

*Greetings, today our manna is from Genesis 21; Matthew 20; Nehemiah 10; Acts 20.*

## January 20 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

### Genesis 21

#### The Birth of Isaac

**Gen 21:1** And יהוה visited Sarah as He had said, and יהוה did for Sarah as He had spoken.

**Gen 21:2** So Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, **at the appointed time of which Elohim had spoken to him.**

**Gen 21:3** And Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom **Sarah** bore to him, **Yitshaq.**

**Gen 21:4** And Abraham circumcised his son Yitshaq when he was eight days old, as Elohim had commanded him.

**Gen 21:5** And Abraham was **one hundred years old** when his son Yitshaq was born to him.

**Gen 21:6** And Sarah said, “Elohim has made me laugh, and everyone who hears of it laughs with me.”

Sarah enjoyed a ‘rejoicing laughter’ along with all those that heard that Abraham bore a son through Sarah in their old age! This was truly a miracle given and blessed by YHWH. Nothing is too difficult for YHWH to accomplish according to His will and in His time.

**Gen 21:7** And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? For I have borne him a son in his old age.”

#### YHWH Protects Hagar and Ishmael

**Gen 21:8** And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Yitshaq was weaned.

**Gen 21:9** And Sarah saw the son of Haḡar the Mitsrian, whom she had borne to Abraham, mocking.

Ishmael mocks. How he mocked is not clear. It could have been directed toward the celebration, or Isaac, or Sarah etc. This could have been because he considered himself the first born. There is limited information shared in these verses other than Sarah feeling her son’s inheritance was threatened by Ishmael.

**Gen 21:10** So she said to Abraham, “Drive out this female servant and her son, for the son of this female servant shall not inherit with my son, with Yitshaq.”

Women and mothers pick up on subtle clues of danger encroaching their immediate environment more quickly than husbands. Sarah acts as necessary from her observations to protect Isaac. Abraham viewed her request as evil probably due to Abraham’s love for Ishmael and being heartbroken. Family disunity and separations are never YHWH’s desire and most times they develop from prior decisions made outside of the will of YHWH. What Sarah had once desired had now become a threat.

**Gen 21:11** And the matter was very evil in the eyes of Abraham because of his son.

**Gen 21:12** But Elohim said to Abraham,

✚ “Let it not be evil in your eyes because of the boy and because of your female servant. Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen to her voice, for in Yitshaq your seed is called.

✚ **Gen 21:13** “And of the son of the female servant I also make a nation, because he is your seed.”

YHWH allays Abraham’s concerns and tells Abraham that Ishmael also will be made into a nation for he came from Abraham’s seed.

**Gen 21:14** And Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, which he gave to Haḡar, putting it on her shoulder, also the boy, and sent her away. And she left and **wandered in the Wilderness of Be’ērsheba.**

**Gen 21:15** And the water in the skin was used up, and she placed the boy under one of the shrubs.

**Gen 21:16** And she went and sat down about a bowshot away, for she said, “Let me not see the death of the boy.” And she sat opposite him, and lifted her voice and wept.

**Gen 21:17** And Elohim heard the voice of the boy, and the messenger of Elohim called to Haḡar from the heavens, and said to her, “What is the matter with you, Haḡar? Do not fear, for Elohim has heard the voice of the boy where he is.

**Gen 21:18** “Arise, lift up the boy and hold him with your hand, for I make a great nation of him.”

**Gen 21:19** **And Elohim opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.**

**Gen 21:20** And Elohim was with the boy, and he grew and **dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.**

**Gen 21:21** And he dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran, and his mother took a wife for him from the land of Mitsrayim.

The lives of Sarah and Hagar are analogies between dwelling under the free woman or the bond woman. Hagar, the bond woman, represented the days served under the Book of the Law implemented by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Sarah, the free woman, represented the covenant seed of righteousness under the Melchizedek Priesthood and Covenant Torah. These analogies are covered in Gal. 4:21-31. Only by being born from above does Yahusha set the captives free. Believers are the New Jerusalem; Israel, born from above.

