

Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 7 & 8; Romans 6; Jeremiah 44; Psalms 20 & 21

August 16 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 7 & 8 The ark had been returned by the Philistines, but they were still a thorn in the side of Israel; even 20 years later. We remember that Israel had suffered a mighty defeat at Aphek when the ark of Elohim had been taken; and this news had overwhelmed Eli and he fell to his death. Samuel would have been very much aware of these events and now Samuel is rising as a leader and judge to Israel.

1Sa 7:1 And the men of Qiryath Ye'arim came and took the ark of יהוה, and brought it into the house of **Abinadab** on the hill, and set apart El'azar his son to guard the ark of יהוה.

1Sa 7:2 And it came to be, from the day that the ark remained in Qiryath Ye'arim, that the time increased, **it came to be twenty years**. And all the house of Yisra'el lamented after יהוה.

Samuel Judges Israel

1Sa 7:3 And Shemu'el spoke to all the house of Yisra'el, saying,

- “If you return to יהוה with all your hearts,
- then put away the foreign mighty ones and Ashtaroth from among you,
- and prepare your hearts for יהוה,
- and serve Him only, so that He delivers you from the hand of the Philistines.”

Today Samuel's advice still applies and is VERY MUCH NEEDED. Before Yahusha's return there will be a great falling away and we are seeing this. The falling away has been from sound doctrine to 'social seeker friendly' congregations that 'tickle the ears of attendees' and they feel 'justified' in their various lifestyles and man-made traditions.

Today is the day to get one's house [life] in order in preparation for His return. To give one's whole heart to YHWH; to put away the paganistic man-made holidays of the various nations such as 'Christmas' and 'Ishtar Easter.' It takes minimal effort to research the pagan deities attached to man-made holidays. They should be put away and His people should follow His moedim and keep His Shabbats.

They should prepare their hearts by staying in His Word; gathering with like-minded believers; and should serve Him only. They should NOT 'blend' worshipping Him with 'Tammuz Saturnalia sun-god worship' of Dec. 25th; NOR Him and Ishtar, the fertility goddess of 'Easter.' It DOESN'T matter if you say, 'well that is not what it means to me.' Israel and Judah practiced blended worship and were exiled!

What makes people think that today it's 'okay.' They think they can follow these 'family' man-made traditions when it OBVIOUSLY conflicts with the Word of YHWH. Let it not be! Repent and put away such; and take up celebrating Him on His moedim; His appointed times. These are not 'Jewish feasts'; they are His feasts! Time is short.

1Sa 7:4 And the children of Yisra'ël put away the Ba'als and Ashtaroth, and served **יהוה** only.

The children of Israel took appropriate steps by putting away Ba'als and Ashtaroth and serving YHWH. Therefore, Samuel gathered Israel at Mitspah and prayed to YHWH. The people fasted and poured water out; symbolizing their hearts being 'poured out' to YHWH.

1Sa 7:5 And Shemu'ël said, "Gather all Yisra'ël to Mitspah and let me pray to **יהוה** for you."

1Sa 7:6 And they gathered to Mitspah and drew water, and poured it out before **יהוה**. And they fasted that day, and said there, "We have sinned against **יהוה**." And Shemu'ël rightly ruled the children of Yisra'ël at Mitspah.

1Sa 7:7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Yisra'ël had gathered together at Mitspah, the princes of the Philistines went up against Yisra'ël. And the children of Yisra'ël heard of it, and were afraid of the Philistines.

Unity is important. Even the enemy knows this and became concerned when hearing of the gathering of Israel; so, the Philistines come up against them. The children continue to cry out to Samuel, and Samuel petitions YHWH with prayers and offerings.

1Sa 7:8 And the children of Yisra'ël said to Shemu'ël,

- "Do not cease to cry out to **יהוה** our Elohim for us, that He would save us from the hand of the Philistines."
- **1Sa 7:9** And Shemu'ël took a suckling lamb and offered it as an ascending offering, completely, to **יהוה**.
- And Shemu'ël cried out to **יהוה** for Yisra'ël, and **יהוה** answered him.

1Sa 7:10 And it came to be, as Shemu'el offered up the ascending offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Yisra'el. But יהוה **thundered with a great noise on that day on the Philistines, and troubled them, and they were smitten before Yisra'el.**

YHWH gives Israel victory and the Philistines confusion. YHWH made a great thundering noise that troubled the Philistines and gave Israel the upper hand.

