

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 29 & 30; 1Cor. 10; Ezekiel 8; Psalms 46 & 47.

September 5 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 29 & 30

The Philistines Reject David

1Sa 29:1 And the Philistines gathered all their armies at Aphēq, while Yisra'ēl encamped by a fountain which is in Yizre'ēl.

1Sa 29:2 And the **princes of the Philistines** were passing on by hundreds and by thousands, and Dawiḍ and his men were passing on in the rear with Aḳish.

1Sa 29:3 **And the princes of the Philistines said**, “Who are these Hebrews?” And Aḳish said to the princes of the Philistines, “Is this not Dawiḍ, the servant of Sha'ul sovereign of Yisra'ēl, who has been with me these days, or these years? And to this day I have found no *evil* in him since he came over.”

1Sa 29:4 But the **princes of the Philistines were wrath with him**, and the princes of the Philistines said to him, “Send the man back, let him return to the place which you have appointed for him, and **do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become our adversary.** For with what could he appease his master, if not with the heads of these men?”

1Sa 29:5 **“Is this not Dawiḍ, of whom they sang to each other in dances, saying, ‘Sha'ul struck his thousands, and Dawiḍ his ten thousands’?”**

The princes of the Philistines make a good argument for NOT allowing David and his Hebrew army to go into battle against Israel. Afterall, David's military reputation was well known. In many ways, this was a blessing in disguise and Aḳish informs David that he and his men would need to return to Ziklag.

1Sa 29:6 And Aḳish called Dawiḍ and said to him, “As יהוה lives, you have been straight, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my eyes. For to this day I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me. **But in the eyes of the princes you are not good.**”

1Sa 29:7 **“And now, return, and go in peace, and do no evil in the eyes of the princes of the Philistines.”**

David wasn't a 'turn around and go back' kind of leader. The trust built between him and Aġish was admirable. However, David's participation in this battle wasn't meant to be. We will see, that it won't be long before David will have more of his own battles to fight.

1Sa 29:8 And Dawid said to Aġish, "But what have I done? And to this day what have you found in your servant as long as I have been with you, that I should not go and fight against the enemies of my master the sovereign?"

1Sa 29:9 But Aġish answered and said to Dawid, "I know that you are as good in my eyes as a messenger of Elohim, but the princes of the Philistines have said, 'Let him not go up with us to the battle.'

1Sa 29:10 "And now, rise early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning and have light, then go."

1Sa 29:11 And Dawid and his men rose up early to go in the morning, to return to the land of the Philistines, and the Philistines went up to Yizre'el.

1Sam. 30

David's Wives Are Captured

1Sa 30:1 And it came to be, when Dawid and his men came to Tsiqlaġ, **on the third day, that the Amalġites had invaded the South and Tsiqlaġ, and struck Tsiqlaġ and burned it with fire.**

We recall: **1Sa 27:8** And Dawid and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, and the Girzites, and **the Amalġites**. For those nations were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as you go to Shur, even as far as the land of Mitsrayim.

1Sa 27:9 And when Dawid had stricken the land, he left neither man nor woman alive, but took away sheep, and cattle, and donkeys, and camels, and garments, and returned and came to Aġish.

1Sa 30:2 And they **took captive the women and those who were there, from small to great. They did not kill anyone, but they led them away and went their way.**

David and his men return to the utter desolation on Ziklag by the Amalġites. It was burned and the wives, sons, and daughters taken captive; but thankfully none were killed. David and his men are devastated and mourn bitterly.

1Sa 30:3 And Dawid and his men came to the city and saw it burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

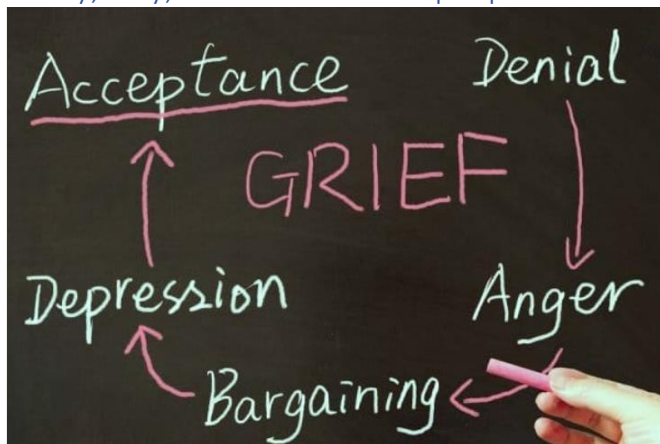
1Sa 30:4 And **Dawid and the people who were with him lifted up their voices and**

wept, until they had no more power to weep.

