

Greetings, today our manna is from Num. 22; Psalm 62 & 63; Isaiah 11 & 12; James 5.

May 13 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 22

Israel is fast becoming a warrior nation to be reckoned with. YHWH is making His Name known through His people Israel; despite all their short comings. Numbers 21 previously recorded their victories over:

- **King of Arad** – Canaanite
- **King of Sihon** – Amorites [including Heshbon, the city of Sihon] – King Sihon had once consumed the former Ar of Moab [Numbers 21:26-28]; Moses drives out the Amorites in Yazer as well.
- **King Og of Bashan** is conquered at the battle of Edrei. There were no remnants left in the city of Heshbon or in Bashan and they took possession of their land. Numbers 21:35

Balak Summons Balaam

Num 22:1 And the children of Yisra'ël set out and camped in the desert plains of Mo'ab beyond the Yardēn of Yeriho.

Num 22:2 And Balaq son of Tsippor saw all that Yisra'ël had done to the Amorites.

Num 22:3 And Mo'ab was exceedingly afraid of the people because they were many, and Mo'ab was in dread because of the children of Yisra'ël.

Num 22:4 And Mo'ab said to the elders of Midyan, “Now this company is licking up all that is around us, as an ox licks up the grass of the field.” Now Balaq son of Tsippor was sovereign of the Mo'abites at that time,

Num 22:5 and he sent messengers to Bil'am son of Be'or at Pethor, which is near the River in the land of the sons of his people, to call him, saying, “See, a people has come from Mitsrayim. See, they have covered the surface of the land, and are settling next to me!

Num 22:6 “And now, please come at once, curse this people for me, for they are too strong for me. It might be that I strike them and drive them out of the land, for I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.”

Num 22:7 And the elders of Mo'ab and the elders of Midyan left with *the fees for* divination in their hand, and they came to Bil'am and spoke the words of Balaq to him.

Num 22:8 And he said to them, “Spend the night here, and I shall bring back word to you, as יהוה speaks to me.” So the heads of Mo'ab stayed with Bil'am.

Num 22:9 And Elohim came to Bil'am and said, “Who are these men with you?”

Num 22:10 And Bil'am said to Elohim, “Balaq, son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'ab, has

sent to me, saying,

Num 22:11 See, a people has come out of Mitsrayim and cover the surface of the land. Come now, curse them for me. It might be that I am able to fight against them and drive them out.’ ”

Num 22:12 And Elohim said to Bil'am, “Do not go with them. You do not curse the people, for they are blessed.”

Num 22:13 And Bil'am rose in the morning and said to the heads of Balaq, “Go back to your land, for יהוה has refused to allow me to go with you.”

Num 22:14 And the heads of Mo'ab arose and went to Balaq, and said, “Bil'am refuses to come with us.”

Num 22:15 Then Balaq again sent heads, more numerous and more esteemed than they.

Num 22:16 And they came to Bil'am and said to him, “This is what Balaq son of Tsippor said: ‘Do not be withheld from coming to me, please,

Num 22:17 for I esteem you very greatly, and whatever you say to me, I do. Therefore please come, curse this people for me.’ ”

Num 22:18 And Bil'am answered and said to the servants of Balaq, “Though Balaq were to give me his house filled with silver and gold, I am unable to go beyond the word of יהוה my Elohim, to do less or more.

The children of Israel now set-out and camp in the [desert plains of Moab](#) opposite of the Jordan river of Jericho. The Israelites are great in number and are a threat to those in the land. **King Balak**, son of Tsippor, was over Moab and saw what had been done to the Amorites. Balak is identified as [king of Moab in Judges](#) and in [Numbers 22:4](#).

Jdg 11:25 And now are you any better [than Balak son of Tsippor, sovereign of Mo'ab](#)? Did he ever strive against Yisra'el? Did he ever fight against them?

King Balak seeks an alliance against Israel with the elders of Midyan [Midian]. He sends a messenger to [Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor](#).

F. B. Meyer commentary [excerpt], concisely sums up who Balaam was:

“The elders of Midian were his [King Balak] friends and allies. It was very important for them to stand together. The journey across the **desert to Mesopotamia, where Balaam lived, was long and tedious, but he was a famous magician**, who could marshal unseen forces into the battle by his incantations. **He knew the only true God [YHWH], but loved the wages of unrighteousness and erred for reward**. See [2Pe 2:14-16](#); [Jud 1:11](#) (below).

