

*Greetings everyone, today our devotionals are Gen. 42; Job 8; Mark 12; Romans 12*

## *February 9 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Genesis 42**

What a classic way verse Gen. 42 opens with Jacob asking his sons, ‘Why do you look at each other?’ It almost seems to scream, “Use common sense!” At some point, YHWH expects us to act. Yes, we should be still before Him, pray, and seek Him in all things; but at some point, we must walk by faith.

The verse begins with Jacob hearing that there was grain in Mitsrayim; which very well may have been their answer to prayer over the dire drought situation. Possibly sojourners passed through the territory with sacks of grain.

The drought was severe, so the question was: Do they do nothing and all die or do they go and purchase grain? But something else may be going on here. The brothers had **no peace** ever since selling their brother Joseph. Just hearing the sound of silver coins being counted would forever bring their deed to memory. Were they possibly aware that the Midyanite’s sold Joseph in Egypt?

### **Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt**

**Gen 42:1** And when Ya’aqob saw that there was grain in Mitsrayim, Ya’aqob said to his sons, “Why do you look at each other?”

Why were they hesitant? Jacob was perplexed by their lack of action. Jacob may not have known what happened to Joseph, but parents can sense when children are hiding something. Of course, since we know the story, we ponder if it could be that Egypt was the last place they ever wanted to go. We recall reading in Gen 37:28

Gen 37:28 And men, Midyanite traders passed by, so they pulled Yosëph up and lifted him out of the pit, and sold him to the Yishma'ëlites for **twenty pieces of silver**. And they took Yosëph to Mitsrayim.

**Gen 42:2** And he said, “See, I have heard that there is grain in Mitsrayim. Go down to that place and buy for us there, and let us live and not die.”

**Gen 42:3** And Yosëph’s ten brothers went down to buy grain in Mitsrayim.

**Gen 42:4** But Ya'aqob did not send Yosëph's brother Binyamin with his brothers, for he said, "Lest some harm come to him."

**Gen 42:5** And the sons of Yisra'ël went to buy grain among those who journeyed, for the scarcity of food was in the land of Kena'an.

**Gen 42:6** And Yosëph was the governor over the land, he was the one who sold to all the people of the land. And Yosëph's brothers came and bowed down before him with their faces to the earth.

**Gen 42:7** And Yosëph saw his brothers and recognised them, but he acted as a stranger to them and spoke to them harshly, and said to them, "Where do you come from?" And they said, "From the land of Kena'an to buy food."

**Gen 42:8** So Yosëph recognised his brothers, but they did not recognise him.

**Gen 42:9** And Yosëph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them, and said to them, "You are spies! You have come to see the nakedness of the land!"

**Gen 42:10** And they said to him, "No, my master, but your servants have come to buy food.

**Gen 42:11** "We are all one man's sons, we are trustworthy, your servants are not spies."

**Gen 42:12** But he said to them, "No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land."

**Gen 42:13** And they said, "Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Kena'an. And see, the youngest is with our father today, and one is no more."

**Gen 42:14** And Yosëph said to them, "It is as I spoke to you, saying, 'You are spies!'

**Gen 42:15** "By this you shall be proven: By the life of Pharaoh, you do not leave this place unless your youngest brother comes here.

**Gen 42:16** "Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, while you are kept in prison. So let your words be proven to see whether there is any truth in you, or else, by the life of Pharaoh, you are spies!"

**Gen 42:17** **And he put them all together in prison for three days.**

**Gen 42:18** Now Yosëph said to them **the third day**, "Do this and live, for I fear Elohim:

**Gen 42:19** "If you are trustworthy, let one of your brothers be confined to your prison house, and you, go, bring grain for the scarcity of food of your houses.

**Gen 42:20** "And bring your youngest brother to me, and let your words be confirmed, and you do not die." And so they did.

**Gen 42:21** And they said to each other, "Truly, we are guilty concerning our

brother, for we saw the distress of his life when he pleaded with us, yet we did not listen, that is why this distress has come upon us.”

**Gen 42:22** And Re’uběn answered them, saying, “Did I not speak to you, saying, ‘Do not sin against the boy,’ and you would not listen? And see, his blood is now required of us.”

**Gen 42:23** And they did not know that Yosěph understood them, for he spoke to them through an interpreter.

Then we read about this conversation within Joseph’s hearing of Reuben recounting their sin of selling their brother Joseph. We make the connection that for at least 21 years, their unrepented sin was ever present before them. After keeping them all in prison for **3 DAYS**, Joseph decides to keep only one of the brothers. Maybe he wanted to at least get grain back to his father and his brother Benjamin, as well as to the rest of the clan until they would return. Joseph of course has their silver placed back in their sacks to convict them even more of the burden they bear and places sorrow upon their sorrow. **The hearts of the brothers were very hardened** and sometimes **lessons are only learned the ‘hard way’**.

But why does Joseph take Shimon? This is a mystery. Some say it was because he played a part in throwing Joseph into the pit along with selling Joseph; though this narrative is not recorded in the Bible. Some speculate it was to keep Shimon and Levi apart since they were known to conquer cities and feared they would scheme against Egypt. Therefore, we do not have a solid understanding of why Shimon was chosen other than extrabiblical accounts.

**Gen 42:24** And he turned himself away from them and wept, but came back to them and spoke to them. And **he took Shim’on** from them and bound him before their eyes.

