

Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 3; Psalm 85; Isaiah 31; Revelation 1.

May 30 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 3

The Defeat of King Og -The defeat of King Og and King Sihon were huge victories given to the children of Israel by YHWH. They are repeatedly referenced throughout Scripture. I'm sure you could hear a pin drop as the next generation listened to Moses recount this mighty battle. This would build up faith and courage in the next generation(s) as they faced the battles in the promise land.

Deu 3:1 “Then we turned and went up the way to Bashan. And Oğ sovereign of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edre'i.

TSK cross-reference on Deut. 3:1 Bashan: Bashan, one of the most fertile districts of the Holy Land, was bounded on the west by the Jordan and lake of Gennesareth, on the east by Trachonitis, on the south by the brook Jabbok, and on the north by mount Hermon; and seems to have been composed of two or three districts, on the south the land of Gilead, on the north the region of Argob, and east of both, the plain of Hauran. (See note on [Deu 3:13](#), see note on [Deu 3:14](#), and see note on [Deu 3:15](#).) The scenery of this elevated tract is described by Mr. Buckingham as extremely beautiful. Its plains covered with a fertile soil; its hills covered with forests, and at every new turn presenting the most beautiful landscapes that can be imagined.

Og: [Deu 1:4](#), [Deu 4:47](#), [Deu 29:7](#), [Deu 31:4](#); [Num 21:33-35](#); [Jos 9:10](#), [Jos 12:4](#), [Jos 13:30](#); [1Ki 4:19](#); [Neh 9:22](#); [Psa 135:10-11](#), [Psa 136:20](#)

So, Moses recounts one of the best epic action-packed battles of all times, the defeat of Og. The details are recorded in [Deut. 3:2-3:11](#).

The victory included [conquering sixty cities](#), [all the district of Argob](#), the [reign of Oğ in Bashan](#). The cities [were fenced with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many unwallled towns](#).

Deu 3:2 “And יהוה said to me, ‘Do not fear him, for I have given him and all his people and his land into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sihon sovereign of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.’

Deu 3:3 “So יהוה our Elohim also gave into our hands Oğ sovereign of Bashan, with all his people, and we struck him until he had no survivors remaining.

Deu 3:4 “And we captured all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we did not take from them: sixty cities, all the district of Argob, the reign of Oğ in Bashan.

Deu 3:5 “All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates and bars, besides a great many unwallied towns.

Deu 3:6 “And we put them under the ban, as we did to Sihon sovereign of Heshbon, putting the men, the women, and the children of every city under the ban.

Deu 3:7 “But all the livestock and the spoil of the cities we took as booty for ourselves.

Deu 3:8 “And at that time we took the land, from the hand of the two sovereigns of the Amorites, that was beyond the Yardēn, from the wadi Arnon to Mount Hermon

Deu 3:9 “(Tsidonians call Hermon, Siryon – and the Amorites call it Senir),

Deu 3:10 all the cities of the plain, all Gil’ad, and all Bashan, as far as Salḵah and Edre’i, cities of the reign of Oḡ in Bashan.

Og’s bed was kept as a ‘victory trophy.’ Based on the dimensions of Og’s 9-cubit bed, with a cubit being 18 inches, would equal 162 inches or 13.5 feet; then, if you subtract 1 cubit for wiggle room; then Og could have been a giant as tall as 12 feet!

Deu 3:11 “For only Oḡ sovereign of Bashan was left of the remnant of the Repha’ites. See, his bedstead was an iron bedstead. **Is it not in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the cubit of a man.**

Deu 3:12 “And this land, which we possessed at that time, from Aro’ēr, which is by the wadi Arnon, and half the mountains of Gil’ad and its cities, I gave to the Re’uḇēnites and the Gaḏites.

Deu 3:13 “And the rest of Gil’ad, and all Bashan, the reign of Oḡ, I gave to half the tribe of Menashsheh – all the district of Argob, with all Bashan, called the land of the Repha’ites.

Deu 3:14 “Ya’ir son of Menashsheh had taken all the district of Argob, as far as the border of the Geshurites and the Ma’aḵathites, and called them after his own name: the Bashan of Hawoth Ya’ir, to this day.

Deu 3:15 “And to Maḵir I gave Gil’ad.

