Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 6; Psalm 89; Isaiah 34; Revelation 4.

June 2 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 6

Deuteronomy 6:1-11 are instructions on how to be 'overcomers'; and how to teach the next generation to be 'overcomers.'

How to be Overcomers:

Deu 6:1 "And this is the command, the laws and right-rulings which יהוה your Elohim has commanded, to teach you to do in the land which you are passing over to possess, Deu 6:2 so that you fear יהוה your Elohim, to guard all His laws and His commands which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days be prolonged.

Deu 6:3 "And you shall hear, O Yisra'ěl, and shall guard to do, that it might be well with you, and that you increase greatly as יהוה Elohim of your fathers has spoken to you, *in* a land flowing with milk and honey.

Deu 6:4 "Hear, O Yisra'el: יהוה our Elohim, יהוה is one! [YHWH is One, He is echad; not a trinity]

Deu 6:5 "And you shall love יהוה your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your being, and with all your might.

Deu 6:6 "And these Words^a which I am commanding you today shall be in your heart, Footnote: ^aSee footnote at Deu 5:22.

Deu 6:7 and you shall impress them upon your children, and shall speak of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up,

Deu 6:8 and shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. [Let His Word be ever in your hands and eyes; and in your mind, having the mind of Yahusha and doing the will of the Father.]

Deu 6:9 "And you shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. [Every gate or orifice of your being be guarded by His Word: eyes, ears, nose, mouth, etc.]

Deu 6:10 "And it shall be, when יהוה your Elohim brings you into the land [the promise land is to be in His presence, Mount Zion, the New Jerusalem; a new heaven and earth] of which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Yitshaq, and to Ya'aqob, to give you great and good cities which you did not build,

Deu 6:11 and houses filled with all kinds of goods, which you did not fill, and wells dug which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant, and you shall eat and be satisfied –

Warnings and Advice

[Notice the similar patterns of advice given to the seven assemblies in the Book of Revelation]

Deu 6:12 be on guard, lest you forget יהוה who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, from the house of bondage.

Deu 6:13 "Fear יהוה your Elohim and serve Him, and swear by His Name.

Deu 6:14 "Do not go after other mighty ones, the mighty ones of the peoples who are all around you,

Deu 6:15 for יהוה your Elohim is a jealous Ěl in your midst, lest the displeasure of your Elohim burn against you, then He shall destroy you from the face of the earth.

Deu 6:16 "Do not try יהוה your Elohim as you tried Him in Massah. [Learn from the mistakes in the past.]

Deu 6:17 "Diligently guard the commands of יהוה your Elohim, and His witnesses, and His laws which He has commanded you.

Deu 6:18 "And you shall do what is right and good in the eyes of יהוה, that it might be well with you, and you shall go in and possess the good land of which יהוה swore to your fathers,

Deu 6:19 to drive out all your enemies from before you, as יהוה has spoken.

Impress them on the Next Generation; Teach His Word; Rightly divide His Word

Deu 6:20 "When your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is the meaning of the witnesses, and the laws, and the right-rulings which יהוה our Elohim has commanded you?'

Deu 6:21 then you shall say to your son, 'We were slaves of Pharaoh in Mitsrayim, and rought us out of Mitsrayim with a strong hand,

Deu 6:22 and יהוה sent signs and wonders, great and grievous, upon Mitsrayim, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes.

Deu 6:23 And He brought us out from there, to bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.

Deu 6:24 And יהוה commanded us to do all these laws, to fear יהוה our Elohim, for our good always, to keep us alive, as it is today.

Deu 6:25 And it is righteousness for us when we guard to do all this command^b before our Elohim, as He has commanded us.' Footnote: b"Command," singular, very often has the meaning of "commands," plural. See also Psa_119:172 and in Isa_51:7.

righteousness.

Isa 51:7 "Listen to Me, you who know righteousness, a people in whose heart is My Torah: do not fear the reproach of men, nor be afraid of their revilings.

Psalm 89

Psalm 89:1-37 we should proclaim, rejoice, and sing to YHWH! When doing so you will see what happens when you get to the section on Revelation 4!

Psalm 89:38-45 appears to show the consequences reaped from not being faithful to YHWH. YHWH is loving; but He is also a just Elohim; who rightly-rules.

Psalm 89:46-52 a plea for mercy; a plea for YHWH to turn away His wrath; a plea for His loving-commitment to be felt again by His people.

