

*Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 19; Job 37; Luke 22; 2Cor. 7*

## March 8 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### Exodus 19

Moses and the people arrive at Mt. Sinai.

#### Israel at Mount Sinai

**Exo 19:1** In the third new moon after the children of Yisra'el had come out of the land of Mitsrayim, on this day they came to the Wilderness of Sinai.

**Exo 19:2** For they set out from Rephidim, and had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Yisra'el camped there before the mountain.

**Exo 19:3** And **Mosheh went up to Elohim**, and יהוה called to him from the mountain, saying, "This is what you are to say to the house of Ya'aqob, and declare to the children of Yisra'el:

YHWH calls Moses up the mount. This would be **MOSES' 2<sup>nd</sup> ASCENT**. The **1<sup>st</sup> ascent** occurred in Exodus 3. Counting the ascents of Moses is mainly to let us know that he made several ascents and not just one or two.

**Exo 3:1** And Mosheh was shepherding the flock of Yithro his father-in-law, the priest of Midyan. And he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of Elohim.

**Note:** This is Moses' 1<sup>st</sup> Trip up the mount

**Exo 4:27** And יהוה said to Aharon, "Go to meet Mosheh in the wilderness." And **he went and met him on the mountain of Elohim**, and kissed him.

**Note:** Some may consider this an ascent by Moses as well; but I did not include.

**Exo 19:4** 'You have seen what I did to the Mitsrites, and how **I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself.**

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

**Exo 19:5** '**And now,**

- ❖ if you **diligently obey My voice**,
- ❖ and **shall guard My covenant**,
- ❖ then **you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples** – for all the

earth is Mine –

- ❖ **Exo 19:6** ‘and you shall be to Me **a reign of priests** and **a set-apart nation.**’  
Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra’el.”

**Exo 19:7** And Mosheh came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which יהוה commanded him.

YHWH instructs Moses to declare to the house of Jacob and the children of Israel that it was He, YHWH, who defeated the Mitsrites and bore the children of Israel on eagle wings and brought them to Himself. The people had come out of a nation that worshiped ‘many gods.’ YHWH wanted them all to know; He brought them out of captivity. Then, Moses, speaks YHWH’s marriage proposal to the people in Exodus 19:5-6.

This chapter is tantamount in understanding YHWH as our Groom and we as His bride. These verses reveal YHWH keeping His promise to Abraham. This is the same promise that we are connected to by the precious blood of the Lamb. Yahusha chose to lay down his life and take it back up again to fulfill the death penalty arm of Genesis 15.

Moses gathers the elders and the people and spoke all the words YHWH had instructed. The people **accept His marriage proposal** and Moses returns up the mount to give their answer to YHWH. This is **Moses’ 3rd ascent.** Ex. 19:8.

A blood ratified covenant consists of 4 elements. We will identify all 4 elements between Exodus 19 – Exodus 24:11. The four elements are:

1. A Proposal
2. An Acceptance [We see the first acceptance by the people in Exodus 19:8]
3. Blood Ratification

Heb 9:18 Therefore not even the first *covenant* was instituted without blood.

Heb 9:19 For when, according to Torah, every command had been spoken by Mosheh to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Heb 9:20 saying, “**This is the blood of the covenant which Elohim commanded you.**” Exo 24:8.

Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled with blood both the Tent and all the vessels of the service.

4. Covenant Confirming Meal

**Exo 19:8** And all the people answered together and said, “All that יהוה has spoken we shall do.” So **Mosheh brought back the words of the people to יהוה.**

Moses is instructed to have the people **set-themselves apart** for two days and **on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day** YHWH would descend **in a thick cloud** upon Mount Sinai. He instructs Moses to set-up boundaries so that the people would not come too close lest they die. He would call through the voice of a shofar very loudly which **makes the people tremble exceedingly**. There were thunders and lightnings as YHWH descended upon the mountain in fire and the smoke went up like a furnace.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day in which YHWH descends **is the Day of Pentecost**. Most of us have heard of a double count to Pentecost but that is incorrect. By doing a double count, one ends up at the pagan ‘worship of the golden calf.’ Please view the following teaching which addresses the ‘Counting of the Omer’ starting at the 1h 37 min. [The Song of Joshua’s Sickle – Part 4 by CCC] - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9cvdXqARuo> ]

**Exo 19:9** And יהוה said to Mosheh, “See, I am coming to you in the thick cloud, so that the people hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever.” And Mosheh reported the words of the people to יהוה’.

