

*Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 10; Psalm 142; 143; Jeremiah 4; Matthew 18.*

## *July 8 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Joshua 10 The Sun Stands Still**

**Jos 10:1** And it came to be when **Adoni-Tsedeq sovereign of Yerushalayim** heard that Yehoshua had captured Ai and had put it under the ban, that **he had done to Ai** and its sovereign as he had done to **Yeriho and its sovereign**, and that the inhabitants of Gib'on had made peace with Yisra'el and were in their midst,

**Jos 10:2** that they feared greatly, because Gib'on was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

As we begin Joshua 10, we must immediately address the title of the Canaanite king of Jerusalem. This title, Adoni-Tsedeq, should not be confused with King Melchizedek in Genesis 14; who had also been a king of Salem, but more importantly was a priest to the Most High Elohim.

Gen 14:18 And **Malkitsedeq sovereign of Shalēm** brought out bread and wine. Now **he was the priest of the Most High Ēl.**

What I believe YHWH does want us to see however, by using the title Adoni-Tsedeq, is the 'pattern' connection. Both accounts involve:

- A Jerusalem connection and surrounding territories
- Melchizedek – a truly righteous King-priest – Adoni-Tsedeq a heathen counterfeit that just adopted a similar title
- Coalition of kings prepared for battle
- Righteous leaders being led by YHWH – Abraham (Gen. 14) and Joshua
- Righteous leaders going up against all “earthly odds” and are triumphant
- This 'pattern' of the righteous facing a ‘coalition of kings’, will be repeated in the end of days by once more claiming the Promised Land.
- Sovereigns will hide in caves

Gibon was referred to as a ‘royal city’; meaning it was a great city and probably one of the older established cities. We know elders existed there but there is no verification that they had a king. Though they had ‘mighty men’, Gibon chose submission to Israel by the deceitful covenant with Israel to spare their lives.

## The Gods of the Bible

Tammuz (Adonis) תמוז

First Referenced: Ezekiel 8:14

Tammuz was a Sumerian God, but is better known as the Greek God Adonis, from the Canaanite word "Adon" or "Lord". These are gods of fertility, who die and return in the harvest cycles, and benefit mankind. (Tammuz is also a name of the month in the Hebrew calendar when calamities happened - coincidence?)



**BDB Definition:** Adoni-zedek = "my lord is righteous" 1) Canaanite king slain by Joshua

**BDB Definition:** Melchizedek = "my king is Sedek" 1) king of Salem and priest of the Most High God to whom Abram paid tithe after the battle he fought to free Lot; 'the order of Melchizedek' the order of the priesthood to which Christ belongs

**Jos 10:3** And Adoni-Tsedeq sovereign of Yerushalayim sent to Hoham sovereign of Hebron, and to Piram sovereign of Yarmuth, and to Yaphiya sovereign of Lachish, and to Debir sovereign of Eglon, saying,

Let's pause and get a general overview of these locations. Keep in mind all these territories will soon be given to the children of Israel as their inheritance of the Promised Land. **Adam Clarke gives a synopsis of these territories:**

**Hoham king of Hebron** - This city was situated in the mountains, southward of Jerusalem, from which it was about thirty miles distant. It fell to the tribe of Judah.

**Piram king of Jarmuth** - There were two cities of this name; one belonged to the tribe of Issachar, see [Jos 21:29](#); that mentioned here fell to the tribe of Judah, see [Jos 15:35](#); it is supposed to have been about eighteen miles distant from Jerusalem.

**Japhia king of Lachish** - This city is celebrated in Scripture; in that city Amaziah was slain by conspirators, [2Ki 14:19](#). It was besieged by Sennacherib, [2Ki 18:14](#), [2Ki 18:17](#); and without effect by the king of Assyria, as we learn from [Isa 37:8](#); it was also besieged by the army of Nebuchadnezzar, see [Jer 34:7](#); it also fell to the lot of Judah, [Jos 15:39](#).