Deu 3:16 “And to the Re’uḇēnites and the Gaḏites I gave from Gil’ad as far as the wadi Arnon, the middle of the wadi as the border, as far as the wadi Yabboq, the border of the children of Ammon,

Deu 3:17 and the desert plain, with the Yardēn as the border, from Kinnereth as far as the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, below the slopes of Pisgah on the east.

Deu 3:18 “And I commanded you at that time, saying, ‘יהוה your Elohim has given you this land to possess. All you sons of might, pass over armed before your brothers, the children of Yisra’el.

Deu 3:19 But let your wives and your little ones, and your livestock – I know that you have much livestock – stay in your cities which I have given you,

Deu 3:20 until יהוה has given rest to your brothers as to you, and they also possess the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving them beyond the Yardēn. Then you shall return, each man to his possession which I have given you.’

Moses repeats the ENCOURAGING command given to Joshua:

Deu 3:21 “And I commanded Yehoshua at that time, saying, ‘Your eyes have seen all that יהוה your Elohim has done to these two sovereigns. יהוה does the same to all the reigns which you are passing over.’

Deu 3:22 Do not fear them, for יהוה your Elohim Himself fights for you.’

Moses Forbidden to Enter the Land

Deu 3:23 “And I pleaded with יהוה at that time, saying,

Deu 3:24 O Master יהוה, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your strong hand, for who is a mighty one in the heavens or on earth who does according to Your works and according to Your might?

Deu 3:25 I pray, let me pass over and see the good land beyond the Yardēn, this good hill country, and Lebanon.’

Deu 3:26 “But יהוה was enraged with me, for your sake, and would not listen to me, and יהוה said to me, ‘Enough of that! Speak no more to Me about this matter.’

Moses shares with the next generation that these conquered lands were agreed to be given to the tribes of Rueben; Gad; and ½ the tribe of Menashsheh. These lands would be their inheritance on the east side of the Jordon, as requested due to their large herds. The parameters of all their lands were reviewed, as well as, the agreement made that all twelve fighting tribes would still go in to conquer the promise land; and make sure all the tribes obtained their land inheritances before these 2 ½ tribes returned to their lands east of the Jordan.

Moses closes Deuteronomy 3 by recounting his plea with YHWH to allow him to go into the promise land. He shares his request was denied; and that it would be Joshua to lead the people into their promised land of inheritance. He repeated how he would be allowed so see all the lands from the top of Mount Abarim; and afterwards would be gathered to his people like Aaron.

Num 27:12 And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Go up into this Mount Abarim, and see the land which I have given to the children of Yisra’ël.”

Num 27:13 “And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aharon your brother was gathered,

Num 27:14 because you rebelled against My mouth in the Wilderness of Tsin, in the strife of the congregation, to set Me apart at the waters before their eyes.” These were the waters of Meribah, at Qadēsh in the Wilderness of Tsin.

Deu 3:27 **Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift up your eyes westward, and**

northward, and southward, and eastward, and look with your eyes, for you do not pass over this Yardeñ.

Deu 3:28 But command Yehoshua, and strengthen him and make him brave, for he shall pass over before this people and cause them to inherit the land which you see.’

Deu 3:29 “And we dwelt in the valley opposite Běyth Pe’or.

Psalm 85

The psalmist prays ‘revive us again!’ And, yes, He will! Enjoy reading this short but powerful psalm. There is a great revival coming!

Lev 26:42 then I shall remember My covenant with Ya’aqob, and also My covenant with Yitshaq, and also remember My covenant with Abraham, and remember the land.

Joel 2:18 And let יהוה be jealous for His land, and spare His people.

Zec 1:16 Therefore thus said יהוה, “I shall return to Yerushalayim with compassion. My house shall be built in it,” declares יהוה of hosts, “and a surveyor’s line be stretched out over Yerushalayim.” ’

Zec 1:17 “Again proclaim, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה of hosts, “Again My cities shall overflow with goodness. And יהוה shall again comfort Tsiyon, and shall again choose^a Yerushalayim.” ’ ’ ”

Footnote: ^aSee [Zec 2:12](#), and footnote at [Isa 14:1](#).

Revive Us Again

Psa 85:1 יהוה, You shall take pleasure in Your land; You shall turn back the captivity of Ya’aqob.

Psa 85:2 You shall take away the crookedness of Your people; You shall cover all their sin. Selah.

