.

**Psa 31:16** Make Your face shine upon Your servant; Save me in Your loving- commitment.

**Psa 31:17** Do not let me be ashamed, O יהוה, For I have called upon You; Let the wrong be ashamed; Let them be silenced in She’ol.

**Psa 31:18** Let lips of falsehood be stilled, Which speak recklessly against the righteous, With pride and scorn.

**Psa 31:19** How great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those fearing You, Which You have prepared for those taking refuge in You In the sight of the sons of men!

**Psa 31:20** In the secrecy of Your presence You shall hide them from the plots of man; You shelter them in a booth from the strife of tongues.

**Psa 31:21** Blessed be יהוה, For He has made marvellous His loving-commitment to me in a strong city!

**Psa 31:22** And I, I have said in my haste, “I am cut off from before Your eyes,” Yet You heard the voice of my prayers When I cried out to You.

**Psa 31:23** Love יהוה, all you His lovingly-committed ones! For יהוה guards the trustworthy ones, And exceedingly repays the doer of pride.

**Psa 31:24** Be strong, and let Him fortify your heart, All you who are waiting for יהוה.

We have a High Priest that can relate to our trials and tribulations on earth as we read:

**Hebrews 4: 14** Therefore, since we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, יהושע the Son of Elohim, let us hold fast our confession.

**15** For we do not have a High Priest unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who was tried in all respects as we are, apart from sin.

**16** Therefore, let us come boldly to the throne of favour, in order to receive compassion, and find favour for timely help.

## **Ecclesiastes 7** Wisdom verses Folly

YHWH protects and defends His Name. It is wise to desire and achieve a good name; especially before YHWH! Do not bear false witness and slander others. Words can speak life into others or death into others.

Exo 23:1 “Do not bring a false report. Do not put your hand with the wrong to be a malicious witness.

Exo 23:2 “Do not follow a crowd to do evil, nor bear witness in a strife so as to turn aside after many, to turn aside *what is right.*”

### **The Contrast of Wisdom and Folly**

**Ecc 7:1** A *good* name is better than precious oil, and the day of death than the day of one's birth.

**Ecc 7:2** It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for that is the end of all men. And the living take it to heart.

**Ecc 7:3** Sorrow is better than laughter, for by the sadness of the face the heart becomes better.

**Ecc 7:4** The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of rejoicing.

**Ecc 7:5** It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for man to hear the song of fools.

**Ecc 7:6** For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of a fool. That too is futile.

**Ecc 7:7** For oppression makes a wise one mad, and a bribe destroys the heart.

**Ecc 7:8** The end of a matter is better than its beginning. The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

**Ecc 7:9** Do not be hasty in your spirit to be vexed, for vexation rests in the bosom of fools.

**Ecc 7:10** Do not say, “Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not wise

of you to have asked about this.

**Ecc 7:11** Wisdom is good with an inheritance, and an advantage to those who see the sun.

**Ecc 7:12** For wisdom protects as silver protects, but the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.

**Ecc 7:13** See the work of Elohim: For who is able to make straight what He has made crooked?

**Ecc 7:14** Be glad in the day of prosperity, but in the evil day take note that Elohim has also appointed the one as well as the other, so that man should not uncover whatever *shall be* after him.

**Ecc 7:15** I have seen it all in my days of futility: There is a righteous one perishing in his righteousness, and there is a wrong one living long in his evil.

**Ecc 7:16** Do not be overrighteous, neither be overwise – why destroy yourself?

**Ecc 7:17** Do not be wrong overmuch, and do not be a fool – why die before your time?

**Ecc 7:18** It is good that you should take hold of this, and also not withhold your hand from the other. For he who fears Elohim comes forth with all of them.

**Ecc 7:19** Wisdom makes the wise strong, more than ten rulers that are in the city.

**Ecc 7:20** For there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and does not sin.

**Ecc 7:21** Also do not take to heart all the words they speak, lest you hear your servant cursing you.

**Ecc 7:22** For you know in your heart that many times you have cursed others.

**Ecc 7:23** All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, “I am wise,” but it was far from me.

**Ecc 7:24** That which is, is far off and exceedingly deep – who does find it?

**Ecc 7:25** I have turned round, even my heart, to know and to search, and to seek out wisdom and a conclusion, to know the wrongness of folly, even of foolishness and madness.