**Gen 42:25** And Yosěph commanded and they filled their sacks with grain, also to put back every man’s silver to his sack, and to give them food for the journey. And thus it was done for them.

**Gen 42:26** So they loaded their donkeys with the grain and went from there.

**Gen 42:27** And as one of them opened his sack to give his donkey fodder at the lodging place, he saw his silver, for there it was in the mouth of his sack!

**Gen 42:28** And he said to his brothers, “My silver has been returned, and there it is, in my sack!” And their hearts sank and they were afraid, saying to each other, “What is this that Elohim has done to us?”

**Gen 42:29** So they came to Ya'aqob their father in the land of Kena'an and reported to him all that befell them, saying,

**Gen 42:30** "The man, the master of the land, spoke to us harshly, and took us for spies of the land.

**Gen 42:31** "But we said to him, 'We are trustworthy, we are not spies.

**Gen 42:32** We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is no more, and the youngest is today with our father in the land of Kena'an.'

**Gen 42:33** "And the man, the master of the land, said to us, 'By this I know that you are trustworthy: Leave one of your brothers here with me, and take food for the scarcity of food of your households, and go.

**Gen 42:34** And bring your youngest brother to me, then I know that you are not spies, but that you are trustworthy – I give your brother to you, and you move about in the land.' "

**Gen 42:35** And it came to be as they emptied their sacks, that look, the bundle of each man's silver was in his sack! And when they and their father saw the bundles of silver, they were afraid.

**Gen 42:36** And Ya'aqob their father said to them, "You have bereaved me – Yosëph is no more, and Shim'on is no more, and you would take Binyamin! All this is against me."

**Gen 42:37** So Re'ubën spoke to his father, saying, "Take the lives of my two sons if I do not bring him back to you. Put him in my hands, and I myself bring him back to you."

**Gen 42:38** But he said, "My son is not going down with you, for his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If any harm should come to him along the way in which you go, then you would bring down my grey hair with sorrow to She'ol."

## Job 8

Now Job hears from 'friend' #2. Bildad the Shuhite

While on earth, the rain falls on the just and the unjust. We do not always have the answer to the infamous question, Why? Though we, as well as our friends may speculate, we find speculation just leads one in circles. Though we know hardship can come because of sin, that is not always the case.

**This sentence summarizes it well from Adam's Clarke commentary:** The wicked is represented as a luxuriant plant, in a good soil, with all the advantages of a good situation; well exposed to the sun; the roots intervolving themselves with stones, so as to render the tree more stable; but suddenly a blast comes, and the tree begins to die. The sudden fading of its leaves, etc., shows that its root is become as rottenness, and its vegetable life destroyed.

The outcome of any situation depends on if you expose yourself to the sun [sun god worship and the ways of the world] or if you expose yourself to the Son! Our foundational 'root system' in Him will hold us from the blasts of life where as the 'appearance of strength in this world' is blown away as a vapor.

### **Bildad Speaks: Job Should Repent**

**Job 8:1** And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

**Job 8:2** "How long are you going to speak like this, since the words of your mouth are a strong wind?"

**Job 8:3** Does Ēl twist right-ruling? Or does the Almighty twist what is right?

**Job 8:4** If your sons have sinned against Him, and He delivers them into the hand of their transgression,

**Job 8:5** if you diligently seek Ēl and plead with the Almighty,

**Job 8:6** if you were clear and straight, then indeed He would awake for you, and shall bless your righteous dwelling place.

**Job 8:7** Though your beginning was small, yet your latter end would greatly increase.

**Job 8:8** Indeed, please ask the former generation, and prepare for the research of their fathers,

**Job 8:9** for we are but of yesterday, and know not, because our days on earth are as a shadow.

**Job 8:10** Do they not teach you, speak to you, and bring forth words from their heart?

**Job 8:11** Does papyrus grow without a marsh, a reed thrive without water?

**Job 8:12** While it is yet green, not cut down, it dries out before any plant.

**Job 8:13** So are the paths of all who forget Ēl, and the expectancy of a defiled one does perish,

**Job 8:14** whose refuge is cut off, and whose trust is a spider's web.

**Job 8:15** He leans on his house, but it does not stand. He holds it fast, but it does not last.

**Job 8:16** He is moist before the sun, and his branches spread out in his garden.

**Job 8:17** His roots wrap around a heap, and look for a place in the stones.

**Job 8:18** If he is destroyed from his place, then it shall deny him: 'I have not seen you.'

**Job 8:19** See, this is the joy of His way, and out of the dust others grow.

**Job 8:20** See, Ēl does not cast away the perfect, neither hold the hand of evil-doers.

**Job 8:21** While He fills your mouth with laughter, and your lips with rejoicing,

**Job 8:22** those hating you put on shame, and the tent of the wrong is no more."

**Mark 12****The Parable of the Tenants**

**Mar 12:1** And He began to speak to them in parables, “**A man planted a vineyard and put a hedge around it, and dug a vat for the winepress and built a watchtower, [Psa 80:8](#), [Isa 5:1-2](#)** and let it out to farmers and went away.

Psa 80:8 You brought a vine out of Mitsrayim; You drove out the nations, and planted it.

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Isa 5:1 Please let me sing to the One I love, a song for my loved One regarding His vineyard: my loved One has a vineyard on a fertile hill.

Isa 5:2 And He dug it up and cleared it of stones, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a watchtower in its midst, and also made a winepress in it. And He waited for the yielding of grapes, but it yielded rotten ones.