### A Treaty with Abimelech

**Gen 21:22** And it came to be at that time that Abimelech and Piquol, the commander of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, "Elohim is with you in all that you do.

**Gen 21:23** "And now, swear to me by Elohim, not to be untrue to me, to my offspring, or to my descendants. Do to me according to the loving-commitment that I have done to you and to the land in which you have dwelt."

In Gen. 20, we read the account of Abimelech returning Sarah to Abraham. Abimelech had been shown grace since he had not known that Sara was a married woman. The issue was addressed by YHWH and was resolved by Abraham praying to YHWH to restore fertility to Abimelech's household. In return, Abimelech gave Abraham sheep, cattle, and female servants; and told Abraham to dwell anywhere in his land.

In Gen. 21, Abraham and Abimelech come to a covenant agreement over a well that Abraham had dug. It is affirmed that the well belonged to Abraham by Abimelech accepting Abraham's seven set-apart ewe lambs. The well of the oath is named Beersheba and Abraham plants a tamarisk tree there as he calls on the Name of YHWH, the Everlasting El.

**BDB Definition:** Beer-sheba = "well of the sevenfold oath"

**Gen 21:24** And Abraham said, "I swear."

**Gen 21:25** And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had seized.

**Gen 21:26** And Abimelech said, "I do not know who has done this deed. Neither did you inform me, nor did I hear until today."

**Gen 21:27** **So Abraham took sheep and cattle and gave them to Abimelech, and the two of them made a covenant.**

**Gen 21:28** And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves.

**Gen 21:29** And Abimelech asked Abraham, "What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves?"

**Gen 21:30** And he said, "Take these seven ewe lambs from my hand, to be my witness

that I have dug this well.”

Gen 21:31 So he called that place Be'ěrsheba, because the two of them swore an oath there.

Gen 21:32 Thus they made a covenant at Be'ěrsheba. And Abimelek rose with Piqol, the commander of his army, and they returned to the land of the Philistines.

Gen 21:33 And **he planted a tamarisk tree in Be'ěrsheba, and there called on the Name of יהוה, the Everlasting Ēl.**

Gen 21:34 And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

## Matthew 20

### Laborers in the Vineyard

Mat 20:1 “For the reign of the heavens is like a man, a householder who went out **early in the morning** to hire workers for his vineyard.

Mat 20:2 “And when he had agreed with the workers for a **denarius<sup>a</sup>** a day, he sent them into his vineyard. **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Roman monetary unit.**

Mat 20:3 “And he **went out about the third hour** and saw others standing idle in the market-place,

Mat 20:4 and said to them, ‘You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I shall give you.’ And they went.

Mat 20:5 “Having gone out again **about the sixth** and **the ninth hour**, he did likewise.

Mat 20:6 “And about **the eleventh hour**, having gone out, he **found others standing idle**, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’

Mat 20:7 “They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you shall receive.’

Mat 20:8 “**And when evening came, the master of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.’**

Mat 20:9 “And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius.

Mat 20:10 “And when the first came, they thought they would receive more. But they too received each a silver piece.

Mat 20:11 “And when they received it, they **grumbled** against the householder,

Mat 20:12 saying, ‘These last have worked *only* one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.’

Mat 20:13 “But he answering, said to one of them, ‘Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a **denarius?<sup>a</sup>** **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Roman monetary unit.**

Mat 20:14 Take yours and go. But I wish to give to this last man as also to you.

Mat 20:15 Is it not right for me to do what I wish with my own? Or is your eye evil because I am good?’

Mat 20:16 “**Thus the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few**

chosen.”<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See [Mat 22:14](#)

Yahusha’s desire is to seek and save that which is lost; whether the decision to follow Him occurs early in one’s life or on one’s death bed. We are blessed that He knows us, and He hears us! Whatever He asks we should gladly do, even if there would never be any rewards.

No one is guaranteed tomorrow; therefore, today, if you hear His voice do not harden your heart. Cry out to Him. He hears you. He lives!