F.B. Meyer Psalms 89:1-18 NO GOD LIKE OUR GOD - [Text in brown]

To understand this psalm we must turn to <u>2Sa_7:1-29</u>, where God [YHWH] guaranteed that David's kingdom should be continued to his descendants. Nathan's words are quoted in <u>Psa_89:3-4</u>. But in contrast with these promises, which were conditional upon the faithful obedience of David's descendants, the psalmist sorrowfully recites the disobedience of the Chosen People. There could be no doubt as to the divine faithfulness to Covenant engagements. See <u>Psa_89:1-2</u>; <u>Psa_89:5</u>; <u>Psa_89:8</u>; <u>Psa_89:14</u>. And the object of this psalm is to inquire whether that faithfulness does not include the recall and restoration of a sinful nation, as it most certainly does include the continued blessing of an obedient one.

In the first division, <u>Psa 89:1-18</u>, the singer enumerates the divine attributes. God's [YHWH's] mercy is conceived as a stately mansion, which is being reared, story by story, throughout the centuries. The enduring heavens, the mightiest natural forces, such as the tides, the glorious mountains, are emblems of qualities in God's [YHWH's] nature. He is described as going forth in a triumphal procession, preceded by Mercy and Truth; and we are invited to accompany Him, and to walk in the light of His countenance.

I Will Sing of the Steadfast Love of YHWH

Psa 89:1 I sing of the loving-commitment of יהוה forever; With my mouth I make known Your trustworthiness To all generations.

Psa 89:2 For I said, "Loving-commitment is built up forever; <u>You establish Your trustworthiness in the heavens."</u>

Psa 89:3 You said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant Dawid:

Psa 89:4 I establish your seed forever, And shall build up your throne to all generations.' "Selah.

"The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, etc." Gen. 49:10. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him comes the chief ruler [prince]; but the Birthright is Joseph's," 1 Chron. 5:2.

Psa 89:5 And the heavens praise Your wonders, O יהוה, Your trustworthiness, too, In the assembly of the set-apart ones.

Psa 89:6 For who in the heavens is comparable to יהוה? Who among the sons of the mighty is like יהוה?

Psa 89:7 Ěl is greatly feared In the company of the set-apart ones, And awesome above all those around Him.

Psa 89:8 O יהוה Elohim of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Yah? And Your trustworthiness is all around You.

Psa 89:9 You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

Psa 89:10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies With the arm of Your strength.

Psa 89:11 The heavens are Yours, The earth also is Yours; The world and all that fills it. You have founded them.

Psa 89:12 North and south – You have created them; Tabor and Ḥermon rejoice in Your Name.

Psa 89:13 You have a mighty arm, Your hand is strong, Your right hand exalted.

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and right-ruling Are the foundation of Your throne; Loving-commitment and truth go before Your face.

Psa 89:15 Blessed are the people Who know the sounding! They walk, O יהוה, in the light of Your face.

Psa 89:16 In Your Name they rejoice all day long, And they are exalted in Your righteousness.

Psa 89:17 For You are the comeliness of their strength, And by Your good pleasure our horn is exalted.

Psa 89:18 For יהוה is our shield, And the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl is our Sovereign.

Psalms 89:19-37 THE COVENANT WITH DAVID

In this section the psalmist draws put, in detail, the fundamental prophecy by Nathan already mentioned; first, in the promises given to David, <u>Psa_89:19-27</u>; and second, in those relating to his descendants, <u>Psa_89:28-37</u>.

David's origin was very humble. His dignity and power were all of God. But our Father never sets a man in any position and fails to supply the gifts needed for it. When He chooses, He anoints, strengthens, and protects. Victory also is granted over the man's enemies, because God's [YHWH's] faithfulness and mercy are beside him, Psa_89:24. The relationship between the soul and God [YHWH] is very intimate; on the one hand you have Psa_89:26; and on the other Psa_89:27.

What a precious promise is <u>Psa_89:28!</u> From this point the psalmist turns to expand the promises to David's line. <u>They may be chastened, but not permanently rejected</u>. In <u>Psa_89:33</u> the twin attributes of mercy and faithfulness are again blended as the ground of hope of sinful and unworthy men. God's [YHWH's] word, once spoken, is inviolable. He is bound by His oath.

<u>Sin cannot alter His promise</u> or the obligations under which He has laid Himself. His unchangeableness is a bed-rock upon which we may build with certitude.

