

*Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 17; Titus 3; Hosea 10; Psalm 129, 130, 131.*

## November 4 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and bold text to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

### 2Kings 17

### Hoshea Reigns in Israel

**2Ki 17:1** In the twelfth year of Ahaz sovereign of Yehudah, Hoshĕa son of Ēlah began to reign over Yisra'el in Shomeron, for nine years.

2Ki 17:2 And **he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, but not as the sovereigns of Yisra'el who were before him.

2Ki 17:3 Shalmaneser sovereign of Ashshur [Assyria] came up against him. And Hoshĕa became his servant, and rendered him a present.

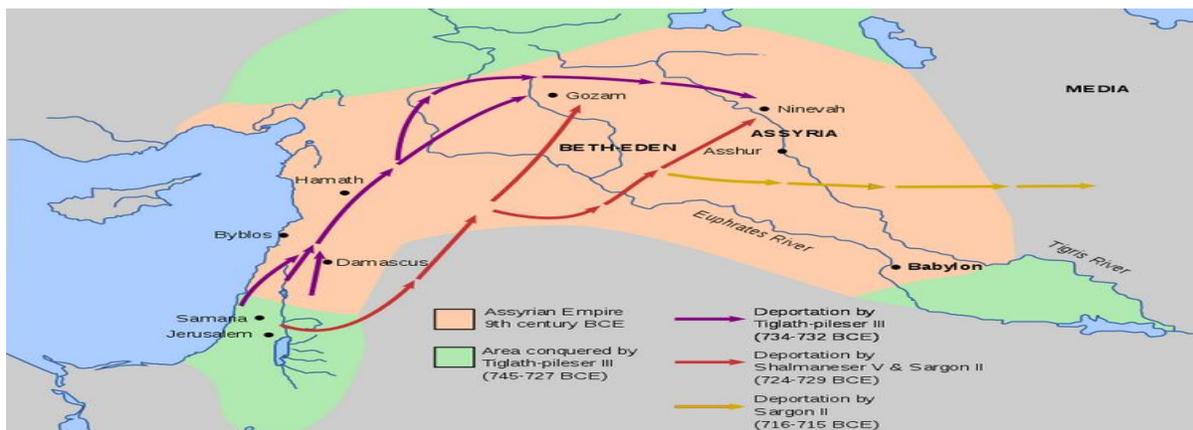
2Ki 17:4 But the sovereign of Ashshur found a conspiracy in Hoshĕa, for he had sent messengers to So, sovereign of Mitsrayim, and had not brought a present to the sovereign of Ashshur, as year by year. And the sovereign of Ashshur shut him up, and bound him in prison.

**2Ki 17:5** And the sovereign of Ashshur went through all the land, and went up to Shomeron and besieged it for three years.

### The Fall of Israel

Israel is exiled to Assyria in the ninth year of Hoshea.

**2Ki 17:6** In the ninth year of Hoshĕa, the sovereign of Ashshur captured Shomeron and exiled Yisra'el to Ashshur, and settled them in Ĥalaĥ and Ĥabor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.



### Exile Because of Idolatry

2Ki 17:7 Now this came to be because the children of Yisra'el

❖ had sinned against יהוה their Elohim – who had brought them up out of the land

of Mitsrayim, from under the hand of Pharaoh sovereign of Mitsrayim – and feared other mighty ones,

- ❖ **2Ki 17:8** and walked in the laws of the nations whom **יהוה** had dispossessed from before the children of Yisra'el, and of the sovereigns of Yisra'el that they had made.
- ❖ **2Ki 17:9** And the children of Yisra'el secretly did against **יהוה** their Elohim matters that were not right,
- ❖ and they built for themselves high places in all their cities, from watchtower unto the walled city,
- ❖ **2Ki 17:10** and set up for themselves pillars and Ashērim on every high hill and under every green tree,
- ❖ **2Ki 17:11** and burned incense there on all the high places, like the nations whom **יהוה** had removed from their presence. And they did evil matters to provoke **יהוה**,
- ❖ **2Ki 17:12** and served the idols, of which **יהוה** had said to them, “Do not do this.”

