

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 20; Job 38; Luke 23; 2Cor. 8*

## *March 9 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Exodus 20**

#### **The Ten Commandments**

**Exo 20:1** And Elohim spoke all these Words, saying,

**Exo 20:2** “I am יהוה your Elohim, who brought you out of the land of Mitsrayim, out of the house of slavery.

Between Exodus 20 and Exodus 24:4, YHWH gives Moses the Commandments and right-rulings of the **Book of the Covenant** and Moses writes all the words down on a parchment scroll. Later, YHWH will write the words on the stone tablets. The entirety of the Book of the Covenant is from Exodus 19:4- Exodus 24:11. The **Book of the Covenant** is often referred to as the **Marriage Ketubah or Marriage Covenant**. YHWH begins by re-emphasizes that it was He, YHWH, their Elohim who brought them out of slavery in the land of Egypt.

YHWH proceeds to give several details on two of the commandments: the 2<sup>nd</sup> commandment about not making nor worshipping any carved images and the 4<sup>th</sup> commandment about the Sabbath.

He also shares a strong positive to those who **love Him and guard His commands** in Exodus 20:6. YHWH’s ‘love language’ is love and obedience. John 15:**15** “If you love Me, you shall guard My commands.

YHWH gave us 10 commandments nestled within our marriage covenant. He told us to **guard His commands**. The word, guard, implies watching over diligently. Yes, as in being obedient to the commands; but also to guard them from the enemy trying to change what they say, and others trying to reduce them to 7 instead of 10. We are to say ‘no’ to modifications of His commands, we are to guard them.

**Exo 20:3** “You have no other mighty ones against My face.

**Exo 20:4** “You do not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of that which is in the heavens above, or which is in the earth beneath, or which is in the waters under the earth,

**Exo 20:5** you do not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, יהוה your Elohim am a jealous ĔI, visiting the crookedness of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

**Exo 20:6** but showing loving-commitment to thousands, to those who love Me and guard My commands.

**Exo 20:7** “You do not bring<sup>a</sup> the Name of יהוה your Elohim to naught, for יהוה does not leave the one unpunished who brings His Name to naught. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>Or lift up, or take.

**Exo 20:8** “Remember the Sabbath day, to set it apart.

**Exo 20:9** “Six days you labour, and shall do all your work,

**Exo 20:10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath<sup>b</sup> of יהוה 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 cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>There are other Sabbaths, but this is the weekly Sabbath.

**Exo 20:11** “For in six days יהוה made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore יהוה blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart.

**Exo 20:12** “Respect your father and your mother, so that your days are prolonged upon the soil which יהוה your Elohim is giving you.

**Exo 20:13** “You do not murder.

**Exo 20:14** “You do not commit adultery.

**Exo 20:15** “You do not steal.

**Exo 20:16** “You do not bear false witness against your neighbour.

**Exo 20:17** “You do not covet your neighbour’s house, you do not covet your neighbour’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, or whatever belongs to your neighbour.”

There continued to be thunders, lightening, the voice of the shofar, and the mountain smoking, leaving the people trembling at a distance. They told Moses for him to tell them what YHWH said since they feared they would die. And Moses corrected their thinking by saying:

**Exo 20:18** And all the people saw the thunders, the lightning flashes, the voice of the shophar, and the mountain smoking. And the people saw it, and they trembled and stood at a distance,

**Exo 20:19** and said to Mosheh, “You speak with us and we hear, but let not Elohim speak with us, lest we die.”

**Exo 20:20** And Mosheh said to the people, “Do not fear, for Elohim has come to prove you, and in order that His fear be before you, so that you do not sin.”

**Exo 20:21** So the people stood at a distance, but Mosheh drew near the thick

**darkness where Elohim was.**

Exo 20:21 through Exo 23:33 is the 6<sup>th</sup> Accent of Moses

Before YHWH gives the children of Israel the instructions about the altars, He again EMPHASIZES,

1. That it was He, YHWH, they had seen speak to them from heaven and,
2. NOT to make besides Him any mighty ones of silver and gold. The people had been brought out of Egypt, a land of polytheism, the worship of numerous gods. Much like today, we are surrounded by those that worship multiple gods. **YHWH does NOT share His glory with anyone.**

As for the **type of altars** to be made for slaughtering for the ascending offerings and the peace offerings:

1. An altar made of earth was acceptable, or
2. If made of stone, it should not be cut nor chiseled; doing so would profane it.
3. No altar should have steps leading up to it lest their nakedness be exposed. Some of the pagan altars were very high with many steps. Steps at an altar would clearly identify it as a pagan altar.

