

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 36; Malachi 4; Rev. 22; John 21

December 31 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

2Chron 36

Judah's Decline

2Ch 36:1 And the people of the land took Yeho'ahaz [Jehoahaz] son of Yoshiyahu, and set him up to reign in his father's place in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 36:2 Yeho'ahaz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three new moons in Yerushalayim.

Jehoahaz only reigned for three months. After the death of Josiah and King Neḳo of Egypt concluded his battle with Karkemish; he considered Judah a vassal state. To show his authority, it is believed he put the people's choice of Jehoahaz aside, and placed Elyaqim his brother as king over Judah and Jerusalem. Other power plays are shown, when Neḳo imposes a tax on the land and changes Elyaqim's name to Yehoyaqim or Jehoiakim.

We will read later how Babylon also comes against Judah and conquers it and exiles all that escaped the sword.

2Ch 36:3 And the sovereign of Mitsrayim turned him aside in Yerushalayim, and imposed on the land a levy of one hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold.

2Ch 36:4 And the sovereign of Mitsrayim made his brother Elyaqim sovereign over Yehudah and Yerushalayim, and changed his name to Yehoyaqim. And Neko took Yeho'ahaz his brother and brought him to Mitsrayim.

2Ch 36:5 Yehoyaqim was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim. And he did evil in the eyes of יהוה his Elohim.

2Ch 36:6 Neḅuḳadnetstsar sovereign of Babel came up against him, and bound him in bronze shackles to take him away to Babel.

2Ch 36:7 And Neḅuḳadnetstsar brought some of the utensils from the House of יהוה to Babel, and put them in his hēḳal at Babel.

2Ch 36:8 And the rest of the acts of Yehoyaqim, the abominations which he did, and what was found against him, see, they are written in the book of the sovereigns of Yisra'el and Yehudah. Then Yehoyaqin his son reigned in his place.

2Ch 36:9 Yehoyaqin [Jehoiachin] was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Yerushalayim three new moons^a and ten days. And he did evil in the

eyes of יהוה'. Footnote: ^aMonths.

2Ch 36:10 And at the turn of the year Sovereign Neḅuḱaḏnetstsar sent and brought him to Babel, with the valuable utensils from the House of יהוה', and made Tsidqiyahu, Yehoyaqim's brother, sovereign over Yehudāh and Yerushalayim.

2Ch 36:11 Tsidqiyahu [Zedekiah] was **twenty-one years old** when he began to reign, and he **reigned eleven years in Yerushalayim**.

2Ch 36:12 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה his Elohim**. He did not humble himself before Yirmeyahu the prophet, who spoke from the mouth of יהוה'.

2Ch 36:13 And **he also rebelled against Sovereign Nebukadnetstsar, who had made him swear by Elohim, but he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ēl**.

2Ch 36:14 Also, all the heads of the priests and the people trespassed more and more, according to all the abominations of the nations, and they defiled the House of יהוה' which He had set apart in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 36:15 And יהוה' Elohim of their fathers sent to them, by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, for He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place.

2Ch 36:16 But they were mocking the messengers of Elohim and despising His words and scoffing at His prophets, until the wrath of יהוה' arose against His people, until there was no healing.

Jerusalem Captured and Burned

2Ch 36:17 Therefore He brought against them the **sovereign of the Kasdim [Babylon]**, and

- ❖ he killed their young men with the sword in the House of their set-apart place,
- ❖ and had no compassion on young man or maiden, on the aged or the weak –
- ❖ He gave all into his hand.
- ❖ 2Ch 36:18 And all the utensils from the House of Elohim, great and small,
- ❖ and the treasures of the House of יהוה',
- ❖ and the treasures of the sovereign and of his leaders, all these he brought to Babel.
- ❖ 2Ch 36:19 And they burned the House of Elohim,
- ❖ and broke down the wall of Yerushalayim,
- ❖ and burned all its palaces with fire,
- ❖ and destroyed all its valuable utensils.
- ❖ 2Ch 36:20 And those who escaped from the sword he exiled to Babel, where they became servants to him and his sons until the reign of the reign of Persia,

