#### Greetíngs, today our manna ís from Deut. 5; Psalm 88; Isaíah 33; Revelatíon 3.

# June 1 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### **Deuteronomy 5**

Moses recalls the day YHWH had made covenant with them at Mt. Horeb/Sinai. He emphasizes how this occasion was very special and profound. This had been their marriage ketubah. Then Moses reviews the 10 Commandments. Obedience, praise, worship, and being washed in His Word keeps our lives on His set-apart path.

Each day in the wilderness was about them and YHWH. Each generation was to be trained up in the Word. Each journey departure and arrival were directed by the movement of the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire. Everyday their lives were drenched in knowing Him.

We too are sojourners in a foreign land. Believers in Covenant belong to His holy nation, though our present physical residences are in various nations. We have been set-apart to Him; and we too like Moses should daily train up the next generation; and daily we should commune with Him in His Word.

#### The Ten Commandments

Deu 5:1 And Mosheh called all Yisra'ěl, and said to them, "Hear, O Yisra'ěl, the <u>laws</u> and <u>right-rulings</u> which I speak in your hearing today. <u>And you shall learn them, and</u> <u>guard to do them</u>.

Deu 5:2 "יהוה our Elohim made a covenant with us in Horěb.

Deu 5:3 "יהוה did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, those who are here today, all of us who are alive.

Deu 5:4 "יהוה" spoke with you face to face on the mountain from the midst of the fire. Deu 5:5 "I stood between יהוה and you at that time, to declare to you the Word of יהוה – for you were afraid because of the fire, and you did not go up the mountain – saying:

Deu 5:6 I am יהוה your Elohim who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of bondage.

At Mt. Sinai, when the people feared dying for hearing the voice of YHWH; they asked Moses to receive His Words and tell them instead. YHWH's response follows.

Deu 5:7 You have no other mighty ones against My face.

Deu 5:8 You do not make for yourself a carved image, any likeness of which is in the

heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

Deu 5:9 you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה your Elohim, am a jealous Ěl, visiting the crookedness of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me,

Deu 5:10 but showing loving-commitment to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

Deu 5:11 You do not bring<sup>a</sup> the Name of **יהוה** your Elohim to naught, for **יהוה** does not leave him unpunished who brings His Name to naught. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or *lift up*, or *take*.

Deu 5:12 Guard the Sabbath day, to set it apart, as יהוה your Elohim commanded you.

Deu 5:13 Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

Deu 5:14 but the seventh day is a Sabbath<sup>b</sup> of **הוה** your Elohim. You do not do any work – you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, so that your male servant and your female servant rest as you do. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See footnote at Exo 20:10.

Deu 5:15 And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Mitsrayim, and that that your Elohim brought you out from there by a strong hand and by an outstretched arm. Therefore יהוה your Elohim commanded you to perform the Sabbath day.

Deu 5:16 Respect your father and your mother, as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you, so that your days are prolonged, and so that it is well with you on the soil which your Elohim is giving you.

Deu 5:17 You do not murder.

Deu 5:18 You do not commit adultery.

Deu 5:19 You do not steal.

Deu 5:20 You do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

Deu 5:21 You do not covet your neighbour's wife, nor do you desire your neighbour's house, his field, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, his ox, nor his donkey, or whatever belongs to your neighbour.'

Deu 5:22 "These Words<sup>c</sup> יהוה" spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a loud voice, and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me.

Footnote: <sup>C</sup>"Word(s)" is very often used as a synonym for "command(s)," in the Messianic Writings too.

Deu 5:23 "And it came to be, when you heard the voice from the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that you came near to me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders,

Deu 5:24 and said, 'See, יהוה our Elohim has shown us His esteem and His greatness,

and we have heard His voice from the midst of the fire. Today we have seen that Elohim speaks with man – and he lives!

Deu 5:25 And now why should we die? For this great fire is consuming us. If we hear the voice of **הוה** our Elohim any more, then we shall die.