### Yahusha Foretells His Death a Third Time

Mat 20:17 And יהושע, going up to Yerushalayim, took the twelve taught ones aside on the way and said to them,

Mat 20:18 “See, we are going up to Yerushalayim, and the Son of Adam shall be delivered up to the chief priests and to the scribes. And they shall condemn Him to death,

Mat 20:19 and deliver Him to the nations to mock and to flog and to impale. **And the third day He shall be raised.**”

We can only imagine how sad and confused the twelve taught ones were upon hearing about Yahusha’s impending death for the third time. What joy there had to be in His presence; and what a great void would be in His absence.

What was it like to physically walk on this earth with Yahusha, YHWH in Son? Talk about a ‘mountain top experience!’ At the same time, the disciples would experience the lowest of the lows by seeing all that Yahusha would go through for us. While we were yet sinners, Yahusha took our sins upon Himself; He took our place. To know that one day we will bask in the presence of that kind of love is beyond comprehension.

Joh 15:12 “**This is My command, that you love one another, as I have loved you.**”<sup>b</sup> Footnote:  
<sup>b</sup>See [Joh 13:34](#) and [Joh 15:17](#).

Joh 15:13 “**No one has greater love than this: that one should lay down his life for his friends.**”

Joh 15:14 “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.

Joh 15:15 “No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all *teachings* which I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Joh 15:16 “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My Name He might give you.

### A Mother's Request

**Mat 20:20** Then the mother of the sons of Zabdai came to Him with her sons, bowing down and making a request of Him.

**Mat 20:21** And He said to her, “What do you wish?” She said to Him, “Command that these two sons of mine might sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your reign.”

**Mat 20:22** But יהושע answering, said, “You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and to be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with?” They said to Him, “We are able.”

**Mat 20:23** And He said to them, “**You shall indeed drink My cup, and you shall be immersed with the immersion that I am immersed with.**<sup>c</sup> But to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by My Father.”

Footnote: <sup>c</sup>See also [Mar 10:39](#), [Luk 12:50](#).

**Mat 20:24** And when the ten heard it, they were displeased at the two brothers.

**Mat 20:25** But יהושע called them near and said, “You know that the rulers of the nations are masters over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

**Mat 20:26** “But it shall not be so among you, **but whoever wishes to become great among you, let him be your servant.**

**Mat 20:27** **“And whoever wishes to be first among you, let him be your servant,**

**Mat 20:28** even as the Son of Adam did not come to be served, but to serve,<sup>d</sup> and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Footnote: <sup>d</sup>[Mar 10:45](#), [Isa 49:1-7](#).

His kingdom functions totally opposite than this world. The more you give the more will be given unto you. All that we do, should be done with love and from a sincere heart; not for any reason of personal gain.

Luk 6:38 “Give, and it shall be given to you. A good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall be put into your lap. For with the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured back to you.”

### Yahusha Heals Two Blind Men

**Mat 20:29** And as they were leaving Yeriho, a large crowd followed Him.

**Mat 20:30** And see, two blind men sitting by the way, having heard that יהושע was passing by, cried out, saying, “Have compassion on us, O Master, Son of Dawid!”

**Mat 20:31** And the crowd rebuked them that they should be silent, but they cried out all the more, saying, “Have compassion on us, O Master, Son of Dawid!”

**Mat 20:32** And יהושע stopped and called them, and said, “What do you wish Me to do for you?”

**Mat 20:33** They said to Him, “Master, that our eyes be opened.”

**Mat 20:34** **And having been moved with compassion, יהושע touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.**

These two blind men acted in faith by calling out to the One they believed to be the ‘Master, Son of David!’ They believed in who He was; and they believed He could heal their sight. Ironically, even though they were physically blind; they could ‘spiritually see’ more than others that had eyes to see Yahusha!

Though the ‘naysayers’ tried to discourage their requests; they cried all the louder. Anyone that tries to prevent another from calling out to the Master Yahusha, is allowing their flesh to be used by the enemy. Never block someone from professing their faith in Yahusha HaMashiach.

Yahusha being moved with compassion by their faith; touched their eyes and they immediately received their sight.

