

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 38; Proverbs 14; John 17; Phil. 1.

March 27 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Exodus 38

Much is experienced while reading and preparing these daily devotional reading plans. YHWH gives us a fresh word each day. Sometimes there are new insights and at other times He confirms previous knowledge; yet, at other times He corrects previous understandings. Yesterday, was a day that He showed something new that was previously missed.

Solomon's Temple had similar aspects of the Tabernacle we have been reading about; but was very different in many aspects. Just read the following verses:

2Ch 4:6 And he **made ten basins**, and put five on the right side and five on the left, to wash in them. In them they rinsed off what pertains to the ascending offering, but the Sea was for the priests to wash in.

2Ch 4:7 And he made **ten lampstands of gold** according to their ruling, and set them in the Hēkal, five on the right side and five on the left.

2Ch 4:8 And he **made ten tables**, and placed them in the Hēkal, five on the right side and five on the left. And he made one hundred bowls of gold.

So now, with this new understanding, let's look at Exodus 38 and some other comparisons between the Tabernacle in the wilderness and Solomon's Temple.

Making the Altar of Burnt Offering

Exo 38:1 And he made the slaughter-place of ascending offering of acacia wood, five cubits long and five cubits wide, square, and three cubits high.

2Ch 4:1 And he made a **slaughter-place** of bronze, twenty cubits long, and twenty cubits wide, and ten cubits high.

Exo 38:2 And he made its horns on its four corners, the horns were of it. And he overlaid it with bronze.

Exo 38:3 And he made all the utensils for the slaughter-place: the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the forks, and the fire holders. He made all its utensils of bronze.

Exo 38:4 And he made a grating for the slaughter-place, a bronze network, under its

rim, midway from the bottom.

Exo 38:5 And he cast four rings for the four corners of the bronze grating, as holders for the poles.

Exo 38:6 And he made the poles of acacia wood, and overlaid them with bronze.

Exo 38:7 And he put the poles into the rings on the sides of the slaughter-place, with which to lift it. He made the slaughter-place hollow with boards.

Making the Bronze Basin

Exo 38:8 And he made the basin of bronze and its stand of bronze, from the bronze mirrors of the serving women who did service at the door of the Tent of Appointment.

1Ki 7:23 And he made the Sea of cast *metal*, ten cubits from one rim to the other, round all about, and five cubits high, and a line of thirty cubits measured around it.

1Ki 7:24 And below its rim were ornaments all around, ten to a cubit, all the way around the Sea. The ornaments were cast in two rows when it was cast.

1Ki 7:25 It stood on twelve oxen, three facing north, and three facing west, and three facing south, and three facing east. And the Sea was set upon them, and all their back parts were inward.

1Ki 7:26 And it was a handbreadth thick, and its rim was shaped like the rim of a cup, like a lily blossom. It held two thousand baths.

Making the Court

Exo 38:9 And he made the courtyard: for the south side the screens of the courtyard were of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits long,

Exo 38:10 their twenty columns and their twenty sockets, of bronze. The hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver.

1Ki 6:36 And he built the inner courtyard with three rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar beams.

1Ki 6:37 In the fourth year the foundation of the House of יהוה was laid, in the month Ziiv.

1Ki 6:38 **And in the eleventh year**, in the month Bul, the eighth new moon, the house was completed in all its matters and according to all its plans. Thus he built it for seven years.

Exo 38:11 And for the north side the screens were one hundred cubits long, their twenty columns and their twenty sockets, of bronze. The hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver.

Exo 38:12 And for the west side there were screens of fifty cubits, their ten columns and their ten sockets. The hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver.

Exo 38:13 And for the east side eastward, fifty cubits:

Exo 38:14 fifteen cubits of screens on the one side, with their three columns and their three sockets,

Exo 38:15 and fifteen cubits of screens the other side of the courtyard gate, on this side and that side, with their three columns and their three sockets.

Exo 38:16 All the screens of the courtyard all around were of fine woven linen.

Exo 38:17 And the sockets for the columns were of bronze, the hooks of the columns and their bands were of silver, and the overlay of their tops was of silver. And all the columns of the courtyard had bands of silver.

Exo 38:18 And the covering for the gate of the courtyard was the work of an embroiderer, of blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and of fine woven linen, and twenty cubits long, and the height along its width was five cubits, corresponding to the screens of the courtyard.

Exo 38:19 And the columns were four, and their sockets of bronze four, their hooks were of silver, and the overlay of their tops and their bands was of silver.