YHWH warned Israel and Judah

**2Ki 17:13** And **יהוה** warned Yisra'el and Yehudāh, through all of His prophets, and every seer, saying,

- ✚ “Turn back from your evil ways, and guard My commands and My laws, according to all the Torah which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets.”
- ✚ **2Ki 17:14** But they did not listen and hardened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not put their trust in **יהוה** their Elohim,
  - **2Ki 17:15** and rejected His laws and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His witnesses which He had witnessed against them, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless, and after the nations who were all around them, of whom **יהוה** had commanded them not to do like them.
  - **2Ki 17:16** And they left all the commands of **יהוה** their Elohim, and made for themselves a molded image, two calves, and made an Ashērah and bowed themselves to all the host of the heavens, and served Ba'al,
  - **2Ki 17:17** and caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, and practised divination and sorcery, and sold themselves to do evil in the eyes of **יהוה**, to provoke Him.

**2Ki 17:18** So **יהוה** was very enraged with Yisra'el, and removed them from His presence – **none was left but the tribe of Yehudāh alone**.

**2Ki 17:19** **Yehudāh, also, did not guard the commands of יהוה' their Elohim, but walked in the laws<sup>a</sup> of Yisra'el which they made.** Footnote: **Man-made laws**.

**2Ki 17:20** And **יהוה** rejected all the seed of Yisra'el, and afflicted them, and gave them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them out from His presence.

**2Ki 17:21** For He tore Yisra'ël from the house of Dawid, and they made Yarob'am son of Nebat sovereign. And Yarob'am drove Yisra'ël from following יהוה, and made them commit a great sin.

**2Ki 17:22** And the children of Yisra'ël walked in all the sins of Yarob'am which he did. They did not turn away from them,

**2Ki 17:23** until יהוה removed Yisra'ël from His presence, as He spoke by all His servants the prophets. **So Yisra'ël was exiled from their land to Ashshur, as it is to this day.**

The exiled remnant of Israel continues to be gathered to this very day. The two sticks, of exiled Israel and dispersed Judah, that were scattered among all the nations are being gathered, along with those grafted into Israel. By faith in YHWH/Yahusha, His people are being coalesced into the one new man with Yahusha HaMashiach as head (Col. 1:18).

Col 1:18 And **He is the Head of the body, the assembly**, who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that He might become the One who is first in all.

Eph 2:15 **having abolished in His flesh the enmity<sup>d</sup>** – the torah of the commands in dogma – so as **to create in Himself one renewed man from the two**, thus making peace, Footnote:

<sup>d</sup>Also see [Col 2:14](#), [Col 2:20](#), [Act 11:1-3](#).

**KJV:** Eph 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain **one new man**, so making peace;

### Assyria Resettles Samaria

The king of Assyria fills the vacated land of exiled Israel with foreigners from other countries.

**2Ki 17:24** And the sovereign of Ashshur brought *people*

- ✚ from Babel,
- ✚ and from Kuthah,
- ✚ and from Awwa,
- ✚ and from Hamath,
- ✚ and Sepharwayim,
- ✚ and placed *them* in the cities of Shomeron instead of the children of Yisra'ël. And they took possession of Shomeron and dwelt in its cities.

YHWH sends them lions that attack them as prey.

**2Ki 17:25** **And it came to be, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they did not fear יהוה, and יהוה sent lions among them, which were killing among them.**

**2Ki 17:26** And they spoke to the sovereign of Ashshur, saying,

- ❖ “The nations whom you have removed and placed in the cities of Shomeron do not know the right-ruling of the Elohim of the land.
- ❖ And He has sent lions among them, and see, they are slaying among them because they do not know the right-ruling of the Elohim of the land.”

2Ki 17:27 And the sovereign of Ashshur commanded, saying,

- ❖ “Send one of the priests whom you exiled from there, to go there. Let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the right-ruling of the Elohim of the land.”
- ❖ 2Ki 17:28 And one of the priests whom they had exiled from Shomeron came and dwelt in Běyth Ĕl, and taught them how to fear יהוה.
- ❖ 2Ki 17:29 But every nation was making mighty ones of its own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Shomeronim had made, every nation in the cities where they dwelt.
  - 2Ki 17:30 And the men of Babel made Sukkoth Benoth,
  - and the men of Kuth made Něrġal,
  - and the men of Ĥamath made Ashima,
  - 2Ki 17:31 and the Awwites made Niḥhaz and Tartaq.
  - And the Sepharwites burned their children in fire to Adrammeleḵ and Anammeleḵ, the mighty ones of Sepharim.

2Ki 17:32 They also feared יהוה, and from every class they made for themselves priests of the high places, who offered for them in the house of the high places.

Mixed worship, mixing the true with the false – compromise.