2Ch 36:21 **in order to fill the word of יהוה' by the mouth of Yirmeyahu, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay waste she kept Sabbath, until seventy years were completed.**

Several kings reigned in Judah’s weakened state. A chart **excerpt** follows taken from: <http://www.bible.ca/archeology/bible-archeology-maps-timeline-chronology-kings-prophets-assyrians-babylonians-egyptians-tisri-nisan-inclusive-accession-reckoning-divided-kingdom-dates-931-587bc.htm>

Go to the link to see the full chart in its entirety.

Josiah	2 Ki 22:1-23:30; 2 Chro 34-35	None	641-609 Tammuz (July)	31	31	640-609 BC
Jehoahaz	2 Ki 23:31-33	None	609 Tammuz-609 Tishri (Oct)	3 mos.	3 mos.	609-609 BC
Jehoiakim	2 Ki 23:34-24:7	None	609 Tishri-598 21 Heshvan (about 9 Dec 598)	11	11	609-598 BC
Jehoiachin	2 Ki 24:8-16	None	598 (21 Marsheshvan = Sat. December 9th)-597 (2 Adar = Saturday March 16)	3 mos. 10 days	3 mos. 10 days	598-597 BC
Zedekiah	2 Ki 24:18-25:26	None	597 (2 Adar = Saturday March 16) -587 (9 Tammuz = July 29)	11	10	597-587 BC

The Proclamation of Cyrus

2Ch 36:22 And in the first year of Koresh [Cyrus] sovereign of Persia, in order to accomplish the word of יהוה by the mouth of Yirmeyahu, יהוה stirred up the spirit of Koresh sovereign of Persia, so that he called out in all his reign, and also put it in writing, saying,

2Ch 36:23 **“Thus said Koresh sovereign of Persia, ‘יהוה Elohim of the heavens has given me all the reigns of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house in Yerushalayim, which is in Yehudah. Whoever is among you of all His people, יהוה his Elohim be with him, and let him go up!’ ”**

F. B. Meyer – Commentary: 2 Chronicles 36:11-23 DEFEAT AND EXILE

It is expressly stated in [Eze 17:13](#) that Nebuchadnezzar administered to Zedekiah an oath of fealty in the presence of Jehovah. Hence by his rebellion, he not only broke his promise to the king of Babylon, but profaned the name of God. It is in reference to this profanation of his oath that Zedekiah is addressed in [Eze 21:25](#), R.V., as “thou deadly wounded wicked one... whose day is come.”

It also appears from [Eze 8:1](#) that toward the close of this reign idolatrous rites of various kinds intruded upon the sacred precincts of the Temple. Hebrew women bewailed Tammuz; elders burned incense to the forms of beasts portrayed on the walls; and men, turning their backs on the sanctuary, worshiped the sun. There was no remedy but exile.

It had been distinctly predicted that if the Hebrew people disobeyed, their land should become a desolation, and their cities a waste, until the soil had enjoyed the rest which they had failed to give it. Compare [Lev 25:4](#) with 26:34, 35. There was a point beyond which the divine judgment would not go. God loved the people whom he chastened; and since He hates putting away, the recreant nation, at the instigation of Cyrus, had one further opportunity of fulfilling their great mission to mankind.

Malachi 4

The Great Day of YHWH

Mal 4:1 “For look, the day shall come, burning like a furnace, and all the proud, and every wrongdoer shall be stubble. And the day that shall come shall burn them up,” said יהוה of hosts, “which leaves to them neither root nor branch.

Yet once more, the defiled earthly Jerusalem, ‘Mystery Babylon’, will be consumed.

Joe 2:31 the sun is turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה.

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?”

Rev 18:9 “And the sovereigns of the earth who committed whoring and lived riotously with her shall weep and mourn over her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Mal 4:2 “**But to you who fear My Name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings.**

✚ And you shall go out and leap for joy like calves from the stall.