**Debir king of Eglon** - Where this city was situated is very uncertain; but we learn from [Jos 15:39](#), that it fell to the lot of the tribe of Judah.

TSK Cross-reference gives further information with scripture verses that give additional understanding:

**king of Jerusalem:** [Jos 10:1](#), [Jos 10:5](#), [Jos 12:10-13](#), [Jos 15:35-39](#), [Jos 15:54](#), [Jos 15:63](#),

Jos 18:28

**Hebron:** Hebron was situated on an eminence, 20 miles south of Jerusalem, and the same distance north of Beersheba. It is now called El Khalil, "the well-beloved," the usual epithet which the Turks and Arabs apply to Abraham, whose sepulchral cave they still shew; over which St. Helena built a magnificent church. Its original site was on an eminence, at the southern foot of which the present village is pleasantly situated, on which are the remains of an ancient castle, its sole defence. Jos 14:15; Gen 23:2, Gen 37:14; Num 13:22; 2Sa 2:11

**Lachish:** 2Ki 18:14, 2Ki 18:17; 2Ch 11:9; Mic 1:13

Jos 10:4 "Come up to me and help me, and **let us strike Gib'on, for it has made peace with Yehoshua and with the children of Yisra'el.**"

Jos 10:5 So **the five sovereigns of the Amorites** – the sovereign of Yerushalayim, the sovereign of Hebron, the sovereign of Yarmuth, the sovereign of Lachish, the sovereign of Eglon – gathered together and went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gib'on and fought against it.

Jos 10:6 **And the men of Gib'on sent to Yehoshua at the camp at Gilgal, saying, "Do not withdraw your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us and help us, for all the sovereigns of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have assembled against us."**

Jos 10:7 And Yehoshua went up from Gilgal, he and all the soldiers with him, and all the mighty brave men.

Jos 10:8 **And יהוה said to Yehoshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hand. Not one of them does stand before you."**

Jos 10:9 So then Yehoshua came upon them suddenly, having gone up all night from Gilgal.

Jos 10:10 And יהוה threw them into confusion before Yisra'el, and they struck them with a great slaughter at Gib'on, and pursued them along the way that goes to Bēyth Horon, and struck them as far as Azēqah and Maqqēdah.

Jos 10:11 And it came to be, as they fled before Yisra'el and were on the descent of Bēyth Horon, **that יהוה threw down large hailstones from the heavens on them as far as Azēqah, and they died. There were more who died from the hailstones than those whom the sons of Yisra'el had killed with the sword.**

Jos 10:12 Then **Yehoshua spoke to יהוה in the day when יהוה gave the Amorites over to the children of Yisra'el, and he said before the eyes of Yisra'el, "Sun, stand still over Gib'on; and moon, in the Valley of Ayalon."**

Jos 10:13 So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the nation avenged itself upon their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Yashar? Thus the sun stopped in the midst of the heavens, and did not hasten to go down for an entire day.

Jos 10:14 **And there has been no day like that, before it or after it, that יהוה listened to the voice of a man, because יהוה fought for Yisra'el.**

Jos 10:15 So Yehoshua returned, and all Yisra'el with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

We see Joshua and all the soldiers with him, and all the mighty brave men [this seems to imply that the Gibeonites joined in the fight]. Joshua is told by YHWH not to fear for YHWH had given those coming against Gibeon into their hands.

We see several elements involved in this battle:

- YHWH had gone before them and with them.
- Joshua and the fighting men engaged in hand to hand combat.
- YHWH guaranteed victory to Joshua.
- YHWH brought great confusion among the attackers causing Joshua and the fighting men to greatly slaughter and pursue the enemy.
- YHWH throws down large hailstones on the enemy and more were killed by the hailstones than the sword. The hailstones hit the enemy and not Joshua and his fighting men.
- Joshua inspired by YHWH requested the sun and moon stand still.

Scripture speaks in the language of appearance. For this reason, some are swayed to believe that the sun rotates around the earth (geocentric) based on such descriptions. In my perspective, I believe this to be a strong delusion which I too researched in some depth. My conclusion is that the sun is the center (heliocentric) and the earth rotates around the sun.