Exo 38:20 And all the pegs of the Dwelling Place, and of the courtyard all around, were of bronze.

Materials for the Tabernacle

Exo 38:21 These were the appointments of the Dwelling Place, the Dwelling Place of the Witness, which was appointed by the mouth of Mosheh, for the service of the Lēwites, by the hand of Ithamar, son of Aharon the priest.

Exo 38:22 And Betsal'ēl son of Uri, son of Ḥur, of the tribe of Yehudaḥ, made all that יהוה had commanded Mosheh.

Exo 38:23 And with him: Oholiaḅ son of Aḥisamaḅ, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver and designer, an embroiderer in blue and purple and scarlet *material*, and in fine linen.

Exo 38:24 All the gold prepared for the work, in all the work of the set-apart place – and it was the gold of the wave offering – came to be twenty-nine talents and seven hundred and thirty sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place.

Exo 38:25 And the silver from the ones counted of the congregation was one hundred talents and one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five sheqels, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place:

Exo 38:26 a beqa, half a sheqel for a head, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, for everyone passing over to those counted, from twenty years old and above, for six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty *men*.

Exo 38:27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the set-apart place and the bases of the veil: one hundred sockets from the hundred talents, a talent for each socket.

Exo 38:28 And of the one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five *sheqels* he made hooks for the columns, and overlaid their tops, and made bands for them.

Exo 38:29 And the bronze of the wave offering was seventy talents and two thousand four hundred sheqels.

Exo 38:30 And with it he made the sockets for the door of the Tent of Appointment, and the bronze slaughter-place, and the bronze grating for it, and all the utensils for the slaughter-place,

Exo 38:31 and the sockets for the courtyard all around, and the bases for the courtyard gate, and all the pegs for the Dwelling Place, and all the pegs for the courtyard all around.

Chapter 38 concludes with the weighed quantities of precious metals used in the construction of the Tabernacle; all of which have meanings yet to be discovered. In comparison, in Jeremiah 52:50, we read about the immeasurable weight of bronze used by Solomon in the following items:

Jer 52:20 The two columns, one Sea, the twelve bronze bulls which were under it, and the stands, which Sovereign Shelomoh had made for the House of יהוה – the bronze of all these vessels was beyond weighing.

Also, recorded in Exodus 38 are the number of men ‘passing over’ and giving their Beqa, a half-shekel, and those men numbering over 20 years of age were 603,550.

Exo 38:26 a beqa, half a sheqel for a head, according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, for everyone passing over to those counted, from twenty years old and above, for **six hundred and three thousand, five hundred and fifty men.**

We previously learned:

Exo 30:13 “Everyone among those who are registered is to give this: half a sheqel according to the sheqel of the set-apart place, twenty gērahs being a sheqel. The half-sheqel is the contribution to יהוה.

Exo 30:14 “Everyone passing over to be registered, from twenty years old and above, gives a contribution to יהוה.

Exo 30:15 “The rich does not give more and the poor does not give less than half a sheqel, when you give a contribution to יהוה, to make atonement for yourselves.

Exo 30:16 “And you shall take the silver for the atonement from the children of Yisra’ël, and give it for the service of the Tent of Appointment. And it shall be to the children of Yisra’ël for a remembrance before יהוה, to make atonement for yourselves.”

Before closing this chapter, we need to remember that the Golden Altar of Incense was the ‘heart’ of Israel which was ever before the inner veil of the Ark of the Covenant. The Ark of the Covenant held the ‘marriage covenant’ tablets of stones. The Golden Altar of Incense is not to be confused with the Altar of Burnt Offerings. “No animal sacrifices were allowed on this small altar, only the burning of sweet incense, symbolizing the *ideal* spiritual life that Israel was expected to live, but did not, except for those who entered Canaan under Joshua and a remnant of others over the centuries. <http://www.templesecrets.info/holyplace.html>

Exo 30:1 “And you shall make a slaughter-place to burn incense on, make it of acacia wood,

Expositor’s Bible excerpt comment on Ex. 30:1: And therefore an altar, smaller than that of burnt-offering, but much more precious, being plated all around and on the top with gold (a "golden altar") (Exo 39:38), is now to be prepared, **on which incense of sweet spices should be burned whenever a burnt-offering spoke of human devotion, and especially when the daily lamb was offered, every morning and every night.**

Additional excerpt for further consideration----- <https://www.gotquestions.org/altar-of-incense.html>