1Sa 30:5 And Dawid's two wives, **Ahino'am the Yizre'elitess**, and **Abiḡayil the widow of Nabal the Karmelite**, had been taken captive.

1Sa 30:6 And Dawid was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him, because the being of all the people was grieved, each for his sons and his daughters. But Dawid strengthened himself in **יהוה** his Elohim.

The 'buck' stops with the leaders. 'Hurting people, hurt people' and initially the people want to stone David. After any major tragedy there is always second guessing; what if; or if only; why; and so forth. The people had entered the 'anger' stage of grief.



Five stages of grief.

David strengthens himself in YHWH his Elohim. Leaders are not always given the luxury to grieve. A true leader puts those under their care first. David was familiar with the loneliness at the top; yet, David was never alone. As a shepherd boy and as a warrior; David always had YHWH.

1Sa 30:7 And Dawid said to Ebyathar the priest, son of Aḡimelek, "Please bring the shoulder garment here to me." So Ebyathar brought the shoulder garment to Dawid.

1Sa 30:8 And Dawid inquired of **יהוה**, saying, "Do I pursue this band? Do I overtake them?" And He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall certainly overtake them, and certainly rescue."

Notice that David called for the shoulder garment and David inquired of YHWH. David was of the righteous lineage of the Melchizedek, kingly-priestly, order. YHWH answers David to go and pursue the raiders and affirms he will have victory and most importantly will rescue those taken captive.

1Sa 30:9 So Dawid went, he and the six hundred men who were with him, and came to the wadi Besor, where a halt was made by those who were left behind,

1Sa 30:10 while Dawid pursued, he and four hundred men – **for two hundred halted, who were too faint to pass over the wadi Besor.**

Two hundred men halt due to feeling faint, so David moves forward with 400 out of the 600 men.

1Sa 30:11 And they found a man in the field, a Mitsrian, and took him to Dawid. And they gave him bread and he ate, and they let him drink water,

1Sa 30:12 and gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his strength came back to him, for he had not eaten bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights.

A young man who was a servant of an Amalēqite informs David that he had been with the marauding band. He agrees to show David and his men where they are located.

1Sa 30:13 And Dawid said to him, “To whom do you belong, and where are you from?” And he said, “I am a young man from Mitsrayim, servant of an Amalēqite. And my master left me behind, for I had been sick three days.”

1Sa 30:14 “We attacked the south of the Kerēthites and against that which belongs to Yehudāh, and upon the south of Kalēb, and we burned Tsiqlāg with fire.”

1Sa 30:15 And Dawid said to him, “Could you bring me down to this marauding band?” And he said, **“Swear to me by Elohim that you neither kill me nor surrender me into the hands of my master, then I bring you down to this marauding band.”**

David Defeats the Amalekites

1Sa 30:16 And he brought him down and saw they were spread out over all the land, eating and drinking and celebrating, because of all the great spoil which they had taken from the land of the Philistines and from the land of Yehudāh.

In the end of days, there will be a similar scene happening when the King of kings returns. There will be eating, drinking, and marrying. They will be unsuspecting, and vengeance will be His. We read:

Mat 24:38 “For as they were in the days before the flood, eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah entered into the ark**, [Gen 7:7](#).

Mat 24:39 and they did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also shall the coming of the Son of Ađam be.

1Sa 30:17 And **Dawid struck them from twilight until the evening of the next day.** **And none of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode on camels and fled.**

1Sa 30:18 And Dawid rescued all that the Amalēqites had taken. Dawid also rescued his two wives.

1Sa 30:19 And there was none missing to them, whether small or great, whether sons or daughters, or spoil or whatever they had taken from them. Dawid recovered all.

1Sa 30:20 Besides, Dawid captured all the flocks and herds they had driven before those livestock, and they said, **“This is Dawid’s spoil.”**

YHWH was with David and he achieved total victory and rescued all the people and recovered all that had been taken of theirs; plus, additional spoils of flocks and herds.

1Sa 30:21 And Dawid came to the two hundred men who were too faint to follow Dawid, who had also been left at the wadi Besor. And they went out to meet Dawid and to meet the people who were with him. And when Dawid came near the people, he greeted them.

