

*Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 2; Psalm 123, 124, 125; Isaiah 62; Matthew 10.*

## *June 30 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Joshua 2**

#### **Rahab Hides the Spies**

**Jos 2:1** And Yehoshua son of Nun secretly sent out two men from Shittim to spy, saying, “Go, see the land, and Yeriho.” **And they went, and came to the house of a woman, a whore, and her name was Rahab, and they lay down there.**

**Jos 2:2** But it was reported to the sovereign of Yeriho, saying, “See, men from the children of Yisra’el have come here tonight to search out the land.”

**Jos 2:3** And the sovereign of Yeriho sent to Rahab, saying, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who have entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land.”

Rahab hides the two men sent by Joshua up on her roof under stalks of flax. She covers for them when men sent by the sovereign of Jericho come seeking the two men. She tells the pursuers they left at dark, before the gate was shut; so, the men go and pursue them outside the gate, believing her account.

**Jos 2:4** But the woman had taken the two men and hid them. So she said, “The men came to me, but I did not know where they were from.”

**Jos 2:5** “Then it came to be as the gate was being shut, when it was dark, that the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, so that you overtake them.”

**Jos 2:6** But she had brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid out on the roof.

**Jos 2:7** And the men pursued them by the way to the Yardēn, to the fords. And they shut the gate afterwards as soon as the pursuers had gone out.

**Jos 2:8** And before they lay down, she came up to them on the roof,

When the pursuers had gone out and the gate was shut, Rahab goes and talks to the two men that Joshua had sent to search out the land.

**Jos 2:9** and she said to the men, “**I know that יהוה has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away because of you.**”

**Jos 2:10** **“For we have heard how יהוה dried up the water of the Sea of Reeds for you when you came out of Mitsrayim, and what you did to the two sovereigns of the Amorites who were beyond the Yardēn, Sihon and Oq, whom you put under the ban.”**

**Jos 2:11** “And when we heard, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in anyone because of you, **for יהוה your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above and on earth beneath.**”

Israel, with YHWH as their Elohim, was a mighty ‘wilderness’ witness to the pagan nations that surrounded them. YHWH had made their name great among the nations and His Name was esteemed. Rahab stated:

- They had heard how YHWH had dried up the Sea of Reeds
- They had heard about the defeat of Sihon and Og
- Their hearts had melted
- No spirit was left in anyone because of Israel, the nation led by YHWH.
- **Rahab proclaims:** For YHWH your Elohim, He is Elohim in the heavens above and on earth beneath.

**Jos 2:12** “And now, please swear to me by יהוה, since I have shown you loving-commitment, that you also show loving-commitment to my father’s house, and shall give me a true token,

**Jos 2:13** and shall spare my father, and my mother, and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they have, and shall deliver our lives from death.”

**Jos 2:14** And the men said to her, “Our lives for yours, if you do not expose this matter of ours, then it shall be, when יהוה has given us the land, that we shall treat you in loving-commitment and truth.”

**Jos 2:15** So she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the city wall and she dwelt on the wall.

**Jos 2:16** And she said to them, “Go to the mountain, lest the pursuers come upon you. And you shall hide **there three days**, until the pursuers have returned, and afterwards go on your way.”

**Jos 2:17** And the men said to her, “We are released from this oath of yours which you have made us swear,

**Jos 2:18** unless, when we come into the land, **you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father’s household to your own home.**

**Jos 2:19** “And it shall be that anyone who goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood is on his own head, and we are innocent. And anyone who is with you in the house, his blood is on our head if a hand is laid on him.

**Jos 2:20** **“And if you expose this matter of ours, then we shall be released from your oath which you made us swear.”**

We see several symbolic Messianic references:

- The two spies were to hide in the mountains for **3 days**.
- She made an oath with the representatives of Israel and previously proclaimed her belief in YHWH.
- She was to bind **the scarlet cord** in the window in which she had let them down.
- She was **to gather her people under her roof inside her doors**. This was like the Passover blood being applied to the door posts and the lintels. If they stay inside their dwelling they would be spared. We also could compare this to the safety of Noah’s ark and of course to Yahusha’s finished work.
- We know from our readings in the Book of Matthew that **Rahab is listed in the righteous lineage of Yahusha:** Mat 1:5 And Salmon **brought forth Bo’az by Rahab**, and Bo’az brought forth Obed by Ruth, and Obed brought forth Yishai.

Jos 2:21 And she said, "Let it be according to your words." And she sent them away, and they went. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

Jos 2:22 So they left and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days until the pursuers returned. And the pursuers sought them in all the way, but did not find them.

Jos 2:23 Then **the two men returned and came down from the mountain, and passed over. And they came to Yehoshua son of Nun, and related to him all that had befallen them.**

Jos 2:24 And they said to Yehoshua, **"Truly יהוה has given all the land into our hands, and also, all the inhabitants of the land have melted away because of us."**

The men return with a good report to Joshua.