He [Balaam] made up his mind **to win Balak's promised gifts, and sought to persuade God to become his accomplice, first, by letting him go, and, secondly, by letting him say what Balak wished said. But God [YHWH] demands our loyalty and unison with Him, and will not swerve from the path of truth and righteousness by a hair's-breadth to help our desires and ambitions.**”

Jud 1:11 Woe to them! Because they have gone in the way of Qayin [Cain], and gave themselves to the delusion of Bil'am for a reward, and perished in the rebellion of Qorah [Korah].^b Footnote: ^b Jud 1:7-11; compare with 2Pe 2:6-15.

Jud 1:12 **These are rocky reefs** in your love feasts, feasting with you, feeding themselves without fear, waterless clouds borne about by the winds, late autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, pulled up by the roots,

Jud 1:13 wild waves of the sea foaming up their own shame, straying stars for whom blackness of darkness is kept forever.

2Pe 2:14 **Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children:**

2Pe 2:15 **having left the right way they went astray, having followed the way of Bil'am the son of Be'or, who loved the wages of unrighteousness,**^d Footnote: ^d 2Pe 2:11-15, compare with Eze 7:1-11:25.

2Pe 2:16 but he was rebuked for his transgression: a dumb donkey speaking with the voice of a man restrained the madness of the prophet.

King Balak of Moab strokes the pride of the **elders of Midian** and they depart with their **'fees for divination'** in their hands. The **elders of Moab** and the **elders of Midian** go on their way with the words of King Balak to **see Balaam**, the famous 'magician', that had a 'form of godliness' but his greater desire was the love of money and esteem. (Numbers 22:6-7)

The elders are instructed by Balaam [Bilam] to spend the night and await the word he receives from Elohim. Elohim tells Balaam not to go because they are a blessed people. The elders then return to King Balak of Moab with the answer.

King Balak, doesn't take no for an answer and sends an even greater and more prestigious delegate to Balaam. They convey to Balaam that they hold him in 'high esteem'. Balaam equates that even if he was given a house filled with silver and gold; he could not go beyond the word of YHWH, his Elohim.

F. B. Meyer commentary excerpt states: These chapters present a surprising contrast between the covetous prophet and his sublime prophecies. It is clearly possible to be the mouthpiece of truth and yet have neither part nor lot in it.

Balaam once again, tells the delegates to spend the night and he would consult YHWH. This is the answer he receives:

Num 22:19 "And now, please, you also stay here tonight, and let me find out what more **יהוה** says to me."

Num 22:20 And Elohim came to Bil'am at night and said to him, **"If the men come to call you, rise and go with them, but only the word which I speak to you that you do."**

Num 22:21 And Bil'am rose in the morning and saddled his donkey, and went with the heads of Mo'ab.

YHWH had already given Balaam his answer previously. **It had been, 'No.'** Now, Balaam goes back to Elohim with the same question! Balaam didn't listen the first time, so YHWH throws out a 'carrot' and sees what is in Balaam's heart. Balaam takes the carrot, or should I say 'carat'.

YHWH's displeasure burned that Balaam was actually going! Balaam saddles up his donkey along with two of his servants, and the **Angel of YHWH stations Himself as an adversary against him.** **The donkey was the only one that had 'eyes to see'.** The Messenger stood with His sword drawn and blocked their passage three times with the donkey getting struck by Balaam three times!

Balaam's Donkey and the Angel

Num 22:22 But the displeasure of Elohim burned because he went, and the Messenger of יהוה stationed Himself in the way as an adversary against him. And he was riding on his donkey, and his two servants were with him.

Num 22:23 And the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand, and the donkey turned aside out of the way and went into the field. So Bil'am struck the donkey to turn her back onto the way.

Num 22:24 Then the Messenger of יהוה stood in a narrow passage between the vineyards, with a wall on this side and a wall on that side.

Num 22:25 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה, she pushed herself against the wall and crushed Bil'am's foot against the wall, so he struck her again.

Num 22:26 And the Messenger of יהוה went further, and stood in a narrow place where there was no way to turn aside, right or left.

Num 22:27 And when the donkey saw the Messenger of יהוה, she lay down under Bil'am. So Bil'am's displeasure burned, and he struck the donkey with his staff.

Num 22:28 Then יהוה opened the mouth of the donkey, and she said to Bil'am, "What have I done to you, that you have stricken me these three times?"

Num 22:29 And Bil'am said to the donkey, "Because you have mocked me. I wish there were a sword in my hand, for I would have killed you by now!"

Num 22:30 And the donkey said to Bil'am, "Am I not your donkey on which you have ridden, ever since I became yours, to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you?" And he said, "No."