Deu 5:26 For who is there of all flesh who has heard the voice of the living Elohim speaking from the midst of the fire, as we have, and does live?

Deu 5:27 You go near and hear all that יהוה our Elohim says, and speak to us all that our Elohim says to you, and we shall hear and do it.'

Deu 5:28 "And יהוה heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me, and is said to me, 'I have heard the voice of the words of this people which they have spoken to you. They have done well in all that they have spoken.

Deu 5:29 Oh, that they had such a heart in them, to fear Me and to guard all My commands always, so that it might be well with them and with their children forever!

Deu 5:30 Go, say to them, "Return to your tents."

Deu 5:31 But you, stand here by Me, and let Me speak to you all the commands, and the laws, and the right-rulings which you are to teach them. And they shall do them in the land which I am giving them to possess.'

Then we, like they, should do the following:

Deu 5:32 "And you <u>shall guard to do</u> as יהוה your Elohim has commanded you – do not turn aside, to the right or to the left.

Deu 5:33 "Walk in all the ways which יהוה your Elohim has commanded you, so that you live and it be well with you. And you shall prolong your days in the land which you possess.

## Psalm 88

**TSK reference**: Supposed to have been written by Heman, son of Zerah, and grandson of Judah, on the oppression of the Hebrews in Egypt.

The psalmist cries out in his affliction. These are words and prayers spoken from a deep <u>valley experience</u> in life. Those times when everything that could go wrong, does. Those times when life doesn't turn out as expected. Those times when one sees who their true friends are and who were just their fair-weather friends. This is when a person is having a 'Job' life experience.

This is when a believer goes through the fire and finds there truly is a Friend that sticks closer than a brother. Albeit, this may not be discovered until the end of whatever affliction or chastisement. Often, it is when we look back at those life events, that we see

that YHWH was always there. He had not left us nor forsaken us. He used everything for our well-being and not for our harm.

During the times of affliction, one's world is so darkened they are totally disoriented. All the things in their life seems to have been turned upside down, and though they may feel forgotten by YHWH, there is nothing further from the truth.

### I Cry Out Day and Night Before You

**Psa 88:1** O יהוה, Elohim of my deliverance, By day I have cried out, In the night *also* before You,

Psa 88:2 Let my prayer come before You, Incline Your ear to my cry.

Psa 88:3 For my being is filled with evils, And my life draws near to She'ol.

Psa 88:4 I have been reckoned among those Who go down to the pit; I have become like a man Who has no strength,

Psa 88:5 Released among the dead, Like slain ones lying in the burial-site, Whom You have remembered no more, And who have been cut off from Your hand.

Psa 88:6 You have put me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the depths.

Psa 88:7 Your wrath has rested heavily upon me, And You have afflicted me with all Your breakers. Selah.

Psa 88:8 You have put away my friends far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; I am shut in and do not go out;

Psa 88:9 My eye grows dim because of affliction. **יהוה**, I have called upon You, all day long; I have stretched out my hands to You.

Psa 88:10 Would You work wonders for the dead? Would the dead rise to praise You? Selah.

Psa 88:11 Is Your loving-commitment declared in the burial-site? Your trustworthiness in the place of destruction?

Psa 88:12 Are Your wonders known in the dark? And Your righteousness in the land of no remembrance?

Psa 88:13 But I, unto You I have cried, O יהוה, And in the morning my prayer comes before You.

Psa 88:14 יהוה, why do You reject me? Why do You hide Your face from me?

Psa 88:15 I am afflicted and dying from childhood; I have borne frightening *matters* from You; I am in despair.

Psa 88:16 Your fierce wrath has gone over me; Your onslaughts have cut me off.

Psa 88:17 They surrounded me like water all day long; They close in upon me altogether.

Psa 88:18 You have put loved one and companion far from me, Darkness is my close friend!

