Greetings, today our manna is Deut. 33 & 34; Psalm 119: 145- 176; Isaiah 60; Matthew 8.

June 28 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 33

In <u>Genesis 49</u> we saw Jacob give final words and blessings over the Patriarchal tribes. Here in <u>Deuteronomy 33</u> we see Moses' speak over the tribes as well. We will do a side by side comparison.

The first 5 verses proclaim the sovereignty of YHWH. Moses recounts several memorable destinations from their exodus out of Egypt; and their wilderness wanderings, where YHWH shone brightly. YHWH had chosen Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and we recall how Jacob wrestled with YHWH until He blessed him.

Israel is birth through Jacob and his descendants, the twelve patriarchs. YHWH, the one true living Elohim, <u>sees Israel as His first born</u>. Never had there been a nation that was claimed by YHWH. He greatly loves Israel to this day, though we are scattered throughout the world. We are the <u>apple of His eye</u> and He will gather us once again. He loves His <u>set-apart ones</u> and <u>we are in His hand</u>.

We love to sit at His feet and be fed by Him. We know Him today as our Good Shepherd who laid down His life for His sheep; His beloved. We have grown and matured over the years and are about to be gathered as the 'one new man' with Yahusha as the head.

Moses' Final Blessing on Israel

Deu 33:1 And this is the blessing with which Mosheh the man of Elohim blessed the children of Yisra'ěl before his death.

Deu 33:2 And he said, "יהוה came from Sinai, and rose from Se'ir for them. He shone forth from Mount Paran, and came with ten thousands of set-apart ones – at His right hand a law of fire for them.

Deu 33:3 Indeed, <u>He loves the peoples</u>, <u>all His set-apart ones are in Your hand</u>. And they, they sat down at Your feet, receiving Your Words.

Deu 33:4 Mosheh commanded us a Torah, an inheritance of the assembly of Ya'aqob.

Deu 33:5 And He was Sovereign in Yeshurun, when the heads of the people were gathered, the tribes of Yisra'ěl.

BDB Definition: Jeshurun = "upright one" 1) a symbolic name for Israel describing her ideal character

Deu 33:6 "Let Re'uběn live, and not die, and let his men be numbered."

Gen 49:3 "Re'uben, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.

Gen 49:4 "Boiling like water, you do not excel, because you went up to your father's bed, then you defiled it – he went up to my couch.

Deu 33:7 And this of <u>Yehudah</u>, and he said, "Hear, יהוה, the voice of Yehudah, and bring him to his people. His hands shall fight for him, and You be a help against his enemies."

Gen 49:8 "You, Yehudah, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father's children bow down before you.

Gen 49:9 "Yehudah is a lion's cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?

Gen 49:10 "The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor an Inscriber from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

Gen 49:11 "Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.

Gen 49:12 "His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

Deu 33:8 And of <u>Lewi</u> he said, "Your Tummim and your Urim belong to your lovingly-commited One, whom You tried at Massah, with Whom You contended at the waters of Meribah,

Deu 33:9 who said of his father and mother, 'I have not seen them.' And he did not acknowledge his brothers, or know his own children, for they have guarded Your Word and watched over Your covenant.

Deu 33:10 "They teach Your right-rulings to Ya'aqob, and Your Torah to Yisra'ěl. They put incense before You, and a complete ascending offering on Your slaughter-place.

Deu 33:11 "O יהוה, bless his strength, and accept the work of his hands. Smite the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they rise no more."

Gen 49:5 "Shim'on and Lewi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence.

Gen 49:6 "Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they killed a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure.

Gen 49:7 "Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya'aqob and scatter them in Yisra'ěl.