Num 22:31 Then יהוה opened Bil'am's eyes, and he saw the Messenger of יהוה

standing in the way with His drawn sword in His hand. And he bowed his head and fell on his face.

Num 22:32 And the Messenger of יהוה said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? See, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is reckless before Me.

Num 22:33 “And the donkey saw Me and turned aside from Me these three times. If she had not turned aside from Me, I certainly would have killed you by now, and let her live.”

Num 22:34 And Bil'am said to the Messenger of יהוה, “I have sinned, for I did not know You stood in the way against me. And now, if evil is in Your eyes, let me turn back.”

Num 22:35 And the Messenger of יהוה said to Bil'am, “Go with the men, but only the word that I speak to you, that you speak.” Bil'am then went with the heads of Balaq.

Num 22:36 And when Balaq heard that Bil'am was coming, he went out to meet him at the city of Mo'ab, which is on the border at the Arnon, which was in the extremity of the border.

Num 22:37 And Balaq said to Bil'am, “**Did I not urgently send to you, calling for you? Why did you not come to me? Am I not able to esteem you?**”

Num 22:38 And Bil'am said to Balaq, “See, I have come to you! **Now, am I at all able to say somewhat? The word that Elohim puts in my mouth, that I speak.**”

Num 22:39 And Bil'am went with Balaq, and they came to Qiryath Hutsoth.

Num 22:40 And Balaq slaughtered cattle and sheep, and he sent some to Bil'am and to the heads who were with him.

Num 22:41 And it came to be in the morning, that Balaq took Bil'am and brought him up to the high places of Ba'al, and from there he saw the extremity of the camp.

Never doubt the reality of what happens in the spiritual realm! The battles rage in the spiritual realm whether you believe in them or not. Also, know that the Angel of YHWH encamps around His people. Nothing coming against them is missed; and consequences do manifest to turn people away from their wicked ways. They are stopped time after time; but will they ever have a teachable spirit?

YHWH opens the mouth of the donkey to speak ‘sense’ into his master. Balaam said if he would have had a sword, he would have killed the donkey! If he would have killed his donkey, Balaam would have been killed by the sword of the Angel of YHWH. Without any further inquiry, Balaam should have just turned back.

Balaam inquires further and now it appears YHWH is only letting Balaam go because there are some lessons to be taught; and in the meantime, he plans on using Balaam to bless the children of Israel instead of cursing them. In this process, not only Balaam will be shown a valuable lesson, but the king of Moab as well.

Balaam has one foot in the world and one foot in the knowledge of YHWH; but we know a person cannot serve two masters.

King Balak does a great slaughtering and sends some of the meat to Balaam and those with him. Was this slaughtering just for food or part of a slaughtering to their gods? The next day, King Balak brings Balaam up on the 'high places' of Baal to see the vastness of the children of Israel.

Psalm 62 & 63

My Soul Waits for Yah Alone – Psalm 62 was probably composed during Absalom's rebellion.

It is all about YHWH and Him only!

Psa 62:1 My being finds rest in **Elohim alone**; From Him is my deliverance.

Psa 62:2 **He alone is my rock and my deliverance, my strong tower; I am not greatly shaken.**

Psa 62:3 How long would you shout at a man? – Murder! – Like a leaning wall, a tottering fence.

Psa 62:4 They plotted to topple him from his high position; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, But in their heart they curse. Selah.

Psa 62:5 My being, find rest in **Elohim alone**, Because my expectation is from Him.

Psa 62:6 **He alone is my rock and my deliverance, my strong tower; I am not shaken.**

Psa 62:7 My deliverance and my esteem *depend* on Elohim; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in Elohim.

Psa 62:8 **Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; Elohim is a refuge for us.** Selah.

Psa 62:9 Sons of Adam are but a breath, Sons of men are a lie; If weighed in the scales, They are altogether lighter than breath.

Psa 62:10 Do not trust in oppression. And do not become vain in robbery; If riches increase, Do not set your heart on them.

Psa 62:11 Elohim has spoken once, Twice I have heard this: **That strength belongs to Elohim.**

Psa 62:12 And loving-commitment is Yours, O יהוה; For You reward each one according to his work.

Psalm 63

The soul thirsts for Him.

Psa 63:1 O Elohim, You are my Ēl; I earnestly seek You; My being has thirsted for You; My flesh has longed for You In a dry and thirsty land without water.

Psa 63:2 Therefore I have had a vision of You In the set-apart place, To see Your power and Your esteem.

Psa 63:3 Because Your loving-commitment is better than life, My lips do praise You.

Psa 63:4 Therefore I bless You while I live; In Your Name I lift up my hands.