I know some will strongly disagree and that is perfectly alright; but we each must do our own studies, search out these things and see if they be so. This should not be used as a topic to divide; for that is what the enemy wants.

#### TSK Cross-reference notes:

##### Joshua 10:12

**Sun:** Joshua doubtless acted, on this occasion, by an immediate impulse upon his mind from the Spirit of God. The terms here employed to record the miracle, agree with the accustomed manner in which the motions of the earth and sun are described in our own day. The sun apparently moves, but really is stationary; while the diurnal movement of the earth on its axis is by us unnoticed, and would not have been known except by astronomical science. The sun appeared to the Israelites over Gibeon, and the moon over the valley of Ajalon, and there they stayed in their course for "a whole day." Many vain enquiries have been made concerning the way in which this miracle was wrought, and many difficulties and objections have been urged against understanding it literally. But the fact is authenticated by the Divine testimony; and the manner in which it was accomplished lies entirely out of our province, because beyond our comprehension. Jos 10:13; Deu 4:19, Deu 17:3; Job 9:7, Job 31:26-27; Psa 19:4, Psa 74:16, Psa 148:3; Isa 28:21, Isa 38:8, Isa 60:20; Amo 8:9; Hab 3:11

**stand thou:** Heb. be silent, Hab 2:20 \*marg. Zec 2:13

**Ajalon:** Jos 19:42; Jdg 12:12, Aijalon

What we all can agree upon is that YHWH is King of the Universe and all heavenly bodies respond to Him and to His timing. YHWH involved His creation in being part of this great battle against the Amorites. He can direct great hailstones to only hit the enemy; He can make the earth stand still on its own; or He can command one of his planetary bodies,

such as Plante 7X, to halt the rotation of the earth.

We must never forget that YHWH not only sent His Son to redeem mankind by faith in Him; but also, Yahusha came to redeem the land and all creation. Doesn't it paint a beautiful picture by having all three; man, creation, and the land, partake in the possession of the Promised Land with YHWH?

### Five Amorite Kings Executed

**Jos 10:16** Now these five sovereigns had fled and hidden themselves in a cave at Maqqedah.

**Jos 10:17** And it was reported to Yehoshua, saying, "The five sovereigns have been found hidden in the cave at Maqqedah."

**Jos 10:18** And Yehoshua said, "Roll large stones against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.

Isa 2:19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, from dread of יהוה and the splendor of His excellency, when He arises to shake the earth mightily.

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Rev 6:12 And I looked when He opened the sixth seal and saw a great earthquake came to be. And the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood.

Rev 6:13 And the stars of the heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs, being shaken by a strong wind.

Rev 6:14 And heaven departed like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Rev 6:15 And the sovereigns of the earth, and the great ones, and the rich ones, and the commanders, and the mighty, and every slave and every free one, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains,

Rev 6:16 and **said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us** Hos 10:8 from the face of Him sitting on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,

Rev 6:17 because the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"

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Mat 27:62 On the next day, which was after the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees gathered together to Pilate,

Mat 27:63 saying, "Master, we remember, while He was still alive, how that deceiver said, 'After three days I am raised.'

Mat 27:64 "Command, then, that the tomb be safeguarded until the third day, lest His taught ones come by night and steal Him away, and should say to the people, 'He was raised from the dead.' And the last deception shall be worse than the first."

Mat 27:65 So Pilate said to them, "You have a watch, go, safeguard it as you know how."

Mat 27:66 And they went and safeguarded the tomb, sealing the stone and setting the

watch.

Yahusha laid down His life for our sins; and took His life back up.