**Exo 19:10** And יהוה said to Mosheh, “**Go to the people and set them apart today and tomorrow. And they shall wash their garments,**

**Exo 19:11** **and shall be prepared by the third day. For on the third day יהוה shall come down upon Mount Sinai before the eyes of all the people.**

**Exo 19:12** “And you shall make a border for the people all around, saying, ‘Take heed to yourselves that you do not go up to the mountain or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall certainly be put to death.

**Exo 19:13** ‘Not a hand is to touch it, but he shall certainly be stoned or shot with an arrow, whether man or beast, he shall not live.’ When the **Yobel<sup>a</sup>** sounds long, let them come near the mountain.” **Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Explanatory Notes: Yobel.**

**Exo 19:14** And Mosheh **came down from the mountain** to the people and set the people apart, and they washed their garments.

**Exo 19:15** And he said to the people, “**Be prepared by the third day**. Do not come near a wife.”

**Exo 19:16** And it came to be, on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain. And a voice of a **shophar<sup>b</sup>** was very strong, and all the people who were in the camp trembled. **Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Animal horn - traditionally a ram’s horn.**

**Exo 19:17** **And Mosheh brought the people out of the camp to meet with Elohim, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.**

**Exo 19:18** And Mount Sinai was in smoke, all of it, because יהוה descended upon it in fire. And its smoke went up like the smoke of a furnace, and all the mountain trembled exceedingly.

**Exo 19:19** And when a voice of the **shophar<sup>b</sup>** sounded long and became very strong,

Mosheh spoke, and Elohim answered him by voice. [Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Animal horn - traditionally a ram's horn.](#)

Moses then speaks to YHWH and he answers Moses by voice. YHWH calls Moses up the mount. This is [Moses' 4<sup>th</sup> ascent](#) Ex. 19:20.

**Exo 19:20** And יהוה came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. **And יהוה called Mosheh to the top of the mountain, and Mosheh went up.**

**Exo 19:21** And יהוה said to Mosheh, **“Go down, and warn the people, lest they break through unto יהוה to see, and many of them fall.**

**Exo 19:22** “And let the priests who come near יהוה set themselves apart too, lest יהוה break out against them.”

**Exo 19:23** And Mosheh said to יהוה, “The people are not able to come up to Mount Sinai, for You warned us, saying, ‘Make a border around the mountain and set it apart.’”

YHWH then instructs Moses to [go back down and bring Aaron back up](#) with him but instruct the others to keep the boundaries. This is [Moses' 5<sup>th</sup> ascent](#) Ex. 19:24.

On [this ascent](#) Aaron went with Moses when he receives the [10 Commandments \(not yet written on the stone tablets but being verbalized to Moses\)](#). Therefore, there could have been no mistake that [Aaron knew better](#) than to later assist the people in making the golden calf.

**Exo 19:24** And יהוה said to him, **“Come, go down and then come up, you and Aharon with you.** But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up to יהוה, lest He break out against them.”

**Exo 19:25** And **Mosheh went down to the people and spoke to them.**

## **Job 37**

Elihu speaks of Eloah's (YHWH's) mightiness. It almost seems he is describing the meeting of YHWH with the people at Mt. Sinai. Elihu declares the marvelous works of YHWH and His righteousness. There is none like Him!

### **Elihu Proclaims Eloah's Majesty**

**Job 37:1** “At this too my heart trembles, and leaps from its place.

**Job 37:2** Listen, listen to the trembling of His voice, and the sound that comes from His mouth.

**Job 37:3** He lets it loose under all the heavens, and His lightning to the ends of the earth.

**Job 37:4** After it a voice roars. He thunders with the voice of His excellency, and He does not hold them back when His voice is heard.