[.....Aaron was instructed to burn incense on the altar each morning and at twilight, every day, as a regular offering to the Lord ([Exodus 30:7–8](#)). God gave the recipe for making the incense and stipulated that no other incense ever be burned on the altar (verses 34–38). **The fire used to burn the incense was always taken from the altar of burnt offering outside the sanctuary** ([Leviticus 16:12](#)). Never was the altar of incense to be used for a burnt offering, a grain offering, or a drink offering ([Exodus 30:9](#)). Once a year, on the [Day of Atonement](#), the high priest was to put **blood on the horns of the altar of incense** to cleanse it. The altar of incense was called “most holy to the Lord” (verse 10).

The **altar of incense**, then, can be seen as a [symbol](#) of the prayers of God’s people. Our prayers ascend to God as the smoke of the incense ascended in the sanctuary. As the incense was burned with fire from the altar of burnt offering, our prayers must be kindled with heaven’s grace. The fact that the incense was always burning means that we should always pray ([Luke 18:1](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:17](#)). The altar of incense was holy to the Lord and was atoned for with the blood of the sacrifice; it is the blood of Christ applied to our hearts that makes our prayers acceptable.].... <https://www.gotquestions.org/altar-of-incense.html>

Exo 30:10 “And Aharon shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement – once a year he makes atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most set-apart to יהוה.”

Proverbs 14

Words of wisdom continue...

Pro 14:1 Every wise woman has built her house, But the foolish breaks it down with her hands.

Pro 14:2 He who walks in his straightness fears יהוה, But he whose ways are crooked despises Him.

Pro 14:3 In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, But the lips of the wise guard them.

Pro 14:4 Where there are no oxen, the crib is clean; But from the strength of an ox comes much increase.

Pro 14:5 A trustworthy witness does not lie, But a false witness breathes out lies.

Pro 14:6 A scoffer shall seek wisdom but *find* none, But knowledge is swift to him who has understanding.

Pro 14:7 Leave the presence of a foolish man, For you shall not perceive the lips of knowledge.

Pro 14:8 The wisdom of the clever is to understand His way, But the folly of fools is deceit.

Pro 14:9 Fools scoff at guilt, But among the straight there is delight.

Pro 14:10 The heart knows its own bitterness, And no stranger shares its joy.

Pro 14:11 The house of the wrong is destroyed, But the tent of the straight flourishes.

Pro 14:12 There is a way which seems right to a man, *But its end is the way of death.*^a

Footnote: ^a [Pro 16:25](#).

Pro 14:13 Even in laughter the heart is in pain, And the end of that joy is heaviness.

Pro 14:14 The backslider in heart *is satisfied* with his own ways, But a good man is satisfied from his.

Pro 14:15 The simple believes every word, But the clever one watches his step.

Pro 14:16 The wise fears and turns away from evil, But a fool rushes on and is reckless.

Pro 14:17 He who is impatient acts foolishly, And a man who plans wickedness is hated.

Pro 14:18 The simple shall inherit folly, But the clever are crowned with knowledge.

Pro 14:19 The evil ones shall bow before the good, And the wrong ones at the gates of the righteous.

Pro 14:20 The poor is hated even by his own neighbour, But the rich has many friends.

Pro 14:21 He who despises his neighbour sins; But he who shows favour to the poor, O blessed is he.

Pro 14:22 Do not those who plan evil go astray? But loving-commitment and truth are to those who plan good.

Pro 14:23 In all labour there is profit, But talk of the lips *leads* only to poverty.

Pro 14:24 The crown of the wise is their wealth, The folly of fools is folly.

Pro 14:25 A true witness saves lives, But he who breathes out lies is a betrayer.

Pro 14:26 In the fear of יהוה is strong trust, And His children have a place of refuge.

Pro 14:27 The fear of יהוה is a fountain of life, To turn away from the snares of death.

Pro 14:28 In a multitude of people Is a sovereign's splendour, But in the lack of people Is the ruin of a prince.

Pro 14:29 He who is patient has great understanding, But he who is short of spirit exalts folly.

Pro 14:30 A healthy heart is life to the body, But envy is rotteness to the bones.

Pro 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who esteems Him shows favour to the needy.

Pro 14:32 By his own evildoing the wrong is thrust down, But the righteous has a refuge in his death.

Pro 14:33 Wisdom rests in the heart of him who has understanding, And *even* among fools it becomes known.

Pro 14:34 Righteousness exalts a nation; And loving-commitment, To the peoples is sin.