Psa 85:3 You shall withdraw all Your wrath; You shall turn from Your fierce displeasure.

Psa 85:4 Turn back to us, O Elohim of our deliverance, And cause Your vexation toward us to cease.

Psa 85:5 Would You be enraged with us forever? Would You draw out Your displeasure From generation to generation?

Psa 85:6 Would You not revive us again, For Your people to rejoice in You?

Psa 85:7 Show us Your loving-commitment, O יהוה, And give us Your deliverance.

Psa 85:8 Let me hear what אֱלֹהֵי יהוה speaks, For He speaks peace to His people And to His lovingly-committed ones; And let them not turn again to folly.

Psa 85:9 Truly, His deliverance is near to those who fear Him, For esteem to dwell in our land.

Psa 85:10 Loving-commitment and truth shall meet, Righteousness and peace shall kiss.

Psa 85:11 Truth sprouts forth from the earth, And righteousness looks down from heaven,

Psa 85:12 Indeed, יהוה gives what is good, And our land yields its increase.

Psa 85:13 Righteousness goes before Him, And prepares a way for His footsteps.

Isaiah 31

This is a direct message to any believing generation! ‘Do not go down to Egypt for protection!’ Whoever is present during the time of tribulation or any trial; believers must not go to the ‘worldly’ resources for protection. They should not go to the FEMA camps and Red Cross sites. They should not seek refuge in the 501c3 ‘churches.’ They should resolve now, to seek and wait on YHWH! Don’t turn back! Don’t turn to the resources of this world! Don’t turn to those places that are ‘seen’; turn to the ‘unseen’ YHWH! This is a lesson they learned THEN; and this is a lesson we must learn BEFORE tribulation or trial comes our way! Be mindful for this is stated as a ‘Woe!’

Woe to Those Who Go Down to Egypt

Isa 31:1 Woe to those who go down to Mitsrayim for help, and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but who do not look to the Set-apart One of Yisra’el, nor seek **יהוה**!

Isa 31:2 And He also is wise, and has brought evil, and has not turned aside His words. And He shall rise up against the house of evil-doers, and against the help of workers of wickedness.

Isa 31:3 And the Mitsrites are men, and not **על**. And their horses are flesh, and not spirit. And when **יהוה** stretches out His hand, both he who helps shall stumble, and he who is helped shall fall. And they shall all fall, together.

YHWH will defend His people. His people are to turn from trusting in the things of this world and turn wholly to Him! Have no other gods before Him!

Isa 31:4 For this is what **יהוה** has said to me, “As a lion roars, and a young lion over his prey, though a band of shepherds is called out against him, he is not afraid of their voice nor disturbed by their noise, so **יהוה** of hosts shall come down to fight upon Mount Tsiyon and upon its hill.

Isa 31:5 “Like hovering birds, so does **יהוה** of hosts protect Yerushalayim – protecting and delivering, passing over and rescuing.”

Zec 2:5 For I Myself am to her,’ declares **יהוה**, ‘a wall of fire all around, and for esteem I am in her midst.’ ”

Zec 9:8 And I shall encamp around My house, against an army, against him who passes by and him who returns, so that no oppressor passes through them again, for now I have seen with My eyes.

Zec 9:15 **יהוה** of hosts shall shield them. And they shall devour and trample on sling stones. And they shall drink, roar as if with wine, and they shall be filled like basins, like the corners of the

slaughter-place.

Zec 12:8 “In that day יהוה shall shield the inhabitants of Yerushalayim. And the feeble among them in that day shall be like Dawid, and the house of Dawid like Elohim, like the Messenger of יהוה before them!

Zec 14:3 And יהוה shall go forth, and He shall fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

Isa 31:6 Turn back to Him from whom the children of Yisra’el have deeply fallen away.

Isa 31:7 For in that day, let each man reject his idols of silver and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made for yourselves, as a sin.

Isa 31:8 “And Ashshur shall fall by a sword not of man, and a sword not of mankind shall devour him. But he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become slave labour,

Isa 31:9 and his strength pass away because of fear, and his commanders shall be afraid of the banner,” declares יהוה, whose light is in Tsiyon and whose furnace is in Yerushalayim.