1Sa 7:11 And the men of Yisra'el went out from Mitspah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them as far as below Běyth Kar.

This was the battle when Eḅen Ha'ėzer received its name meaning 'thus far YHWH has helped us.' Samuel had set a marker stone between Mitspah and Shen to 'mark the place' and called its name Eḅen Ha'ėzer. YHWH had put the Philistines in their place and His hand remained against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

This is what YHWH does for those that are faithful to Him; that love Him with their whole heart; and they live by the ways of His commands and not by what 'seems right in their own eyes.' YHWH also returned the cities that had been taken by the Philistines from Eqron to Gath.

1Sa 7:12 And Shemu'el took a stone and set it up between Mitspah and Shěn, and called its name Eḅen Ha'ėzer, saying, "Thus far יהוה has helped us."

1Sa 7:13 Thus the Philistines were humbled, and no longer came into the border of Yisra'el. And the hand of יהוה was against the Philistines all the days of Shemu'el.

1Sa 7:14 And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Yisra'el were returned to Yisra'el, from Eqron to Gath. And Yisra'el recovered its border from the hands of the Philistines. **And there was peace between Yisra'el and the Amorites.**

1Sa 7:15 **And Shemu'el rightly ruled Yisra'el all the days of his life,**

1Sa 7:16 **and each year he made the rounds of Běyth Ĕl, and Gilgal, and Mitspah, and rightly ruled Yisra'el in all those places.**

1Sa 7:17 **Then he returned to Ramah,** for his home was there. And there he rightly ruled Yisra'el, and there he built a slaughter-place to יהוה.

Samuel continued to 'rightly rule' throughout Israel. He would travel from place to place, turning the hearts of the people back to YHWH.

1Sam 8

Israel Demands a King

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

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

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'el gathered together and came to Shemu'el 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'el when they said, "Give us a sovereign to rule us." So Shemu'el prayed to יהוה.

Samuel was disheartened for a few reasons. One because his sons did not follow YHWH's right rulings and secondly, because the people wanted a 'king' appointed over them. Samuel takes their request reluctantly to YHWH.

1Sa 8:7 And יהוה said to Shemu'el, "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."

To this day there is nothing new under the sun. The mixed multitudes still rebel against YHWH; the One that lead us all out of 'Egypt'; the One that loved us so much He sent His one and only begotten Son to die in our place; and took His life back up again. He came to set us, the captives, free! There has never been such great love demonstrated.

Yahusha is YHWH in Son. Do you know YHWH? Have you asked Him to reveal Himself to you? Have you read His Word? Have you repented for your sins; asked for forgiveness; and invited Him into your life; thereby dying to 'self' and living for Him?

Samuel's Warning Against Kings

1Sa 8:10 And Shemu'el 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.”

And so, we are today. We have been scattered throughout the world and have been placed under sovereigns; presidents; governors and so forth. We work in the worldly system and are taxed heavily, debt is encouraged, and loans are made with interests; and all the while what freedoms we do have, are ‘chipped’ away.

Pro 22:7 The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

But praise Yah! There is a way to freedom through Yahusha HaMashiach! It is the only way out of this ‘beast’ system; into His kingdom! One must believe and be washed by the Lamb of Elohim!

YHWH Grants Israel's Request

1Sa 8:19 However, the people refused to listen to the voice of Shemu’el, 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’el 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.”

Romans 6

Teaching Commentary [in brown] excerpt from Romans 6 by Matthew Nolan

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What does 'under the law'/'hupo nomon' really mean? Traditional approaches to the text have resulted in doctrine that is not consistent with the context of the whole of Scripture. If we reject Yahusha's inauguration of the New Covenant, we bind ourselves to the curses that are contained in the Book of the Law. Grace cannot be divorced from its inception point, national covenant blessing.

Dead to Sin, Alive to YHWH

Rom 6:1 What, then, shall we say? Shall we continue in sin, to let favor increase?

Rom 6:2 Let it not be! How shall we who **died to sin^a** still live in it? **Footnote: ^aSee [Rom 8:13](#), [Col 3:3](#), [1Pe 2:24](#).**

Remember Romans 5.20? 'But where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.' Paul's question here in 6:1 is prompted by what he'd already laid out earlier in the letter.