These offerings were to be made in every place where He would cause His Name to be remembered and **He would come to them and bless them.** Keep in mind, these procedures were BEFORE the implementation of the Aaronic Levitical priesthood. Remember, YHWH's proposal to them was for them to be a kingdom of priests (plural) and a holy nation under the Melchizedek Priesthood; preachers of righteousness; instead of a nation with a priest.

### **Laws About Altars**

**Exo 20:22** And יהוה said to Mosheh, “Say this to the children of Yisra’ël: ‘You yourselves have seen that I have spoken to you from the heavens.

**Exo 20:23** ‘You do not make besides Me mighty ones of silver, and you do not make mighty ones of gold for yourselves.

**Exo 20:24** ‘Make a slaughter-place of earth for Me, and you shall slaughter on it your ascending offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your cattle. In every place where I cause My Name to be remembered I shall come to you and bless you.

**Exo 20:25** ‘And if you make Me a slaughter-place of stone, do not build it of cut stone, for if you use your chisel on it, you have profaned it.

**Exo 20:26** ‘Nor do you go up by steps to My slaughter-place, lest your nakedness be exposed on it.’

We are to go to the altar outside the gate. We go to the ‘Door’ of the Dwelling Place and Yahusha is the Door.

Heb 13:12 And so יהושע<sup>י</sup> also suffered outside the gate, to set apart the people with His own blood.

Heb 13:13 Let us, then, go to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

Heb 13:14 For we have no lasting city here, but we seek the one coming.

Heb 13:15 Through Him then, let us continually offer up a slaughter *offering* of praise to Elohim, that is, the fruit<sup>C</sup> of our lips, giving thanks to His Name. Footnote: <sup>C</sup>Or “bulls of our lips” – See [Hos 14:2](#).

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Exo 40:6 “And you shall set the slaughter-place of the ascending offering **before the door** of the Dwelling Place of the Tent of Appointment,

## Job 38

YHWH answers Job with rhetorical questions about His mightiness and awesomeness. None is like YHWH. YHWH, Himself, had heard counsel be darkened by words without knowledge. Honestly, at this point, Job had to rejoice for at least hearing YHWH’s voice break His long silence. I know I’m rejoicing!