### Isaiah 33

**Setting:** Here we have the final prediction against Sennacherib [Assyria]. He had dealt very treacherously by turning against Jerusalem, though he had taken a heavy ransom to leave it unmolested, <u>2Ki 18:16</u>. [Excerpt: F. B. Meyer]

Isa 33:1 Woe to you ravager, while you have not been ravaged, and you treacherous, while they have not betrayed you! When you have ceased ravaging, you shall be ravaged. And when you stop betraying, they shall betray you.

**Isa 33:2** O **יהוה**, show us favour, for we have waited for You. Be their arm every morning, our deliverance also in time of distress.

It is always a whole different story when the 'ravager' or the 'treacherous' get a 'taste' of their own medicine. This is guaranteed by YHWH; for vengeance is His! It may not come in one day or two days; but it will most certainly come. Every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Yahusha [YHWH in Son] is Messiah and He rules and reigns as King of kings and Master of masters.

**Expositor's Excerpt:** JERUSALEM AND SENNACHERIB 701 B.C. Into this fourth book we put all the rest of the prophecies of the Book of Isaiah, <u>that have to do with the prophet's own time:</u> chapters 1, 22 and 33, with the narrative in 36, 37. All these refer to the only Assyrian invasion of Judah and siege of Jerusalem: that undertaken by Sennacherib in 701.

Although commentators may see this book as having to do with <u>the prophet's own time</u>; to me, it also speaks to the prophetic end-time events. Read the following passages:

Isa 33:3 At the noise of the rumbling the people shall flee. <u>When You lift Yourself up,</u> the nations shall be scattered.

Isa 33:4 And Your plunder shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar; as locusts rush about, they rush upon them.

lsa 33:5 <u>יהוה is exalted, for He dwells on high; He has filled Tsiyon with right-</u> ruling and righteousness.

lsa 33:6 And <u>He shall be the trustworthiness of your times</u>, <u>a wealth of deliverance</u>, <u>wisdom and knowledge</u>. The fear of יהוה – that is His treasure.

Isa 33:7 See, their brave ones shall cry outside, the messengers of peace weep bitterly.

Isa 33:8 The highways shall be deserted, **the wayfaring man shall have ceased.** <u>He</u> **has broken the covenant**, he has despised the cities, he respected no man.

Isa 33:9 The earth shall mourn and languish, Lebanon shall be ashamed. Sharon shall be withered like a desert, and Bashan and Karmel be shaking.

Isa 33:10 "Now I rise up," declares יהוה. "Now I am exalted, now I am lifted up.

Isa 33:11 "You conceive chaff, you bring forth stubble, your spirit devours you like fire.

Isa 33:12 "And peoples shall be like the burnings of lime, like thorns cut up they are burned in the fire.

Isa 33:13 "You who are afar off, hear what I shall do; and you who are near, know My might."

Isa 33:14 Sinners in Tsiyon shall be afraid; trembling shall grip the defiled ones,

"Who of us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who of us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?"

#### The only way to survive such is to be in the shadow of the wings of the Almighty!

Isa 33:15 He who walks righteously and speaks what is straight, he who rejects the gain of oppressions, who keeps his hands from accepting bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil -

Isa 33:16 he shall inhabit the heights; strongholds of rocks be his refuge. His bread shall be given him, his water be steadfast.

Isa 33:17 Your eyes shall see the Sovereign in His comeliness, see a land that is far off.

Isa 33:18 Your heart ponders fear, "Where is the scribe? Where is he who weighs? Where is he who counts the towers?"

Isa 33:19 No longer shall you see a fierce people, a people of too deep a lip to hear, of a jabbering tongue no one understands.

Isa 33:20 See Tsiyon, the city of our appointed time; your eyes shall see Yerushalayim, an undisturbed home, a tent not taken down. Its stakes are never removed, nor any of its cords broken.

**Isa 33:21** But there, great is **יהוה** for us; a place of broad rivers, streams, in which no boat with oars sails, nor big ships pass by –

Isa 33:22 for יהוה is our Judge, יהוה is our Inscriber, יהוה is our Sovereign, He saves us –

Isa 33:23 your ropes shall be slack, they do not strengthen their mast, they shall not spread the sail. Then the prey of great plunder shall be divided, the lame shall take the prey.