The man sends a servant and they:

- Seized him
- Beat him
- Sent him away empty handed.

**Mar 12:2** “And at ***harvest time he sent a servant to the farmers***, to receive some of the fruit of the vineyard from the farmers.

**Mar 12:3** “And **they seized him and beat *him* and sent *him* away empty-handed.**

The man sends another servant and they:

- Throws stones at him
- They wound him in the head
- Sent him away having insulted him

**Mar 12:4** “And again he sent them another servant, and **throwing stones at him, they wounded *him* in the head, and sent him away, having insulted *him*.**

The man sends yet another servant and:

- They kill him
- Many others they killed
- Some were beaten

**Mar 12:5** “And again he sent another, and **they killed him; and many others, beating**

some and killing some.

The man had one more son he sends, his beloved thinking they should respect his son.

- The farmers see he is the heir.
- Plot to kill him and do so
- They throw him out of the vineyard.

**Mar 12:6** “He had one more son, his beloved. He sent him last of all, saying, ‘They shall respect my son.’

**Mar 12:7** “But those farmers said among themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.’

**Mar 12:8** “So they took him and killed *him* and threw *him* out of the vineyard.

**Mar 12:9** “What then shall the owner of the vineyard do?

- He shall come and destroy the farmers, and
- give the vineyard to others.

**Mar 12:10** “Have you not read this Scripture, **‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone.’** [Psa 118:22](#).

**Mar 12:11** ‘This was from יהוה, and it is marvelous in our eyes?’” [Psa 118:23](#).

**Mar 12:12** **And they were seeking to seize Him, but feared the crowd, for they knew He had spoken the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away.**

The ones that were against him were those that ‘say they are ‘Jews’’ and are not but are of the Synagogue of Satan. Their desire was to seize Him and kill him as they had done throughout the ages; to the prophets and servants He had sent them from the beginning.

They were always concerned about their ‘image’ before the people. Therefore, they often waited for a more opportune time. They were the ultimate hypocrites and sadly, they have existed in every generation. They are those that choose to serve the evil one and ‘mighty ones’; rather than YHWH.

### Paying Taxes to Caesar

**Mar 12:13** And they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and the Herodians, to catch Him in a word.

**Mar 12:14** And when they came, they said to Him, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and it does not concern You about anyone, for You are not partial to any, but teach



the way of Elohim in truth. **Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?**

Mar 12:15 “Should we pay, or should we not pay?” **And He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to them, “Why do you try Me? Bring Me a denarius<sup>a</sup> to look at.”** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Roman monetary unit.

Mar 12:16 And they brought it, and He said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” And they said to Him, “Caesar’s.”

Mar 12:17 So יהושע said to them, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to Elohim what is Elohim’s.” And they marveled at Him.

Priceless. Here is Yahusha [YHWH in Son] and they are trying to catch Him in a word!

Taxes are still used to this very day, as a political and religious snare, to entrap believers. For this very reason, many innocent believers sit in lonely jail cells as we read. Even if there were errors made, many prosecutors will do everything they can to maximize and magnify errors while other in the ‘elite’ category; get off without any fines whatsoever. Activism has sadly entered in courtrooms; the participants are clothed to ‘look the part’ of ‘equal scales’; but there are many ravenous wolves without equal scales and measures.

### The Sadducees Ask About the Resurrection

Mar 12:18 **And Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Him. And they asked Him, saying,**

Mar 12:19 “Teacher, Mosheh wrote to us that **if a brother of anyone dies, and leaves his wife behind, and leaves no children, his brother should take his wife and raise up offspring for his brother.** [Deu 25:5-6](#).

Mar 12:20 “There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, and died, leaving no offspring.

Mar 12:21 “And the second took her, and he died, leaving behind no offspring. And the third likewise.

Mar 12:22 “And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman died too.

Mar 12:23 “In the resurrection then, when they rise, whose wife shall she be? For seven had her as wife.”

Mar 12:24 And יהושע answering, said to them, **“Is this not why you go astray, because you do not know the Scriptures<sup>b</sup> nor the power of Elohim? Footnote: <sup>b</sup> [Mat 22:29](#).**

Mar 12:25 “For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **as messengers in the heavens.**

Mar 12:26 “And concerning the dead, that they rise – have you not read in the book of Mosheh, at the bush, how Elohim spoke to him, saying, **‘I am the Elohim of Abraham, and the Elohim of Yitsḥaq, and the Elohim of Ya‘aqob’?** [Exo 3:6](#).

Mar 12:27 “He is not the Elohim of the dead, but Elohim of the living. You, then, go



greatly astray.”

The Sadducees were supposed to be well versed in the Scriptures yet Yahusha answers them and said, ‘You go astray, not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of Elohim.’ That tells us that just because people ‘look religious’; just because they may carry a Bible and can quote Scripture verses; doesn’t mean they KNOW His Word nor the power therein!

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 **And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.**

Mar 12:25 “For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are **as messengers in the heavens.**”

When studying the Book of Revelation, one must differentiate within the context of certain scriptures, to see if John is speaking of angelic messengers or those spirits and souls that appear ‘as messengers.’

Most importantly, YHWH is **the Elohim of the living!** Yahusha states YHWH is the Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob! These had all ‘died.’ But where were they? Are dead believers in the grave? Yes and No. Yes, their body is but not their spirit and soul since Yahusha’s ascension. And yes, those without faith in Messiah, remain in the torment side of Sheol and await the Great White Throne Judgment.