The soul satisfied.

Psa 63:5 My being is satisfied as with marrow and fat, And my mouth praises You with singing lips.

Psa 63:6 When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

Psa 63:7 For You have been my help, And in the shadow of Your wings I sing.

The soul in hot pursuit:

Psa 63:8 My being has closely followed You; Your right hand did uphold me.

Psa 63:9 But those who seek to destroy my life,

✚ Go into the lower parts of the earth.

✚ **Psa 63:10** They are handed over To the power of the sword;

✚ They become a portion for jackals.

Psa 63:11 But let the sovereign rejoice in Elohim; Let everyone who swears by Him exult; For the mouth of those speaking lies is stopped.

Isaiah 11 & 12

Ecc 1:9 What has been is what shall be, what has been done is what shall be done, and there is no new *matter* under the sun.

Isaiah 11 opens with the prophesy of **Yahusha HaMashiach**. He came the first time to redeem man; to redeem the land; and to redeem all creation. How blessed we are to have entered the New Covenant through the Door, Yahusha; the Tent made without hands. How blessed we are to have Covenant Torah and be out from under the curses of the Book of the Law. How blessed that the Melchizedek Priesthood is inclusive of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

Isa 11:1 And **a Rod shall come forth from the stump of Yishai**, and **a Sprout from his roots** shall be fruitful.

Isa 11:2 The **Spirit of יהוה shall rest upon Him** – the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of יהוה,

Isa 11:3 and shall make Him breathe in the fear of יהוה. And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears.

Isa 11:4 **But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with straightness for the meek ones of the earth, and shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and slay the wrong with the breath of His lips.**

Isa 11:5 **And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and trustworthiness the girdle of His waist.**

How beautiful it is to envision the following verses all made possible through YHWH Yahusha! How can one not rejoice? Predator natures among animals and man are no more. Poisonous venom and savage bites are no more. The danger to newborns of beast and humans are no more! If that is not exciting news, I don't know what is! Rejoice and again I say rejoice! He is coming again!

Isa 11:6 And **a wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and a leopard lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child leads them.**

Isa 11:7 And **cow and bear shall feed, their young ones lie down together, and a lion eat straw like an ox.**

Isa 11:8 And the **nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the adder's den.**

Isa 11:9 **They do no evil nor destroy in all My set-apart mountain, for the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of יהוה as the waters cover the sea.**^a Footnote: ^a Hab 2:14.

We should never be too quick to judge the rebellious and complaining generation that came out of Egypt, until we have walked a mile in their shoes. Our exodus opportunity may occur sooner than most think. It is hard to imagine what it is like to be away from the ‘creature comforts’ most of us have grown very accustomed to. This is one very important reason why YHWH wants us to rehearse the festival of Sukkot or booths. He will provide our needs but not necessarily our ‘wants.’

Some may say, well I believe we are going to be ‘raptured’ out of here before times of tribulation. Maybe so, but maybe not. There are plenty of scriptures that speak of the end of days differently. If we follow the pattern of the first exodus, YHWH caused the plagues and then He GATHERED His people out of Egypt; and brought them under His safe keeping in the wilderness. The ‘catching away’ doesn’t necessarily mean that it will be in a vertical direction! It may very well be in a lateral direction!

We should recall the victories and the challenges of the first exodus. We should LEARN from them so as not to repeat the mistakes they made. We should also remember that those that stayed positionally and spiritually close to YHWH fared the best!

In our day, the promise made to Abraham is almost totally complete and YHWH Yahusha continues to gather all that are His; the ‘living stones’ forming the one new man. **The one new man is spoken of in Isaiah 11.** There is to be a greater Exodus out of our ‘Egypt’ from all around the world!

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Yishai, **standing as a banner to the people**. Unto Him the nations shall seek, and His rest shall be esteem.

Isa 11:11 And it shall be in that day that **יהוה sets His hand again a second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left**, from Ashshur and from Mitsrayim, from Pathros and from Kush, from Ēylam and from Shin'ar, from Ḥamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And He **shall raise a banner for the nations**, and **gather the outcasts of Yisra'ēl**, and **assemble the dispersed of Yehudah** from the four corners of the earth.

Isa 11:13 And **the envy of Ephrayim shall turn aside**, and **the adversaries of Yehudah be cut off**. **Ephrayim shall not envy Yehudah, and Yehudah not trouble Ephrayim**.

Once again, the waters shall part and His people will cross over with sandaled feet. Though the children of Israel in the first exodus, were denied passage through territories to reach the king’s highway; for us there will be a highway provided by the King of kings himself!