Psa 89:19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your lovingly-committed one, And You said, "I have given help to one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

Psa 89:20 "I have found My servant Dawig; With My set-apart oil I anointed him,

Psa 89:21 "With whom My hand is established; My arm also strengthens him.

Psa 89:22 "No enemy subjects him to tribute, And no son of wickedness afflicts him.

Psa 89:23 "And I shall beat down His adversaries before his face, And plague those who hate him.

Psa 89:24 "But My trustworthiness And My loving-commitment are with him, And in My Name his horn is exalted.

Psa 89:25 "And I shall set his hand on the sea, And his right hand on the rivers.

Psa 89:26 "He calls out to Me, 'You are my Father, My EI, and the rock of my deliverance.'

Psa 89:27 "I also appoint him first-born, Highest of the sovereigns of the earth.

Psa 89:28 "I guard My loving-commitment for him forever, And **My covenant is steadfast with him.**

Psa 89:29 "And I shall establish his seed forever, And his throne as the days of the heavens.

- Psa 89:30 "If his sons forsake My Torah And do not walk in My right-rulings,
- Psa 89:31 "If they profane My laws And do not guard My commands,

Psa 89:32 "Then I shall visit their transgression with the rod, And their crookedness with flogging.

- Psa 89:33 "But My loving-commitment I do not take away from him, Nor be false to My trustworthiness.
- Psa 89:34 "I shall not profane My covenant, Neither would I change what has gone out from My lips.

Psa 89:35 "Once I have sworn by My set-apartness, I do not lie to Dawid:

Psa 89:36 "His seed shall be forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;

Psa 89:37 "Like the moon, it is established forever, And the witness in the heaven is steadfast." Selah.

Psalms 89:38-52 "A CONSUMING FIRE"

Here the psalmist falls into expostulation and lament. Whether he alludes to the time when Jerusalem was taken by Shishak in the days of Rehoboam, 1Ki_14:25-26, or when the youthful prince Jehoiachin was deposed by Nebuchadnezzar, 2Ki_24:10-16, it is impossible to say; but it seemed as if God's [YHWH's] faithfulness had failed. The psalmist dwells sorrowfully upon the contrast between God's [YHWH's] ancient Covenant and the sad reality. The family that had been promised perpetual duration and dominion had lost its luster and had become like a dying lamp.

However, Psalm 89:29-36 holds!

Then the psalmist betakes himself to prayer, and bases his argument upon the brevity of the age. There is but a little while during which God [YHWH] has the opportunity of manifesting His love and truth. Literally the words are, "Remember-what a transitoriness!" Psa 89:47. In the last

three verses another plea is presented-that dishonor will accrue to God [YHWH] if He does not arrest the continuance of disaster. The insults and reproaches that are hurled against the servants are really directed against their God [YHWH]; therefore He is entreated, in vindicating them, to vindicate Himself.

Psa 89:38 Yet You have rejected and spurned, You have been wroth with Your anointed.

Psa 89:39 You have disowned the covenant of Your servant, You have defiled his diadem in the dust.

Psa 89:40 You have broken down all his hedges, You have brought his strongholds to ruin.

Psa 89:41 All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors.

Psa 89:42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries, You have made all his enemies rejoice.

Psa 89:43 Moreover You have turned back the edge of his sword, And have not made him stand in battle.

Psa 89:44 You have brought an end to his splendor, And have hurled his throne to the ground.

Psa 89:45 You have shortened the days of his youth, You have covered him with shame. Selah.

Psalm 89:46-52 a plea for mercy; a plea for YHWH to turn away His wrath; a plea for His loving-commitment to be felt again by His people. The disobedience of Israel and Judah left YHWH no choice but to heavily chastise them through defeat and exile. Yet we know in the end of days, He will gather his people that have been scattered around the world.

Psa 89:46 How long, O יהוה, would You be hidden? Would Your wrath burn like fire forever?

Psa 89:47 Please remember how short my time is; Why should you have created all the sons of men for naught?

Psa 89:48 What man would live and not see death? Who rescues his life from the power of She'ol? Selah.

Psa 89:49 יהוה, where are Your former loving-commitments, Which You swore to Dawid in Your trustworthiness?

Psa 89:50 יהוה, remember the reproach of Your servants, That I have borne in my bosom – Of all the many peoples,

Psa 89:51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O יהוה, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

Psa 89:52 Blessed be יהוה forever! Amen and Amen.