### **Psalm 123, 124, 125**

Throughout His Word, the battle has been between good and evil. YHWH had told Rebekah that **two nations** warred in her womb.

Those **two nations** are Esau/Edomites and Jacob/Israel. That is, it. Two nations which all peoples will fit into. It really isn't complicated. People either belong to the one true living Elohim or they don't.

The enemy clouds the truth and confuses the issue by causing racial divisions; religious divisions; gender wars; political wars; wars among nations; wars among cultures etc. The root however boils down to the choice between good and evil, blessings or curses.

Yahusha has extended his proposal of His covenant, ratified by His precious blood; but He will not force anyone to accept it. For those that refuse His salvation, their blood is on their own head.

YHWH watches over the righteous. He knows the past, present, and future persecutions and mocking's. He holds us in His righteous right hand.

Esau/Edomites are hunters. They are blasphemers. They mock YHWH's people. Their color is red, and they leave a trail of blood.

True Israel, born from above, is made up of His people. They are his kingdom of priests of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, which represents Joseph's multi-colored coat. YHWH is our refuge and our strength. He is our deliverer. This is not to be confused with those that have usurped the name 'Israel' by naming the present physical nation as Israel.

The true Israel is compiled of the two sticks of the 10 northern tribes [Israel] and the 2 southern tribes [Judah]; along with those grafted in. His remnant people of the true Israel; are still being gathered that were dispersed all around the globe. We are multi-national. We are neither Jew nor Greek; male nor female; bond or free; we are simply His People through grace by faith in Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. Israel, the one new man, will one day be totally complete in the end of days.

We either belong to His holy nation or Satan's domain in this world.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**,<sup>b</sup> [Deu 10:15](#) a **royal priesthood**,<sup>c</sup> [Isa 61:6](#) a **set-apart nation**,<sup>d</sup> [Exo 19:6](#) a **people for a possession**,<sup>e</sup> [Isa 43:2](#) that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see [Isa 43:20](#). <sup>c</sup>Also see [Isa 66:21](#). <sup>d</sup>Also see [Deu 7:6](#). <sup>e</sup>Also see [Exo 19:5](#), [Tit 2:14](#).

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,<sup>f</sup> but now the **people of Elohim**,<sup>f</sup> who had **not obtained compassion**,<sup>f</sup> but now **obtained compassion**.<sup>f</sup> [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#). Footnote: <sup>f</sup>Also see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

At the time of the harvest, YHWH will separate the sheep from the goats, and the wheat from the tares. Two camps – that is all there is. Which one are you in?

### Our Eyes Look to YHWH our Elohim

**Psa 123:1** I shall lift up my eyes Unto You who dwell in the heavens.

**Psa 123:2** See, as the eyes of servants Are toward the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a female servant Are toward the hand of her mistress, **So are our eyes toward יהוה our Elohim, Until He shows favour to us.**

**Psa 123:3** Show favour to us, O יהוה, show favour to us! **For we are exceedingly filled with mockery.**

**Psa 123:4** Our **being is exceedingly filled With the scoffing of those who are at ease,** With the **mockery of the proud.**

### Our Help Is in the Name of YHWH

**Psa 124:1** **“If it had not been יהוה who was on our side,”** Let Yisra'el now say;

**Psa 124:2** **“If it had not been יהוה who was on our side,** When men rose up against us,

**Psa 124:3** **“Then they would have swallowed us alive,** In their burning rage against us;

**Psa 124:4** **“Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,** The **stream would have gone over our being;**

Psa 124:5 “Then **the proud waters** Would have gone over our being.”

Psa 124:6 **Blessed be יהוה, Who did not give us as prey to their teeth.**

Psa 124:7 Our being has escaped like a bird From the snare of the trappers; The snare was broken, and we have escaped.

Psa 124:8 **Our help is in the Name of יהוה, Maker of the heavens and earth.**

### YHWH Surrounds His People

**Psa 125:1 Those who trust in יהוה Are like Mount Tsiyon** – It is not shaken, it remains forever.

Psa 125:2 **As the mountains surround Yerushalayim, So יהוה surrounds His people, Now and forever.**

Psa 125:3 For **the sceptre of wrongness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous**, Lest the righteous stretch forth their hands to unrighteousness.

Psa 125:4 **Do good, O יהוה, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts.**

Psa 125:5 But those who turn aside to their crooked ways, יהוה shall lead them away With the workers of wickedness. **Peace be upon Yisra'ë!**

### Isaiah 62

Yahusha is our banner! He is our hope! He is our salvation! Those that are set-apart and fully devoted to Him, are His bride. We are Zion; we are Jerusalem; we are the living stones.