2Ki 17:33 They were fearing יהוה, and they were serving their own mighty ones,<sup>b</sup> according to the ruling of the nations from among whom they had been exiled. Footnote:  
<sup>b</sup>Mixed worship, mixing the true with the false – compromise.

2Ki 17:34 To this day they are doing according to the former rulings: they are not fearing יהוה, nor do they follow their laws or their right-rulings, or the Torah and command which יהוה had commanded the children of Ya'aqob, whose name He made Yisra'el,

2Ki 17:35 with whom יהוה had made a covenant and commanded them, saying,

- ✚ “Do not fear other mighty ones, nor bow down to them nor serve them nor slaughter to them;
- ✚ 2Ki 17:36 but יהוה, who brought you up from the land of Mitsrayim with great power and with an outstretched arm, Him you shall fear, and to Him you shall bow yourselves, and to Him you shall slaughter.
- ✚ 2Ki 17:37 “And guard to do forever the laws, and the right-rulings, and the Torah, and the command which He wrote for you. And do not fear other mighty ones.
- ✚ 2Ki 17:38 “And do not forget the covenant that I have made with you, and do not fear other mighty ones.

✚ 2Ki 17:39 “But fear יהוה your Elohim, so that He delivers you from the hand of all your enemies.”

Mixing pagan cultural holidays with YHWH’s moedim is compromising. I am not saying this, His Word is saying this. “Christmas”; Ishtar “Easter”; “Valentines Day”; etc. are cultural pagan holidays that the world observes, and YHWH’s people should separate themselves from all man-made cultural “holidays” that are not listed as His moedim in His Word. This applies to believers in various cultures worldwide.

See Footnote: Mixed worship, mixing the true with the false – compromise.

2Ki 17:40 **And they did not obey, but did according to their former ruling.**

2Ki 17:41 **So these nations were fearing יהוה, and served their carved images,**<sup>C</sup> both their children and their children’s children. As their fathers did, they are doing to this day. Footnote: **Mixed worship, mixing the true with the false – compromise.**

### **Titus 3**

Paul encourages Titus, and all of us; to act wisely toward others. Let them see Yahusha in us, for we too were once lost and rebellious. We are reminded that we live in the world, but we are no longer ‘of the world.’ We are to pray for, and be subject to, rulers and authorities as long as it doesn’t go against being obedient to the Word of YHWH.

#### **Be Ready for Every Good Work**

**Tit 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work,**

**Tit 3:2 not to slander anyone, not to be quarrelsome, to be gentle, showing all meekness to all men.**

**Tit 3:3 For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, led astray, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in evil and envy, being hated and hating one another.**

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, **Urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for all men,**

1Ti 2:2 **for sovereigns and all those who are in authority, in order that we lead a calm and peaceable life in all reverence and seriousness.**

1Ti 2:3 **For this is good and acceptable before Elohim our Savior,**

1Ti 2:4 **who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.**

**Tit 3:4 But when the kindness and the love of Elohim our Saviour toward man appeared,**

**Tit 3:5** He saved us, not by works of righteousness which we have done but according to His compassion, through the washing of rebirth, and renewal by the Set-apart Spirit,

**Tit 3:6** which He poured out on us richly through יהושע Messiah our Saviour,

**Tit 3:7** that having been declared right by His favor we should become heirs according to the expectation of everlasting life.

**Tit 3:8** Trustworthy is the word, and in this regard I wish you to strongly affirm, that those who have believed in Elohim should keep their minds on maintaining good works. This is good and profitable to men.

**Tit 3:9** But keep away from foolish questions, and genealogies, and strife and quarrels about the Torah, for they are unprofitable and useless.

**Tit 3:10** Reject a divisive man after the first and second warning,

**Tit 3:11** knowing that such a one has been perverted, and sins, being self-condemned.

### Final Instructions and Greetings

**Tit 3:12** When I shall send Artemas to you, or Tuchikos, do your best to come to me at Nikopolis, for I have decided to spend the winter there.

**Tit 3:13** Do your best to send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey, so that they lack none at all.

**Tit 3:14** And our *brothers* should also learn to maintain good works, to meet urgent needs, so that they shall not be without fruit.

**Tit 3:15** All those with me greet you. Greet those who love us in the belief. Favour be with you all. Amēn.

Paul closes with final instructions to Titus. Instructions about travel and about others he makes mention of by name. Paul was an overseer of many and wanted the best outcome for each life; especially for their lives to bear good fruit.