Isaiah 34

Isaiah 34 not only speaks to the coming divine vengeance upon the enemies of YHWH's people THEN; but it speaks to the Day of YHWH; the Day of His wrath! Almost every verse of Isaiah 34 is cross-referenced to the Book of Revelation! We will know the end

from the beginning! Selah!

Isa 34:1 Come near, you nations, to hear. And listen, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, the world and all its offspring.

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'ěl means to *overcome with Ěl.* ^bLit. garden. ^cSee Rev 22:2 and Rev 22:14.

Isa 34:2 For the displeasure of יהוה is against all the nations,^a and His wrath against all their divisions. He shall put them under the ban, He shall give them over to the slaughter, Footnote: ^aSee footnote <u>Jer_30:11</u>.

Rev 20:15 And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

lsa 34:3 and their slain be thrown out, and their stench rise from their corpses. And mountains shall be melted with their blood.

Rev 16:3 And the second messenger poured out his bowl on the sea, and it became blood, as of a dead one, and every living creature in the sea died.

Rev 16:4 And the third messenger poured out his bowl on the rivers and fountains of water, and they became blood.

Isa 34:4 And all the host of the heavens shall rot away. And the heavens shall be rolled up like a scroll, and all their host fade like a leaf fading on the vine, and like the fading one of a fig tree.

Rev 6:13 And the stars of the heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its unripe figs, being shaken by a strong wind.

Rev 6:14 And heaven departed like a scroll being rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place.

Isa 34:6 "The sword of יהוה shall be filled with blood, it shall be made overflowing with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams. For has a slaughtering in Botsrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom.

H1224 בצרה botsrâh **BDB Definition:** Bozrah = "sheepfold" or "fortress" - 1) <u>a town in Edom</u> 2) <u>a</u> town in Moab

Jer 49:13 "For I have sworn by Myself," declares יהוה, "that Botsrah is to become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse, and all its cities become everlasting wastes."

Isa 34:7 "And wild oxen shall come down with them, and young bulls with bulls. And their land shall be drenched with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness."

lsa 34:8 For it is the day of the vengeance of יהוה, the year of recompense for the cause of Tsiyon.

Rev 19:2 "Because true and righteous are His judgments, Psa_19:9 because He has judged the great whore who corrupted the earth with her whoring. And He has avenged on her the blood of His servants shed by her." Deu_32:43.

The rest of Isaiah 34 speaks to the ruinous heap of the enemy nations; they would be taken over by wild beasts of the desert; jackals; shaggy goats; arrow snakes; and vultures etc. Not one of these would be missing a mate; thus, implying that these waste lands would be overtaken by the multiplication of these animals.

How long would this land be a ruinous heap filled with wild beasts?

Isa 34:9 And its streams shall be turned into tar, and its dust into sulphur, and its land shall become burning tar,

Isa 34:10 that is not quenched night or day, its smoke going up forever. From generation to generation it lies waste, no one passes through it forever and ever,

Isa 13:20 "She shall never be inhabited, nor be settled from generation to generation; nor shall the Arabian pitch tents there, nor shepherds rest their flocks there.

Isa 13:21 "But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there, and their houses shall be filled with owls. And ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats frolic there.

Isa 13:22 "And hyenas shall cry in their citadels, and jackals in their pleasant palaces. And her time is near to come, and her days are not drawn out."

Isa 34:11 so that the pelican and the porcupine possess it, also the owl and the raven dwell in it. And He shall stretch out over it the line of formlessness and stones of emptiness.

Isa 34:12 Its caves, with no one in them, is called a reign, but all its rulers have vanished.

Isa 34:13 And thorns shall come up in its palaces, nettles and brambles in its strongholds. And it shall be a home for jackals, a courtyard for ostriches.

Isa 34:14 And the wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the jackals, and the shaggy goat call to its companion. The night creature shall also settle there, and shall find for herself a place of rest.

Isa 34:15 The arrow snake shall nest there, and lay eggs and hatch, and gather them under her shadow. There too the vultures shall gather, each with its mate.

Isa 34:16 Search from the book of יהוה, and read: not one of these shall be missing, not one shall be without a mate, for He has commanded my mouth. And His Spirit shall

gather them.

Isa 34:17 And He shall cast the lot for them, and His hand shall divide it among them with a measuring line – they possess it forever, from generation to generation they dwell in it.

Revelation 4

The Door Opened in Heaven – Exciting! [But which heaven? 1st-2nd-or 3rd or Paradise?]