<u>We notice that the tribe of Simeon is not listed</u> in Moses' blessings. Some reasons for this may be as follow:

- Levi was given the priesthood and Moses' blessing, and lived in different towns in Israel. Simeon was given land that been apportioned to Judah, but without a blessing from Moses.
- Jos 19:1 And the second lot came out for Shim'on, for the tribe of the children of Shim'on for their clans. And their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Yehudah.
- Jos 19:9 The inheritance of the children of Shim'on was out of the portion of the children of Yehudah, for the portion of the children of Yehudah was too much for them. So the children of

- Shim'on had their inheritance within their inheritance.
- Though Simeon doesn't receive a separate blessing in Deut. 33, we still see this tribe in Revelation. Rev 7:7 of the tribe of Shim'on twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Lewi twelve thousand were sealed, of the tribe of Yissaskar twelve thousand were sealed,
- Rev 21:12 and having a great and high wall, having twelve gates, and at the gates twelve messengers, and names written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the children of Yisra'ěl:^C Footnote: ^CSee Eze 47:22-23, Eze 48:31-34.

Deu 33:12 Of <u>Binyamin</u> he said, "Let the beloved of יהוה dwell in safety by Him, shielding him all the day, as he dwells between His shoulders."

Gen 49:27 "Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey, and at night he divides the spoil."

Deu 33:13 And of **Yoseph** he said, "Blessed of יהוה is his land, with the choicest from the heavens, with the dew, and the deep lying beneath,

Deu 33:14 with the choice fruits of the sun, with the choice yield of the months,

Deu 33:15 with the finest of the ancient mountains, with the choicest of the everlasting hills,

Deu 33:16 with the choicest of the earth and all that fills it, and the good pleasure of Him who dwelt in the bush. Let it come on the head of Yosěph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers.

Deu 33:17 "His splendor is like a first-born bull, and his horns are like the horns of the wild ox. With them he pushes the peoples to the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of **Ephrayim**, and they are the thousands of **Menashsheh**."

Gen 49:22 "Yoseph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

Gen 49:23 "And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

Gen 49:24 "But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'aqob – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra'ěl –

Gen 49:25 from the Ěl of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

Gen 49:26 "The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yosěph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

Deu 33:18 And of **Zebulun** he said, "Rejoice, O Zebulun, in your going out, and **Yissaskar** in your tents!

Deu 33:19 "They call peoples to the mountain, there they slaughter slaughterings of righteousness, for they draw from the riches of the seas, and treasures hidden in the sand."

Gen 49:13 "Zebulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships, and his border is unto Tsidon.

Gen 49:14 "Yissaskar is a strong donkey lying down between two burdens,

Gen 49:15 and he saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, and he inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a subject to slave labour.

Deu 33:20 And of <u>Gad</u> he said, "Blessed is he who enlarges Gad. He dwells as a lion, and shall tear off the arm, also the crown.

Deu 33:21 "And he chose the best for himself, for there the portion of the inscriber was hidden. And he came with the heads of the people. The righteousness of יהוה he did, and His right-rulings with Yisra'ěl."

Gen 49:19 "Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.

Deu 33:22 And of **Dan** he said, "Dan is a lion's cub, that leaps from Bashan."

Gen 49:16 "Dan rightly rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra'ěl.

Gen 49:17 "Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls backward.

Gen 49:18 "I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!

Deu 33:23 And of <u>Naphtali</u> he said, "O Naphtali, satisfied with pleasure, and filled with the blessing of יהוה, possess the west and the south."

Gen 49:21 "Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.

Deu 33:24 And of <u>Asher</u> he said, "Asher is most blessed of sons. Let him be accepted by his brothers, and dip his foot in oil.

Gen 49:20 "Bread from Asher is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.

Deu 33:25 "Your sandals are iron and bronze, and your strength as your days.

We may not fully comprehend all that is said concerning these tribes, but we will keep these lists close at hand (These lists of blessings & words from <u>Jacob</u> & <u>Moses</u>). As we study His Word, more revelation will be unveiled.

The last four verses also exalt YHWH. No one is like El. He is our refuge and He upholds us with His righteous right hand. His arm is not too short. Nothing is too great or too gigantic that YHWH cannot handle.