Book of Revelation Introduction

The Book of Revelation is one of the most mysterious and exciting books of the Bible; yet because of the symbology, it can be confusing at times to old and new believers alike. No matter what challenges we may have in understanding some aspects of Revelation, one must never forget that this is the only book that says **a person will be blessed** by **reading**; by **hearing** the words **of this prophecy**, and by **guarding** its written words.

The Book of Revelation was written by the disciple that Yahusha loved, John. John also wrote the Gospel of John; 1John; 2John; and 3John. John had been exiled to the isle of Patmos as a political prisoner and this writing is said to have been done around 95 A.D.

We will see Yahusha, like King David, in **all three of roles as Prophet, Priest, and King**. He foretold many prophecies inclusive of His crucifixion as the sacrificial Lamb of Elohim: death-burial-resurrection; He reigns as our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He will come again as King of kings, the Lion of the tribe of Judah. We will see references to each role in the Book of Revelation.

The word ‘revelation’ means a disclosure or a manifestation of what is to come. **What was once veiled, is unveiled**. But if it is unveiled, why does it seem like it is still veiled by the symbolism? Remember:

Pro 25:2 It is the esteem of Elohim to hide a matter, And the esteem of sovereigns to search out

a matter.

Each day we are amid spiritual warfare between good and evil. Like with any military operation, strategies need to be cloaked with code language. Otherwise, this message nor John, may have never made it off the isle of Patmos! Roman soldiers reading his writings would just think he had ‘lost it.’

Yahusha, spoke to His people in parables, so that they would receive and understand the message, yet, the enemy and his minions would not; or at least not completely. The gospel message is even written in the heavens, displayed by the constellations. There is a woman, a ‘virgin’; there is a ‘lion’ such as the Lion of Judah; there is a ‘serpent’ or dragon like Satan; etc.

Most people in John’s day, understood more about the heavenly lights than we do; however, there are gifted believers and astronomers that have correlated these signs to the Bible. The study of ‘astronomy’ is not to be confused with the occult practices of ‘astrology.’ Satan always usurps things created by YHWH that are meant for good; and twists them into counterfeit perversions.

John’s immediate audience may have more easily understood the symbology. In addition, upon his immediate release from Patmos; he could have deciphered the language to those he gave the Book of Revelation to. It is believed that John was released from Patmos by the successor of the Roman Emperor Domitian after his death. It is thought that John lived his last days in Ephesus. This would make huge sense in being able to ‘deliver this prophetic message to the 7 assemblies mentioned.’

When studying the Book of Revelation, one can easily see that it incorporates many of the Old Testament prophetic books; the writings; and occurrences within the New Testament [Brit Hadasha]. Therefore, whenever possible, we will gain insight through cross-referencing Scripture throughout His Word; letting Scripture, interpret Scripture.

Why do some avoid the Book of Revelation? Because they may find it confusing; they may find it negative; maybe too hard to understand because of symbolism; and some even believe it has already been fulfilled.

There are 5 main viewpoints, of those that study the Book of Revelation:

1. Preterist Interpretation – prophetic events were fulfilled in the first century
2. Historical Interpretation – prophetic events have been fulfilled throughout history

3. Allegorical Interpretation – events are all allegorical stories; a battle between good and evil
4. Amillennial Interpretation – Revelation is just seven phases of church history; meaning ‘no’ millennium or ‘no’ 1000 year of reign.
5. Futuristic Interpretation – Chapters 4-22 are in the future; the time of the tribulation
 - a. Rev. 1 – has passed.
 - b. Rev. 2 & 3 – This was John’s prophetic present.
 - c. Rev. 4 – 22 – Is futuristic time of tribulation and more.

I will be taking the futuristic approach. The reason being is that the cataclysmic judgements found in Revelation have never happened before in history and Satan is definitely not bound! I also hold the view that the return of Yahusha is literal. (Rev. 19)

Yahusha told us in John 14 that:

Joh 14:3 “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I shall come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, you might be too.

We also know that He is coming in like-manner; as **those that witnessed Him as He ‘went up’** in Acts 1:10-11:

Act 1:10 And as they were gazing into the heaven as He went up, see, two men stood by them dressed in white,

Act 1:11 who also said, “Men of Galil, why do you stand looking up into the heaven? This same **יהושע**, who was taken up from you into the heaven, **shall come in the same way^d** as you saw Him go into the heaven.”