Pro 14:35 The sovereign's delight is toward a wise servant, But his wrath is towards him who causes shame.

John 17

Yahusha offers up his High Priestly prayer to His Father. Read His prayer and see the love He and the Father have for us; and the love we should have for one another. We **are one** with the Father and the Son; we are the temple; and we, as living stones, are coming together as the 'one new man'. We have been washed by the blood of the Lamb. As His kingdom of priests, we too offer up prayers that come before His throne as a sweet-smelling incense.

He even knew us BEFORE we were born.

Jer 1:5 **“Before I formed you in the belly I knew you, and before you came out of the womb I did set you apart –**

The High Priestly Prayer

Joh 17:1 יהושע said these *words*, and lifted up His eyes to the heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come. Esteem Your Son, so that Your Son also might esteem You,

Joh 17:2 as You have given Him authority over all flesh, **that He should give everlasting life to all whom You have given Him.**

Joh 17:3 “And this is everlasting life, that they should know You, the only true Elohim, and יהושע Messiah whom You have sent.

Joh 17:4 “I have esteemed You on the earth, having accomplished the work You have given Me that I should do.

Joh 17:5 “And now, esteem Me with Yourself, Father, with the esteem which I had with You before the world was.

Joh 17:6 **“I have revealed Your Name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have guarded Your Word.”^a**

Footnote: ^aAlso see [Psa 138:2](#).

Joh 17:7 “Now they have come to know that all You gave to Me, is from You.

Joh 17:8 “Because the Words which You gave to Me, I have given to them. And they have received them, and have truly known that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

Joh 17:9 “I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for those whom You have given Me, for they are Yours.

Joh 17:10 “And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I have been esteemed in them.

Joh 17:11 “And I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Set-apart Father, guard them in Your Name which You have given Me, **so that they might be one,**^b as We are. Footnote: ^bAlso see [Joh 10:30](#).

Joh 17:12 “When I was with them in the world, I was guarding them in Your Name

which You have given Me, and I watched over them, and not one of them perished except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be filled.

Joh 17:13 “And now I come to You. And I speak these *words* in the world, so that they have My joy completed in them.

Joh 17:14 “I have given them Your Word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:15 “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the wicked *one*.

Joh 17:16 “They are not of the world, as I am not of the world.

Joh 17:17 “Set them apart in Your truth – [Your Word is truth.](#)^c **Footnote:** ^cSee [Psa 119:142](#), [Psa 119:151](#), [Psa 119:160](#).

Joh 17:18 “As You sent Me into the world, I also sent them into the world.

Joh 17:19 “And for them I set Myself apart, so that they too might be set apart in truth.

Joh 17:20 “And I do not pray for these alone, but also for those believing in Me through their word,

Joh 17:21 **so that they all might be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, so that they too might be one in Us,** so that the world might believe that You have sent Me.

Joh 17:22 “And the esteem which You gave Me I have given them, so that they might be one as We are one,

Joh 17:23 “I in them, and You in Me, so that they might be perfected into one, so that the world knows that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Joh 17:24 “Father, I desire that those whom You have given Me, might be with Me where I am, so that they see My esteem which You have given Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

Joh 17:25 “O righteous Father, indeed the world did not know You, but I knew You, and these knew that You sent Me.

Joh 17:26 “[And I have made Your Name known to them,](#)^d and shall make it known, so that the love with which You loved Me might be in them, and I in them.” **Footnote:** ^dSee also [Joh 17:6](#), as well as [Psa 22:22](#), [Heb 2:12](#).

Philippians 1

Paul and Silas first visit Philippi on Paul’s second missionary journey. Just prior, Paul had picked up Timothy in Lystra and Luke in Troas. Their visit to Philippi was quite eventful and is recorded in Acts 16. Later, Paul passes through Philippi twice [coming and going] on his 3rd missionary journey.

[Act 16:11](#) Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a straight course to Samothrake, and

the next day came to Neapolis,
 Act 16:12 and **from there to Philippi, which is the principal city of that part of Makedonia**, a colony. And we were staying in that city for some days.

Several encounters and events take place in Philippi and the Philippian church earnestly loved Paul for the knowledge of truth he had shared.