1Sa 30:22 And all the evil and worthless men of those who went with Dawid answered and said, **“Because they did not go with us, we do not give them any of the spoil that we have rescued, except for every man’s wife and children, and let them take them and go.”**

The 400 men returning from battle didn’t want the spoils to be shared among the 200 men that stayed behind at the wadi Besor. David reasons with them, letting them know it was YHWH that had given them all victory. Everyone did their part; whether staying with the baggage and belongings or by going into the combat zone.

1Sa 30:23 But Dawid said, **“My brothers, do not do so with what יהוה has given us, who has protected us and gave into our hand the band that came against us.”**

1Sa 30:24 “And who would listen to you in this matter? For as his portion is who goes down to the battle, so is his portion who remains with the baggage, they share alike.”

1Sa 30:25 And it came to be, from that day forward, he appointed it for a law and a right-ruling for Yisra’el to this day.

David sends spoils to the elders of Judah and his friends in multiple cities. It would convey to them that YHWH was still with him; that David had not forgotten them; and YHWH provides.

Meanwhile, we await to read the outcome of the battle of Saul against the Philistines at Gilboa.

1Sa 30:26 And when Dawid came to Tsiqlāg, he sent some of the spoil to the elders of

Yehudah, to his friends, saying, "Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of יהוה,"

1Sa 30:27 to those in Běyth Ēl, and to those in Ramoth of the South, and to those in Yattir,

1Sa 30:28 and to those in Aro'ēr, and to those in Siphmoth, and to those in Eshtemoa,

1Sa 30:29 and to those in Raḳal, and to those in the cities of the Yerahme'ēlites, and to those in the cities of the Qěynites,

1Sa 30:30 and to those in Ḥormah, and to those in Korashan, and to those in Athaḳ,

1Sa 30:31 and to those in Heḅron, and to all the places where Dawid had gone up and down, he and his men.

1Corinthians 10 Warning Against Idolatry

Will the traditional churches; cathedrals; ever wake up to their idolatrous practices? It is one thing for us to practice such when we were yet blind; but today, we have resources to clearly point us to Shabbat rather than 'SUNday' worship! There are numerous resources as well showing the 'paganistic sun-god worship' behind Tammuz's birthday of December 25th; as well as the deceit behind the worship of 'Ishtar' 'Easter' instead of Passover! Really? How long will hearts be hardened to Truth?

When we understand these things; we should repent and turn back to Him only. Search the scriptures and find His feast days; they are not 'Jewish' feast days; they are His feast days! They are our wedding rehearsals preparing His mature bride for His return.

This is not a small matter. Be sure to read Ezekiel 8 closely today. Do we think He will only judge other generations harshly of idolatry and not our generation? Do we think present day idolatry is any different? The fear of YHWH is the BEGINNING of wisdom.

Pro 9:10 The fear of יהוה is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Set-apart One is understanding.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Pro 1:7](#).

1Co 10:1 For I do not wish you to be ignorant, brothers, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

1Co 10:2 and all were immersed into Mosheh in the cloud and in the sea,

1Co 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,

1Co 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed, and the Rock was Messiah.

1Co 10:5 However, with most of them Elohim was not well pleased, for they were laid low in the wilderness.

1Co 10:6 **And these became examples for us**, so that **we should not lust after evil, as those indeed lusted.**

If people do not think we lust after evil pagan holidays, just try to ask those professing to be Christians in traditional church settings to give up “Christmas.” The enemy has taken a ‘pagan’ holiday and slapped the name of Jesus onto it when it is really about Saturnalia worship and the worship of Tammuz.

Yahusha, Jesus, was not born on December 25th and has nothing to do with ‘Santa Claus’, which is sigil magic standing for ‘Santa Lucas.’ Nor does He want us bowing down before a wooden tree in our homes nor picking up ‘fertility eggs’ under bushes.

Neither can we stand behind the cliché of ‘That is not what it means to me.’ Just think about it. In order to practice such holidays; we must keep with the tradition of telling lies to our children generation after generation! I ask you, ‘Who is the father of lies?’

Please, no matter what culture you were raised in; no matter what traditions you have grown-up with; as believers, we are to turn from the ways of this world and follow YHWH’s ways. This will mean coming of organizations and even separating from family ‘holiday’ gatherings that ‘blend’ with the ways of the world.

Above all let YHWH guide you! He knows what each believer is up against. He knows that there is heavier persecution in some countries rather than others. Seek His wisdom and guidance in all matters.

1Co 10:7 **And do not become idolaters** as some of them, as it has been written, **“The people sat down to eat and to drink, and stood up to play.”** [Exo_32:6](#).