## Nehemiah 10

### The People Who Sealed the Covenant

**Neh 10:1** **And those who set their seal were:** Neḥemyah the governor, son of Ḥaḳalyah, and Tsidqiyah,

Neh 10:2 Serayah, Azaryah, Yirmeyah,

Neh 10:3 Pashḥur, Amaryah, Malkiyah,

Neh 10:4 Ḥattush, Sheḇanyah, Malluḳ,

Neh 10:5 Ḥarim, Merēmoth, Oḇadyah,

Neh 10:6 Dani’ēl, Ginnethon, Baruḳ,

Neh 10:7 Meshullam, Aḇiyah, Miyamin,

Neh 10:8 Ma’azyah, Bilgai, and Shemayah. These were the priests.

Neh 10:9 And the Lēwites: both Yēshua son of Atsanyah, Binnui of the sons of Ḥēnaḏaḏ, Qaḏmi’ēl.

Neh 10:10 And their brothers: Sheḇanyah, Hoḏiyah, Qelita, Pelayah, Ḥanan,

Neh 10:11 Miḳa, Reḥoḇ, Ḥashaḇyah,

Neh 10:12 Zakkur, Shērēḇyah, Sheḇanyah,

Neh 10:13 Hoḏiyah, Bani, and Beninu.

Neh 10:14 The leaders of the people: Parosh, Paḥath-Mo’ab, Ĕylam, Zattu, Bani,

Neh 10:15 Bunni, Azgaḏ, Bēḇai,

Neh 10:16 Aḏoniyah, Biḡwai, Aḏin,

Neh 10:17 Atēr, Ḥizqiyah, Azzur,

Neh 10:18 Hoḏiyah, Ḥashum, Bētsai,

Neh 10:19 Ḥariph, Anathoth, Nēḇai,

Neh 10:20 Maḡpi’ash, Meshullam, Ḥēzir,

Neh 10:21 Meshēyzaḇ’ēl, Tsaḏoq, Yaddua,

Neh 10:22 Pelatyah, Ḥanan, Anayah,  
 Neh 10:23 Hoshĕa, Ḥananyah, Ḥashshub,  
 Neh 10:24 Halloḥĕsh, Pilḥa, Shoḇĕq,  
 Neh 10:25 Reḥum, Ḥashaḇnah, Ma'asĕyah,  
 Neh 10:26 Aḥiyah, Ḥanan, Anan,  
 Neh 10:27 Malluq, Ḥarim, Ba'anah.

### The Obligations of the Covenant

Neh 10:28 And the rest of the people, the priests, the Lĕwites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nethinim, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the Torah of Elohim, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, all who had knowledge and understanding,

Neh 10:29 were strengthening their brothers, their nobles, and **were entering into a curse and into an oath to walk in the Torah of Elohim, which was given by Mosheh the servant of Elohim, and to guard and do all the commands of יהוה our Master, and His right-rulings and His laws,**

Under the Book of the Law, there were blessings and curses. Curses were brought on by disobedience and blessings by obedience [See Deut. 27 & 28]. The Book of the Law was a tutor or school master that pointed all to the Messiah. Through Yahusha, Covenant Torah would be restored under the order of Melchizedek. With Covenant Torah, no longer would there be curses but blessings. Under Covenant Torah, one is saved by grace through faith and their garments are washed by the blood of the Lamb. The New Covenant through Yahusha connects us to the promise YHWH gave Abraham! HalleluYah!