**Jos 10:19** “And **you, do not stand still, but pursue your enemies. And you shall smite them in the rear. Do not allow them to enter their cities, for יהוה your Elohim has given them into your hand.**”

**Jos 10:20** And it came to be, when Yehoshua and the children of Yisra’el had ended striking them with a very great slaughter, till they had finished – but those who escaped went into walled cities –

**Jos 10:21** that all the people returned to the camp, to Yehoshua at Maqqēḏah, in peace. **No one moved his tongue against any of the sons of Yisra’el.**

**Jos 10:22** **Then Yehoshua said, “Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five sovereigns to me from the cave.”**

**Jos 10:23** And they did so, and brought those five sovereigns to him from the cave: the sovereign of Yerushalayim, the sovereign of Hebron, the sovereign of Yarmuth, the sovereign of Lāḳish, the sovereign of Eḡlon.

**Jos 10:24** And it came to be, when they brought out those sovereigns to Yehoshua, that Yehoshua called for all the men of Yisra’el, and said to the chiefs of the men of battle who went with him, “Come near, put your feet on the necks of these sovereigns.” And they drew near and put their feet on their necks.

**Jos 10:25** Then Yehoshua said to them, “Do not be afraid nor be discouraged, be strong and courageous, for this is what יהוה is going to do to all your enemies whom you are fighting.”

**Jos 10:26** And afterward **Yehoshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees. And they were hanging on the trees until evening.**

**Gal 3:10** For as many as are of works of Torah [works of the Law] are under the curse, for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah [Book of the Law], to do them.”** [Deu 27:26](#).

**Gal 3:11** And that no one is declared right by Torah [Law] before Elohim is clear, for **“The righteous shall live by belief.”** [Hab 2:4](#).

**Gal 3:12** And the Torah [Law] is not of belief, but **“The man who does them shall live by them.”** [Lev 18:5](#).

**Gal 3:13** **Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah [Law], having become a curse for us – for it has been written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.” –** [Deu 21:23](#).

**Gal 3:14** **in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah יהושע, to receive the promise of the Spirit through belief.**

**Jos 10:27** And it came to be, at the time of the going down of the sun, that Yehoshua commanded, and they took them down from the trees, and threw them into the cave where they had been hidden, and laid large stones against the cave’s mouth, to this day.

**Jos 10:28** And on that day Yehoshua captured Maqqēḏah, and he struck it with the edge of the sword, and he put its sovereign under the ban – them and all the people who were in it, he left

no survivor. And he did to the sovereign of Maqqēdah as he had done to the sovereign of Yeriho.

### Conquest of Southern Canaan

**Jos 10:29** Then Yehoshua passed over, and all Yisra'el with him, from **Maqqēdah to Libnah**. And they fought against Libnah.

**Jos 10:30** And יהוה also gave it and its sovereign into the hand of Yisra'el. And he struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, he left no survivor in it. And he did to its sovereign as he had done to the sovereign of Yeriho.

**Jos 10:31** Then Yehoshua passed over, and all Yisra'el with him, from **Libnah to Lakish**, and encamped against it and fought against it.

**Jos 10:32** And יהוה gave Lakish into the hand of Yisra'el, who captured it **on the second day**, and struck it and all the people who were in it with the edge of the sword, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

**Jos 10:33** Then **Horam sovereign of Gezer** came up to help Lakish. And Yehoshua struck him and his people, until he left him no survivor.

**Jos 10:34** Then Yehoshua passed over, and all Yisra'el with him, from **Lakish to Eglon**. And they encamped against it and fought against it,

**Jos 10:35** and captured it on that day and struck it with the edge of the sword. And all the beings who were in it he put under the ban that day, according to all that he had done to Lakish.

**Jos 10:36** Then Yehoshua went up, and all Yisra'el with him, **from Eglon to Hebron**, and they fought against it,

**Jos 10:37** and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword, and its sovereign, and all its cities, and all the people who were in it. He left no survivor, according to all that he had done to Eglon, but put it and all the people who were in it under the ban.

**Jos 10:38** Then Yehoshua returned, and all Yisra'el with him, **to Debir**, and fought against it,

**Jos 10:39** and captured it and its sovereign and all its cities. And they struck them with the edge of the sword and put all the people who were in it under the ban, he left no survivor. As he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir and its sovereign, as he had done also to Libnah and its sovereign.