Isa 57:14 And one shall say, “Heap it up! Heap it up! Prepare the way, **take the**

[stumbling-block out of the way of My people.”](#)

Isa 11:15 And יהוה shall put under the ban the tongue of the Sea of Mitsrayim, and **He shall wave His hand over the River with the might of His Spirit, and shall strike it in the seven streams, and shall cause men to tread it in sandals.**

Isa 11:16 **And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people,** those left from Ashshur, as it was for Yisra'el in the day when he came up from the land of Mitsrayim.

Isaiah 12

Isaiah 12 says we shall praise Him! We shall sing songs to Him just like His people did in the first exodus! Songs of thanksgiving for all He has done!

YHWH Is My Strength and My Song

Isa 12:1 And in that day you shall say, “I thank You יהוה, though You were enraged with me, Your displeasure has turned back, and You have comforted me.

Isa 12:2 “See, Ėl is my deliverance, I trust and am not afraid. For Yah, יהוה, is my strength and my song; and He has become my deliverance.”^a Footnote: ^aSee [Exo 15:2](#), [Psa 118:14](#).

Isa 12:3 And you shall draw water with joy from the fountains of deliverance.

Isa 12:4 And in that day you shall say, “Praise יהוה, call upon His Name; make known His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His Name is exalted.

Isa 12:5 “Sing to יהוה, For He has done excellently; this is known in all the earth.

Isa 12:6 **“Cry aloud and shout, O inhabitant of Tsiyon, for great is the Set-apart One of Yisra'el in your midst!”**

Whenever you are feeling downcast; just read Isaiah 11 & 12 and rejoice! Let Him draw you close to Himself and tell you [of the glorious day of new beginnings!](#)

James 5

James 5 opens with a warning not to build one’s life purpose around wealth and obtaining the things of this world. Those individuals will be sorely disappointed; or should I say **totally devastated** when they realize they invested their lives in perishable things.

You can't take anything with you from this world; **except**, that which you have given away. **Believers** should store up their treasures in heaven by bearing good fruit. We are saved by grace through faith unto good works, not by good works alone. Have we given our time; our energy; our love away to help others? Those things will be our treasures in heaven. Have we taken risks for others; for their good? Those acts of kindness will be our treasures stored up in heaven.

We should patiently endure for the time of His return draws near. Just as a farmer waits for his crops and for the former and latter rains; we too should wait and not falter. We should be ever mindful of staying in obedience to Him out of love and reverence. **He is at the very door of return!**

Warning to the Rich

Jas 5:1 **Come now, rich ones, weep, crying aloud over the hardships coming upon you!**

- ✚ **Jas 5:2** Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten.
- ✚ **Jas 5:3** Your gold and silver have become rusty, and their rust shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.
- ✚ **Jas 5:4** See, the wages of the workmen who mowed your fields, which you kept back, cry out. And the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of **יהוה** of hosts.^a **Footnote: ^a Jer 22:13.**
- ✚ **Jas 5:5** You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury, you have fattened your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
- ✚ **Jas 5:6** You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous – he does not resist you.

Patience in Suffering

Jas 5:7 **So, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Master.** See, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

Jas 5:8 You too, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Master has drawn near.

Jas 5:9 Do not grumble against each other, brothers, lest you be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the door!

Jas 5:10 My brothers, as an example of suffering and patience, take the prophets, who spoke in the Name of **יהוה**.

Jas 5:11 See, we call those blessed who endure. You have heard of the endurance of **lyob** and saw the purpose of **יהוה**, that He is very sympathetic and compassionate.

Jas 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by the heaven or by the earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No, lest you fall into judgment.

The Prayer of Faith

Jas 5:13 Is any of you suffering evil? Let him pray. Is anyone in good spirits? Let him sing psalms.

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the Name of the Master.

Jas 5:15 **And the prayer of the belief** shall save the sick, and the Master shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he shall be forgiven.

Jas 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, so that you are healed. **The earnest prayer of a righteous one accomplishes much.**

Jas 5:17 Ēliyahu was a man with feelings like us, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain. And it did not rain on the land for **three years and six months.**

Jas 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the land brought forth its fruit.

Jas 5:19 Brothers, if anyone among you goes astray from the truth, and someone turns him back,

Jas 5:20 **let him know that he who turns a sinner from the straying of his way shall save a life from death and cover a great number of sins.** Pro 10:12.

Finally, brethren be in prayer and repent when in error. [Be zealous for truth and righteousness.](#)

Shalom ~ Libby

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