Rev 4:1 After this I looked and saw a door having been opened in the heaven. And the first voice which I heard was like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, "Come up here and I shall show you what has to take place after this."

The partition of separation is now OPENED thru Yahusha, the Door! HalleluYah! The phrase 'having been opened' implies it had been shut.

Rev 4:2 And immediately <u>I came to be in the Spirit and saw a throne set in the heaven</u>, and One sat on the throne.

Psa 110:1 יהוה said to my Master, "<u>Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."</u>

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends <u>Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon</u>. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendors of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, "You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeg."

Rev 4:3 And <u>He who sat there was like a jasper and a ruby stone in appearance.</u>
And there was a rainbow around the throne, like an emerald in appearance.

Rev. 4:3 <u>connects us directly back to the Book of the Covenant</u> and the covenant confirming meal with YHWH Exodus 24:9-11!

Exo 24:8 And Mosheh took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, "See, the blood of the covenant which יהוה has made with you concerning all these Words."

Exo 24:9 And Mosheh went up, also Aharon, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Yisra'ěl,

Exo 24:10 and they saw the Elohim of Yisra'ěl, and under His feet like a paved work of sapphire stone, and like the heavens for brightness.

Exo 24:11 Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the chiefs of the children of Yisra'ěl! And they saw Elohim, and they ate and drank.

Then we see the direct connection to Ezekiel's Prophetic vision:

Eze 1:1 And it came to be in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, on the fifth of the new *moon*, as I was among the exiles by the River Kebar, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of Elohim.

Eze 1:26 And above the expanse over their heads was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like a sapphire stone. And on the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man high above it.

Eze 1:27 And from the appearance of <u>His waist and upward I saw what looked like glowing</u> metal with the appearance of fire all around within it. And from the appearance of His waist and downward I saw what looked like fire, and brightness all around.

Eze 1:28 As the appearance of a rainbow in a cloud on a rainy day, so was the appearance of the brightness all around it. This was the appearance of the likeness of the esteem of יהוה. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard a voice of One speaking.

We have several examples of His set-apart ones being in the Spirit and <u>seeing the heavens</u> open. There are witnessed accounts of the 'door' being open in heaven. Most were either an open vision; or a trance; or an 'out of body' type experience; or seen and heard.

Yahusha and John the Immerser

Mat 3:16 And having been immersed, יהושע went up immediately from the water, and see, the heavens were opened, and He saw the Spirit of Elohim descending like a dove and coming upon Him.

Mat 3:17 and see, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I delight."

Stephen before being stoned

Act 7:55 But he, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit, <u>looked steadily into the heaven</u> and saw the esteem of Elohim, and יהושע standing at the right hand of Elohim,

Act 7:56 and he said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Adam standing at the right hand of Elohim!" Psa 110:1.

Peter's vision

Act 10:10 And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into **a trance**,

Act 10:11 and he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

IMPT: Rev. 4:1 does not cross-reference 2Cor. 12:2-4, but Paul's 'out of body' experience most certainly comes to mind. We ponder the below verses in 2Cor. to see the meaning of 'Paradise'. This scripture is KEY to understanding the 'Partitioning of Paradise!'

Partitioning off Paradise

'Paradise' goes through some changes just like the transferences between the priesthoods. We will see when Paradise was 'partitioned off' and when the 'partition of separation' was lifted or opened.

After the resurrection of Yahusha HaMashiach, Paul equates Paradise, 'the garden', to the 3rd heaven. So here the 'partition of separation' has been lifted or the 'door opened.'

Paul's experience is spoken of from a 3rd person perspective.

2Co 12:2 I know a man in Messiah who fourteen years ago – whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows – such a one was caught **up to the third** heaven.

2Co 12:3 And I know such a man – whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, Elohim knows –

2Co 12:4 that <u>he was caught up into paradise^a</u> and heard unspeakable words, which it is not right for a man to speak. Footnote: ^aLit. garden.

• Third Heaven = Paradise, a literal garden [2Co. 12:2-4]

Rev 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies. To him who overcomes I shall give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of Elohim." CGen_2:9, Gen_3:22, Gen_3:24 Footnotes: This word (and its noun) is used 17 times in the Book of Revelation. The name Yisra'el means to overcome with El. bLit. garden. CSee Rev_22:2 and Rev_22:14.