**Jos 10:40** Thus Yehoshua struck all the land: the mountain country and the South and the low country and the wilderness slopes, and all their sovereigns. He left no survivor, but put all that breathed under the ban, as יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el had commanded.

**Jos 10:41** And Yehoshua struck them from Qadēsh Barnēa as far as Azzah, and all the land of Goshen, even as far as Giḇ'on.

**Jos 10:42** And Yehoshua captured all these sovereigns and their land at one time, because יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el fought for Yisra'el.

**Jos 10:43** And Yehoshua returned, and all Yisra'el with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

**Psalm 142; 143** We are to verbally cry out to YHWH by faith knowing He hears us; otherwise, we are just speaking words without passion, zeal, nor authority. We are to boldly proclaim with authority.

### You Are My Refuge

**Psa 142:1** I cry out to יהוה with my voice; I pray to יהוה with my voice.

**Psa 142:2** I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my distress.

**Psa 142:3** When my spirit grew faint within me, Then You know my path. In the way in which I walk **They have hidden a trap for me.**

**Psa 142:4** Look to the right hand and see, And no one is concerned for me; No refuge remains to me; No one inquires after my being.

**Psa 142:5** I cried out to You, O יהוה: I said, **“You are my refuge, My portion in the land of the living.”**

**Psa 142:6** **“Listen to my cry,** For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are too strong for me.

**Psa 142:7** **“Bring my being out of prison,** To give thanks to Your Name. Let the righteous gather around me, Because You deal kindly with me.”

### My Soul Thirsts for You

**Psa 143:1** **Hear my prayer, O יהוה, Give ear to my pleadings In Your trustworthiness.** Answer me in Your righteousness.

**Psa 143:2** And do not enter into right-ruling with Your servant, **For before You no one living is in the right.**

**Psa 143:3** For the enemy has pursued my being; He has crushed my life to the ground; He has made me dwell in dark places, Like the dead of old.

**Psa 143:4** Therefore my spirit grew faint within me, My heart within me is stunned.

**Psa 143:5** **I remembered the days of old;** I meditated on all Your works; I ponder on the work of Your hands.

**Psa 143:6** I have spread out my hands to You; My being is like a thirsty land for You. Selah.

**Psa 143:7** Hasten, answer me, O יהוה; My spirit fails! Do not hide Your face from me, Lest I be like those going down into the pit.

**Psa 143:8** **Let me hear Your loving-commitment in the morning, For in You I have put my trust; Let me know the way in which I should walk, For I have lifted up my being to You.**

**Psa 143:9** Deliver me from my enemies, O יהוה; I take refuge in You.

**Psa 143:10** Teach me to do Your good pleasure, For You are my Elohim. Let Your good Spirit lead me In the land of straightness.

**Psa 143:11** **For the sake of Your Name, O יהוה, revive me! In Your righteousness, Bring my being out of distress.**

**Psa 143:12** **And in Your loving-commitment, Cut off my enemies. And destroy all the adversaries of my life, For I am Your servant!**

### Jeremiah 4

**Jer 4:1** **“If you do return, O Yisra’ël,” declares יהוה, “return to Me. And if you remove your abominations from My presence, and cease straying,**

**Jer 4:2** **and shall swear, ‘As יהוה lives,’ in truth, in right-ruling, and in righteousness – then nations shall bless themselves in Him, and they shall boast in Him!”**

**Jer 4:3** For this is what יהוה said to the men of Yehudāh and Yerushalayim, **“Break up your tillable ground,** and **do not sow among thorns.**

Jer 4:4 "Circumcise yourselves unto יהוה, and take away the foreskins of your hearts, you men of Yehudah and inhabitants of Yerushalayim, **lest My wrath come forth like fire and burn, with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.**"

### Disaster from the North

Once more it is written that the enemy will come from the north...

Jer 4:5 **Declare in Yehudah and let it be heard in Yerushalayim, and say, "Blow a shophar in the land. Cry aloud and say, 'Gather yourselves, and let us go into the walled city.'**"

The watchmen are to 'Sound the Shout!'