✚ **Mal 4:3** “And you shall trample the wrongdoers, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day that I do this,” said יהוה of hosts.

✚ **Mal 4:4** “Remember the Torah of Mosheh, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb for all Yisra’el – laws and right-rulings.

✚ **Mal 4:5** “See, I am sending you Ēliyāh the prophet before the coming of the great and awesome day of יהוה’.

The spirit of Ēliyāh worked through John the Immerser preparing the way for Yahusha; and the two witnesses in Revelation 11, will come and prepare the way before the great and awesome day of YHWH.

Mal 4:6 “And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with utter destruction.”^a

Footnote: ^aSee also [Zec 14:13](#).

Zec 14:13 And it shall be in that day that a great confusion from יהוה is among them, and everyone of them shall seize the hand of his neighbour, and his hand rise up against his neighbour's hand.

We are already starting to see this great confusion arise. People will perish because of lack of knowledge; lack of Truth.

Revelation 22

2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo_gEIAi-if

The River of Life

Rev 22:1 And he showed me a river of water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of Elohim and of the Lamb.

Gen 2:10 And a river went out of Ĕden to water the garden, and from there it divided and became four heads.

Psa 46:4 A river whose streams Make glad the city of Elohim, The set-apart dwelling of the Most High.

Rev 22:2 In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

1Pe 2:24 who Himself bore our sins [Isa 53:4](#) in His body on the timber, so that we, having died to sins, might live unto righteousness^k – [by whose stripes you were healed](#). [Isa 53:5](#)

Footnote: ^k [Rom 6:2](#), [1Pe 4:1-2](#).

Verse 2 seems to be stating that there was a tree of life at several of the following locations. How many trees were there? It appears three. Then it states each tree yielded its fruit every month. The scripture states the tree of life bore 12 fruit, therefore did it bear one type of fruit each month or all twelve fruit every month? Were they the same fruit or different types of fruit? Questions I ponder and cannot presently answer. See TSK Cross-reference and Ellicott's commentaries below. Overall, symbolically The tree of Life, Yahusha, has coalesced all 12 tribes and those grafted in; into the one new man.

- In the middle of its street'
- Another on one side of the river
- And another on the other side of the river

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes^a I shall give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise^b of Elohim." ^cGen 2:9, Gen 3:22, Gen 3:24 Footnotes: ^aThis word (and its noun) is used 17 times in the Book of Revelation. The name Yisra'el means to overcome with Ēl. ^bLit. garden. ^cSee Rev 22:2 and Rev 22:14.

Pro 3:18 She [Wisdom] is a tree of life to those taking hold of her, And blessed are all who retain her.

TSK Cross-reference notes: the tree of life: Rather, the definite article not being in the original, "a tree of life;" for there were three trees; one in the street, and one on each side of the river. [Rev 22:14](#), [Rev 2:7](#); [Gen 2:9](#), [Gen 3:22-24](#); [Pro 3:18](#)

Ellicott has another perspective: (2) In the midst of the street of it . . .—Or rather, In the midst of the street of it, and of the river, on one side and on the other (was) a tree of life, yielding twelve fruits, according to each month giving its fruit; and the leaves of the tree are for healing of the nations. The hunger as well as the thirst of the spirit is to be satisfied ([Matthew 5:6](#)). The tree of life, as well as the river of life, is to be found in the new and better Eden ([Genesis 2:9](#); [Genesis 3:22](#)). The vision of Ezekiel is exactly parallel to the present: "On the border of the river there was wood very much, on both sides: every kind of tree; its leaf withers not, and its fruit ceases not; all months does it ripen; its fruit serves for food, and its leaf for healing" ([Ezekiel 47:7-12](#)). The twelve manner of fruit: The recurrence of the number—twelve—is to be noticed, for here, too, as well as in the foundations and gates of the city, we have variety allied with unity. Diverse and seasonable fruits, and yet one tree of life. Thus does the Almighty wisdom feed His people with food convenient for them ([Proverbs 30:8](#)), though, in one sense there is but one food for all ([John 6:31](#)); for true divine wisdom is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her ([Proverbs 3:18](#)). That wisdom is not the mere knowledge of things (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil has no place in new Eden); but it is rather the knowledge of life which makes the knowledge of things available to the highest good. (Comp. [1Corinthians 1:22-24](#); [1Corinthians 1:30](#); [James 3:17](#); Proverbs 8)

We know Yahusha is our Tree of Life.