WE are blessed; for we are Israel. We are saved by YHWH. He is our shield. He is our help! He is the sword of our excellency! Our enemies are subdued for us through Him and the enemy's high places are brought low!

Blessed be the Name of YHWH! All esteem is His! He is our Elohim! We rejoice!

Deu 33:26 "O Yeshurun, there is <u>no one like Ěl</u>, <u>riding the heavens to help you</u>, and <u>on the clouds, in His excellency.</u>

Deu 33:27 "The Elohim of old is a refuge, and beneath are everlasting arms. And He drives out the enemy from before you and says, 'Destroy!'

Deu 33:28 "Thus <u>Yisra'ěl dwells in safety</u>, the fountain of Ya'aqob alone, in a land of grain and new wine. His heavens also drop down dew.

Deu 33:29 <u>"Blessed are you, O Yisra'ěl! Who is like you, a people saved by יהוה, the shield of your help, and He who is the sword of your excellency! And your enemies are subdued for you, and you tread down their high places."</u>

Deuteronomy 34

Though Moses does not get to enter the Promised Land, YHWH personally shows him the land from Mt. Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which was opposite Jericho.

The promise given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is repeated in Deut. 34:4. Moses then dies at age 120 and is buried in the valley in the land of Moab. He is mourned for 30 days by the children of Israel.

After the mourning for Moses is complete. Joshua being filled with the spirit of wisdom by the laying on of Moses' hands; now will lead the people as YHWH had commanded.

The Death of Moses

Deu 34:1 And Mosheh went up from the desert plains of Mo'ab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Yeriho. And יהוה showed him all the land of Gil'ad as far as Dan,

Deu 34:2 and all Naphtali and the land of Ephrayim and Menashsheh, all the land of Yehudah as far as the Western Sea,

Deu 34:3 and the Negeb, and the plain of the Valley of Yeriho, the city of palm trees, as far as Tso'ar.

Deu 34:4 And יהוה said to him, "This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Yitsḥaq, and to Ya'aqob, saying, 'To your seed I give it.' I have let you look at it with your eyes, but you do not pass over there."

Deu 34:5 And Mosheh the servant of יהוה died there in the land of Mo'ab, according to the mouth of ...

Deu 34:6 And <u>He buried him in a valley in the land of Mo'ab, opposite Běyth Pe'or, and no one</u> knows his burial-place to this day.

Deu 34:7 And Mosheh was <u>one hundred and twenty years old</u> when he died. His eyes were not dim nor his freshness gone.

Deu 34:8 And the <u>children of Yisra'ěl wept for Mosheh in the desert plains of Mo'ab thirty days.</u> And the days of weeping and mourning for Mosheh were completed.

Deu 34:9 And Yehoshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom, for Mosheh had laid his hands on him. And the children of Yisra'ěl listened to him, and did as יהוה had

commanded Mosheh.

Deu 34:10 And since then no prophet has arisen in Yisra'ěl like Mosheh, whom יהוה knew face to face,

Deu 34:11 for <u>all the signs and wonders</u> which יהוה sent him to do in the land of Mitsrayim, <u>before Pharaoh</u>, and <u>before all his servants</u>, and <u>in all his land</u>,

Deu 34:12 and for <u>all that strong hand and all the great fearsome deeds which Mosheh did</u> before the eyes of all Yisra'ěl.

Psalm 119:145-176

Today we conclude Psalm 119. We are reminded even in our darkest hour; YHWH is with us and hears us. We know this to be so as told to us by Yahusha Himself.

Joh 16:32 "See, an hour is coming, and has now come, that you are scattered, each to his own, and leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.

Joh 16:33 "These words I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have pressure, but take courage, I have overcome the world."

If Ezra was the psalmist that wrote Psalm 119, he could have been writing it from a Babylon exile perspective. That exile would last 70 years. In our three-dimensional world, we can relate to the psalmist on how time seems to move slowly; especially when we await the move of YHWH in whatever circumstance we face.