Those that died before Yahusha arose and ascended to the right hand of the Father; they temporarily went to the comfort side of Sheol, referred to as Abraham’s bosom. Now, that Yahusha has ascended; their spirit and soul are with Him. The ‘Door’ in heaven connecting us to YHWH has been opened! Their bodies are in the grave awaiting the bodily resurrection and glorification; however, I strongly believe their spirit and souls are with Him! We are One. Yahusha is no longer in the grave and neither are the spirit or soul of those that await their glorified body. We are echad with Him; One.

This is the whole point behind Yahusha emphasizing that YHWH is the Elohim of the living. Yahusha defeated death! We only pass through the 'shadow of death.' This world may glorify the 'death culture' but we should not. Those in Him, have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb! Redeemed souls are singing the 'song of the redeemed' in Revelation 5. HalleluYAH!

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.

### The Great Commandment

Mar 12:28 And one of the scribes coming near, hearing them reasoning together, knowing that He had answered them well, asked Him, "Which is the first command of all?"

Mar 12:29 And יהושע answered him, "The first of all the commands is, '**Hear, O Yisra'el, יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one.**' [Deu 6:4](#)."

Mar 12:30 '**And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**' [Deu 6:5](#). This is the first command.

Mar 12:31 "And the second, like it, is this, '**You shall love your neighbour as yourself.**' [Lev 19:18](#). There is no other command greater than these."

Mar 12:32 And the scribe said to Him, "Well said, Teacher. You have spoken the truth, **for there is one Elohim, and there is no other besides Him.** [Deu 4:35](#)."

Mar 12:33 "**And to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the being, and with all the strength,** [Deu 6:5](#) and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is more than all the ascending offerings and offerings."

Mar 12:34 And when יהושע saw that he answered wisely, He said to him, "You are not far from the reign of Elohim." And after that no one was bold *enough* to question Him.

### Whose Son Is the Messiah?

Mar 12:35 And יהושע responding, said, while teaching in the Set-apart Place, "How is it that the scribes say that the Messiah is the Son of Dawid?"

Mar 12:36 "Dawid himself said by the Set-apart Spirit, '**יהוה said to my Master, "Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool of Your feet."**' [Psa 110:1](#)."

Mar 12:37 "**Dawid himself calls Him 'Master.' In what way then is He his Son?"** And the large crowd heard Him gladly.

**Psa 110:1** יהוה said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.”

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq.”

Psa 110:5 יהוה at Your right hand Shall smite sovereigns in the day of His wrath.

Yahusha [YHWH in Son] sits at the right hand of YHWH. Therefore, YHWH sits at the right hand of YHWH. They are echad; One!

Yahusha incorporated the covenant seed lineage in his genealogy; but He came in the ‘likeness of flesh’, with His flesh and blood coming from heaven.

**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.”

### **Beware of the Scribes**

**Mar 12:38** And in His teaching He was saying to them,

- “Beware of the scribes,
- who like to walk around in long robes,
- and *like* greetings in the market-places,
- **Mar 12:39** and the best seats in the congregations,
- and the best places at feasts,
- **Mar 12:40** who are devouring widows’ houses,
- and for a show make long prayers. These shall receive greater judgment.”

### **The Widow's Offering**

**Mar 12:41** And sitting opposite the treasury He saw how the people put copper into the treasury. And many rich ones put in much.

**Mar 12:42** And a poor widow came and threw in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.

**Mar 12:43** And calling near His taught ones He said to them, “Truly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those putting into the treasury,

**Mar 12:44** for they all put in out of their excess, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her entire livelihood.”

## Romans 12

### Teaching Commentary [in brown] on Romans 12 by Matthew Nolan

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Are you performing your act of reasonable temple service? Shaul/Paul understood that this concept not only started prior to the construction of the tabernacle or temple, but would be vital to Daniel's prophetic vision of our future. Discover how a willful mistranslation, a Daniel deception, can reshape your eschatological views and harmonize with the whole of Scripture.

#### A Living Sacrifice

**Rom 12:1** I call upon you, therefore, brothers, through the compassion of Elohim, to present your bodies a living offering – set-apart, well-pleasing to Elohim – your reasonable worship.

**Rom 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.

#### Gifts of Grace

**Rom 12:3** For I say, through the favor which has been given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he should think, but to think soberly, as Elohim has given to each a measure of belief.

**Rom 12:4** For as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function,

**Rom 12:5** so we, the many, are one body in Messiah, and members each one of one another.

**Rom 12:6** Now having different gifts, according to the favor which was given to us, *let us use them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of belief;

**Rom 12:7** if serving, in the serving; or he who is teaching, in the teaching;

**Proverbs 14:12** There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

**Ephesians 5:7** Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

V.1 is reminiscent of the early Ebionite Nazarene disciples creed where they rejected all animal sacrifices – **V.1 I beg you therefore, Yisraelite brothers, by the mercy of vuvh [YHWH], that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to vuvh, which is your act of reasonable temple service.**

Gk: “humōn logikos latreia.” ‘It’s the logical temple service for you’. “latreia” is wrapped up in how we’re to act in worship and service in relation to Yahusha’s redemptive work at Passover Exodus 12:25, 26 – Heb ābôdâh – עֲבֹדָה. This words genesis is prior to any manmade tabernacle or temple construction.