Isa 33:24 Neither shall the inhabitant say, "I am sick." The people who dwell in it is forgiven their crookedness!

## **Revelation 3**

### To the Church in Sardis

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

Rev 3:2 "Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before Elohim.

Rev 3:3 "Remember, then, how you have received, and heard. And watch and repent. If, then, you do not wake up, I shall come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know at all what hour I come upon you.

Rev 3:4 "Nevertheless, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 "He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes, and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

Rev 3:6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies." '

### To: The messenger of the assembly of Sardis [Rev. 3:1-6]

From: He who has the seven Spirits of Elohim and the seven stars

**Negative/Weaknesses:** Rev 3:1b "I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Rev 3:2 "Wake up, and strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have not found your works complete before Elohim.

**Remarks/Advice:** Rev 3:3 "Remember, then, how you have received, and heard. And watch and repent. If, then, you do not wake up, I shall come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know at all what hour I come upon you.

**Positive/Strengths:** Rev 3:4 "Nevertheless, you have a few names in Sardis who have not defiled their garments. And they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy.

**Overcomer Rewards:** Rev 3:5 "He who overcomes shall be dressed in white robes, and I shall by no means blot out his name from the Book of Life, but I shall confess his name before My Father and before His messengers.

**Key Verse:** Rev 3:6 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."'

### To the Church in Philadelphia

Rev 3:7 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Philadelphia write, 'He who is setapart, He who is true, He who has **the key of Dawid**, **He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens**, <u>Isa\_22:22</u> says this:

Rev 3:8 "I know your works – see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it – that you have little power, yet have guarded My Word, and have not denied My Name.

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

Rev 3:10 "Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Rev 3:11 "See, I am coming speedily! Hold what you have that no one take your

crown.

Rev 3:12 "He who overcomes, I shall make him a supporting post in the Dwelling Place of My Elohim, and he shall by no means go out. And I shall write on him the Name of My Elohim and the name of the city of My Elohim, the renewed Yerushalayim, which comes down out of the heaven from My Elohim, and My renewed Name. Rev 3:13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

### To: The messenger of the assembly of Philadelphia [Rev. 3:7-13]

From: 'He who is set-apart, He who is true, He who has the key of Dawid. He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens, Isa\_22:22

**Positive/Strengths:** Rev 3:8 "I know your works – see, I have set before you an open door, and no one is able to shut it – that you have little power, yet have guarded My Word, and have not denied My Name. Rev 3:9 "See, I am giving up those of the congregation of Satan, who say they are Yehudim and are not, but lie. See, I am making them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

**Warning/Advice:** Rev 3:10 "Because you have guarded My Word of endurance, I also shall guard you from the hour of trial which shall come upon all the world, to try those who dwell on the earth. Rev 3:11 "See, I am coming speedily! Hold what you have that no one take your crown.

#### Negative/Weaknesses: None Mentioned

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

**Key Verse:** Rev 3:13 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."'

## To the Church in Laodicea

Rev 3:14 "And to the messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia write, 'The Aměn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim,<sup>a</sup> says this: Footnote: <sup>a</sup> <u>Col\_1:15</u>, <u>Heb\_1:6</u>.

Rev 3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot.

Rev 3:16 "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth.

Rev 3:17 "Because you say, 'Rich I am, and I am made rich, <u>Hos 12:8</u> and need none at all,' and do not know that you are wretched, and pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Rev 3:18 "I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire,<sup>b</sup> so that you become rich; and white garments, so that you become dressed, so that the shame of your nakedness might not be shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see.

Footnote: b Psa\_19:10, Psa\_119:72 and Psa\_119:127, Pro\_30:5.

Rev 3:19 "As many as I love, I reprove and discipline. So be ardent and repent.

Rev 3:20 "See, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I shall come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

Rev 3:21 "To him who overcomes I shall give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

Rev 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies." ' "

To: The messenger of the assembly in Laodikeia – [Rev. 3:14-22]

From: 'The Aměn, the Trustworthy and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of Elohim, a says this: Footnote: a Col\_1:15, Heb\_1:6.