He knows the pressures we face in this life; He wants us to take courage; He hears our prayers; He answers our prayers; and He has overcome this fallen world. He wants us to have peace and enter His rest. He has us in His hands.

Psa 119:145 Qoph I have called with all my heart; Answer me, O יהוה! I observe Your laws.

Psa 119:146 I have called upon You; Save me, that I might guard Your witnesses.

Psa 119:147 I rise before dawn, and cry for help; I have waited for Your word.

Psa 119:148 My eyes have gone before the night watches, <u>To study Your word</u>.

Psa 119:149 Hear my voice according to Your loving-commitment; O יהוה, revive me according to Your right-ruling.

Psa 119:150 Those who pursue mischief have drawn near; They have been far from Your Torah.

Psa 119:151 You are near, O יהוה, And all Your commands are truth.

Psa 119:152 Of old I have known Your witnesses, That You have founded them forever.

Psa 119:153 **Rěsh** See my affliction and deliver me, For I have not forgotten Your Torah.

Psa 119:154 Plead my cause and redeem me; Revive me according to Your word.

Psa 119:155 Deliverance is far from the wrong ones, For they have not sought Your laws.

Psa 119:156 Your compassions are many, O יהוה; Revive me according to Your right-

rulings.

- Psa 119:157 My persecutors and adversaries are many; I have not turned aside from Your witnesses.
- Psa 119:158 I saw traitors and was grieved, Because they did not guard Your word.
- Psa 119:159 <u>See how I have loved Your orders, יהוה, revive me according to Your loving-</u>commitment.
- Psa 119:160 The sum of Your word is truth, And all Your righteous right-rulings are forever.
- Psa 119:161 **Shin** Rulers have persecuted me without a cause, But at Your word my heart stood in awe.
- Psa 119:162 <u>I rejoice at Your word As one who finds great treasure.</u>
- Psa 119:163 I have hated falsehood and loathe it, Your Torah I have loved.
- Psa 119:164 I have praised You seven times a day, Because of Your righteous right-rulings.
- Psa 119:165 Great peace have those loving Your Torah, And for them there is no stumbling-block.
- Psa 119:166 יהוה, I have waited for Your deliverance, And I have done Your commands.
- Psa 119:167 My being has guarded Your witnesses, And I love them exceedingly.
- Psa 119:168 I have guarded Your orders and Your witnesses, For all my ways are before You.
- Psa 119:169 **Taw** My cry comes before You, O יהוה; Make me understand according to Your word.
- Psa 119:170 Let my prayer come before You; Deliver me according to Your word.
- Psa 119:171 My lips pour forth praise, For You teach me Your laws.
- Psa 119:172 My tongue sings of Your word, For all Your commands are righteousness.
- Psa 119:173 Your hand is a help to me, For I have chosen Your orders.
- Psa 119:174 I have longed for Your deliverance, O יהוה, And Your Torah is my delight.
- Psa 119:175 My being lives, and it praises You; And Your right-rulings help me.
- Psa 119:176 I have strayed like a lost sheep; Seek Your servant, For I have not forgotten Your commands.

Isaiah 60 The future glory of Israel is beautifully recorded in Isaiah 60. Israel will be victorious with Him. He has conquered death and darkness; in Him is light and there is no shadow.

1Co 2:9 But as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, nor have entered into the heart of man what Elohim has prepared for those who love Him." Isa_64:4.

- Isa 60:1 "Arise, shine, for your light has come! And the esteem of יהוה has risen upon you.
- lsa 60:2 "For look, <u>darkness covers the earth</u>, and <u>thick darkness the peoples</u>. But יהוה arises over you, and His esteem is seen upon you.
- Isa 60:3 "And the nations shall come to your light, a and sovereigns to the brightness of

your rising. Footnote: a Isa 60:19-20, Rev 21:23-24.