Paradise of Elohim = Location of the tree of life

Paradise was partitioned off after the fall of Adam & Eve

[Gen 3:24 and He drove the man out. And He placed kerubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.]

<u>Paradise</u> = Location where overcomers, His Kingdom of Priests, His set-apart ones; shall eat from the tree of life in the midst of paradise of Elohim. [Rev. 2:7]

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Paradise = garden

- [in Rev. 2:7 footnote b (above), Paradise is no longer sectioned off] &
- [in Luke 23:43 <u>footnote b</u> (below), Paradise was still partitioned off because Yahusha had not ascended to heaven; This 'partitioned state' has been described as the comfort side of Sheol, the grave.]

Overcomers = Israel = means to overcome with El. [Rev. 2:7 footnote (a) above]

Luk 23:42 And he said to יהושע, "Master, remember me when You come into Your reign."

Luk 23:43 And יהושע said to him, "Truly, I say to you today, <u>you shall be with Me in paradise</u>." Footnote: bLit, garden.

Now, let's shift gears and look at some key references of Scriptures in Genesis and Ezekiel. Please try to track with this process a little longer. YHWH has painted us a masterpiece and it takes a while to observe all the details and most importantly the PATTERNS. Keep the following points in mind:

- The first Adam was formed <u>from the dust from the ground</u>; however, he was created by YHWH. From YHWH came his breath. Adam was first clothed in light.
- Satan once was in Eden, the garden of Elohim
 - [Ezekiel 28:13 Speaks of Satan's breastplate of 9 precious stones. Yahusha Our High Priest of the Melchizedek order has 12 precious stones representing the 12 tribes of Israel on His chest and Shoham stones [ref. Gen. 2:12] on His shoulders. Multi-precious stones also make up the 12 layered foundation of the New Jerusalem]
- In Eden, Elohim planted <u>a garden</u> [Defined as Paradise garden Rev. 2:7 above] to the east <u>and there He put the first Adam</u>. [Gen. 2:8 below]
- The second Adam, Yahusha, was from the tribe of Judah; and the tribe of Judah encamped 'East' of the 'Dwelling Place' in the wilderness. The second Adam, Yahusha, came in the 'likeness' of flesh; His flesh, bone, and blood came from heaven. [See: The Origin of the Flesh of Messiah a Torah to the Tribes excerpt by Matthew Nolan https://youtu.be/Dq9MZkCp9b4]
- We will begin to see a possible picture as we progress; a connection of dots.

Now, let us look at a 'possible pattern connections' between the encampments in the wilderness in COMPARISON TO Eden, the garden east in Eden, and the 4 rivers.

In Gen 2:10 <u>one river subdivided into 4</u>; so, thinking 'outside the box', consider the initial river as being from an 'upper elevation' and pouring out N-S-E-W; like a <u>'fountain of living water'</u>. I made a diagram below to help visualize so please read the following scriptures first in **Genesis and Ezekiel**; and **then view the diagram beneath**.

Gen 2:7 And יהוה Elohim formed the man out of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils breath of lives. And the man became a living being.

Gen 2:8 And יהוה Elohim planted a garden <u>in **Eden**</u>, to <u>the east</u>, and there <u>He put the man</u> whom He had formed.

Gen 2:9 And out of the ground יהוה Elohim made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, with <u>the tree of life in the midst of the garden</u> and <u>the tree of the knowledge of</u> good and evil.

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

Gen 2:11 The name of the **first is Pishon**, it is the one surrounding the entire land of Ḥawilah, where there is gold.

Gen 2:12 And the gold of that land is good. <u>Bdellium</u> is there, and the **shoham stone**.

Gen 2:13 And the name of the **second river is Giḥon**, it is the one surrounding the <u>entire land of</u> **Kush.**

Gen 2:14 And the name of the **third river is Ḥiddeqel**, it is the one which goes toward the <u>east</u> of Ashshur. And the **fourth river is the Euphrates**. [Hiddekel defn. = "rapid"

one of the rivers of Eden which coursed east toward Assyria; better known as the Tigris]

Gen 2:15 And יהוה Elohim took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and to guard it.

Satan's background:

Eze 28:13 "You were in Eden, the garden of Elohim. Every precious stone was your covering: the ruby, topaz, and diamond, beryl, shoham, and jasper, sapphire, turquoise, and emerald and gold. The workmanship of your settings and mountings was prepared for you on the day you were created.