The question may arise in some twisted minds that if YHWH's chên/charis/grace is present in its zenith; then maybe we can live in, to some degree or another SIN!

Grace Heb: chên, Gk: charis. Heb related words: gedulah, chalaq, chesed, tov, racham, ratson.

It's a point that's clear if we spend time understanding the framework of 'Chen, Chesed and Charis – Grace!'

Noah found it, but it was יהוה who ratified it into the BoC – covenants of promise with Abraham. **Grace cannot be divorced from its inception point of national covenant blessing to which Paul is speaking!**

Romans 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all.

The BoC [Book of the Covenant] is faith, it's the definition of grace, grace so the promises given to Abraham can be given to all, not just to the Jews coming out from the BoL [Book of the Law], but to those in the nations who have the faith of Abraham and have crossed over from paganism and idolatry.

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were immersed into Messiah יהושע were immersed into His death?

Rom 6:4 We were therefore buried with Him through immersion into death, that as Messiah was raised from the dead by the esteem of the Father, **so also we should walk in newness of life.**

We live amidst an eschatological tension.

Rom 6:5 For if we have come to be grown together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also of the resurrection,

Rom 6:6 knowing this, that our old man was impaled with Him, so that the body of sin might be rendered powerless, to serve sin no longer.

Matthew 8:22 Let the dead bury their dead.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Messiah, he is a new creature old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Ephesians 4:22 That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

Colossians 3:9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.

An authentic walk always has a tension between the old man and the new, one foot in the grave with the first Adam and the other foot set on the kingdom with the second Adam.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.

Rom 6:7 For he who has died has been made right from sin.

Rom 6:8 And if we died with Messiah, we believe that we shall also live with Him,

Rom 6:9 knowing that Messiah, having been raised from the dead, dies no more – death no longer rules over Him.

Rom 6:10 For in that He died, He died to sin once for all; but in that He lives, He lives to Elohim.

Rom 6:11 So you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to Elohim in Messiah **יהושע** our Master [**Kurios**].

[11 so also ye, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to the sin, and living to Elohim in Yahusha Messiah our Kurios/YHWH.]

The divine name **יהוה** – Kurios.

Rom 6:12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, to obey it in its desires,

Rom 6:13 neither present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to Elohim as being alive from the dead, and your members as

instruments of righteousness to Elohim.

Rom 6:14 For sin shall not rule over you,^b for you are not under the law but under favor. Footnote: ^b [Gen 4:7](#).

Slaves to Righteousness

Rom 6:15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under Torah but under favor? Let it not be!

This isn't a proof text to assert that believers aren't 'under the law', with 'under the law' interpreted to mean the commandments found in the Torah or what's termed 'The Law of Moses'.

So, what does 'under the law' 'hupo nomon' really mean? Considering in the past few paragraphs of his letter Paul has instructed us not to live under sins dominion and John defines sin as violation of the Torah ;1 John 3:4, Everyone practicing sin also practices lawlessness—indeed, sin is lawlessness.

Is the traditional 'anti nomian' view literary and textually viable based upon the context of the letter and the context of 1st John 3.14. The answer is a resounding NO! We're forced to do more than a cursory and unscholarly read to find the true balance of Rom 6:15.

Two Points:

1. The sin master and the Torah are not one and the same. Romans 7:7 makes that clear, 'what shall we say then is the law sin? May it never be!'
2. The Torah isn't the agent of sin; the sin master is!

The three traditional views of what 'under the law' 'hupo nomon' means, then I'll give you a fourth!

1. Institutionalized Church view: the Torah or Law of Moses to be obeyed by people.
2. New Perspective of Paul view: the Torah's condemnation or penalties pronounced upon law breakers.
3. The Messianic view: legalism, the oral law or an inappropriate abuse of the Torah.
4. **The Melchizedek view:** not under 'the book of the law' – Galatians 3:10, Ephesians 2:12, and Exodus 19-24:11.

The ones 'under the law' haven't realized Yahusha's inauguration of the New Covenant and are still under the schoolmaster, the Book of the Law.

The ones 'under grace' have realized Yahusha's inauguration of the New Covenant given as Torah (Hebrews 8:7) and have been released from the schoolmaster, the book

of the law and established into the Torah through the BoC – the covenants of promise according to the promise of Abraham.