His return will be with a shout of an angel and with the trump of YHWH – 1Thes. 4:16-17.

1Th 4:16 Because the Master Himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of a chief messenger, and with the trumpet of Elohim, and the dead in Messiah shall rise first.

1Th 4:17 Then we, the living who are left over, shall be caught away together with them in the clouds to meet the Master in the air – and so we shall always be with the Master.

1Th 4:18 So, then, encourage one another with these words.

With the last trump, we will be changed from mortality to immortality:

1Co 15:52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible has to put on incorruption, and this mortal to put on immortality.

This is a literal physical return of Messiah. It is spiritual but it is VERY VISIBLE. It is not a metaphor or an allegory.

Mat 24:30 “And then **the sign** of the Son of Ađam shall appear in the heaven, and then **all the tribes of the earth shall mourn**, [Zec 12:10](#), [Zec 12:14](#) and they shall see the **Son of Ađam coming on the clouds** [Dan 7:13](#) of the heaven with **power and much esteem**.^h Footnote: ^hAlso see [Dan 7:14](#).

Mat 24:31 “And He shall send His messengers with **a great sound of a trumpet**, [Isa 27:13](#) and they shall gather together His chosen ones from **the four winds**, [Dan 7:2](#) **from one end of the heavens to the other**. [Deu 4:32](#).

Zec 12:10 “And I shall pour on the house of Dawid and on the inhabitants of Yerushalayim a spirit of favor and prayers. And they shall look on Me whom they pierced, and they shall mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son. And they shall be in bitterness over Him as a bitterness over the first-born.

Dan 7:13 “I was looking in the night visions and saw One like the **Son of Enosh**,^a coming with the clouds of the heavens! And He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Footnote: ^a*Son of Enosh - This Aramaic term is similar to the Hebrew ‘Ben Ađam,’ (Son of Ađam) but not the exact equivalent of it.*

Dan 7:14 “And to Him was given rulership and preciousness and a reign, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His rule is an everlasting rule which shall not pass away, and His reign that which shall not be destroyed.

Isa 27:13 And in that day it shall be that **a great shophar is blown**, and those who were perishing in the land of Ashshur and the outcasts in the land of Mitsrayim shall come, and shall worship **יהוה** on the set-apart mountain, in Yerushalayim.

Zec 13:6 “And one shall say to him, ‘What are these wounds in your hands?’ And he shall say, ‘Because I was struck at home by those who love me.’

Prophetic scriptures about His return:

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2Th 1:7 and to give you who are afflicted rest with us when the Master **יהושע** is revealed from heaven with His mighty messengers,

2Th 1:8 in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know Elohim, and on those who do not obey the Good News of our Master **יהושע** Messiah,

Zec 14:2 **And I shall gather all the nations to battle against Yerushalayim**.^a And the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into exile, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Footnote: ^a [Joe 3:2](#), [Zep 3:8](#), [Rev 16:14](#).

Zec 14:3 And **יהוה** shall go forth, and He shall fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of

battle.

Zec 14:4 And in that day His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which faces Yerushalayim on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Rev 19:14 And the armies in the heaven, dressed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Rev 20:1 And I saw a messenger coming down from the heaven, having the key to the pit of the deep and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he seized the dragon, the serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 and he threw him into the pit of the deep, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should lead the nations no more astray until the thousand years were ended. And after that he has to be released for a little while.

The 'trademark' of the 1000-year reign will BEGIN when Satan is bound for 1000 years. This has not happened. Today, we still see Satan and his minions very much at work.

1. The rule and reign for 1000 years on earth is a literal rule and reign.
 - a. **Rev 5:9** And they sang a renewed song, saying, "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,^c Footnote: ^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.
Rev 5:10 and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth."^d Footnote: ^d Dan 7:18-27.
 - b. **Rev 20:6** Blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the first resurrection. The second death possesses no authority over these, but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.
Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years have ended, Satan shall be released from his prison,
Rev 20:8 and he shall go out to lead the nations astray which are in the four corners of the earth, **Goḡ and Maḡoḡ**, Eze 38:2 to gather them together for battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.
2. We shall rule and reign with Him.
 - a. **2Ti 2:11** Trustworthy is the word: For if we died with Him, we shall also live with Him. 12 If we endure, we shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also shall deny us.
3. There will be those that sit on thrones, inclusive of those that have been beheaded during the tribulation, that will rule and reign with Yahusha 1000 years.
 - a. **Rev 20:4** And I saw thrones – and they sat on them, and judgment was given to them –

and the lives of those who had been beheaded because of the witness they bore to יהושע and because of the Word of Elohim, and **who did not worship the beast, nor his image, and did not receive his mark upon their foreheads or upon their hands**. And they **lived and reigned with Messiah for a thousand years**