Rev 22:3 And no longer shall there be any curse, and the throne of Elohim and of

the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

Rev 22:4 And they shall see His face, and His Name *shall be* upon their foreheads.

Rev 22:5 And night shall be no more, and they shall have no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, because יהוה Elohim shall give them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

1. No longer will there be any curse
2. We shall see His face!
3. His Name shall be on our foreheads!
4. The throne of Elohim and the Lamb will be in it.
5. No more night! Therefore, no need of a lamp or the light of the sun, for YHWH shall give them light; and they shall reign forever and ever! Note: YHWH WAS Light before there was a sun.

Yahusha Is Coming

Rev 22:6 And he said to me, "**These words are trustworthy and true.** And יהוה Elohim of the set-apart prophets has sent His messenger to show His servants what has to take place with speed.

Rev 22:7 "See, I am coming speedily! Blessed is he who guards the words of the prophecy of this book."

Rev 22:8 And I, Yoḥanan, saw and heard these *matters*. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet **of the messenger** who showed me these *matters*.

Rev 22:9 And he said to me, "See, do not! **For I am your fellow servant, and of your brothers the prophets, and of those who are guarding the words of this book.** Worship Elohim."

John fell at his feet also in Rev. 19:10. **The messenger again tells John that he is a fellow servant and of your brothers the prophets.** It is very possible that this messenger was Daniel, since it was Daniel that was told to seal the book until the time of the end.

Dan 12:4 "But you, Dani'el, hide the words, and **seal the book until the time of the end.**^a Many shall diligently search and knowledge shall increase." Footnote: ^aSee [Dan 12:9](#).

Rev 22:10 And he said to me, "Do not **seal the words of the prophecy of this book, Dan 12:4** because the time is near.

The events to take place in the end of days have been revealed for those that have eyes to see and have wisdom. The words in the book of Revelation should be highly valued and the prophecies within guarded. It is no longer sealed because the time is near.

Rev 22:11 “He who does wrong, let him do more wrong; he who is filthy, let him be more filthy; he who is righteous, let him be more righteous; he who is set-apart, let him be more set-apart.

Rev 22:12 “And see, I am coming speedily, and My reward is with Me, to give to each according to his work.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 16:27](#), [Joh 5:29](#).

What are these verses saying? We should either be hot or cold! We that belong to Him; should strive to be more and more like Him until His return. He told us to be holy for He is holy. Those that choose to soil their garments; go ahead and soil them all the more! It seems like the scripture is saying, that it doesn't make much difference if your garments are slightly soiled or heavily soiled; because they are still soiled! If a person is not washed in the blood of the Lamb; their garments are not white.

The time is now to make your final choice: Serve YHWH or serve Satan. There is no in-between. A person is not guaranteed of tomorrow! How long will a person vacillate between two opinions? Until there is not more time? Really?

Rev 22:13 “I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.

Rev 22:14 “Blessed are those doing^b His commands,^c so that the authority shall be theirs unto the tree of life, and to enter through the gates into the city. Footnotes: ^bSee [Mat 19:17](#). ^cLong before the books were compiled to form “The New Testament,” [Rev 22:14](#) was quoted, as it is here given, by Tertullian (CE 208), and by Cyprian (CE 251) – see the well-known *Antenicene Fathers*.

Rev 22:15 “But **outside are the dogs** and those who enchant with drugs, and those who whore, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and all who love and do falsehood.^d Footnote: ^dSee [Rev 21:27](#) and also [2Th 2:11](#).