Clearly, we're not subject to the Book of the Law's condemnation, and that being under grace means being brought into BoC Torah by Yahusha, realizing the promises given to Abraham.

Paul doesn't at all consider the Torah as a whole to be abolished or irrelevant; he recognizes the established 'change of law':

Hebrews 7:12 For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. brought about by Yahusha's priesthood and inauguration of the BoC; now we're redeemed from the curse of the BoL. A shift in law has happened.

The BoL condemned us, because of infidelity toward יהוה, we're no longer subject to its pronouncement of death upon all who transgress it. Likewise; we're no longer subject to its conditional priesthood.

The authority of the BoL has been superseded by the authority of the BoC, both are Torah but the lesser serves the greater not vice versa!

Paul's statements about the law can't be interpreted as blanket statement about the Torah when a dichotomy is in view here. We've just not had the dichotomy revealed to us until these last days and; many still have the same veil untaken away in their reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Messiah (2 Corinthians 3.14).

The Letter to the Romans as textual witness to Torah's validity, but understand the dichotomy in view:

Romans 3:31 Do we then make void the law through faith? יהוה forbid: yea, we establish the law.

Romans 7:12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual.

Romans 7:22 For I delight in the law of Elohim after the inward man.

Romans 7:25 I thank Elohim through Yahusha Messiah our יהוה. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of Elohim; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against Elohim: for it is not subject to the law of Elohim, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Elohim.

All in all, this law verse, in context, concerns people being freed from the Torah's-BoL's condemnation.

Torah and grace aren't at odds with one another, the letter is communicating the means by which the believer is no longer a slave to sin but instead alive to יהוה.

'Hup0 n0m0s' 'under law' meaning the condemnation of the BoL upon sinners; specifically; in contrast to Romans 8:1 where we find, 'therefore there is no condemnation for those who are in Messiah Yahusha'.

'Hup0 n0m0' means to be subject to the curses that are found in the BoL, (there are no curses-plural in the BoC). This is because of the failure to accomplish the BoL demands because of its innate ability to constrict the man yet strengthen the sin (awareness awakens rebellion).

Those who believe that 'under grace' and 'under law' as representing two different ages miss that fact that Abraham accepted the Promise and was justified according to grace whilst still being observant of BoC – law!

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Rom 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves servants for obedience, **you are servants of the one whom you obey**, whether of sin to death, or of obedience to righteousness?

Rom 6:17 But thanks to Elohim that you were servants of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of teaching to which you were entrusted.

Rom 6:18 And having been set free from sin, **you became servants of righteousness**.

Rom 6:19 I speak as a man, because of the weakness of your flesh. For even as you did present your members as servants of uncleanness, and of lawlessness resulting in lawlessness, **so now present your members as servants of righteousness resulting in set-apartness.**

Rom 6:20 For when you were servants of sin, you were free from righteousness.

Rom 6:21 **What fruit, therefore, were you having then, over which you are now ashamed? For the end thereof is death.**

Rom 6:22 But now, having been set free from sin, and having become servants of Elohim, you have your fruit resulting in set-apartness, and the end, everlasting life.

Rom 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death,^c but the favorable gift of Elohim is everlasting life in Messiah יהושע our Master.** Footnote: ^cSee [Rom 8:13](#).

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Jeremiah 44

Judgment for Idolatry

Jer 44:1 The word that came to Yirmeyahu concerning all the Yehudim who were dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim – who were dwelling at Miḡdol, and at Taḥpanḥes, and at Noph, and in the land of Pathros, saying,

Jer 44:2 “Thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’ël,

- ‘You yourselves have seen all the evil that I have brought on Yerushalayim and on all the cities of Yehudah. And see, this day they are a ruin, and no one dwells in them,
- Jer 44:3 because of their evil which they have done to provoke Me, by going to burn incense by serving other mighty ones whom they did not know, they nor you nor your fathers.
- Jer 44:4 And I sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending them, saying, **“Please do not do this abominable matter that I hate!”**
- Jer 44:5 But they did not listen or incline their ear, to turn from their evil, not to burn incense to other mighty ones.
- Jer 44:6 So My wrath and My displeasure were poured out and burned in the cities of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim, and they became a ruin and a wasteland, as it is this day.’
- Jer 44:7 “And now, thus said יהוה, the Elohim of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’ël, **‘Why are you doing this great evil against your lives, to cut off from you man and woman, child and infant, from the midst of Yehudah, leaving none to remain,**
- Jer 44:8 **by provoking Me with the works of your hands, by burning incense to other mighty ones in the land of Mitsrayim where you have gone to dwell, to cut yourselves off and be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?**
- Jer 44:9 **Have you forgotten the evils** of your fathers, and the evils of the sovereigns of Yehudah, and the evils of their wives, and your own evils, and the evils of your wives, which they have done in the land of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim?
- Jer 44:10 To this day they have not been humbled, nor have they feared, nor have they walked in My Torah and in My laws that I set before you and your fathers.’