Epiphanius writes: **The Ebionites “do not accept Moses’ Pentateuch in its entirety; certain sayings they reject... stating Christ has revealed this to me and will blaspheme most of the Levitical legislation”** (Panarion 30.18.7-9). Epiphanius then quotes the Gospel of the Ebionites/Hebrews where Yahusha declares: **“I have come to destroy the sacrifices”** (Panaron 30.16.5).

In the Gospel of the Nazirenes Yahusha said, **“For they, making a god of their belly, sacrificed to their God the innocent creatures of the earth, in place of the carnal nature within themselves. And eating of their flesh and drinking of their blood to their own destruction, corrupted their bodies and shortened their days, even as the Gentiles who did not know the truth, or who knowing it, have changed it into a lie.”**

Now we understand the words of Paul when he commanded the Gentiles to **“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature” (Colossians 3:5)?** Or the requirement that **“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live” (Romans 8:13):** Which means that we must transform the beastly, carnal nature, into a fit sacrifice on the altar of our Inner Living Temple.

## The Daniel deception

**Daniel 8:9** And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land. **10** And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and it cast down some of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. **11** Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. (The place of יהוה's sanctuary is Yahusha.)

Daniel 8:11 in all known English translations has translated the <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> Hebrew word ‘Ruwm’ (Strong’s 7311) as *“taken away”*. This word’s meaning comes from the context of *‘rising’ or ‘raising’* and has more often than not been translated *‘exalt’ or ‘exalting’*.

The word ‘Ruwm’ has been used 209 times in the Old Testament. The overwhelming support of the interpretation of this word shows us that it means *“to rise”* <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> *or ‘exalt’*. It has several times been translated *“take up” or “take from”* <sup>[L]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub> but in context has always been in a sense of *‘raising’* NOT *‘taking away’ or ‘casting away’*.

Daniel uses the Hebrew word ‘Ruwm’ 13 times in his book. Of these 13 uses ALL have a context of something being raised or lifted up or exalted or being made high. So why here is it used as *“taken away?”*

What's weird is in Daniel 8:11 in some manuscripts the word 'Ruwm' is used twice consecutively. The literal translation of the text would read, **He was magnified before the prince of the host and the daily sacrifice was exalted, the exalted cornerstone of the holy place (the messiah) was cast down.**

The **exalting** of a daily sacrifice of bulls or goats or of any blood other than Yahusha IS THE ABOMINATION!

This can be seen in Hebrews 9:23-10:18 very clearly. This places the prophecy of Daniel's "*midst of the week*" starting with the Daily sacrifice being "*called back*" not being "*taken away*". And herein lies the Jewish, Messianic Jewish, Hebrew Roots and Christian Zionist deception!

**Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days – 3 1/2 years.**

The Hebrew word here for "taken away" is 'Cuwr' (Strong's 5493). This word has a meaning of turning.

This translation of "*taken away*" appears to be in direct contrast to Daniel 8:11. This can only be reconciled by determining what is being turned from. It's apparent from the context that they are turning from one thing to something that's an abomination.

**Daniel 12:11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be called back (i.e. a turning away from one realm to an abominable realm) and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days – 3 1/2 years.**

**Knowing that any animal or daily sacrifice is insufficient is key.** The translation of the word 'Cuwr' means being "called back". What this means is the Daily Sacrifice would be called back to prominence which would be turning from the true Malki Tzedik sacrifice (Yahusha) and turning to the unacceptable Levitical sacrifice (blood of bulls and goats) that the prophecy of Daniel's "*midst of the week*" starts with the Daily sacrifice being "*called back*" not being "*taken away*" as Messianic's teach!

The elevation of the blood of bulls and goats is the end time casting down the one true sacrifice (Yahusha).

**Rom 12:2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.

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## CHAPTER 28: Yeshua Releases the Rabbits and Pigeons

**28:3.** "You believe that Moses indeed commanded creatures to be slain and offered in sacrifice and eaten, and so do you in the temple, but behold a greater than Moses is here, and He comes to put away the bloody sacrifice of the law, and the feasts on them, and to restore to you the pure oblation and unbloody sacrifice as in the beginning, even the grains and fruits of the earth." (instead of "but behold a greater than Moses is here", the 1997 translation reads: "I have come to light The Way back to The Law, even the true Law of Moses")<sup>4</sup>. "Of that which you offer to God in purity will you eat, but of that kind which you offer not in purity will you not eat, for the hour comes when your sacrifices and feasts of blood will cease, and you will worship God with a holy worship and a pure oblation." <sup>5</sup>. "Let these creatures therefore go free, that they may rejoice in God and bring no guilt to man." And the young man let them free, and Yeshua broke their cages and their bonds.