**Hosea 10** Israel a degenerate vine...

**Hos 10:1** Yisra'el is a degenerate vine, he brings forth fruit for himself. As his fruit increased, he increased the slaughter-places. And the better his land, the better they made the pillars.

Their heart has been slippery...

**Hos 10:2** Their heart has been slippery, now they are guilty. He breaks down their slaughter-places, He destroys their pillars.

**Hos 10:3** For now they say, "We have no sovereign, because we did not fear יהוה. What would the sovereign do for us?"

## **This is a timely place to review 1Samuel 8:**

### **Israel Demands a King**

1Sa 8:1 And it came to be, when Shemu'ël was old, that he made his sons rulers over Yisra'ël.

1Sa 8:2 And the name of his first-born was Yo'ël, and the name of his second, Abiyah, rulers in Be'ërsheḇa.

1Sa 8:3 But his sons did not walk in his ways, and turned aside after own gain, and took bribes, and twisted right-ruling.

1Sa 8:4 And all the elders of Yisra'ël gathered together and came to Shemu'ël at Ramah,

1Sa 8:5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint for us a sovereign to rule us like all the nations."

1Sa 8:6 **But the word was evil in the eyes of Shemu'ël when they said, "Give us a sovereign to rule us." So Shemu'ël prayed to יהוה.**

1Sa 8:7 **And יהוה said to Shemu'ël, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from reigning over them."**

1Sa 8:8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Mitsrayim, even to this day – **forsaking Me and serving other mighty ones – so they are doing to you too.**

1Sa 8:9 **"And now, listen to their voice, but you shall certainly warn them, and shall make known to them the ruling of the sovereign who does reign over them."**

### **Samuel's Warning Against Kings**

1Sa 8:10 And Shemu'ël spoke all the words of יהוה to the people who asked him for a sovereign,

1Sa 8:11 and said,

- ❖ "This is the ruling of the sovereign who does reign over you: He shall take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and they shall run before his chariots,
- ❖ 1Sa 8:12 and appoint commanders over his thousands and commanders over his fifties, or to plough his ground and reap his harvest, or to make his weapons, and equipment for his chariots.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:13 "And your daughters he is going to take to be perfumers, and cooks, and bakers.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:14 "And the best of your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive-trees he is going to take and give them to his servants.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:15 "And a tenth of your grain and your vintage he is going to take and give it to his officers and servants.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:16 "And your male servants and your female servants and your best young men and your donkeys he is going to take and use for his own work.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:17 "A tenth of your sheep he is going to take, and you are to be his servants.
- ❖ 1Sa 8:18 **"And you shall cry out in that day because of your sovereign whom you have chosen for yourselves, but יהוה is not going to answer you in that day."**

### **YHWH Grants Israel's Request**

1Sa 8:19 **However, the people refused to listen to the voice of Shemu'ël, and said, "No, but let a sovereign be over us."**

1Sa 8:20 Then we shall be, we also, like all the nations, and our sovereign shall rule us and go out before us and fight our battles."

1Sa 8:21 And Shemu'ël heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of יהוה.

1Sa 8:22 And יהוה said to Shemu'el, "Listen to their voice, and make them a sovereign." And Shemu'el said to the men of Yisra'el, "Each of you go to his city."

Hos 10:4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant. Therefore **judgment shall spring up like poisonous weeds in the furrows of the field.**

Hos 10:5 The inhabitants of Shomeron fear because of the **calf of Bēyth Awen**. For its people shall mourn for it, as well as its priests who used to rejoice over it, because of its esteem that has departed from it.

**Ellicott's Commentary:** (5) It is hard to express the sarcastic force and concentrated scoff of the original: "calves," literally, she calves, the feminine form to express contempt, the plural in allusion to the scattered worship in numerous shrines throughout Israel (or, perhaps, a pluralis majestatis of mockery). The next clause should read thus:—For it (pers. pronoun, referring to the calf par excellence of the chief seat of worship at Bethel, here degraded into Bethaven), people mourn because of it, and its priests tremble because of it. (The word for "priests," kamarîm, means always idolatrous priesthood.)

Hos 10:6 It is also brought to Ashshur as a present for Sovereign Yarēb. Ephrayim does receive shame, and Yisra'el is put to shame through his counsel.

Hos 10:7 Shomeron is cut off, her sovereign is like a twig on the surface of the water.