### YHWH Answers Job

**Job 38:1** Then יהוה<sup>י</sup> answered Iyob out of the whirlwind, and said,

**Job 38:2** “Who is this who darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

**Job 38:3** Now gird up your loins like a man, and I ask you, and you answer Me.

**Job 38:4** Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if you have understanding.

**Job 38:5** Who set its measurements, if you know? Or who stretched the line upon it?

**Job 38:6** Upon what were its foundations sunk? Or who laid its corner-stone,

**Job 38:7** when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of Elohim shouted for joy?

**Job 38:8** Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors, when it burst forth and came from the womb;

**Job 38:9** when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band;

**Job 38:10** and assigned for it My law, and set bars and doors;

**Job 38:11** and said, ‘This far you have come, but no farther, and here your proud waves stop?’

**Job 38:12** Have you ever commanded the morning, and caused the dawn to know its place,

**Job 38:13** to take hold of the ends of the earth, and the wrong be shaken out of it?

**Job 38:14** It is changed like clay under a seal, and they stand out like a garment.

**Job 38:15** And their light is withheld from the wrong, and the arm lifted up is broken.

**Job 38:16** Have you come to the sources of the sea? Or have you walked about in the recesses of the deep?

**Job 38:17** Were the gates of death revealed to you? Or have you seen the gates of the shadow of death?

**Job 38:18** Have you understood the breadth of the earth? Declare, if you know it all.

**Job 38:19** Where is the way to the dwelling of light? And darkness, where is its place,

**Job 38:20** that you should take it to its boundary, and know the paths to its home?

**Job 38:21** Do you know? For you would have been born then, and the number of your days been many!

**Job 38:22** Have you entered into the storehouses of snow, or have you seen the storehouses of hail,

**Job 38:23** which I have kept for the time of distress, for the day of fighting and battle?

**Job 38:24** Where is the way that light is divided, or the east wind scattered over the earth?

**Job 38:25** Who has cleft a channel for the overflowing water, or a way for the thunderclaps,

**Job 38:26** to make rain fall on land where no one is, a wilderness in which there is no man;

**Job 38:27** to satisfy the wild and waste places, and to make the seeds of grass to sprout?

**Job 38:28** Does the rain have a father? Or who has brought forth the drops of dew?

**Job 38:29** From whose belly comes the ice? And who gave birth to the frost of the heavens?

**Job 38:30** The waters harden like stone, and the surface of the deep is frozen.

**Job 38:31** Do you bind the bands of Kimah, or loosen the cords of Kesil?

**Job 38:32** Do you bring out the constellations in its season? Or do you lead the Bear with its sons?

**Job 38:33** Do you know the laws of the heavens? Or do you set their rule over the earth?

**Job 38:34** Do you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that floods of water cover you?

**Job 38:35** Do you send out lightnings, and they go and say to you, 'Here we are!'?

**Job 38:36** Who has put wisdom in the inward parts? Or who has given understanding to the heart?

**Job 38:37** Who has wisdom to count the clouds, or to tip over the bottles of the heavens,

**Job 38:38** when the dust hardens in clumps, and the clods cling together?

**Job 38:39** Do you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

**Job 38:40** when they crouch in dens, sit in the cover of their hiding place?

**Job 38:41** Who provides food for the raven, when its young ones cry to Ėl, *and* wander about without food?

## Luke 23

### Yahusha Before Pilate

The entire assembly brings Yahusha before Pilate. This would lead one to believe that those mentioned in Luke 22:66 were present; the elders; both chief priests; scribes; and the Sanhedrin council. They falsely accuse Yahusha of perverting the nation; not paying taxes to Caesar; and saying that He Himself is Messiah, a Sovereign.

**Luk 23:1** And the entire assembly of them, having risen up, led Him to Pilate,  
**Luk 23:2** and began to accuse Him, saying, “We found this one perverting the nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, saying that He Himself is Messiah, a Sovereign.”

Pilate asks Yahusha one question; he answers Pilate; and Pilate states he finds no fault in this Man.

**Luk 23:3** And Pilate asked Him, saying, “Are You the Sovereign of the Yehudim?” And answering him He said, “You say it.”

**Luk 23:4** And Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no guilt in this Man.”

This further enrages the assembly.

**Luk 23:5** But they were insisting, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching through all Yehudah, beginning from Galil unto this place.”

It was because of the mention of Galil and the confirmation that He was a Galilean under the authority to Herod, that Pilate refers to Herod; who happened to be in Jerusalem at the time.

### Yahusha Before Herod

Herodes rejoiced to see Yahusha brought before him because even he had heard of the many miracles and had hope to see Yahusha do some miracles. Instead, many words were said by the assembly that accused Him; Herodes and the soldiers mocked Him; and Herodes questioned Him; but He did not answer. Thus, Herodes sends Yahusha back to Pilate.

**Luk 23:6** And when Pilate heard of Galil, he asked if the Man were a Galilean.

**Luk 23:7** And when he learned that He was under the authority of Herodes, he sent Him to Herodes, who was also in Yerushalayim in those days.

**Luk 23:8** And seeing יהושע, Herodes rejoiced greatly, for a long time he had wished to

see Him, because he had heard much about Him, and was anticipating to see some miracle done by Him,

**Luk 23:9** and was questioning Him with many words, but He gave him no answer.

**Luk 23:10** And the chief priests and the scribes stood, accusing Him intensely.

**Luk 23:11** And Herodes, with his soldiers, made light of Him and mocked Him, dressing Him in a splendid robe, and sent Him back to Pilate.

The scripture also states:

**Luk 23:12** And **on that day Pilate and Herodes became friends with each other, for before that they had been at enmity with each other.**

**Luk 23:13** And Pilate, having called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people,

**Luk 23:14** said to them, “You brought this Man to me, as one who turns away the people. And look, I have examined Him in your presence and have found no guilt in this Man regarding the charges which you make against Him,

**Luk 23:15** and neither did Herodes, for I sent you back to him. And look, He has done none at all deserving death.

Pilate called the chief priests, rulers, and the people and stated he had found nothing worthy of death; that he would discipline Him; and would plan to release Him as was routinely done at the festival.

**Luk 23:16** “Having disciplined Him, then, I shall release *Him*” –

**Luk 23:17** for he had to release one to them at the festival.

### **Pilate Delivers Yahusha to Be Crucified**

The crowd objects and says, away with this One and instead release Barabbas, an accused murderer. Pilate appeals to the crowd three times for his desire was to release Yahusha instead of Barabbas; but the chief priests and the crowd being stirred up continued to shout; impale Him; crucify Him. Pilate thus releases Barabbas and turns Yahusha over to them.