Rev 21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, nor of the moon, to shine in it, for the esteem of Elohim lightened it, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Rev 21:24 And the nations, of those who are saved, **shall walk in its light**, f and the sovereigns of the earth bring their esteem into it. Footnote: fSee Isa_60:3.

Isa 60:4 "Lift up your eyes all around and see: <u>all of them have gathered</u>, they have come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are supported on the side.

Isa 60:5 "Then <u>you shall see and be bright</u>, and <u>your heart shall throb and swell</u>, for the wealth of the sea is turned to you, the riches of the nations come to you.

Isa 60:6 "A stream of camels cover your land, the dromedaries of Midyan and Ephah; all those from Sheba come, bearing gold and incense, and proclaiming the praises of ...".

Isa 60:7 "All the flocks of Qědar are gathered to you, the rams of Nebayoth serve you; they come up for acceptance on My slaughter-place, and I embellish My esteemed House.

Rom 15:16 to be a servant of יהושע Messiah to the nations, with the priestly duty of bringing the Good News of Elohim, so that the offering of the nations becomes acceptable, set apart by the Set-apart Spirit.

Isa 60:8 "Who are these who fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

Rev 7:9 After this I looked and saw a great crowd which no one was able to count, out of all nations and tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, dressed in white robes, and palm branches in their hands,

Rev 7:10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Deliverance belongs to our Elohim who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Isa 60:9 "Because the <u>coastlands</u> wait for Me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the Name of יהוה your Elohim, and to the Setapart One of Yisra'ěl, because He has adorned you.

Gen 10:2 The sons of Yapheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Magai, and Yawan, and Tubal, and Meshek, and Tiras.

Gen 10:3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah.

Gen 10:4 And the sons of Yawan: Elishah and Tarshish, Kittim and Dodanim.

Gen 10:5 <u>From these the coastland peoples</u> of the nations were separated into their lands, everyone according to his language, according to their clans, into their nations.

Zep 2:11 יהוה shall be awesome to them, for He shall make all the mighty ones of the earth to shrivel, while all the coastlands of the nations bow down to Him, each one from his place.

Isa 60:10 "And the sons of foreigners shall build your walls, and their sovereigns serve you. For in My wrath I have stricken you, but in My delight I shall have compassion on you. Isa 60:11 "And your gates shall be open continually, they are not shut day or night, to bring to you the wealth of the nations, and their sovereigns in procession.

Rev 21:25 And its gates shall not be shut at all by day, for night shall not be there.

Isa 60:12 "For the nation and the reign that do not serve you shall perish, and those nations shall be utterly laid waste.

Isa 60:13 "The esteem of Lebanon shall come to you, cypress, pine, and the box tree together, to embellish the place of My set-apart place. And I shall make the place of My feet esteemed.

lsa 60:14 "And the sons of those who afflicted you come bowing to you, and all those who despised you shall bow themselves at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you: City of Tsiyon of the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl.

Rev 3:9 "See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Rev 3:12 "He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name.

Isa 60:15 "Instead of you being forsaken and hated, so that no one passes through you, I shall make you an everlasting excellence, a joy of many generations.

Isa 60:16 "And you shall suck the milk of the nations, and shall suckle the breast of sovereigns. And you shall know that I, יהוה, your Savior and your Redeemer, am the Mighty *One* of Ya'agob.

Isa 60:17 "Instead of bronze I bring gold, and instead of iron I bring silver, and bronze instead of wood, and iron instead of stones. And I shall make your officers peace, and your magistrates righteousness.

Isa 60:18 "Violence shall no longer be heard in your land, neither wasting nor ruin within your borders. And you shall call your walls Deliverance, and your gates Praise.

lsa 60:19 "No longer is the sun your light by day, nor does the moon give light to you for brightness, but יהוה shall be to you an everlasting light, and your Elohim your comeliness.

lsa 60:20 "No longer does your sun go down, nor your moon withdraw itself, for יהוה shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended.

Isa 60:21 "And your people, <u>all of them righteous</u>, shall inherit the earth forever – a branch of My planting, a work of My hands, to be adorned.