## CHAPTER 49: The True Temple of God

**49:3.** "But **the true temple is the body of man**, in which God dwells by the spirit, and when this temple is destroyed, in three days, God raises up a more glorious temple, which the eye of the uncultivated man does not perceive." (1997 translation reads: "which the eye of the natural man perceives not") <sup>4</sup>. Don't you know that you are the temples of the Holy Spirit? And who so destroys one of these temples destroys himself."<sup>5</sup>. And some of the scribes, hearing Him, sought to entangle Him in His talk and said, "If you end to the sacrifices of sheep and oxen and birds, what is the purpose of this temple built for God by Solomon, which has been now been in restoration for the last forty six years?"<sup>6</sup>. And Yeshua answered and said, "It is written in the prophets, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations, for the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.' But you have made it a house of slaughter and filled it with abominations."<sup>7</sup>. "Again it is written, 'From the rising of the sun to the setting of the sun, my name will be great among the Gentiles, and incense with a pure offering will be offered to me.' But you have made it a desolation with your offerings of blood and used the sweet incense only to cover the ill savor thereof. I have come not to destroy the law, but to fulfill it."<sup>8</sup>. "Don't you know what is written? Obedience is better than sacrifice and to attend what is being said is better than the fat of rams. I, the Lord, am weary of your burnt offerings, and vain oblation, your hands are full of blood."<sup>9</sup>. "Aren't the true sacrifices specified in the writings? Wash and purify yourself! Take away the evil from before my eyes! Cease to do evil! Learn to do good! Do justice for the fatherless and the widows, and all those who are oppressed! In so doing you will fulfill the law."<sup>10</sup>. The day will come when all those who are in the outer court, and that which pertaineth to blood offerings, will be taken away and pure worshippers will worship the eternal in purity and truth."<sup>11</sup>. And they said, "Who are you to do away with the sacrifices, and to despise the seed of Abraham ? You have learned this blasphemy from the Greeks and the Egyptians."<sup>12</sup>. And Yeshua said, "Before Abraham was 'I Am' ." And they refused to listen and some said, "He is inspired by a demon." Others said, "He is mad." And they went their way and told these things to the priests and elders. And they were wrath, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy.

## CHAPTER 71: The Cleansing of the Temple

**71:1.** And the Jews' Passover was at hand, and Yeshua went up again from Bethany into Jerusalem. He found sitting, in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money. <sup>2</sup>. And when He had made a scourge of seven cords, He drove them all out of the temple and untied the sheep and the oxen, and the doves, and poured out the changers' money, and overturned the tables;" <sup>3</sup>. And said to them, "Take these things hence; make not my Father's House a House of merchandise. Is it not written, 'My House is a House of Prayer, for all nations?' But you have made it a den of thieves, and filled it with all manner of abominations." <sup>4</sup>. And He would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel of blood through the temple, or that any animals should be slain.

## CHAPTER 86: Yeshua Appears in the Temple and Blood Sacrifices Cease

**86:1.** (This is after his resurrection) The same day, at the time of sacrifice in the temple, there appeared among the dealers in beasts and in birds, One clothed in white raiment, bright as light,



and in His hand a whip of seven cords. 2.And at the sight of Him, those who sold and bought fled in terror, and some of them fell as dead men, for they remembered how before His death Yeshua had driven them away from the temple enclosure, in like manner. 3.And some declared that they had seen a spirit. And others that they had seen Him who was crucified and that He had risen from the dead. 4.And the sacrifices ceased that day in the temple, for all were in fear, and none were willing to sell or to buy, but, rather, they let their captives go free. 5.And the priests and elders caused a report to be spread, that they who had seen it were drunken, and had seen nothing. But many affirmed that they had seen Him with their own eyes, and felt the scourge on their backs, but were powerless to resist; for when some of the bolder among them put forth their hands, they could not seize the form which they beheld, nor grasp the whip which chastised them. 6.And from that time, these believed in Yeshua, that He was sent from God, to deliver the oppressed and free those that were bound. And they turned from their ways and sinned no longer. 7.To others He also appeared in love and mercy and healed them by His touch and delivered them from the hands of the persecutor. And many like things were reported of Him, and many said, "Of a truth the kingdom is come." 8.And some of those who had slept and risen, when Yeshua rose from the dead appeared, and were seen by many in the holy city, and great fear fell upon the wicked, but light and gladness came to the righteous in heart.

### Testament of Levi Chapters 5, 8, 14,15 & 18.

5:1 I saw the holy temple, and upon 2 a throne of glory the Most High. And He said to me: Levi, I have given thee the blessings of the 3 priesthood until I come and sojourn in the midst of Israel.....

8:13 And the 13 first portion shall be great; yea, greater than it shall none be. The second shall be in the priesthood. 14 And the third shall be called by a new name, because a king shall arise in Judah, and shall 15 establish a new priesthood, to all the Gentiles. And His presence is beloved, as a prophet of the Most High, of the seed of Abraham our father.....

14:2 For our father Israel is pure from the transgressions of the chief priests [who shall lay their hands upon the Saviour of the world]14:7 And ye shall be puffed up because of your priesthood, lifting yourselves up against 8 men.....

15:1 Therefore the temple, which the Lord shall choose, shall be laid waste through your uncleanness.....

18:1 the priesthood shall fail. 2 Then shall the Lord raise up a new priest.....

18:6 And From the temple of glory shall come upon him sanctification, With the Father's voice as from Abraham to Isaac.....

18:9 And in his priesthood the Gentiles shall be multiplied in knowledge.

### Gifts of Grace

**Rom 12:3** For I say, through the favor which has been given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he should think, but to think soberly, as Elohim has given to each a measure of belief.

**Rom 12:4** For as we have many members in one body, but all members do not have the same function,

**Rom 12:5** so we, the many, are one body in Messiah, and members each one of one another.

### Boards and Sockets in the Tabernacle Exodus 26.

"Set in order one against each other."

"Mishilabot ishshah el echotah – and equally connected, each one to it's sister."

Ex 26:17 'Tenon' – 'Yated' = 'nail' – a nail will hold the structure of the congregation together making the whole equally connected, each one to it's sister.