1Co 10:8 **Neither should we commit whoring**, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell,

1Co 10:9 **neither let us try Messiah**, as some of them also tried, and were destroyed by serpents,

1Co 10:10 **neither grumble**, as some of them also grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

1Co 10:11 **And all these came upon them as examples, and they were written as a warning to us, on whom the ends of the ages have come,**

1Co 10:12 so that **he who thinks he stands, let him take heed lest he fall.**

1Co 10:13 No trial has overtaken you except such as is common to man, and Elohim is trustworthy, who shall not allow you to be tried beyond what you are able, but with the **trial shall also make the way of escape, enabling you to bear it.**

1Co 10:14 Therefore, my beloved ones, **flee from idolatry.**

1Co 10:15 **I speak as to wise men, judge for yourselves what I say.**

1Co 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Messiah? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Messiah?

1Co 10:17 **Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

1Co 10:18 Look at Yisra'el after the flesh: Are not those who eat of the slaughterings sharers in the slaughter-place?

1Co 10:19 What then do I say? That an idol is of any *value*? Or that which is slaughtered to idols is of any *value*?

1Co 10:20 No, but **what the nations slaughter they slaughter to demons^a** and not to Elohim, and I do not wish you to become sharers with demons. Footnote: ^aSee [Lev 17:7](#), [Deu 32:17](#).

1Co 10:21 **You are not able to drink the cup of the Master and the cup of demons,** you are not able to partake of the table of the Master and of the table of demons.

1Co 10:22 **Do we provoke the Master to jealousy? Are we stronger than He?**

Do All to the Glory of YHWH

1Co 10:23 **All is permitted me, but not all do profit.** All is permitted me, but not all build up.

1Co 10:24 Let no one seek his own, but each one that of the other.

1Co 10:25 You eat whatever is sold in the meat market, asking no questions because of conscience,

1Co 10:26 for **“The earth belongs to יהוה, and all that fills it.”** [Psa 24:1](#), [Psa 50:12](#).

1Co 10:27 And if any of the unbelievers invite you, and you wish to go, you eat whatever is set before you, asking no question on account of the conscience.

1Co 10:28 And if anyone says to you, “This was slaughtered to idols,” do not eat it because of the one pointing it out to you, and on account of the conscience, for “The earth belongs to יהוה, and all that fills it.”

1Co 10:29 Now I say conscience, not your own, but that of the other. For why is my freedom judged by another’s conscience?

1Co 10:30 But if I partake with thanks, why am I evil spoken of for what I give thanks?

1Co 10:31 **Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the esteem of Elohim.**

1Co 10:32 **Cause no stumbling,** either to the Yehudim or to the Greeks or to the assembly of Elohim,

1Co 10:33 as I also please all *men* in all *matters*, not seeking my own advantage, but that of the many, that they might be saved.

Ezekiel 8 According to the chronological chart, Ezekiel 8 should begin the Book of Ezekiel as part of Scroll 1. Scroll 1 will extend from Ezekiel 8 all the way to Ezekiel 19:14.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
SCROLLS	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
1	8:1 - 19:14 (the present state of Israel, temple abominations, wicked slain, the glory departs- E, opportunity of regathering, Judah & Jerusalem's guilt)	06/05/06

Abominations in the Temple

Eze 8:1 And it came to be in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth of the new moon, as I sat in my house with the elders of Yehudah sitting before me, that the hand of the Master יהוה fell upon me there.

Eze 8:2 And I looked and saw a likeness, like the appearance of fire. From His waist and downward the appearance was like fire, and from His waist and upward the appearance of brightness, like glowing metal.

Eze 8:3 And He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in visions of Elohim to Yerushalayim, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which causes jealousy.

Ezekiel is transported by the Spirit to peer into the abominations taking place in Jerusalem via visions. He is presently among the exiles but has a house as stated in Ezekiel 8:1 'as I sat in my house with the elders of Judah...'

Eze 8:4 And see, the esteem of the Elohim of Yisra'el was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.

Eze 8:5 And He said to me, "Son of man, please lift your eyes toward the north." And I lifted my eyes northward, and north of the slaughter-place gate I saw this image of jealousy in the entrance.

Eze 8:6 And He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are doing, the great abominations which the house of Yisra'el are doing here, driving Me away from My set-apart place? And you are to see still greater abominations."

Eze 8:7 Then He brought me to the door of the court. And I looked and saw a hole

in the wall.

Eze 8:8 And He said to me, “Son of man, please dig into the wall.” And when I dug into the wall I saw a door.