4. The reign shall last forever and ever.

- a. **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.**

5. **Rev. 20 repeatedly says we will rule and reign with Messiah on earth 1000 years. How will that look?** At this point in time, I see the New Jerusalem hovering in the air and clouds **just above earth's surface**, which is the 1st heaven inclusive of the earth's atmosphere we see every day; yet, **not 'touching' the earth's surface**. This will be like how the **pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire** hovered slightly above the earth's surface during the Exodus when YHWH was leading them out of Egypt.

I see the 'coming in the clouds and air' **different than;** when His feet touch down on the Mount of Olives prior to the creation of a new 'undefiled' earth and heaven.

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Rev 20:5 (and the rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended) – this is the first resurrection. [These parentheses may indicate words not in the original text]

Rev 20:6 **Blessed and set-apart is the one having part in the first resurrection.** The second death possesses no authority over these, **but they shall be priests of Elohim and of Messiah, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.**

Rev 20:7 And **when the thousand years have ended**, Satan shall be released from his prison,

So, my understanding to date is, that the rule and reign of Yahusha is literal; not an allegory, though within sections of Revelation there are allegories. It is not only a spiritual reign but includes Messiah being present with us. Again, these are MY insights and understanding to date.

Who will be caught up with Him? Those, who are in covenant with Him and are overcomers. They will:

1. Have access to the Tree of Life
 - a. **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.**” ^c[Gen 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](#).
2. Not be hurt in the second death
 - a. **Rev 2:11** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. **He who overcomes shall by no means be harmed by the second death.**” ^dFootnote: ^dSee [Rev 20:6](#).
3. Be given a new name, on a white stone & hidden manna
 - a. **Rev 2:17** “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who **overcomes** I shall give some of the **hidden manna** to eat. And I shall give him a **white stone, and on the stone a renewed Name** written which no one knows except him who receives it.”
4. Will have authority over the nations.
 - a. **Rev 2:26** “And he **who overcomes**, and guards My works until the end, **to him I shall give authority over the nations,** [Psa 2:8](#).

The overcomers are victorious, steadfast, persevere, they are profitable servants; they are ready and watching; they are praying; they are keeping their garments spotless by being washed by the blood of the Lamb; washing in the Word. These are those that make up His holy nation; His set-apart people; His kingdom of priests.

- We will see the woman, His set-apart bride, be taken into the wilderness for 3 ½ years; and Satan will make war with the seed of the woman. Could this ‘seed of the woman’ be inclusive of those that are still living on earth, the remnant bride, which could also be the 144,000?

- We will see in Rev. 11 that the two witnesses are the two olive trees and the two lampstands. The two witnesses will prophesy for 1,260 days [3 ½ years].
- We also will see the 7 assemblies called lampstands; therefore, we should consider that the two lampstands in Rev. 11, may be referring to those belonging to the assemblies of Philadelphia and Smyrna, the two assemblies without condemnation.
- The two witnesses [the two olive trees and lampstands] could also mean there are actually two prophets; yet, they may be with the two lampstands, the living assemblies of Philadelphia and Smyrna that profess the witness of Yahusha HaMashiach.
- In Revelation 11, the two witnesses are called up into the heaven in a cloud. We must keep in mind there are three layers of heaven. The 1st heaven is where we exist with the birds and the clouds; 2nd heaven is where the sun, moon, and planetary bodies exists; and the 3rd heaven is the realm of YHWH's throne room.
- In Revelation 12, the next scene viewed is the woman clothed with the sun and the moon at her feet with a crown of 12 stars. This is seen in the 2nd heavenly realm. Keep in mind, this follows chapter 11 with the two olive trees and the two lampstands. We know the two olive trees are to become one; and when that happens all 12 tribes will be together. Is it possible that the woman is a picture of the two sticks becoming one, since she is crowned with 12 stars? Therefore, the woman the bride gives birth to Israel, the male child with Yahusha as the head [Col 1:18]. The woman is the bride but is also a subsection of the child Israel; and, a living remnant of her seed on earth is persecuted by the dragon.