- ✚ Neh 10:30 and that we would not give our daughters as wives to the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons,
- ✚ Neh 10:31 and that if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain to sell on the Sabbath day, we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath, or on a set-apart day, and we would forego the seventh year and the interest of every hand.
- ✚ Neh 10:32 And we imposed commands on ourselves, to give from ourselves yearly one-third of a sheqel for the service of the House of our Elohim:
  - Neh 10:33 for the showbread, and for the continual grain offering, and for the continual ascending offering of the Sabbaths, of the New moons, for the appointed times, and for the set-apart offerings, and for the sin offerings to make atonement for Yisra'ĕl, and all the work of the House of our Elohim.
- ✚ Neh 10:34 And we cast lots among the priests, and the Lĕwites, and the people, for bringing the wood offering into the House of our Elohim, according to our fathers' houses, **at the appointed times year by year**, to burn on the slaughter-place of יהוה our Elohim as it is written in the Torah,
- ✚ Neh 10:35 and to bring the first-fruits of our soil and the first-fruits of all fruit of all



trees, year by year, to the House of יהוה',

- ✚ **Neh 10:36** also to bring the first-born of our sons and our livestock, as it is written in the Torah, and the firstlings of our herds and our flocks, to the House of our Elohim, to the priests attending in the House of our Elohim.
- ✚ **Neh 10:37** And that we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our contributions, and the fruit from all kinds of trees, of new wine and of oil, to the priests, to the storerooms of the House of our Elohim; and the tithes of our land to the Lěwites, for the Lěwites should receive the tithes in all our rural towns.
- ✚ **Neh 10:38** And the priest, son of Aharon, shall be with the Lěwites when the Lěwites receive tithes, and the Lěwites bring up a tenth of the tithes to the House of our Elohim, to the rooms of the storehouse.
- ✚ **Neh 10:39** For the children of Yisra'el and the children of Lěwi bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to the storerooms where the vessels of the set-apart place are, where the priests who attend and the gatekeepers and the singers are, and we should not neglect the House of our Elohim.

## Acts 20

### Paul in Macedonia and Greece

**Act 20:1** After the uproar had ceased, Sha'ul called the taught ones to him, and having embraced them, went away to **go to Makedonia**.

**Act 20:2** And having gone through those parts, and having encouraged them with many words, **he came to Greece**,

**Act 20:3** where **he spent three months**. When he was about to sail to Suria, he decided to return through Makedonia, as a plot was made against him by the Yehudim.

Paul's plans to sail back to Syria were changed when he was made known of a plot against him by the Yehudim. Therefore, he backtracks by land a majority of the distance to Syria. Paul had made faithful acquaintances along the way and many accompanied him. Luke takes the time to record each faithful servant.

**Act 20:4** And he was accompanied by

- Sopater of Beroia,
- and Aristarchos and Sekundos of the Thessalonians,
- and Gaios of Derbe,
- and Timotiyos,
- and Tuchikos and Trophimos of Asia.

**Act 20:5** And these, going ahead, waited for us at Troas.

**Act 20:6** And we **sailed away from Philippi after the Days of Unleavened Bread**, and came to them **at Troas in five days**, where we **stayed seven days**.

### Eutychus Raised from the Dead

**Act 20:7** And on day one of the week,<sup>a</sup> the taught ones having gathered together to break bread, Sha'ul, intending to depart the next day, was reasoning with them and was extending the word till midnight. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>Gk. **Sabbaths**.

'Day' is italicized, therefore, was not in the original text. Reading the sentence without 'day', would read 'And on one of the Sabbaths.' Often, this verse is misinterpreted to justify the 'worship on Sundays' which is not ordained by His Word; but rather is 'ordained' by 'man' and changes were made by the Catholic Church.

**Act 20:8** And there were many lamps in the upper room where they were assembled.

**Act 20:9** And a certain young man, by name **Eutuchos**, was sitting in a window, being overpowered by a deep sleep. As Sha'ul kept on reasoning, he **was overcome by sleep** and **fell down from the third story**, and **was picked up dead**.

We are introduced to Eutuchos, a young man overcome by sleep. He falls three stories from a window where he had been sitting; and was picked up dead. Paul went to check on him; fell on him and embraced him; and told the crowd, not to be upset, his life was in him. Paul returns to the meeting room; broke bread and ate; then talked a long time until daybreak. By faith, Paul believed Eutuchos would be restored; therefore, Paul acts and resumes where he left off believing all was well. Afterwards, they brought the young man in alive and they all rejoiced.

Luke then records that 'we', the group of believers traveling along with Paul, planned to go ahead of Paul and meet him at Assos.