**Luk 23:18** And they cried out, all together, saying, “Away with this One, and release to us Barabba”

**Luk 23:19** (who had been thrown into prison for a certain uprising made in the city, and for murder).

**Luk 23:20** Wishing to release יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, then, Pilate appealed to them again.

**Luk 23:21** But they were calling out, saying, “Impale! Impale Him!”

**Luk 23:22** And he said to them the third time, “Why, what evil has He done? I have

found no reason for death in Him. Having disciplined Him then, I shall release *Him*.”

**Luk 23:23** But with loud voices they insisted, asking for Him to be impaled. And the voices of these men and of the chief priests were prevailing.

**Luk 23:24** And Pilate pronounced sentence that what they asked should be done.

**Luk 23:25** And he released the one they asked for, who for uprising and murder had been thrown into prison, but he handed יהושע over to their wishes.

### The Crucifixion

They lead Yahusha away and they have Shimon the Cyrenain carry the stake and follow Yahusha. Great crowds followed and the women mourned and lamented yet Yahusha has a disturbing word to share with them.

**Luk 23:26** And as they led Him away, they laid hold of a certain man, Shim'on a Cyrenian, who was coming from the field, and they put the stake on him, to bear it behind יהושע.

**Luk 23:27** And a great number of the people were following Him, and women who also were mourning and lamenting Him.

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

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

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

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

Two evil doers are crucified beside Him; one on Yahusha’s left and one on His right. The fulfillment of Psalm 22 takes place. They cast lots for His seamless priestly garment; thus, not tearing nor disqualifying Yahusha to serve as **the Melchizedek High Priest** over His own crucifixion. In other gospels, we have read that Caiaphas had disqualified himself when he accused Yahusha of blasphemy and tore his priestly garment.

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

**Luk 23:33** And when they had come to the place called Golgotha, they impaled Him there, and the evil-doers, one on the right and the other on the left.

**Luk 23:34** And יהושע said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” **And they divided His garments and cast lots.** [Psa 22:18](#).

**Luk 23:35** And the people were standing, looking on, and the rulers also were sneering with them, saying, “He saved others, let Him save Himself if He is the Messiah, the

chosen of Elohim.”

**Luk 23:36** And the soldiers were mocking Him too, coming and offering Him sour wine,

**Luk 23:37** and saying, “If You are the Sovereign of the Yehudim, save Yourself.”

**Luk 23:38** And there was also an inscription written over Him in letters of Greek, and Roman, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM.

**Luk 23:39** And one of the evil-doers who were hanged, was speaking evil of Him, saying, “If You are the Messiah, save Yourself and us.”

**Luk 23:40** But the other, responding, rebuked him, saying, “Do you not even fear Elohim, since you are under the same judgment?”

**Luk 23:41** “And we, indeed, rightly so, for we receive the due reward of our deeds, but this One has done no wrong.”

**Luk 23:42** And he said to יהושע, “Master, remember me when You come into Your reign.”

As Yahusha hung crucified, he was continuously mocked by the people and the rulers. There was an inscription over Yahusha written in Greek, Roman, and Hebrew declaring: THIS IS THE SOVEREIGN OF THE YEHUDIM.

One of the evil doers begins to mock Yahusha and is reprimanded by the other evil doer. One chose to reject while the other chose to accept Yahusha. The one that accepted was told:

**Luk 23:43** And יהושע said to him, “Truly, I say to you today, you shall be with Me in paradise.”<sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Lit. garden.

### The Death of Yahusha

Darkness came over all the land; the sun was darkened from noon (the 6<sup>th</sup> hour) until 3 p.m. (the 9<sup>th</sup> hour); and the veil of the Dwelling Place was torn in two. Several commentaries have various opinions as to the cause of total darkness for 3 hours.

We know at Passover, IF the moon was full, astronomically, it would require a 3<sup>rd</sup> planetary body passing between earth and the sun to cause a total solar eclipse. The size of the planetary body would also have to have enough mass and pass close enough to earth to block the sun for 3 hours. Today, many believe that this could have been the planetary body referred to as Planet X or rather Planet 7X.

As with reading Job, YHWH rules over all planetary bodies and can have any sign in the heavens occur at any time He wants.

**Luk 23:44** And it was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over all the land, until the ninth hour.

**Luk 23:45** And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the Dwelling Place was torn in two.

**Luk 23:46** And crying out with a loud voice, יהושע said, “Father, **into Your hands I commit My spirit.**” [Psa 31:5](#) And having said this, He breathed His last.