This multiplicity of roles is reflected as well in Miriam. Miriam [Mary] was the mother of Yahusha; yet, she is also part of Israel, the one new man, and through the Son has a living remnant on earth. I share all of this so we can simply keep these possibilities in mind.

- In the latter part of Revelation 12, we will see the dragon, Satan, is cast down to earth and goes to make war with the woman. So at this point, the scene shows the woman on the earth because the earth helps the woman and the woman is given two wings of a great eagle to fly to her place in the wilderness where she is nourished for 3 ½ years from the presence of the serpent. Wilderness experiences always go hand in hand with witnessing.

- Then, while still in Revelation 12, we see that the dragon goes to fight with **the remnant of her seed**, those **guarding the commands of YHWH** and **possessing the witness of Messiah**. For this reason, we must consider that this remnant may be inclusive of the 144,000 / the remnant bride.

That concludes my introduction and highlights to the Book of Revelation, so now we begin Chapter 1. Together, we will be walking through the Book of Revelation. I will share my thoughts and insights; **but that does not mean they are without flaw**. Each of us should hear, read, and guard the Book of Revelation; and hear what His Spirit is ‘revealing.’

Revelation 1

Prologue

- ✚ **Rev 1:1 Revelation of יהושע Messiah,**
- ✚ **which Elohim gave Him** to show His servants what has to take place with speed.
- ✚ And **He signified it by sending His messenger**
- ✚ to **His servant Yoḥanan,**

Rev 1:2 who bore witness to **the Word of Elohim**, and **the witness of יהושע Messiah** – to all he saw.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he **who reads** and those **who hear** the words of this prophecy, **and guard what is written in it**, for the time is near.

1. YHWH, Elohim, gives this revelation of Yahusha HaMashiach to show His servants.
2. Yahusha ‘signified’, or marked it, by sending this prophecy through His messenger to John.
3. John is who bore witness to the Word of Elohim and to Yahusha HaMashiach, and all that he saw. John had been a disciple in the inner circle closest to Yahusha. John was an eyewitness.

It records, that these events must ‘take place with speed.’ These events most certainly will happen and speedily. ‘With speed’ could refer to the timing of these events fast approaching, knowing 1000 years is as a day to YHWH; or, that when the events begin to happen, they will unfold speedily, like a whirlwind; or maybe both.

As mentioned before, whoever hears, reads, and guards the prophetic words written in Revelation, will be blessed.

Greeting to the Seven Churches

Rev 1:4 Yohanan, to the seven assemblies that are in Asia: Favour to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits that are before His throne,

John writes the greeting of favor and peace:

TO: the 7 (seven) assemblies which are in Asia. Why just these seven, because we know there were many more assemblies? Possibly, because when John got off the isle of Patmos, this would be the area where he would spend His last days and bring them the Book of Revelation. From there, it would be shared among other congregations.

FROM: ...from Him who is and who was and who is coming, and from the seven Spirits that are before His throne.

Rev 1:5 and from **יהושע** Messiah, the trustworthy witness, the first-born from the dead, and the ruler of the sovereigns of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,







Rev 1:6 and has made us sovereigns and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him be esteem and rule forever and ever. Aměn.

Rev 1:7 **See, He is coming with the clouds,** Dan 7:13 and every eye shall see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth shall mourn because of Him. Zec 12:10 Yes, Aměn.

FROM:

1. Him who is and who was and who is coming [This is YHWH identified in Rev. 1:4 & 1:8]
2. the seven Spirits that are before His throne
3. and יהושע Messiah [Jesus the Messiah]

Yahusha HaMashiach [Jesus the Messiah] is described as:

-  Trustworthy witness
-  First-born from the dead
-  Ruler of the sovereigns of the earth
-  Him who loved us
-  Him who washed us from our sins in His own blood
-  Him who has made us kings and priests to His Elohim and Father, to Him be esteem and rule forever and ever. Amen

YHWH described as:

Rev 1:8 “I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, Beginning and End,” says יהוה “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

John identifies himself in Rev. 1:9 and tells how he came to be exiled to Patmos. John was a political prisoner being persecuted for His belief in Yahusha and the Word of YHWH. In Rev. 1:10, it appears he was taken in Spirit into the future; thereby actually witnessing the Day of YHWH. [Cross-ref. below]

Vision of the Son of Man

Rev 1:9 I, Yoḥanan, both your brother and co-sharer in pressure, and in the reign and endurance of יהושע Messiah, came to be on the island that is called Patmos for the Word of Elohim and for the witness of יהושע Messiah.