Hos 10:8 And the high places of Awen, the sin of Yisra'el, shall be destroyed, thorn and thistle come up on their slaughter-places. **And they shall say to the mountains, "Cover us!" and to the hills, "Fall on us!"**

Prophecies have 2-3 fulfillments.

Luk 23:28 But יהושע, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Yerushalayim, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children.

Luk 23:29 "For look, days are coming in which they shall say, 'Blessed are the barren, and wombs that never bore, and the breasts which never nursed!'

Luk 23:30 "Then they shall begin **'to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!"**' י'א [Isa 2:19-20](#), [Hos 10:8](#) Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Also see [Rev 6:16](#).

Luk 23:31 "Because if they do this to the green tree, what is going to be done to the dry tree?"

Luk 23:32 And two others also, evil-doers, were led with Him to be put to death.

Hos 10:9 "O Yisra'el, you have sinned from the days of Gib'ah. There they stood! The battle in Gib'ah against the children of perversity did not overtake them.

Hos 10:10 "When I desire, then I bind them. And peoples shall be gathered against them when I bind them for their double guilt.

Hos 10:11 "And Ephrayim is a trained heifer, loving to thresh grain. But I Myself shall pass over her comely neck – I put Ephrayim to the yoke, Yehudāh ploughs, Ya'aqob harrows for him."

Hos 10:12 **Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap according to loving-commitment, break up your tillable ground, it is time to seek יהוה, till He comes and rains righteousness on you.**

- ❖ Hos 10:13 You have ploughed wrongness,
- ❖ you have reaped unrighteousness,
- ❖ you have eaten the fruit of lying,
- ❖ because you trusted in your own way, in your many mighty men.

Gal 6:7 Do not be led astray: Elohim is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap.

Gal 6:8 Because he who sows to his own flesh shall reap corruption from the flesh, but he who sows to the Spirit shall reap everlasting life from the Spirit.

Hos 10:14 And uproar shall arise among your people, and all your strongholds shall be ravaged as Shalman ravaged Běyth Arběl in the day of battle – a mother dashed in pieces on her children.

Hos 10:15 Thus it shall be done to you, O Běyth Ĕl, because of the evil of your wickedness. **At dawn the sovereign of Yisra'ěl is completely cut off!**

### **Psalm 129; 130; 131**

O Yisra'ěl, wait for יהוה, Now and forever.

#### **They Have Afflicted Me from My Youth**

**Psa 129:1** “Often they have distressed me from my youth.” Let Yisra'ěl now say,

Psa 129:2 “Often they have distressed me from my youth, But they have not overcome me.

Psa 129:3 “The ploughers ploughed on my back, They made their furrows long.”

Psa 129:4 **יהוה is righteous, He has cut the cords of the wrong in two.**

Psa 129:5 Let all those who hate Tsiyon Be put to shame and turned back.

Psa 129:6 Let them be as the grass on the house-tops, Which withers before it grows up,

Psa 129:7 That shall not fill the reaper's hand, Nor the sheaves *fill* the binder's bosom.

Psa 129:8 And those who pass by shall not say, “The blessing of יהוה be upon you; We have blessed you in the Name of יהוה!”

Zion can represent a place; but Zion also represents the people of YHWH. The enemy has even distorted the true meaning of Zion.

#### **My Soul Waits for YHWH**

**Psa 130:1** Out of the depths I have cried to You, O יהוה.

Psa 130:2 **O יהוה, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive To the voice of my prayers.**

Psa 130:3 O Yah, if You should watch crookednesses, O יהוה, who would stand?

Psa 130:4 **But with You there is forgiveness.** That You might be feared.

Psa 130:5 I looked to יהוה, My being has looked, And for His word I have waited.

Psa 130:6 My being *looks* to יהוה More than those watching for morning, watching for morning.

Psa 130:7 **O Yisra'ěl, wait for יהוה; For with יהוה there is loving-commitment. And with Him is much redemption,**

Psa 130:8 **For He shall redeem Yisra'ël From all his crookednesses.**

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### **I Have Calmed and Quieted My Soul**

**Psa 131:1** O יהוה, my heart has not been proud, Nor have my eyes been haughty. Neither have I concerned myself with great matters, Nor with those too wondrous for me.

Psa 131:2 Have I not calmed, and kept my being silent, Like one weaned by its mother? My being is like one weaned.

Psa 131:3 **O Yisra'ël, wait for יהוה, Now and forever.**

*Trustworthy is the Word*

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