Masoretic text 'Yated' is spelled yâd = hand/ יד

**LXX and Masoretic** = “nailed hand holds the whole structure together.”

**Ephesians 2:19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of Elohim; **:20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Yahusha Messiah himself being the chief corner stone; **21** In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in יהוה . In whom you also are builded together for a habitation of Elohim through the Spirit.

**Hebrews 3:1** Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Messiah Yahusha; **2** Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.**3** For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who has builded the house has more honour than the house.**:4** For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is Elohim.**5** And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after;**6** But Messiah as a son over his own house; whose house we are!

Yeshua wasn't a carpenter! Greek tektōn – carpenter. Hebrew – charash – designer/architect.

**Exodus 26:30** And you shall raise up/quwm the Tabernacle according to the fashion of it that was shown you on the mount.

Shall raise up – Hebrew/quwm – the Tabernacle.

LXX raise up – anasteseis – in the Brit = RESURRECTION!

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-----Romans 12 Part 2-----

Have you come into the community? Despite current popular doctrines, a walk of faith is not simply “me and Jesus”. Shaul/Paul sides with Yahusha in gathering believers together for corporate unity under Messiah. Division becomes a byproduct of a person being called into the Israel of Elohim.

In Rom 12 part 1 we're admonished to present our individual bodies together as a corporate holy, living sacrifice! How can you do that if you don't commit to joining a fellowship?

Paul now in this section of the letter (Chapter 12 &13) refocuses our attention on Yahusha; in particular the Sermon on the Mount:

**PAUL**

**YAHUSHA**

12:14: Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse.

12:17: Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.

12:18 If possible, so far as you are able, be at peace with men.

12:20 But if your enemy is hungry, feed him.

12:20 Render to all what is due them; tax to whom you serve, as their due

13:8 For he who loves neighbor has fulfilled the Torah.

13:9 And if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

13:11 Awake from sleep, for now salvation is nearer to us than when we first believed!

14:10 – 17; (Judging, stumbling blocks, KingdomMatt Ch's 6, 7 & 18: isn't eating & drinking, but righteousness.

Lk. 6:28 Bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

Matt 5:39:...do not resist an evil person.

Matt 5:9; Mk. 9:50: blessed are the peacemakers; be at peace with one another.

Lk.6:27; Matt 5:44...love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.

Mk.12:14 Is it lawful to pay tax to Caesar, or not?...

Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to יהוה what are YHWH's.

Matt 22:37- You shall love יהוה your Elohim, you shall love your neighbor as yourself; on these two mitzvoth hang the whole Torah and Prophets.

Matt 7:12 In all things, treat one another the same way as you desire to be treated, for this is the Torah and the Prophets.

Mk. 13:36; Lk. 21:28: In case he should suddenly come and find you asleep...your redemption is drawing nigh.

**Rom 12:6** Now having different gifts, according to the favor which was given to us, *let us use them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of belief;

**Rom 12:7** if serving, in the serving; or he who is teaching, in the teaching;

**Rom 12:8** or he who encourages, in the encouragement; or he who is sharing, in sincerity; he who is leading, in diligence; he who shows compassion, joyously.

You can see the corporate emphasis again. We've got to slay the post enlightenment individualism that we've been taught in the mainstream Western religious culture...it's not all about me...and it's not all about you...

### **Marks of the True Christian**

**Rom 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Shrink from what is wicked, cling to what is good.

**Rom 12:10** In brotherly love, tenderly loving towards one another, in appreciation, giving preference to each other;

**Rom 12:11** not idle in duty, ardent in spirit, serving the Master;

**Rom 12:12** rejoicing in the expectancy, enduring under pressure, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

**Rom 12:13** imparting to the needs of the set-apart ones, pursuing kindness towards strangers.

Paul is hoping this portion of his letter will unify the believers in Rome, both ethically and religiously. He's trying to foster a spirit of unity of which the Jewish believers and the returning lost sheep of the house of Israel will accept.

The Jews are the minority with their Judaic traditions, whereas the Israelites are the majority with their Messianic awakened Scriptural zeal.

**Rom 12:14** Bless those who persecute you – bless and do not curse.

**Rom 12:15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

**Rom 12:16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not be proud in mind, but go along with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

**Rom 12:17** Repay no one evil for evil. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

**Proverbs 20:22** Do not say, I will repay evil; wait on יהוה, and He will save you.

**1 Thessalonians 5:15** See that not any one returns evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue the good, both towards one another and towards all.

**Rom 12:18** If possible, on your part, be at peace with all men.

**Rom 12:19** Beloved, do not revenge yourselves, but give place to the wrath, for it has been written, **”Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay,”** says יהוה. [Deu 32:35](#).

**Matthew 10:34** Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword . **35** I came to divide a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a bride against her mother-in-law. **36** “Ones hostile to the man shall be those of his own house.” (Mic. 7:6) **37** The one loving father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And the one loving son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. **38** And who does not take up his staff and walk in my ways is not worthy of Me.

Yahusha draws His sword within marriages and families, when those not yet called aren't willing to accept changes in the individual or the corporate family that's being; or been called!

Yahusha doesn't intentionally divide families. Rather, division is a byproduct of a person being called into the Israel of Elohim.

But there's also the appearance of disparity between Yahusha's own words:

**Matthew 5:9** Blessed are the peacemakers! For they shall be called sons of Elohim.

Peacemaking seeks to avoid conflict; the grey man! Peacemakers seek to resolve conflict, the peacemaker is the breaker in the breach that seeks to separate two warring parties from one another. The peacemaker labors to transform warring parties into allies...