**Negative/Weaknesses:** Rev 3:15 "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would that you were cold or hot. Rev 3:16 "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am going to vomit you out of My mouth. Rev 3:17 "Because you say, 'Rich I am, and I am made rich, Hos\_12:8 and need none at all,' and do not know that you are wretched, and pitiable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Positive/Strengths: None mentioned.

**Warning/Advice:** Rev 3:18 "I advise you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, b so that you become rich; and white garments, so that you become dressed, so that the shame of your nakedness might not be

shown; and anoint your eyes with ointment, so that you see. Footnote: b Psa\_19:10, Psa\_119:72 and Psa\_119:127, Pro\_30:5.

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**Overcomer Rewards:** Rev 3:21 "To him who overcomes I shall give to sit with Me on My throne, as I also

overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

**Key Verse:** Rev 3:22 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."'"

Here are my concluding thoughts about these assemblies. Again, we are walking through the Book of Revelation together, and we will all see more clearly as the days draw closer. I do not have this all figured out.

There were only two lampstands out of 7 lampstands, that were not rebuked. Those were **Smyrna and Philadelphia**. All 7 of these conditions within the assemblies will exist in the end of days.

**Smyrna and Philadelphia** held fast to their profession of Yahusha Messiah, the Word; and were both heavily persecuted by those that called themselves 'Jews' but were of the Synagogue of Satan.

We will read in Rev. 11:

Rev 11:4 These are the **two olive trees**  $Eze_4:3$  and **the two lampstands** that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.

The two olive trees represent the House of Israel and the House of Judah, along with those grafted in. These, based on what we have looked at, appear to also be inclusive of the two lampstands reflected by the assemblies of faithful believers in Smyrna and Philadelphia. Would this also include the 144,000? Probably.

These are the zealous ones for Him. These are the faithful and true ones. These are those that have entered covenant with their Groom. These, as I see it are the bride, these are His kingdom of priests.

These are those that have been washed by His Word; observe His moedim inclusive of His Sabbaths; know <u>their priestly duties</u>; and <u>have been purified and washed by the acting</u> <u>High Priest Yahusha HaMashiach</u>; so that they may enter into the 'Tent of Appointment' to commune with Him and consummate the marriage. Rev. 11 states they are standing BEFORE the Elohim of earth. Only His sanctified priests can stand before Him. This is what we have been understanding through the Exodus Tabernacle system. These are those <u>not</u> <u>only in the 'Book of Life'</u> but are also in the <u>'Book of Remembrance'</u> [Mal. 3:16-18].

The believers in the other five assemblies, appear to be those whose names may very well be in the <u>Book of Life</u>, they are 'saved', but do not take seriously his warnings and advice.

Rev 12:14 And <u>the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, to fly into the wilderness</u> to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, <u>Dan\_7:25</u>, <u>Dan\_12:7</u> from the presence of the serpent.

Rev 12:15 And out of his mouth the serpent spewed water like a river after the woman, to cause her to be swept away by the river.

Rev 12:16 And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon had spewed out of his mouth.

Rev 12:17 And **the dragon** [Satan] was enraged with the woman, and he went to fight **with the remnant of her seed**, those guarding the commands of Elohim and possessing the witness of Messiah.

Wilderness is often associated with 'witnessing!'

- Where did John the Immerser 'witness' from? The wilderness
- Yahusha went into the wilderness for 40 days & 40 nights being tempted by Satan; and showed us how to be a powerful 'witness' by using His Word.
- The Israelites wandering in the wilderness were a powerful 'witness' of YHWH; to the surrounding nations.
- In Rev. 12, we see the woman flies to her place in the wilderness and is nourished for 3.5 years.

All 7 assemblies are encouraged to be His Overcomers; His Bride; His kingdom of priest of the Melchizedek Order; His Holy Nation; His set-apart ones.

# Shalom ~ Líbby

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