Eze 33:2 "Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and you shall say to them, 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land shall take a man from their borders and shall make him their watchman,

Eze 33:3 and he sees the sword coming upon the land, and shall blow with the shophar and shall warn the people,

Eze 33:4 then whoever shall hear the voice of the shophar and shall not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood is on his own head.

Eze 33:5 He heard the voice of the shophar, but he did not take warning, his blood is on himself. But he who takes warning shall deliver his being.

Eze 33:6 But if the watchman sees the sword coming and shall not blow with the shophar, and the people shall not be warned, and the sword comes and takes any being from among them, he is taken away in his crookedness, and his blood I require at the watchman's hand.'

Jer 4:6 **"Lift up the banner toward Tsiyon.** Be strong, do not stand still! For I am bringing evil from the north, and great destruction."

Jer 4:7 **"A lion** has come up from his bush, and **the destroyer** of nations is on his way. **He has set out from his place to make your land a ruin. Your cities are laid waste, without inhabitant.**

Jer 4:8 "For this, gird yourself with sackcloth, lament and wail. **For the burning displeasure of יהוה has not turned back from us.**

Jer 4:9 "And in that day it shall be," declares יהוה, "that the heart of the sovereign shall perish, and the heart of the heads. And the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets wonder."

Jer 4:10 Then I said, "Ah, Master יהוה! Truly, You have greatly deceived this people and Yerushalayim, saying, 'Peace is for you,' whereas the sword reaches to the heart."

Jer 4:11 At that time it shall be said to this people and to Yerushalayim, **"A scorching wind** of the bare heights blows in the wilderness toward the daughter of My people, not to fan or to cleanse.

Jer 4:12 **"A wind too strong for this shall come for Me.** Now it is I who speak judgments against them.

Jer 4:13 "See, **he comes up like clouds**, and his **chariots like a whirlwind**. **His horses shall**

**be swifter than eagles. Woe to us, for we shall be ravaged!**

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'ël, 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, we see a pattern by comparing our scriptures today between Joshua and Jeremiah. We see YHWH using **the resources in His universe** to assist in cleansing the people, the land, and creation.



Jer 4:14 O Yerushalayim, **wash your heart from evil, and be saved.** Till when would your **wicked thoughts remain within you?**

Jer 4:15 For **a voice is declaring from Dan**, and is **proclaiming trouble from Mount Ephrayim:**

Jer 4:16 “Announce to the nations, look, proclaim against Yerushalayim, that **besiegers are coming from a distant land and raise their voice against the cities of Yehudah.**

Jer 4:17 **“Like keepers of a field they are against her all around, because she has rebelled**

against Me.” declares יהוה.

Jer 4:18 “Your ways and your deeds have brought this upon you. This is your evil, because it is bitter, because it has reached into your heart.”

### Anguish over Judah's Desolation

Jer 4:19 O my inward parts, my inward parts! I am in pain! O the walls of my heart! My heart pounds in me, I am not silent. For you have heard, O my being, **a voice of a shophar, a shout of battle!**

Jer 4:20 Destruction upon destruction is cried, for all the land is ravaged. Suddenly my tents are ravaged – my curtains in a moment.

Jer 4:21 **How long shall I see a banner, and hear a voice of a shophar?**

Jer 4:22 “For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”

Jer 4:23 I looked at the earth, and saw it was formless and empty. And the heavens, they had no light.

Jer 4:24 I looked at the mountains, and saw they shook, and all the hills were swaying.

Jer 4:25 I looked, and saw there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens had fled.

Jer 4:26 I looked, and saw the garden land was a wilderness, and all its cities were broken down at the presence of יהוה, **by His burning displeasure.**

Jer 4:27 **For thus said יהוה, “All the earth shall be a ruin, but I shall not make a complete end.**

Jer 4:28 “On account of this, **let the earth mourn** and **the heavens above be dark**, because I have spoken, because I have purposed and shall not relent, nor do I turn back from it.”