- Just outside of Philippi by the river, Lydia of Thyatira, a woman who was a ‘seller of purple’ is converted and immersed.
- Paul encounters the slave-girl in whom he casts out the spirit of Puthon. This money-making possessed slave-girl, was set-free and her masters were angry due to their financial loss.
- They insight the crowd and the captains order Paul and Silas to be beaten with rods and placed in the inner prison with their feet fastened in stocks. There they prayed and sang songs to Elohim and through a mighty earthquake they are set free. The Philippian jailer was about to kill himself when Paul stops him; assuring him all the prisoners were accounted for. After experiencing this miracle, the Philippian jailer and his household believe and are immersed.

So now Paul is writing to this beloved church of Philippi with a heart-felt greeting along with prayers and thanksgiving.

Php 1:1 Sha’ul and Timotiyos, servants of יהושע Messiah, to all the set-apart ones in Messiah יהושע who are in Philippi, with the overseers and attendants:

Php 1:2 Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

Php 1:3 I thank my Elohim in all my remembrance of you.

Php 1:4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy,

Php 1:5 for your fellowship in the Good News from the first day until now,

Php 1:6 being persuaded of this, that He who has begun a good work in you shall **perfect^a** it until the day of יהושע Messiah.

Php 1:7 It is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, all of you being sharers of the favour with me, both in my chains and in the defence and confirmation of the Good News.

Php 1:8 For Elohim is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of יהושע Messiah.

Php 1:9 And this I pray, that your love might extend more and more in knowledge and all discernment,

Php 1:10 for you to examine the *matters* that differ, in order to be sincere, and not stumbling, until the day of Messiah,

Php 1:11 being filled with the **fruit of righteousness,^b** through יהושע Messiah, to the esteem and praise of Elohim.

He assures the Philippians that YHWH is working all things together for good. Even through chains, Messiah was made known to all the palace guard. **YHWH orchestrates circumstances to accomplish reaching whomever He seeks.** Many believers have been used by YHWH to reach those imprisoned; physically, as well as spiritually.

Paul was Yahusha's chosen vessel to be sent to the nations to spread the Good News. Paul had emptied himself completely. We are all familiar with his following words:

The Advance of the Gospel

Php 1:12 And I wish you to know, brothers, that what has befallen me has turned out for the advancement of the Good News,

Php 1:13 so that it has become known to all the palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Messiah;

Php 1:14 and most of the brothers, trusting in the Master because of my chains, are much more bold to fearlessly speak the word.

Php 1:15 Some indeed proclaim Messiah even from envy and strife, but some also out of pleasure –

Php 1:16 the former announce Messiah from selfish ambition, not sincerely, thinking to add distress to my chains,

Php 1:17 but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defence of the Good News.

To Live Is Messiah

Php 1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Messiah is announced. And in this I rejoice, in fact, I shall rejoice.

Php 1:19 For I know that this shall turn out for my **deliverance^C** through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of יהושע Messiah, **Footnote: ^CSee [Job 13:16](#).**

Php 1:20 according to my intense longing and anticipation that I shall not be ashamed at all, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Messiah shall be made great in my body, whether by life or by death.

Php 1:21 **For to me, to live is Messiah, and to die is gain.**

Php 1:22 **And if to live in the flesh is to me a fruit of work,** then what shall I choose? I do not know.

Php 1:23 For I am pressed down by the two, **having a desire to depart and be with Messiah,** which is much better,

Paul clearly states that if he died, he would be with Messiah. It doesn't say he would 'sleep' awaiting the Messiah. Yahusha is the resurrection and the life. The bodily resurrections from the grave will take place on the last day; but life means, that though a believer dies he lives; their soul along with His Spirit within them are in the presence of Messiah. We are one with Him.

Joh 11:23 יהושע said to her, "Your brother shall rise again."

Joh 11:24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Joh 11:25 יהושע said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he dies, he shall live.

Joh 11:26 "And everyone that is living and believing in Me shall never die at all. Do you believe this?"

Php 1:24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

Php 1:25 And being persuaded of this, I know that I shall stay and continue with you all, for your progress and joy of belief,

Php 1:26 so that your boasting might overflow in יהושע Messiah on account of me, through my coming to you again.

Then Paul gives a word to the Philippians as well as to all believers to heed.

Php 1:27 Only, **behave yourselves worthily of the Good News of Messiah**, in order that whether I come and see you or am absent, I hear about you, that you **stand fast in one spirit, with one being**, striving together for the belief of the Good News,

Php 1:28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose, which to them truly is a proof of destruction, but to you of deliverance, and that from Elohim.

Php 1:29 Because to you it has been given as a favour, on behalf of Messiah, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

Php 1:30 having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

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