Rev 22:16 “ו, יהושע, have sent My messenger to witness to you these *matters* in the assemblies. I am the Root and the Offspring of Dawid,^e the Bright and Morning Star.” Footnote: ^e [Isa 11:1](#) and [Isa 11:10](#), [Rev 5:5](#).

Rev. 22:16 appears to be speaking of John as being the messenger ‘to witness’ to us about these matters in the assemblies. Yahusha is the Root; the Offspring of David; the Bright and Morning Star!

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And he who hears, let him say, “Come!” And he who thirsts, come! And he who desires it, take the water of life without paying!

Rev 22:18 For **I witness to everyone hearing the words of the prophecy of this book:** If anyone adds to them, Elohim shall add to him the plagues that are written in this book,

Rev 22:19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, Elohim shall take away his part from the **Book^f** of Life, and out of the set-apart city, which are written in this Book. **Footnote:** ^fSome manuscripts read ‘tree of life’.”

Rev 22:20 He that bears witness of these *matters* says, “Yes, I am coming speedily.” Amēn. Yes, come, Master יהושע!

Rev 22:21 **The favour of our Master יהושע Messiah be with the set-apart ones.** Amēn.

Remember, one of unbelief, will not be written in the Book of Life.

John 21

As I recap John 20 and we begin John 21, I need to share a disclaimer.

[**Disclaimer:** I am not a calendar expert but will explain the time frames based on what the Scriptures appear to reflect and what I understand to date.]

In John Chapter 20, after appearing to Miryam of Magdala, Yahusha appears to his disciples on the evening the same day or *day* one of the week. ‘*Day* one of the week’ in both John 20:1 and John 20:19 are both footnoted to equate to the Sabbath. *Day* is italicized therefore was not in the original text. Therefore, it should read, ‘one of the week’ which equates to the Sabbath, the 7th day or ‘week.’

It is my present understanding, that the day starts at dawn. Therefore, despite what we have once been taught, Miryam of Magdala came ‘early to the tomb’. How early we do not know. Probably one to two hours before dawn. It was still dark or as the footnote states dim or obscure and the stone had been taken away. ‘Taken away’ is another interesting phrase we should look into because it seems ‘taken away’ may mean more than just ‘rolled away’; but I digress.

It is my present understanding, based on the Scriptures and footnotes, that Miryam of Magdala arrived at the tomb while it was still the Sabbath before day dawned into what most refer to as Sunday. John and Peter came to the tomb after her report; they see things for themselves; then leave. Afterwards with Miryam still at the tomb, Yahusha appears to her and tells her to go tell the disciples that He was ascending to the Father.

Appears to Miryam of Magdala:

Joh 20:1 And on **day one of the week^a** Miryam from Maḡdala came early to the tomb, **while it was still dark,^b** and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. Footnote: **^aGk. One of the sabbaths** - See Explanatory Notes - First day of the week. **^bGk. Dimness or obscurity.**

Appears to the disciples:

Joh 20:19 When therefore **it was evening** on that day [not italicized], **day [italicized] one of the week^c**, and when the doors were shut where the taught ones met, for fear of the Yehudim, יהושע came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace to you." Footnote: **^cGk. One of the sabbaths** - See Explanatory Notes - First day of the week.

When Yahusha appears to the disciples, it was evening on **that same day** 'day one of the week', which is footnoted the Sabbath. It states it was 'evening', which I understand to be that time right before night breaks into day; and day into night. Therefore, it appears, that no sooner did Miryam of Magdala encounter Yahusha; did she quickly obey to go tell the other disciples who were not far away.

Excerpt: The distance of the Mount of Olives from Jerusalem is stated in Josephus (Ant., XX, viii, 6) to have been five stadia or furlongs and in BJ, V, ii, 3, six stadia, the discrepancy being explained by supposing a different point of departure. This would make the distance of the Sabbath day's journey from **1,000 to 1,200 yards, the first agreeing very closely with the 2,000 cubits.** <https://www.biblestudytools.com/encyclopedias/isbe/sabbath-days-journey.html>

After Yahusha appeared to Miryam, He ascended to make our atonement on the heavenly altar, and then appears **that day** [that Sabbath] to His disciples. Remember, heaven is 'outside of time.' Yahusha's resurrected body can now be touched and He appears to the disciples probably not long after Miryam's announcement to the disciples.