He has gone to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. He tells us He is coming again to receive us to Himself! Praise Yah! HalleluYah!

Joh 14:2 “In My Father's house are many staying places. And if not, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

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

Joh 14:4 “And where I go you know, and the way you know.”

### Zion's Coming Salvation

**Isa 62:1 For Tsiyon's sake I am not silent, and for Yerushalayim's sake I do not rest, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her deliverance as a lamp that burns.**

Isa 62:2 And **the nations shall see your righteousness, and all sovereigns your esteem.** And **you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of יהוה designates.**

Isa 62:3 And you shall be **a crown of comeliness** in the hand of יהוה, and **a royal head-dress in the hand of your Elohim.**

Isa 62:4 **No longer are you called “Forsaken,” and no longer is your land called “Deserted.”** But you shall be called **“Hephtsibah,”** and your land **“Married,” for יהוה shall**

**delight in you, and your land be married.****BDB Definition:**

Hephzi-bah = “my delight is in her”

- 1) the queen of King Hezekiah and mother of Manasseh
- 2) a name for Jesusalem (figuratively)

Isa 62:5 For as a young man marries a maiden, so shall your sons marry you. And **as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your Elohim rejoice over you.**

Isa 62:6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Yerushalayim, all the day and all the night, continually, who are not silent. You who remember יהוה, give yourselves no rest,

Isa 62:7 and give Him no rest till He establishes and till He makes Yerushalayim a praise in the earth.

Isa 62:8 יהוה has sworn by His right hand and by the arm of His strength, **“No more do I give your grain to be food for your enemies, nor do sons of the foreigner drink your new wine, for which you have laboured;**

Isa 62:9 but those gathering it shall eat it, and praise יהוה. And those collecting it shall drink it in My set-apart courts.”

Isa 62:10 **Pass through, pass through the gates! Prepare the way for the people. Build up, build up the highway! Remove the stones. Lift up a banner for the peoples!**

Isa 62:11 **See, יהוה has proclaimed to the end of the earth: “Say to the daughter of Tsiyon, ‘See, your deliverance has come; see, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him.’”**

You can only ‘pass through the gate’ if you are His sheep! He is the Good Shepherd; He is the Door to the sheepfold; only His sheep pass under His rod. There is no other way to enter. His sheep are wrapped in garments of white that have been washed by the blood of the Lamb!

Isa 62:12 And they shall be called, **“The Set-apart People, the Redeemed of יהוה.” And you shall be called, “Sought Out, a City Not Forsaken.”**

**Matthew 10**

The Twelve Apostles are called and given authority:

- ❖ Over unclean spirits
- ❖ Ability to cast out demonic spirits
- ❖ Ability to heal every disease
- ❖ Authority over every bodily weakness

The Twelve Apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4

**Mat 10:1** And having called His twelve taught ones near, **He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every bodily weakness.**

**Mat 10:2** And these are the names of the twelve emissaries: first, Shim'on, who is called Kēpha, and Andri his brother; Ya'aqoḇ the son of Zabḏai, and Yoḥanan his brother;

**Mat 10:3** Philip and Bartholomi; T'oma and Mattithyahu the tax collector; Ya'aqoḇ the son of Alphai, and Laḃai whose last name was Taddai;

**Mat 10:4** Shim'on the Kena'anite, and Yehudah from Qerioth, who did also deliver Him up.

Yahusha Sends Out the Twelve Apostles with instructions:

- Do not go into the nations.
- Do not enter a city of the Samaritans.
- Rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- Proclaim the reign of the heavens has drawn near.
- Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received without paying, give without being paid.
- Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your *money-belts*.
- Do not acquire a bag for the journey.
- Do not acquire two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs for the worker is worthy of his food.
- Stay with those found to be 'worthy' in whatever city or village you enter.
- If the house is worthy let your peace come upon it.
- If the house is not worthy let your peace return to you.
- Whoever doesn't receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city shake off the dust from your feet.
- **Word of caution is given:** Truly, I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Seḡom and Amorah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Above are just bullet points of the following scriptures. We should not underestimate the power and the authority Yahusha has given us. We are the temple. His Ruach HaKodesh [Holy Spirit] dwells in us.

**Mat 10:5** יהושע sent these twelve out, having commanded them, saying, "Do not go into the way of the nations, and do not enter a city of the Shomeronim,

**Mat 10:6** but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Yisra'ēl.

**Mat 10:7** "And as you go, proclaim, saying, 'The reign of the heavens has drawn near.'

**Mat 10:8** "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received without paying, give without being paid.

**Mat 10:9** "Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your *money-belts*,



**Mat 10:10** or a bag for the journey, or **two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs,** for the worker is worthy of his food.