**Luk 23:47** And the captain, seeing what took place, praised Elohim, saying, “Truly, this Man was righteous!”

**Luk 23:48** And when all the crowds who had gathered to that sight saw what took place, they beat their breasts and went away.

**Luk 23:49** And all those who knew Him, and the women who followed Him from Galil, stood at a distance, watching this.

### **Yahusha Is Buried**

Joseph of Arimathea, a righteous member of the Sanhedrin, who had NOT agreed with the rest of the Sanhedrin counsel, appeals to Pilate to release to him Yahusha’s body. Joseph of Arimathea, who served on the council, would have known how to properly handle the sacrificial Pěsaḥ. He wraps His body in linen and lays it in a tomb hewn from stone where no one had yet laid. It was Preparation day prior to the Sabbath. The women observed where Yahusha was laid in the tomb and made plans to prepare and bring perfumes and spices to anoint His body after the Sabbath.

**Luk 23:50** And see, a man named Yosēph, a council member, a good and righteous man –

**Luk 23:51** he was not agreeing with their counsel and deed – from Ramathayim, a city of the Yehudim, who himself was also waiting for the reign of Elohim,

**Luk 23:52** he, going to Pilate, asked for the body of יהושע.

**Luk 23:53** And taking it down, he wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a tomb hewn out of the rock, where no one was yet laid.

**Luk 23:54** And it was Preparation day, and the Sabbath was approaching.

**Luk 23:55** And the women who had come with Him from Galil followed after, and saw the tomb and how His body was laid.

**Luk 23:56** And having returned, they prepared spices and perfumes. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the command.

## **2Corinthians 8**

Paul encourages faithful cheerful giving.

### Encouragement to Give Generously

**2Co 8:1** Now brothers, we make known to you the favor of Elohim which has been **given in the assemblies of Makedonia:**

2Co 8:2 that in much trial of pressure the overflowing of their joy and their deep poverty overflowed into the riches of their generosity.

2Co 8:3 Because I bear witness that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily,

2Co 8:4 begging us with much urgency for the favor of taking part in this service to the set-apart ones.

2Co 8:5 And, not as we had expected, **they gave themselves first to the Master**, and then to us by the desire of Elohim,

2Co 8:6 that we should urge Titos, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this kind gift in you as well.

2Co 8:7 **But as you excel in every way** – in belief, and speech, and knowledge, and all diligence, and in your love for us – that you should excel in this kind gift as well.

2Co 8:8 I speak not by command, but I am proving the genuineness of your love by the eagerness of others.

2Co 8:9 **For you know the favor of our Master יהושע Messiah, that being rich, He became poor for your sake, so that you might become rich through His poverty.**

2Co 8:10 And in this I give an opinion: It is to your advantage not only to be doing what you began and were desiring to do a year ago,

2Co 8:11 and now also complete the work, that as *there* was a readiness in desiring it, so *there* also should be a completion out of what you have.

2Co 8:12 For if the readiness is present, it is well received according to what one has, not according to what he does not have –

2Co 8:13 not, however, that others should be eased and you hard pressed,

2Co 8:14 but **by fair sharing**, that now at this time your plenty for their need, so that their plenty might also be for your need – that there might be fair sharing.

Bless others by giving.

2Co 8:15 As it has been written, **“He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little had not less.”** Exo 16:18.

### Commendation of Titus

2Co 8:16 **But thanks be to Elohim who puts the same eagerness for you into the heart of Titos.**

2Co 8:17 Because he received the appeal, indeed, but being more eager, he went to you of his own accord.

**2Co 8:18** And we sent with him the brother whose praise is in the Good News through all the assemblies,

**2Co 8:19** and not only so, but who was also chosen by the assemblies to travel with us with this gift that is administered by us to the esteem of the Master Himself, and your ready mind,

**2Co 8:20** avoiding this: that anyone should blame us in this generous gift which is administered by us.

**2Co 8:21** For we provide what is right, not only **in the sight of יהוה**, but also in the **sight of men**. [Pro 3:4](#).

**2Co 8:22** And we sent with them our brother whom we have often proved eager in many ways, but now much more eager, because of the great reliance which we have in you.

**2Co 8:23** As for Titos, he is my partner and fellow worker for you. **As for our brothers, they are messengers of the assemblies, the esteem of Messiah.**

**2Co 8:24** Therefore show to them the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf, and in the presence of the assemblies.

*Shalom, Libby*

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