Eze 28:14 "You were the anointed kerub that covered. And I placed you, you were on the setapart mountain of Elohim. You walked up and down in the midst of stones of fire.

Reference to Kush chart: This chart was included to connect Abraham as a descendant of Kush-Asshur with possible connections to the **River Gihon** in Genesis.



Mainly be mindful of the <u>4 Rivers</u> that became 4 heads which mirror the encampment patterns around the Dwelling Place or 'Living Water' that were positioned N-S-E-W with <u>4</u> lead banners.



In the following verse in Gen. 4:16, we see where Cain departs from the presence of YHWH to the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

Gen 4:16 So Qayin went out from the presence of יהוה and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Ěden.

In the diagram above of the wilderness encampments, the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood encamped closest to and were positioned N-S-E-W as an inner circle around the Dwelling place.

In Revelation 4:4 we read of others positioned close to the Dwelling Place.

Rev 4:4 And around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones I saw twenty-four elders sitting, dressed in white robes. And they had crowns of gold on their heads.

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.

Several Scriptures state He has made us 'kings and priests' or 'kingdom priests.' He of course is the King of kings. If there are servant 'kings', they would be in fewer number than the priests. The 24 elders sitting on the thrones have crowns and as far as I know, mainly kings have crowns.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And <u>seven lamps of fire</u> were burning before the throne, which are <u>the seven Spirits of Elohim</u>.

Green section below references the meaning of:

Seven Stars – are messengers of the seven assemblies.

Seven Golden Lampstands – are the seven assemblies.

Seven Spirits of Elohim - seven lamps of fire burning before the throne.

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

- Seven stars = messengers of the seven assemblies [We have defined these as <u>angels</u> or <u>His Melchizedek Kingdom of priests</u>.] Malachi 2:7 defines messenger Mal 2:7 "For <u>the lips of a priest should guard knowledge</u>, and they seek the Torah from his mouth, for he is the messenger of יהוה of hosts.
- Seven lampstands = seven assemblies

Rev 3:1 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Sardis write, 'He who has the <u>seven Spirits of Elohim</u> and <u>the seven stars</u>, says this, "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead.

- Seven Spirits of Elohim = <u>seven lamps of fire burning before the throne</u>. (Rev. 4:5) Here it just says 'lamps' not 'lampstands' not sure of significance
- Seven Stars = messengers of the seven assemblies [See above definition.]

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.

Rev 4:6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass, like crystal. And in the midst of the throne, and around the throne, were four living creatures, covered with eyes in front and in back.

Rev 4:7 And the first living creature was like a **lion**, and the second living creature like a **calf**, and the third living creature had a face like a **man**, and the fourth living creature was like a flying **eagle**. Eze 1:10.

Rev 4:8 And the four living creatures, each having six wings, <u>lsa 6:2</u> were covered with eyes around and within. And they do not cease, day or night, saying, "Set-apart, set-apart, set-apart, is <u>lsa 6:3</u> who was, and who is, and who is

coming!"

The four living creatures encompass:

- Four Covenant Confirming Gospel Accounts Yahusha is glorified and exalted through the 4 Living Gospel Messages that are sent throughout the world by His Royal Ambassadors!
- Four 'lead' tribes of the East-South-West-North encampments The mixed multitude, consisting of many 'eyes' [which I interpret the eyes representing the souls of those that have gone on before us], give thanks, praise, and honor for the salvation through the blood of the Lamb. They each have six wings which represent a pair of wings for each of the three tribes in each quadrant with the lead banner depicted by the lion, ox, man, and eagle.
- The Melchizedek Kingdom of Priests, also consisting of many 'eyes', from the 12 tribes and those grafted in of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation! These are those encamped the closest to the Holy of Holies and can enter the Holy Place before His throne. These offer ascending offerings of prayers, praise, honor, glory, respect, thanksgiving, and when words fail the moaning of the Spirit within us glorifies Him who sits on the throne. These are the bride.
- Israel! The One New Man! <u>Yisra'ěl means to overcome with Ěl</u> All of Israel, the One New Man, <u>eventually are overcomers</u>; but not <u>all are the first fruit such as</u> the two witnesses, the bride (the rib), of the two olive trees Israel and Judah.



| Gospel | Focus On Jesus | Revelation 4:7 Reference |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Matthew | King | Lion |
| Mark | Servant | Calf |
| Luke | Man | Man |
| John | God | Eagle |

Rev 4:9 And <u>when</u> the <u>living creatures</u> <u>give esteem and respect and thanks to Him</u> <u>who sits on the throne</u>, who lives forever and ever,

Rev 4:10 the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and bow before Him who lives forever and ever, and they cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Rev 4:11 "You are worthy, O יהוה, to receive **esteem and respect and power,**1Ch 29:11 for You have created all, and because of Your desire they are, and were created."