Jer 4:29 All the city is fleeing from **the noise of the horsemen and bowmen**. They shall go into **bushes and climb up on the rocks**. All the city is forsaken, and no one is dwelling in it.

Jer 4:30 And when you are ravaged, what would you do? Though you put on crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, you beautify yourself in vain. Your lovers despise you, they seek your life.

Jer 4:31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, the distress as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Tsiyon! She bewails herself, she spreads out her hands, saying, “Woe to me, for my being faints because of killers!”

Wave after wave, cycle after cycle, prophet after prophet, foretelling after foretelling ~ YHWH says, ‘I have purposed and shall not relent, nor do I turn back from it.’

Isa 13:2 “**Lift up a banner** on the high mountain, raise your voice to them; wave your hand, let them enter the gates of the nobles.

Isa 13:3 “I have commanded My set-apart ones; I have also called My mighty men for My displeasure, My proudly exulting ones.”

Isa 13:4 The noise of an uproar in the mountains, like that of many people! **A noise of uproar of the reigns of nations gathered together! יהוה of hosts is gathering an army for battle.**

Isa 13:5 They are coming from a distant land, from the end of the heavens, even יהוה and His weapons of displeasure, **to destroy all the earth.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Also see [Isa 24:1-23](#), [Isa 34:1-17](#), [Isa 63:1-19](#) and [Isa 66:1-24](#).

Isa 13:6 Howl, for the day of יהוה is near! It comes as a destruction from the Almighty.

Isa 13:7 Therefore all hands go limp, every man's heart melts,

**Isa 13:8** and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows take hold of them, they are in pain as a woman in labor; they are amazed at one another, their faces aflame!

Isa 13:9 See, the day of יהוה is coming, fierce, with wrath and heat of displeasure, to lay the earth waste, and destroy its sinners from it.

Isa 13:10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations do not give off their light. The sun shall be dark at its rising, and the moon not send out its light.

Isa 13:11 “And I shall punish the world for its evil, and the wrong for their crookedness, and shall put an end to the arrogance of the proud, and lay low the pride of the ruthless.

Isa 13:12 “I shall make mortal man scarcer than fine gold, and mankind *scarcer* than the gold of Ophir.

Isa 13:13 **“So I shall make the heavens tremble, and the earth shall shake from her place, in the wrath of יהוה of hosts and in the day of the heat of His displeasure.**

## Matthew 18

### Who Is the Greatest?

**Mat 18:1** At that time the taught ones came to יהושע, saying, “Who, then, is greatest in the reign of the heavens?”

Mat 18:2 And יהושע called a little child to Him, set him in their midst,

Mat 18:3 and said, **“Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become as little children, you shall by no means enter into the reign of the heavens.**

Mat 18:4 **“Whoever then humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the reign of the heavens.**

Mat 18:5 **“And whoever receives one little child like this in My Name receives Me.**

Mat 18:6 **“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone be hung around his neck, and that he be drowned in the depth of the sea.**

### Temptations to Sin

Mat 18:7 **“Woe to the world because of stumbling-blocks! For it is necessary that stumbling-blocks come, but woe to that man by whom the stumbling-block comes!**

Mat 18:8 “And if your hand or foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be thrown into the everlasting fire.

Mat 18:9 “And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out and throw it away from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be thrown into the fire of GěHinnom.

We are His temple; we are His living stones. It is our responsibility to bind and cast out of our 'soul realm' temple, those things not pleasing to YHWH. It is our responsibility to take 'authority' over the portals of our beings; **the gates of our temple**. Our eye gate; our ear gate; our mouth gate; our reproductive gate; our gastrointestinal gate; we are to take authority and guard the gates of our bodies; His temple. We are to guard what comes in and guard what goes out! We are to rid our temples of any worldly ways and exposures; and rid our temples of any leaven ~ false doctrines, the doctrines of demons, and the traditions of man.

### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

**Mat 18:10** "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in the heavens their messengers always see the face of My Father who is in the heavens."