**Ecc 7:26** And I found more bitter than death, the woman whose heart is snares and nets, whose hands are shackles. He who pleases Elohim escapes from her, but the sinner is captured by her.

**Ecc 7:27** “See, this I have found,” says Qoheleth, “*Counting* one by one, to find a conclusion,

**Ecc 7:28** which my being still seeks but have not found: I have found one man among a thousand, but a woman among all these I have not found.

**Ecc 7:29** Truly, this only I have found: that Elohim made man straight, but they have sought out many devices.”



His Word states the day of death is better than the day of one's birth; yet, the world celebrates the opposite. Man-made traditions celebrate 'birthdays'; yet, believers should know and understand that the day of death is better. Amid sorrow and struggle, is when the heart becomes either bitter or better. If for the better, the heart seeks the deeper meaning of life. **In times of our weaknesses, He is strongest in our lives!**

**2Cor. 12: 9** And He said to me, "My favour is sufficient for you, **for My power is perfected in weakness.**" **Most gladly, then, I shall rather boast in my weaknesses, so that the power of Messiah rests on me.**

### **2Tim. 3**

Paul forewarns Timothy and all believers, that in the last days, men will turn away from the one true Elohim.

#### **Godlessness in the Last Days**

**2Ti 3:1** **But know this, that in the last days hard times shall come.**

2Ti 3:2 For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of silver,<sup>a</sup> boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, thankless, wrong-doers, Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Implying money.

2Ti 3:3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, haters of good,

2Ti 3:4 betrayers, reckless, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of Elohim,

2Ti 3:5 **having a form of reverence but denying its power.**<sup>b</sup> And turn away from these! Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See 2Ti 3:13, and also Isa 24:5-6, Mat 24:12, Rom 1:30-31, 2Th 2:3-11.

2Ti 3:6 For among them are those who creep into households and captivate silly women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts,

2Ti 3:7 always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

2Ti 3:8 And as Yoħane and Mamrë opposed Mosheh, so do these also oppose the truth – men of corrupt minds, found worthless concerning the belief;

2Ti 3:9 but they shall not go on further, for their folly shall be obvious to all, as also that of those men became.

#### **All Scripture Is Breathed Out by Yah**

2Ti 3:10 **But you did closely follow my teaching,**

- the way of life,
- the purpose,
- the belief,
- the patience,
- the love,

- the endurance,
- [2Ti 3:11](#) the persecutions,
- the sufferings, which came to me at Antioch, at Ikonion, *and* at Lustra – what persecutions I bore. **Yet out of them all the Master delivered me.**

[2Ti 3:12](#) And indeed, **all those wishing to live reverently in Messiah יהושע, shall be persecuted.**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Mat 5:10](#).

[2Ti 3:13](#) But evil men and impostors shall go on to the worse,<sup>d</sup> leading astray and being led astray. Footnote: <sup>d</sup> [Mat 24:12](#), [Rev 22:11](#).

### Stay in What You Have Learned and Trusted – [the Set-apart Scriptures](#)

We live in the ‘information age.’ There are numerous rabbit holes with ‘carrots’ of ‘click bait’ to entice and detour believers away from His Word. There is nothing this world can tell us that YHWH hasn’t already told us. Therefore, stay in what you have learned and trusted – the Set-apart Scriptures. Stay in Truth, our first piece of armor in which all other armor hangs [Ephesians 6].

[2Ti 3:14](#) **But you, stay in what you have learned and trusted, having known from whom you have learned,**

[2Ti 3:15](#) and that from a babe you have known **the Set-apart Scriptures**, which are able to make you wise for deliverance through belief in Messiah יהושע.

[2Ti 3:16](#) **All Scripture is breathed out by Elohim and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for setting straight, for instruction in righteousness,**

[2Ti 3:17](#) **that the man of Elohim might be fitted, equipped for every good work.**

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