Rev 1:10 I came to be in the Spirit on the Day of יהוה,^a and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, Footnote: ^aSee also Isa 13:6, Isa 13:9, Eze 13:5, Joe 1:15, Joe 2:1, Joe 2:11, Joe 2:31, Joe 3:14, Amo 5:16-20, Oba 1:15, Zep 1:7, Zep 1:14, Mal 4:5, Act 2:20, 1Th 5:2, 2Th 2:2, 2Pe 3:10.

He heard a loud voice as a trumpet saying:

Rev 1:11 saying, “I am the ‘Aleph’ and the ‘Taw’, the First and the Last,” and, “Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven assemblies of Asia – to Ephesos, and to Smurna, and to Pergamos, and to Thyatira, and to Sardis, and to Philadelphia, and to Laodikeia.”

Rev 1:12 And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me. And having turned, I saw **seven golden lampstands**, Zec 4:2.

Rev 1:13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands **One like the Son of Adam**, Dan 7:13 **dressed in a robe** down to the feet and **girded about the chest with a golden band**. Dan 10:5.

Rev 1:14 And His head and hair were white as white wool, as snow, and **His eyes as a flame of fire**,

Rev 1:15 **and His feet like burnished brass**, Dan 10:6 as if refined in a furnace, and **His voice as the sound of many waters**. Eze 1:24, Eze 43:2.

Rev 1:16 And in His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth went a sharp **two-edged sword**,^b and His face was as the sun shining in its strength. Footnote: ^bSee Rev 2:16, Isa 49:2, Heb 4:12.

He turns toward the voice and sees:

1. Seven golden lampstands [Seven menorahs] [Rev. 1:12; Zec. 4:2]
2. One like the Son of Adam amid the seven lampstands [Rev. 1:13; Dan. 7:13; 10:5]

We are given a detailed description of the **One like the Son of Adam**. He appears to be dressed in His High Priestly garments down to his feet with his chest girded by a gold band; like Moses, his face shines in brightness; he is barefoot; He speaks the Word; He is pure, piercing, and powerful.

- ✚ Dressed in a robe down to his feet
- ✚ His chest girded with a gold band
- ✚ His head and hair white as wool; as snow
- ✚ His eyes like flames of fire
- ✚ Feet like burnished brass [Dan. 10:6]
- ✚ His voice like the sound of many waters [Eze. 1:24; 43:2]
- ✚ His right hand held seven stars
- ✚ Out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword
- ✚ His face was like the sun shining in its strength [Rev. 2:16; Isaiah 49:2; Heb 4:12]

Yahusha is the **Lamb of Elohim**; Yahusha is our **High Priest of the Melchizedek order**; and now, soon in Revelation, we will see Yahusha functioning in His role as the coming **King of kings!**

John collapses at Yahusha's feet [YHWH in Son], and he tells John:

Rev 1:17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead, and He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid, **I am the First and the Last**, [Isa 44:6](#), [Isa 48:12](#).

Rev 1:18 and **the living One**. And I became dead, and see, I am living forever and ever. Amēn. And **I possess the keys of She'ol^c and of Death**. Footnote: ^cSee [Explanatory Notes - She'ol](#).

Yahusha makes it clear that He holds **the keys of Sheol AND of Death**. Therefore, equating to the fact that **He is the Resurrection AND the Life**.

Rev 1:19 "Write therefore what you have seen, **both what is now** and **what shall take place after these**:"

In Rev. 1:19 – John is instructed to write these things concerning:

1. What is now [for John’s present time]
2. What shall take place after these

Then John is given the revelation of the seven stars in His right hand and the seven golden lampstands:

Rev 1:20 “The secret of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are messengers of the seven assemblies, and the seven lampstands which you saw are seven assemblies.

1. The seven stars are messengers of the seven assemblies
2. The seven lampstands are the seven assemblies

John was told to write down all these things he had seen.

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