Isa 60:22 "The little shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation. hasten it in its time." Footnote: bSee Isa_41:14, Dan_2:34-44.

Matthew 8

Yahusha ushered in the priestly transference <u>back to the reign</u> of the Melchizedek Order! **As prophesied, He was the Messiah they were expecting**. He would make a New Covenant that would establish His reign as our Melchizedek High Priest forevermore.

The Aaronic Levitical Priesthood served its purpose UNTIL Yahusha would come. <u>Those</u> that believe and receive Yahusha HaMashiach, are His kingdom of priests inclusive of <u>EVERY tribe</u>, tongue, people, and nation.

Yahusha performed great miracles. The blind could see; the lepers were healed; the dead were risen; the deaf could hear; the dumb could speak; demons were cast out. All of these served as a memorial witness to Yahusha HaMashiach [YHWH in Son].

There were four Gospel accounts that bore witness to these truths and events.

Yahusha Cleanses a Leper

- Mat 8:1 And when He came down from the mountain, large crowds followed Him.
- Mat 8:2 And see, a leper came, and bowed before Him, saying, "Master, if You desire, You are able to make me clean."
- Mat 8:3 And stretching out His hand יהושע touched him, saying, "I desire it. Be cleansed!" And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
- Mat 8:4 And יהושע said to him, "See, mention it to no one. But go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Mosheh commanded, as a witness to them."

The Faith of a Centurion

- Mat 8:5 And when יהושע had entered Kephar Naḥum, a captain came to Him, appealing to Him,
- Mat 8:6 saying, "Master, my servant is lying in the house paralysed, grievously tortured."
- Mat 8:7 And יהושע said to him, "I shall come and heal him."
- Mat 8:8 And the captain answering, said, "Master, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only say a word, and my servant shall be healed.
- Mat 8:9 "For I too am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my servant, 'Do this.' and he does it."
- Mat 8:10 And when יהושע heard, He marvelled, and said to those who followed, "Truly, I say to you, not even in Yisra'ěl have I found such great belief!
- Mat 8:11 "And I say to you that many shall come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, and Yitshaq, and Ya'aqob in the reign of the heavens,
- Mat 8:12 but the sons of the reign shall be cast out into outer darkness there

shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Rom 9:6 However, it is not as though the word of Elohim has failed. For they are not all Yisra'ěl who are of Yisra'ěl, Footnote: A play on words. See Explanatory Note on "Overcomers." Rom 9:7 neither are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham, but, "In Yitsḥaq your seed shall be called." Gen 21:12.

Rom 9:8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim, but the children of the promise are reckoned as the seed.

Mat 3:9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as father.'^a For I say to you that Elohim is able to raise up children^b to Abraham from these stones.^b Footnotes: ^aSee Joh 8:33-44, Rom 9:8 and Rom 2:26-29. ^bThe only difference in Hebrew between children and stones is the first letter of the word. Children-banim. Stones-abanim.

Mat 3:10 "And the axe is already laid to the root of the trees. Every tree, then, which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

Mat 8:13 And יהושע said to the captain, "Go, and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that hour.

Yahusha Heals Many

Mat 8:14 And when יהושע had come into the house of Kěpha, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with inflammation.

Mat 8:15 And He touched her hand, and the inflammation left her. And she arose and served them.

Mat 8:16 And when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demonpossessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,

Mat 8:17 that it might be filled what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, saying,

"He Himself took our weaknesses and bore our sicknesses." lsa_53:4.

Isa 53:4 Truly, <u>He has borne our sicknesses and carried our pains</u>. Yet we reckoned Him smitten-, stricken by Elohim, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our crookednesses. The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

The Cost of Following Yahusha

Mat 8:18 And when יהושע saw large crowds about Him, He gave a command to go off to the other side.

Mat 8:19 And a certain scribe, having come near, said to Him, "Teacher, I shall follow You wherever You go."