**Proverbs 16:7** When a man's ways are pleasing to יהוה, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him.

The irony to the saved, the redeemed is this: we must leave room for YHWH's wrath precisely because we've received his mercy.

How can someone who's experienced YHWH's mercy extract vengeance and wrath themselves?

In context; this section of the letter is really addressing the problem with the rising tensions in Judea between the Roman legions and the Jewish zealots that are now arriving in their midst.

**Rom 12:20** “Instead, if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink, for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.” [Pro 25:21-22](#).

**Rom 12:21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Eighteen arrows of how to overcome; to place within your quiver:

1. Overcome: From the Greek word ‘nikao’ meaning to mightily prevail over, to master, to be victorious. We have a choice in every situation to either be a victor or to be vanquished. Too many of us are failing to experience consistent victory over our anger, fear and self-centered responses to adversity.
2. Overcome with praises to יהוה: **that you are already a conqueror through Messiah who loves you. Romans 8:37**
3. Overshadow any opposition with His mighty power. **“Then the angel said to Mary, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you like a shining cloud and so the holy offspring will shall be born of you.” Luke 1:13**
4. Overlook others faults. Proverbs 19:11, **“A man’s wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.”**
5. Overflow with love, hope, joy and faith. The Greek word is ‘hyperperisseuo’, which means to abound more exceedingly. To overflow means to extend beyond the limits by going over the brim of vessel. David wrote, **“My cup overflows.”** (Psalms 23:5,6)
6. Overpower with Messiah’s mighty power working in and through you. Paul wrote, **“I can do everything יהוה asks me to do with the help of Messiah who gives me the strength and power.”** (Phil. 4:13)
7. Overrule with the power of the Holy Spirit’s presence, power and perspective. Yahusha said, **“In the world, you will have tribulation but be of good cheer as I have overcome the world. I will send to you another comforter who will be with you.”** Satan dwells in the arena of magnification and imaging.
8. Do not over inflate negative pressures.
9. Do not over react to problems.
10. Do not overstate your difficulties. **“No temptation that has taken you but such as is common to man. But Elohim will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able. With each temptation He will provide a way of escape so you can be able to bear it.”** (I Corinthians 10:13).
11. Do not go overboard by showing extreme fear, intimidation or anger at the enemy. **Greater is He who is in us than He who is in the world. (I John 4:4).**
12. Do not be overwhelmed by what you’re up against. **“Whatever is born of Elohim is victorious over the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is it that is victorious over the world and**

- who conquers the world, but he who believes that Yahusha is the Son of Elohim, who trusts, adheres and relies on that fact.” I John 5:4,5.**
13. Do not be overly critical of evil people. יהוה opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Submit to יהוה, resist the devil and he will flee from you.” James 4:2.
  14. Do not overemphasize hardship (wilderness murmurings).
  15. Do not demand to understand why bad things happen to good people: Deuteronomy 29:29 says, “The secret things belong to יהוה our Elohim, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.
  16. Do not dwell on the negative. We’re to rejoice always, pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks for this is the will of Elohim in Messiah Yahusha concerning you. (I Thessalonians 5:16)
  17. Do not hesitate to take the offensive: Joshua and Caleb went up at once and took The Land. David said to Goliath “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin but I come against you in the name of the יהוה Tzevoth, the Elohim of the armies of Israel, whom you defied’.
  18. Finally; be overjoyed in יהוה: “Rejoice in יהוה always, again I say rejoice”, Paul wrote in Philippians 4:4. “Trust in יהוה and do good. Dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in יהוה and He will give you the desires of your heart. Trust also in Him and He will bring things to pass. Commit your way to יהוה and He will do it.” (Psalms 37:3-5).

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Romans 12 opened with the best advice ever! And closed with the best advice ever!

Rom 12:1 I call upon you, therefore, brothers, through the compassion of Elohim, to **present your bodies a living offering – set-apart, well-pleasing to Elohim** – your reasonable worship.  
Rom 12:2 And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you prove what is that good and well-pleasing and perfect desire of Elohim.

This is key to our survival in this sick and twisted world. To maintain our royal set-apart garments [our full armor] through Yahusha HaMashiach and be transformed by the renewing of our minds! We do this by staying daily in His Word and staying in prayer and worship. His Word is sharper than any two-edged sword, just think about that. It is reminiscent of Gen. 3:24.

**Gen. 3:24** So He drove out the man and stationed cherubim on the east side of the Garden of Eden, **along with a whirling sword of flame to guard** the way to the tree of life.

His Word is like that ‘flaming sword’ protecting us; all around, above and below. The Angel of YHWH encamps around us like a whirling sword of flames to guard, lead, and protect us. He is the Word and He is a consuming fire!

In closing we read:

Rom 12:18 If possible, on your part, be at peace with all men. 19 Beloved, do not revenge yourselves, but give place to the wrath, for it has been written, **”Vengeance is Mine, I shall repay,”** says יהוה. Deu 32:35. 20 **“Instead, if your enemy hungers, feed him; if he thirsts, give him a drink, for in so doing you shall heap coals of fire on his head.”** Pro 25:21-22.  
Rom 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

We are to do our due diligence in being at peace with all men and share our gifts. That is not to say we are to be a ‘door mat’. His Ruach HaKodesh lives in us and provides us wisdom. The more we know His Word, the more wisdom we will have; the better we will respond to and treat others; and the more peace we will have toward men; knowing our lives are but a vapor. We walk in His Covenant Torah.

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