Eze 8:9 And He said to me, “**Go in, and see the evil abominations^a which they are doing there.**” Footnote: ^aSee also [Eze 6:4](#), [Deu 4:19](#), [Deu 17:3](#), [2Ki 23:4-11](#), [2Ch 14:5](#), [Job 31:29](#), [Jer 19:13](#), [Jer 44:17](#) and [Act 7:42](#).

Eze 8:10 And I went in and looked and saw all kinds of creeping creatures, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Yisra’ël, carved all around on the walls.

Eze 8:11 And facing them stood seventy men of the elders of the house of Yisra’ël, and in their midst stood Ya’azanyahu son of Shaphan. Each one had a censer in his hand, and a thick cloud of incense went up.

Ezekiel beholds prolific idol worship by [the elders of the house of Israel](#) and [the women at the north gate of the House of YHWH](#). It is interesting that it is stated that there were [70 men of the elders of the house of Israel](#).

We know that the northern kingdom of Israel was exiled approximately 130 years prior to the exile of the southern kingdom of Judah. However, as I understand, there were some people left behind from the kingdom of Israel that blended into the southern kingdom.

I just want us to keep this in mind as we read and absorb the Book of Ezekiel. Were these scenes from ‘past abominations’ that had been done or current practices among those in Jerusalem?

Eze 8:12 And He said to me, “Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Yisra’ël are doing in the dark, **each one in the room of his idols**? For they say, ‘יהוה does not see us, יהוה has forsaken the land.’ ”

Eze 8:13 And He said to me, “**You are to see still greater abominations which they are doing.**”

Eze 8:14 And He brought me **to the door of the north gate of the House of יהוה**, and I saw women sitting there, weeping for Tammuz.

The abominations do not stop. Now YHWH shows Ezekiel twenty-five men at the door of the Temple of YHWH practicing ‘sun god worship!’

Eze 8:15 Then He said to me, “Have you seen this, O son of man? You are to see still greater abominations than these.”

Eze 8:16 And He brought me into the inner court of the House of יהוה. And there, at the door of the Hēḵal of יהוה, between the porch and the slaughter-place, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the Hēḵal of יהוה and their faces toward the

east, and they were bowing themselves eastward to the sun.

Eze 8:17 And He said to me, "Have you seen, O son of man? Is it a small matter to the house of Yehudah to do the abominations which they have done here? For they have filled the land with violence, and turn back to provoke Me. And see, they are putting the branch to My nose.

The house of Judah was flaunting their abominable practice before the face of YHWH. Is it any different today?

Eze 8:18 **Therefore I shall indeed deal in wrath.**

- My eye shall not pardon nor would I spare.
- And they shall cry in My ears with a loud voice, but I shall not hear them."