Mat 8:20 And יהושע said to him, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven nests, but the Son of Adam has nowhere to lay His head."

Mat 8:21 And another of His taught ones said to Him, "Master, first let me go and bury my father."

Mat 8:22 But יהושע said to him, "Follow Me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead."

Mat 19:29 "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mat 19:30 "But many who are first shall be last, and the last first.

Yahusha Calms a Storm

Mat 8:23 And when He entered into a boat, His taught ones followed Him.

Mat 8:24 And see, a great gale arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves. But He was sleeping.

Mat 8:25 And His taught ones came to Him and woke Him up, saying, "Master, save us! We are perishing!"

Mat 8:26 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little belief?" Then, having risen, He rebuked the winds and the sea. And there was a great calm.

Mat 8:27 And the men marveled, saying, "What is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

Whatever storm in life we face; Yahusha is greater. He tells the storm 'Peace. Be still.' We therefore enter His rest; His shalom.

Isa 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you. Do not look around, for I am your Elohim. I shall fortify you, I shall also help you, I shall also uphold you with the right hand of My righteousness.'

Isa 41:11 "See, all those who raged against you are ashamed and blush, they are as non-existent. And the men who strive with you perish.

Isa 41:12 "You seek them but do not find them, those who struggle with you. Those who fight you are as non-existent, as naught.

Isa 41:13 "For I, יהוה your Elohim, am strengthening your right hand, saying to you, 'Do not fear, I shall help you.'

Isa 41:14 "Do not fear, you worm Ya'aqoḇ, you men of Yisra'ěl! I shall help you," declares יהוה and your Redeemer, the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl.

Yahusha Heals Two Men with Demons

Demons are disembodied spirits. Demons are always trying to find a host body. Until Yahusha came, the casting out of demons was not done in the Old Testament, as far as I can tell. Because of the people's disobedience and adoption of pagan practices, many were very vulnerable to demonic possession and/or demonic oppression.

Today, we see a rise in demonic possession and/or oppression for many of the same reasons. People have turned their back to YHWH and have gone after pagan gods and practices. They have also turned to drugs, alcohol, and other mind-altering substances and devices which are just 'magic potions' used by seducing spirits.

In the world of medical technology, men are desiring to 'play the role' of GOD. Technology is going beyond YHWH's boundaries including cloning; test-tube babies; DNA manipulation; designer babies; placing Recombinant DNA into medications made from splicing human and animal DNA together; placing animal parts into humans; the list goes on. They say this is all to save lives but is it? Before saying yes to many of these mandesigned procedures; a person needs to think long and hard. YHWH is not a GOD of splicing, blending, or mixing two species for ANY reason.

The demons we read about in Matthew 8; knew they were going to be cast out of their human host bodies; so, their next choice was to be allowed entry into the nearby pigs. Demons are always looking for any type of fleshly body to possess; thereby, being able to manifest in our realm.

Mat 8:28 And when He came to the other side, to the country of the Girgashites, two demon-possessed ones met Him, coming out of the tombs, very fierce, so that no one was able to pass that way.

Mat 8:29 And see, they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, יהושע, Son of Elohim? Have You come here to torture us, before the appointed time?"

No one had to tell these demons who Yahusha was. They knew and they knew His authority over them.

Mat 8:30 And at a distance from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding, Mat 8:31 and the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, send us into the herd of pigs."

Mat 8:32 And He said to them, "Go." And they, coming out, went into the herd of pigs. And see, the entire herd of pigs rushed down the steep place into the sea, and died in the water.

Mat 8:33 And the herdsmen fled, and went away into the city and reported all this, and about those possessed by demons.

Mat 8:34 And see, all the city came out to meet יהושע. And when they saw Him, they begged Him to leave their borders.

Even at the freeing of these two men possessed by powerful demons; the locals valued their income more than the freedom and peace of these two men. All they saw, was the fact that they had lost money by the drowning of the herd of pigs.

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