**Act 20:10** And Sha'ul, having gone down, fell on him, and embracing him said, "Do not be upset, for his life is in him."

**Act 20:11** Then going up again, and having broken bread and eaten, he talked a long while, even till daybreak, and so went forth.

**Act 20:12** And they brought the young man in alive, and were encouraged, not a little.

**Act 20:13** And we, going ahead to the ship, sailed to **Assos**, intending to take Sha'ul on board there, for so he had arranged, intending himself to go on foot.

**Act 20:14** And when he met us at Assos, we took him on board and came to **Mitulene**.

**Act 20:15** And from there we sailed, and the next day came opposite **Chios**. And the next day we arrived at **Samos** and remained at **Trogullion**. And the following day we came to **Miletos**.



Paul hopes to be in Jerusalem for Pentecost, Shavuot.

Act 20:16 For Sha'ul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might lose no time in Asia, for he was hurrying to be at Yerushalayim, if possible, on the Day of the Festival of Shaḅu'oth.<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Counted from the day on which the sheaf of the first-fruits is waved during the Festival of Matzot (Unleavened Bread) - See

[Lev 23:10-21](#). (The morrow after the Sabbath.) See also [Act 2:1](#).

### Paul Speaks to the Ephesian Elders

Instead of Paul going to Ephesus, he calls the elders to him in Miletos.

Act 20:17 And from Miletos he sent to Ephesos and called for the elders of the assembly.

Paul gives a heartfelt message and words of caution to the elders of Ephesus.

Act 20:18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, **You know, from the first day that I came to Asia,** how I was with you all the time,

Act 20:19 **serving the Master with all humility, with many tears and trials which befell me by the plotting of the Yehudim,**

Act 20:20 as I kept back no *matter* that was profitable, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house,

Act 20:21 **witnessing to Yehudim, and also to Greeks:** repentance toward Elohim and belief in our Master יהושע Messiah.

Act 20:22 "And now see, I go bound in the spirit to Yerushalayim, not knowing what is going to meet me there,

Act 20:23 except that the **Set-apart Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that chains and pressures await me.**

Act 20:24 "But **I do not count my life of any value** to me, so that I might accomplish my mission with joy, and the service which I received from the Master יהושע, to bear witness to the Good News of the favour of Elohim.

Act 20:25 "And now see, I know that you all, among whom I went about proclaiming the **reign of Elohim, shall see my face no more.**

Act 20:26 “Therefore I witness to you this day that I am clear from the blood of all.

Act 20:27 “For I kept not back from declaring to you all the counsel of Elohim.

Act 20:28 “Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Set-apart Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the assembly of Elohim which He has purchased with His own blood.

Act 20:29 **“For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves<sup>c</sup> shall come in among you, not sparing the flock.** Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Mat 7:15-23](#), [Mat 10:16](#), [Luk 10:3](#), [Joh 10:12](#), [Act 20:29](#).

Act 20:30 “Also from among yourselves men shall arise, **speaking distorted teachings**, to draw away the taught ones after themselves.

Act 20:31 **“Therefore watch**, remembering that for three years, night and day, I did not cease to warn each one with tears.

Act 20:32 **“And now, brothers, I commit you to Elohim** and to the word of His favour, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those having been set apart.

Act 20:33 “I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or garments.

Act 20:34 “And you yourselves know that these hands supplied my needs, and for those who were with me.

Act 20:35 “All this I did show you, by laboring like this, that you ought to help the weak. And remember the words of the Master יהושע, that He said, **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”**

A very bittersweet departure, yet one day we will all be gathered again. Paul knew some type of persecution laid ahead of him in Jerusalem; even possibly death. Mentally and spiritually Paul had prepared himself; he was even willing to lay down his life.

Act 20:36 And having said this, he knelt down and prayed with them all.

Act 20:37 And there was much weeping among them all, and falling on Sha’ul’s neck, they kissed him,

Act 20:38 **distressed most of all because of the word which he had said, that they would see his face no more. And they went with him to the ship.**

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