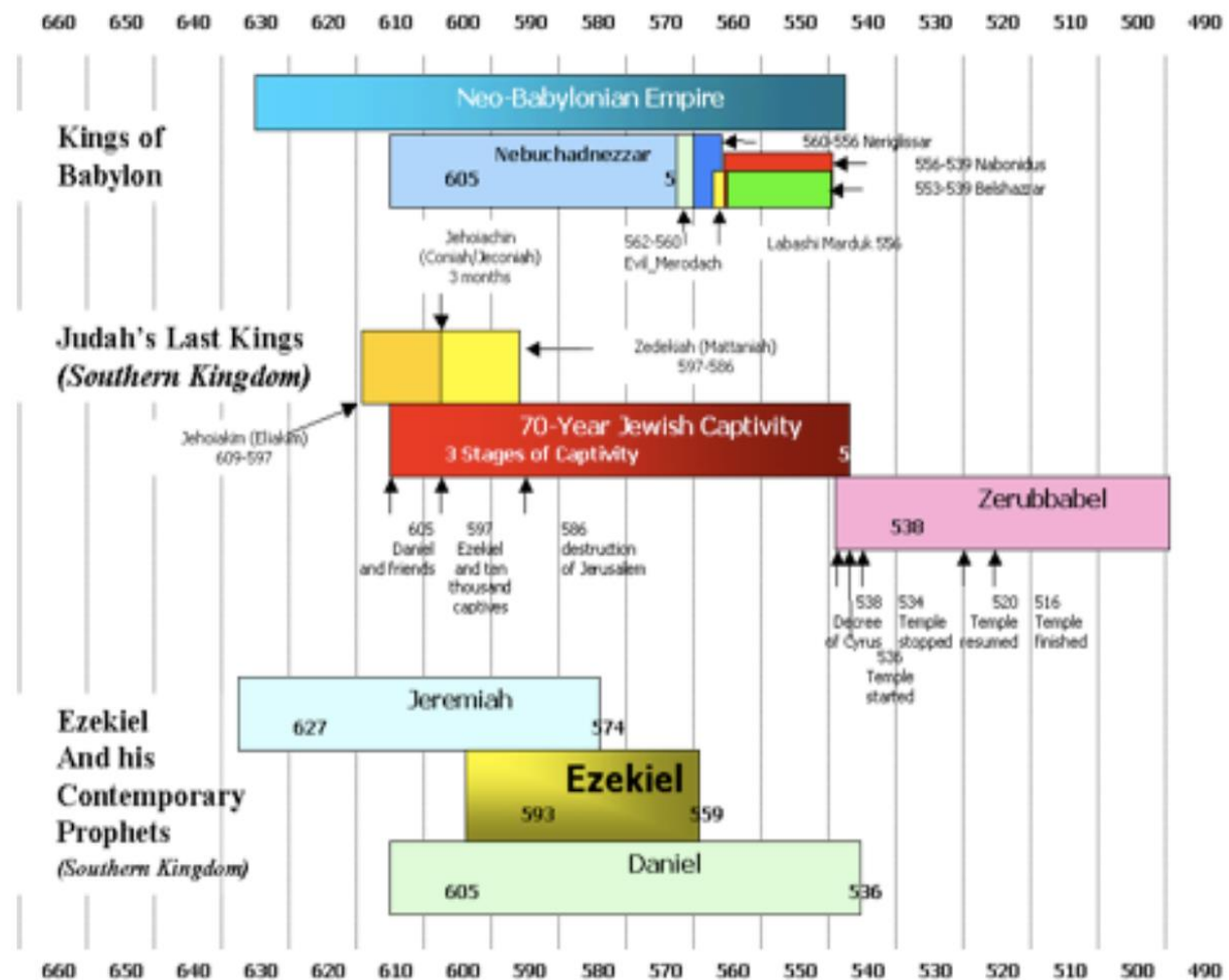


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Psalm 46 & 47

YHWH still goes with us! He has gathered us through the Door, Yahusha HaMashiach, into one set-apart nation, Israel; the one new man. He is our refuge; He is the One exalted among nations.

As His kingdom of priests, He still responds to our ascending offerings of prayers and praise; our shouts; and our blowing of the trumpets/shofars! We, like Moses, can also say: “Rise up, O יהוה! And let Your enemies be scattered, and let those who hate You flee before You.” And “Return, O יהוה, to the countless thousands of Yisra’ël.”

YHWH Is Our Fortress

Psa 46:1 Elohim is our refuge and strength, A help in distress, soon found.

Psa 46:2 Therefore we do not fear, Though the earth reels And mountains topple into the heart of the seas.

Psa 46:3 Let its waters rage, foam; Let mountains shake with its swelling. Selah.

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

Psa 46:5 Elohim is in her midst, she does not topple; Elohim does help her when morning turns.

Psa 46:6 The nations shall rage, Reigns shall topple; He shall give forth His voice, The earth melts.

Psa 46:7 יהוה of hosts is with us; The Elohim of Ya'aqob is our refuge. Selah.

Psa 46:8 Come, see the works of יהוה, The ruins He has wrought on the earth,

Psa 46:9 Causing *all* fighting to cease, Unto the end of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariot with fire.

Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am Elohim; I am exalted among nations, I am exalted in the earth!

Psa 46:11 יהוה of hosts is with us; The Elohim of Ya'aqob is our refuge. Selah.

YHWH Is King over All the Earth

Psa 47:1 Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to Elohim with a voice of singing!

Psa 47:2 For יהוה Most High is awesome; A great Sovereign over all the earth.

Psa 47:3 He subdues peoples under us, And nations under our feet.

Psa 47:4 He chooses our inheritance for us, The excellence of Ya'aqob whom He loves. Selah.

Psa 47:5 Elohim shall go up with a shout, יהוה with a voice of a shophar.

Psa 47:6 Sing praises to Elohim, sing praises! Sing praises to our Sovereign, sing praises!

Psa 47:7 For Elohim is Sovereign of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

Psa 47:8 Elohim shall reign over the nations; Elohim shall sit on His set-apart throne.

Psa 47:9 Nobles of peoples shall be gathered together, The people of the Elohim of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to Elohim; He shall be greatly exalted.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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Bible Characters

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