Jer 44:11 “Therefore thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’ël,

- ‘See, I am setting My face against you for evil and for cutting off all Yehudah.
- Jer 44:12 And I shall take the remnant of Yehudah who have set their faces to go into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there. **And they shall all be consumed in the land of Mitsrayim –**
 - fall by the sword,
 - consumed by scarcity of food. From the least to the greatest they shall die,

- by the sword and by scarcity of food.
- And they shall be an oath and an astonishment and a curse and a reproach!
- **Jer 44:13** And I shall punish those dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim, as I have punished Yerushalayim, by the sword, by scarcity of food, and by pestilence.
- **Jer 44:14** **And none of the remnant of Yehudāh who have gone into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there shall escape or survive, lest they return to the land of Yehudāh, to which they are longing to return to dwell there. For they shall not return, except those who escape.’ ”**

The people answer rebelliously! And they will reap what they sow!

Jer 44:15 Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other mighty ones, and all the women who stood by, a great assembly, and all the people who dwelt in the land of Mitsrayim, in Pathros, answered Yirmeyahu, saying,

Jer 44:16 **“We are not going to listen to you in the matter about which you spoke to us in the Name of יהוה!”**

Jer 44:17 **“But we shall do whatever has gone out of our own mouth,**

- to burn incense to the sovereignty of the heavens
- and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our sovereigns and our heads, in the cities of Yehudāh and in the streets of Yerushalayim.
- And we had plenty of food, and were well-off, and saw no evil.

The people defiantly choose NOT to listen to the word of YHWH through Jeremiah; and instead boast that they will continue to burn incense to the ‘queen of the heavens’; pour out drink offerings; and make cakes! What???

‘Mother goddess’ worship is still promoted today. That is why ‘mother Mary’ is promoted as ‘sinless’ in Catholicism. That is why ‘her statue’ is promoted for lawn art. Mary was blessed to birth our Savior; but nowhere was she elevated as a deity to be worshipped; prayed to; and IDOLIZED above or as an ‘equal’ to YHWH Yahusha!

These subtle changes in doctrine by men and religious organizations; use ill-informed congregations to worship their ‘mother goddess’ and their ‘trinity.’ The wheat and the tares are inside and outside ‘church’ 501c3 organizations.

Jer 44:18 **“But since we ceased burning incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all and have been consumed by the sword and by scarcity of food.**

Jer 44:19 “And when we burned incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to idolize her, and pour out drink offerings to her, without our husbands?”

Jer 44:20 Then Yirmeyahu spoke to all the people – to the men and to the women, and to all the people who had given him that answer, saying,

- Jer 44:21 “As for the incense that you burned in the cities of Yehudāh and in the streets of Yerushalayim, you and your fathers, your sovereigns and your heads, and the people of the land, did not יהוה remember them? And it came into His heart!
- Jer 44:22 “And יהוה could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your deeds and because of the abominations which you did. **Therefore your land is a ruin, an object of astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as it is this day.**
- Jer 44:23 “Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against יהוה, and did not obey the voice of יהוה or walk in His Torah, in His laws or in His witnesses, therefore this evil did befall you, as at this day.”

Jer 44:24 And Yirmeyahu said to all the people and to all the women, “Hear the word of יהוה, all Yehudāh who are in the land of Mitsrayim!

Jer 44:25 “Thus spoke יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra’ēl, saying,

- ‘You and your wives have spoken with your mouths, and have filled with your hands, saying, “We shall perform our vows that we have made, to burn incense to the sovereignty of the heavens and pour out drink offerings to her.”
- Then confirm your vows and perform your vows!’

They reject the words of YHWH and turn to the queen of heaven! Utter blindness or willful ignorance!