**Mat 18:11** "For the Son of Adam has come to save what was lost."

**Mat 18:12** "What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, would he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains, going to seek the one that is straying?"

**Mat 18:13** "And if he should find it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray."

**Mat 18:14** "Thus it is not the desire of your Father who is in the heavens that one of these little ones should be lost."

### If Your Brother Sins Against You

**Mat 18:15** "And if your brother sins against you, go and convict him, between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother."

**Mat 18:16** "But if he does not hear, take with you one or two more, that **'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word might be established.'**<sup>a</sup> Deu 19:15. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Joh 8:17, 2Co 13:1, 1Ti 5:19, Heb 10:28.

**Mat 18:17** "And if he refuses to hear them, say it to the assembly. And if he refuses even to hear the assembly, let him be to you like the nations and a tax collector."

**Mat 18:18** "Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be having been bound in heaven, and whatever you loosen on earth shall be having been loosened in heaven.<sup>b</sup>

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote Mat 16:19.

**Mat 18:19** "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning any matter that they ask, it shall be done for them by My Father in the heavens.

**Mat 18:20** "For where two or three are gathered together in My Name, there I am in their midst."

Conflict resolution among the brethren:

- First take it directly to the person involved.
- If he doesn't hear; take one or two witnesses
- If he refuses to hear them; take it before the assembly.
- If he refuses to hear the assembly; let him be essentially placed outside the camp until

hopefully he repents.

Authority to bind and loose:

- Pray **ALoud** with authority by faith in Yahusha or else, they are just spoken words.
- If two believing hearts agree by faith and in accordance to His Word, it shall be done for them by the Father in the heavens.
- For where 2-3 are gathered in His Name; so, shall He be among them.

### The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant

**Mat 18:21** Then Kěpha came to Him and said, “Master, how often shall **my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”**

**Mat 18:22** **יְהוֹשֻׁעַ said to him, “I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.”**

**Mat 18:23** “Because of this the reign of the heavens is like a certain man, a sovereign who wished to settle accounts with his servants.

**Mat 18:24** “And when he had begun to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents,

**Mat 18:25** but as he was unable to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

**Mat 18:26** “Then the servant fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.’

**Mat 18:27** “And the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

**Mat 18:28** “And that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred **denarii**.<sup>c</sup> And he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ **Footnote: <sup>c</sup>A Roman monetary unit.**

**Mat 18:29** “Then his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I shall pay you all.’

**Mat 18:30** “But he would not, and went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.

**Mat 18:31** “And when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were deeply grieved, and came and reported to their master all that had taken place.

**Mat 18:32** “Then his master called him and said to him, ‘Wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt seeing you begged me.

**Mat 18:33** Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, as I also had compassion on you?’

**Mat 18:34** “And his master was wrath, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him.

**Mat 18:35** **“So also My heavenly Father shall do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”**

**Eph 4:32** And be kind towards one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as Elohim also forgave you in Messiah.

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**Col 3:12** Therefore, as chosen ones of Elohim, set-apart and beloved, put on

compassion, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, patience,  
 Col 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other if anyone has a complaint against another, indeed, as Messiah forgave you so also should you.  
 Col 3:14 But above all these put on love, which is a bond of the perfection.  
 Col 3:15 And let the peace of Elohim rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one Body, and be filled with thanks.

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 Luk 7:47 “Therefore I say to you, her many sins have been forgiven, because she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little.”

Luk 7:48 And He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.”

Luk 7:49 And those who were sitting at the table with Him began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Luk 7:50 And He said to the woman, “Your belief has saved you. Go in peace.”

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 Mat 7:1 “Do not judge, lest you be judged.

Mat 7:2 “For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you.

Mat 7:3 “And why do you look at the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the plank in your own eye?

Mat 7:4 “Or how is it that you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the splinter out of your eye,’ and see, a plank is in your own eye?

Mat 7:5 “Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to remove the splinter out of your brother’s eye.

~ *Shalom* ~ *Libby*