The four living creatures represent the 4 lead banners of the 4 wilderness encampments of all 12 tribes: the lion, the ox, the man, and the eagle. Insights to this pattern is made clearer when reading Revelation Chapter 5.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the <u>four living creatures and the twenty-four elders</u> fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

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.

- Who are singing? The four living creatures and the 24 elders.
- What do they sing? You have REDEEMED US by your blood.
- Where are they from? Out of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- What had the Lamb made them? Made 'us' kings and priests to our Elohim.
- What will the living creatures and 24 elders do? "We [living creatures & 24 elders) shall reign upon the earth.

Rev 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

• In Rev. 5:11 we now see messengers included around the throne <u>along with</u> the living creatures, and the elders. We will discuss this further in Rev. 5.

Here is my interpretation of Rev. 4:9-11. The **four <u>living</u>** creatures consist of the souls of the twelve tribes and those grafted in that have gone on before us; but have not yet received their glorified bodies at the resurrection. They are encamped around the heavenly Dwelling Place of YHWH. They offer up praise, honor, esteem (glory), respect and thanksgiving to Him our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order that sits on the throne; Yahusha [YHWH in Son]. More insights will be given as we proceed through Revelation.

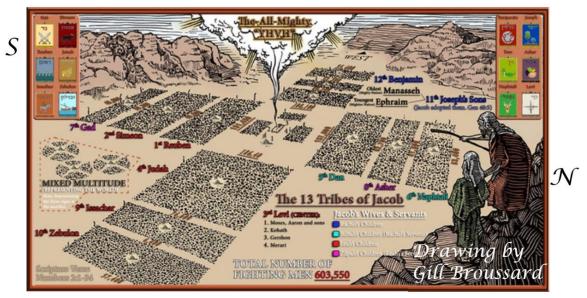
When the four living creatures praise Him, the twenty-four elders, that appear to be 'kings' of the King; bow down before him and cast their crowns! What a joyful noise that must make in His throne room! This is what takes place when honor, glory, praise, thanksgiving, respect, trust, are given to Him. May those crowns be thrown constantly!!!



Each of the four camps was to be represented by the standard of their lead tribe. The image of the standard of the twelve tribes has been lost throughout history, yet rabbinical tradition has maintained the four lead tribes of the four camps. From what scholars can tell, the images of the 12 tribes were based on the twelve Zodiac signs and the blessings of Jacob in <u>Gen. 49</u>. The standard of Judah was the lion, of Reuben was the man, of Ephraim was an ox, and of Dan was originally the serpent but later (during Israel's wanderings) was changed to the eagle with a serpent in its mouth. These images are the same four faces of the cherubim that carried the throne and glory of Yahweh in Ezekiel's vision and, later, John's vision (<u>Ezek. 1:10</u>; <u>Rev. 4:7</u>). These are also the images of the four gospels of the Second Testament. Matthew emphasizes Jesus as the Messiah and king of Israel (lion); Mark portrays Him as the suffering servant of the Israel (ox); Luke portrays Him as the perfect man (man); and John portrays Him as fully divine (eagle). Thus Israel on earth, the cherubim in heaven, and the four gospels of Yahweh's Word all bear these images as a reflection and testimony of Christ.

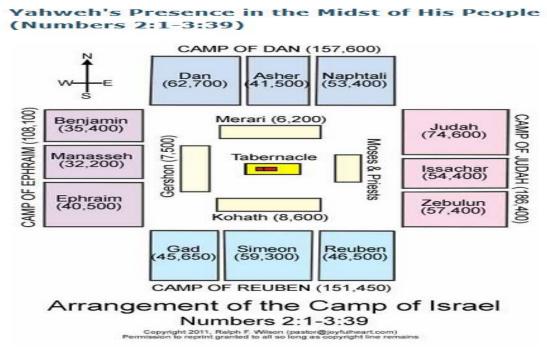
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West



East

Above is one possible rendition of the four wilderness encampments. Below is another layout we must also consider for the encampment layout. The one below reflects more closely the description given in the Book of Revelation.



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