Jer 44:26 “**Therefore hear the word of יהוה, all Yehudāh who are dwelling in the land of Mitsrayim.**

- ‘See, I have sworn by My great Name,’ declares יהוה,
- ‘My Name shall no longer be called upon by the mouth of any man of Yehudāh in all the land of Mitsrayim, saying, “As the Master יהוה lives...”
- Jer 44:27 See, **I am watching over them for evil and not for good.**
- And all the men of Yehudāh who are in the land of Mitsrayim **shall be consumed by the sword and by scarcity of food, until they come to an end.**
- Jer 44:28 And those who escape the sword, few in number, shall return from the land of Mitsrayim to the land of Yehudāh.
- And all the remnant of Yehudāh, who came into the land of Mitsrayim to sojourn there, **shall know whose word is established, Mine or theirs.**

YHWH gives the sign that would be coming. This sign would be that Egypt would be conquered like Judah by Nebuchadnezzar of Babel.

Jer 44:29 And this is the sign to you,' declares **יהוה**, 'that I am punishing you in this place, so that you know that My words are certainly established against you for evil.'

Jer 44:30 "Thus said **יהוה**, 'See, **I am giving Pharaoh Hophra sovereign of Mitsrayim** into the hand of his enemies and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Tsidqiyahu sovereign of Yehudah **into the hand of Nebukadretsar sovereign of Babel**, his enemy who sought his life.' "

Psalm 20 & 21

YHWH will never leave us or forsake us. He is our ever-present help in time of trouble.

Trust in the Name of YHWH our Elohim

Psa 20:1 **יהוה** does answer you in the day of distress! The Name of the Elohim of Ya'aqob does set you on high!

Psa 20:2 He does send you help from the set-apart place, And does uphold you from Tsiyon!

Psa 20:3 He does remember all your offerings, And does accept your ascending offering! Selah.

Psa 20:4 **He does give you according to your heart, And fills all your plans!**

Psa 20:5 We sing of Your deliverance, And in the Name of our Elohim we set up a banner! **יהוה** does fill all your requests!

Psa 20:6 Now I know that **יהוה** shall save His Anointed; **He answers him from His set-apart heavens With the saving might of His right hand.**

Psa 20:7 Some *trust* in chariots, and some in horses, But we remember the Name of **יהוה** our Elohim.

Psa 20:8 They, they have bowed down and fallen; But we have risen and are established.

Psa 20:9 Save, **יהוה!** **Let the Sovereign answer us in the day we call.**

Psalms 21

In Psalms 21 the king rejoices in YHWH's strength. This king is a believer in the one true Eloah. Leaders are placed in their positions and we are instructed to pray for leaders so that we may live peaceably. It can be lonely governing at the top; and leaders must make tough calls; we should pray for YHWH's will to be done in their lives.

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I 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.

Whoever this king is in Psalms 21, he has been blessed by YHWH and his life extended. This king trusted YHWH. [Some suggest David others suggest Hezekiah due to his life extension.]

This king proclaimed that YHWH knew His enemies and would deal with them accordingly. Afterall, who can stand against the Most High El?

The King Rejoices in the YHWH's Strength

Psa 21:1 The sovereign rejoices in Your strength, O יהוה; And how greatly he exults in Your deliverance!

Psa 21:2 You have given him the desire of his heart, And You have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah.

Psa 21:3 For You put before him the blessings of goodness; You set a crown of fine gold on his head.

Psa 21:4 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him – Length of days forever and ever.

Psa 21:5 Through Your deliverance his esteem is great; You have laid excellency and splendour on him.

Psa 21:6 For You have made him most blessed forever; You have made him glad with the joy of Your presence.

Psa 21:7 For the sovereign is trusting in יהוה, And through the loving-commitment of the Most High he is not moved.

Psa 21:8 Your hand reaches all Your enemies; Your right hand reaches those who hate You.

Psa 21:9 You make them as a furnace of fire in the time of Your presence; יהוה does swallow them up in His wrath, And fire does consume them.

Psa 21:10 You destroy their fruit from the earth, And their seed from among the sons of men.

Psa 21:11 For they held out evil against You; They devised a plot; they do not prevail.

Psa 21:12 For You make them turn their back, When You aim with Your bowstring toward their faces.

Psa 21:13 Be exalted, O יהוה, in Your strength! We sing and we praise Your might.

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