The disciples were gathered behind closed doors for fear of the Yehudim. He appears in their presence and shows them His hands and His side to assure them, it was He. He offers peace to them and said that as the Father sent Him; He sends them. He breathed the Set-Apart Spirit on them.

Eight days later, Yahusha fulfills Thomas' request of what it would take for him to believe. Counting on the Sabbath of resurrection to the next Sabbath, would be eight days. So once again, while they are behind closed doors, Yahusha appears to the disciples; and this time Thomas is present. Yahusha offers shalom and tells Thomas to go ahead and touch his nail scarred hands with his finger and put his hand in his side. Then He tells Thomas not to be unbelieving but believing!

Now in John Chapter 21, Yahusha will soon appear to them the 3rd time at the sea of Kinnereth or Tiberias.

Yahusha Appears to Seven Disciples

Joh 21:1 After this יהושע manifested Himself again to the taught ones at the Sea of Kinnereth, and He manifested this way:

Joh 21:2 Shim'on Kěpha, and T'oma called the Twin, and Nethan'ěl of Qanah in Galil, the *sons* of Zabđai, and two others of His taught ones were together.

Joh 21:3 Shim'on Kěpha said to them, "I am going to fish." They said to him, "We are also coming with you." They went out and immediately entered into the boat. And that night they caught none at all.

These disciples were gathered altogether: Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael, James & John, and two other taught ones. Their minds continued to race with all of the events that had occurred surrounding Yahusha's resurrection. Sitting around wondering what was going to happen next, or who would show up at their door; had to have been an un-nerving experience.

Peter especially, had to have been having a hard time. He had to have been so disappointed in Himself. He had denied His Master three times just as Yahusha said he would. His devastation was probably magnified by the waiting with plenty of time to replay those events. He says at one point, 'I am going to fish.'

The situation they all faced was unfamiliar territory and Peter longed to go do something that He was good at; and hopefully get his mind off his failure. The other disciples want to join him; so, they go fishing. They fish all night and catch nothing! This fishing expedition didn't turn out to bring shalom but probably more frustration. It can be deflating not to even catch one fish; especially if that is your trade!

When it became early morning Yahusha stood on the beach. We again encounter 'calendar language.' However, the day of the week is not stated but could be researched.

Joh 21:4 But when it became early morning, יהושע stood on the beach. However, the

taught ones did not know that it was יהושע'.

(BBE) Now **very early in the morning** Jesus was there by the edge of the sea *though the disciples were not conscious that it was Jesus.*

(ESV) Just **as day was breaking**, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

(ESV+) Just **as day was breaking**, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples ^{R9}did not know that it was Jesus.

Joh 21:5 Then יהושע' said to them, "Children, have you any food?" They answered Him, "No."

Joh 21:6 And He said to them, "Throw the net on the right side of the boat, and you shall find." So they threw, and they were no longer able to draw it in because of the large number of fish.

Joh 21:7 That taught one whom יהושע' loved then said to Kěpha, "It is the Master!" Then Shim'on Kěpha, hearing that it was the Master, put on his outer garment – for he was stripped – and plunged into the sea.

Yahusha, the bread of life, was standing on the beach! He watched His disciples that said they had no food; now have an abundant catch and tried with great difficulty to draw in the net! The very ones Yahusha had told that He would make them 'fishers of men'. The same ones that he was with when He had fed the 5,000 with and the 4,000! John finally puts two and two together and tells Peter it is the Master!

Peter is elated! Maybe Peter had been thinking of all the words he wished He would have told Yahusha! He didn't know he would see Him again! Now, he had another opportunity, and no one was going to hold him back from His Master. He wasn't going to wait for the boat to reach the shore. He wasn't going to wait for the net to be pulled in. He only took time to grab his outer garment and kick, swim, splash, and run to Yahusha!