**Mat 10:11** “And into whatever city or village you enter, ask who is worthy in it, and stay there until you leave.

**Mat 10:12** “And as you enter into a house, greet it.

**Mat 10:13** “And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

**Mat 10:14** “And whoever does not receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

**Mat 10:15** “Truly, I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Sedom and Amorah in the day of judgment than for that city!

**Persecution will come.** YHWH knows who makes up the two warring nations. His nation is His sheep, and the nation of the kingdom of darkness are ravenous wolves.

**Mat 10:16** “See, **I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise<sup>a</sup> as serpents and innocent as doves.** Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or cautious, crafty, shrewd.

**Mat 10:17** “But beware of men, for they shall deliver you up to sanhedrins and flog you in their congregations.

**Mat 10:18** “And you shall be brought before governors and sovereigns for My sake, as a witness to them and to the nations.

**Mat 10:19** “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it shall be given to you in that hour what you shall speak,

**Mat 10:20** for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

**Mat 10:21** “And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. And **children shall rise up against parents** Mic 7:6 and shall put them to death.

**Mat 10:22** “**And you shall be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved.**<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See Mat 24:13.

**Mat 10:23** “And when **they persecute you in this city, flee to another.** For truly, I say to you, you shall **by no means have gone through the cities of Yisra’el before the Son of Adam comes.**

**Mat 10:24** “A taught one is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

**Mat 10:25** “It is enough for the taught one to become like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be’elzebul, how much more those of his household!



What Yahusha spoke to his disciples and the 1<sup>st</sup> generation of believers, STILL applies to us today. Make no mistake, we too are being warned. He tells us if they persecute you in one city, flee to another; but He implies that before you have had time to flee to too many cities, He will come. He tells us in Revelation; that He comes quickly! If they hated Him and called Him Be'elzebul; how much more can we expect the same that are in His house!

The days of Jared, Lot, and Noah are HERE! The Sanhedrin, with their man-made one-sided court system of laws, was re-established in 2004. They are pushing to implement and enforce the Noahide Laws that only require 'one witness' to be found guilty and punishable by death; decapitation.

What color do you think they represent? Correct – Red

Do they leave behind a blood trail? Correct – Yes

There were two nations warring in Rebekah's womb – Esau and Jacob [Israel]. What nation represents those that desire to hunt down and kill? Correct. They belong to the nation of Esau/Edomites that are unrepentant; they are those that call themselves 'Jews' and are not; they are those that Yahusha referred to as a 'brood of vipers'; they are wolves in 'sheep's clothing'; they are those who's father is the devil. Their only hope is to repent with a sincere heart and receive Yahusha HaMashiach. We must never lose sight that Yahusha desires that none perish, and all come to repentance and saving faith. [Paraphrased 2Pet. 3:9]

Have No Fear - Mat 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in GëHinnom.

**Mat 10:26** "Therefore do not fear them. For whatever is covered shall be revealed, and whatever is hidden shall be made known.

**Mat 10:27** "What I say to you in the dark, speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, proclaim on the house-tops.

**Mat 10:28** "And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in GëHinnom.

**Mat 10:29** "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground without your Father.

**Mat 10:30** "And even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

**Mat 10:31** "So do not fear, you are worth more than many sparrows.

The following two verses are key:

**Mat 10:32** “Everyone, therefore, **who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.**

**Mat 10:33** “**But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.**

Not Peace, but a Sword

**Mat 10:34** “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword,<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup>In [Luk 12:51](#) the word “division” is used, while “sword” has the same meaning here.

**Mat 10:35** for I have come to bring division, a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –

**Mat 10:36** and a man’s enemies are those of his own household.<sup>d</sup> [Mic 7:6](#).

Footnote: <sup>d</sup>[Luk 12:53](#), [Mic 7:6](#).

**Mat 10:37** “**He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.**<sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup>See [Luk 16:16-17](#) which explains it more clearly.

**Mat 10:38** “And he who does not take up his stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

**Mat 10:39** “**He who has found his life shall lose it, and he that has lost his life for My sake shall find it.**

Yahusha has fully redeemed us. It is no longer we that live but He that lives in us and through us. Our life is not our own. We are His. We are one in Him and in the body of believers. We are the one new man, Israel born from above.

Rewards will even be given to those that receive a prophet; or a righteous one; or a little one of faith by giving a cup of cold water. These will be rewarded. A cold cup of water is not always easily accessible and in many countries is highly valued and highly worked for to bring it to a ‘drinkable’ point. Those that care for His sheep are not forgotten. It takes time, energy, risks, and love to care for His sheep.

**Mat 10:40** “**He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.**

**Mat 10:41** “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous one in the name of a righteous one shall receive a righteous one’s reward.

**Mat 10:42** “And whoever gives one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a taught one, truly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Praise Yah for the ‘**Scarlet Cord**’ He has given us. The precious blood of the Lamb. We are under His blood. In Him we have peace. In Him we have rest.

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