The others arrive in the little boat dragging the fish to shore. Yahusha has a fire of coals going and he already had fish on it, and bread! Then He asks for fish that they had caught to be brought to Him. Peter was 'Johnny on the spot' and went to retrieve the fish. Peter drags the net to shore by himself! There were 153 fish and the net had not broken!

Yahusha then invites them to ‘come and have breakfast’ and He serves them fish and bread. None of the disciples had enough courage to ask Him, ‘Who are you?’ because deep inside they knew it was the Master. [This is the third time that Yahusha manifested himself since His resurrection.](#)

Joh 21:8 And the other taught ones came in the little boat – for they were not far from land, but about two hundred cubits – dragging the net with fish.

Joh 21:9 So when they had come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid on it, and bread.

Joh 21:10 יהושע said to them, “Bring some of the fish which you have now caught.”

Joh 21:11 Shim'on Kěpha went up and dragged the net to land, filled with one hundred and fifty-three big fishes. And though there were so many, the net was not broken.

Joh 21:12 יהושע said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And not one of the taught ones had the courage to ask Him, “Who are You?,” knowing that it was the Master.

Joh 21:13 יהושע came and took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish.

Joh 21:14 This was now the third time יהושע was manifested to His taught ones after He was raised from the dead.

We then read where Yahusha asks Peter three times, did he love Him. [Three times](#) just like the three times Peter had denied even knowing Yahusha. He [answers Yahusha yes each time](#); but the third time Yahusha questioned Peter, saddened Peter’s heart as Peter answers [yes](#). Each time Yahusha told Peter what he should do: The [first time](#) he told him to ‘Feed My lambs’. The [second time](#) he told him to ‘Shepherd My sheep’. The [third time](#) he told him to ‘Feed My sheep’.

Yahusha and Peter

Joh 21:15 When, therefore, they had eaten breakfast, יהושע said to Shim'on Kěpha, “Shim'on, *son* of Yonah, do you love Me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Master, You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.”

Joh 21:16 He said to him again, the second time, “Shim'on, *son* of Yonah, do you love Me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Master, You know that I love You.” He said to him, “Shepherd My sheep.”

Joh 21:17 He said to him the third time, “Shim'on, *son* of Yonah, do you love Me?” Kěpha was sad because He said to him the third time, “Do you love Me?” And he said to Him, “Master, You know all, You know that I love You.” יהושע said to him, “Feed My sheep.

Joh 21:18 “Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger you girded yourself and walked where you wished, but when you are old you shall stretch out your hands, and another shall gird you and bring you where *you* do not wish.”

Joh 21:19 Now this He said, signifying by what death he would esteem Elohim. And

having said this, He said to him, "Follow Me."

Yahusha then gives Peter insight as to what laid ahead of Him, and He told him to '[Follow Me](#)'. Peter turns and sees John.

Yahusha and the Beloved Apostle

Joh 21:20 And Kěpha, turning around, saw the taught one whom יהושע loved following, who also had leaned on His breast at the supper, and said, "Master, who is the one who is delivering You up?"

Joh 21:21 Seeing him, Kěpha said to יהושע, "But Master, what about this one?"

Joh 21:22 יהושע said to him, "If I wish him to remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me."

Joh 21:23 Therefore this word went out among the brothers that this taught one would not die. However, יהושע did not say to him that he would not die, but, "If I desire him to remain until I come, what is it to you?"

Joh 21:24 This is the taught one who bears witness about these *matters*, and wrote these *matters*. And we know that his witness is true.

The last verse that John, the disciple whom Yahusha loved, wrote is amazing. [Just ponder all the things that could not be written down!](#)

Joh 21:25 Now there is much else that יהושע did. If every one of them were written down, I think that the world itself would not contain the written books. Aměn.

Has your garment been made white?

~ *Shalom* ~ Libby

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