**Job 37:5** ĔI thunders wondrously with His voice; doing great deeds, which we do not understand.

**Job 37:6** For He says to the snow, ‘Be on the earth,’ also to the gentle rain and the heavy rain of His strength.

**Job 37:7** He seals up the hand of every man, for all men to know His work.

**Job 37:8** Then the beast goes into its lair, and they stay in their dens.

**Job 37:9** From the room of the south comes the whirlwind, and cold from the scattering winds of the north.

**Job 37:10** By the breath of ĔI ice is given, and the expanse of water becomes solid.

**Job 37:11** He also loads the thick clouds with moisture; He scatters His bright clouds.

**Job 37:12** And they swirl about, being turned by His guidance, to do whatever He commands them on the face of the earthly world.

**Job 37:13** He causes it to come, whether as a rod, or for His land, or for loving-commitment.

**Job 37:14** Listen to this, O Iyob, stand still and consider the wonders of ĔI.

**Job 37:15** Do you know when Eloah placed them, and caused the lightning of His cloud to shine?

**Job 37:16** Do you know the balancing of the clouds, the wonders of the One perfect in knowledge?

**Job 37:17** Why are your garments hot, when the earth is stilled from the south?

**Job 37:18** Did you, with Him, spread out the clouds, strong as a hard mirror?

**Job 37:19** Teach us what we should say to Him; we do not set in order because of darkness.

**Job 37:20** Should He be told that I would speak? Would any man ask to be swallowed up?

**Job 37:21** And now, they shall not look on the light that is bright behind the clouds, when the wind has passed and cleared them.

**Job 37:22** From the golden north it comes – with Eloah is awesome excellency.

**Job 37:23** The Almighty, we have not found Him out, He is exalted in power and right-ruling and great in righteousness – He does not oppress.

**Job 37:24** Therefore men fear Him. He does not regard any who are wise of heart.”

## **Luke 22**

Luke 22 covers several key events.

### **The Plot to Kill Yahusha**

Who was plotting to kill Yahusha as the Festival of Passover and Unleavened Bread drew near? The chief priests and the scribes.

**Luk 22:1** And the Festival of Matzot<sup>a</sup> drew near, which is called Pěsaḥ.<sup>b</sup> Footnotes:  
<sup>a</sup>Unleavened Bread. <sup>b</sup>Passover.

**Luk 22:2** And the **chief priests and the scribes** were seeking how to kill Him, for they feared the people.

### Judas to Betray Yahusha

Here we see the enemy is within the camp. Judas Iscariot was among the twelve and it was Yahusha that had to point out the wolf in sheep's clothing. **The disciples were unaware.** This should tell us how sly the enemy can be in getting into the inner circle of believers.

Judas goes to the chief priests and the captains; they are pleased with Judas' desire to betray Yahusha and they offer him silver. **[Lesson: Never sell the righteous for silver!]**

The 'captains' in the temple would be over those standing watch at various hours. Per traditional sayings, it is said, if a captain would find a watcher sleeping, to awaken him, he would light their garment aflame.

Rev 16:15 "See, I am coming as a thief. **Blessed is he who is staying awake and guarding his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.**"

**Luk 22:3** And Satan entered into Yehudah [Judas], who was called *man* from Qerioth [Iscariot], who was numbered among the twelve.

Judas was either literally or figuratively possessed by and definitely influenced by Satan. Judas had chosen the wrong 'master' to follow.

**Luk 22:4** **And he went and spoke with the chief priests and captains,** how he might deliver Him up to them.

**Luk 22:5** And they were glad, and **agreed to give him silver.**

**Luk 22:6** And he promised, and was seeking an occasion to deliver Him up to them, away from the crowd.

### The Passover with the Disciples

Yahusha had already reserved the place for this special appointed time with his disciples. He instructs his disciples where to go, who to follow, and what to ask. They are led to a large furnished upper room and the disciples prepared the Pěsaḥ.

Who were these that they encountered? Who was the one meeting them carrying a jug of water? Who was the master of the house? The following verse in Hebrews may ring true in this instance.

**Hebrews 13: 2** Do not forget to receive strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained messengers.

Luk 22:7 **And the Day of Unleavened Bread came when the Pěsaḥ<sup>b</sup> had to be slaughtered.** Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Passover.

Luk 22:8 And He sent Kěpha and Yoḥanan, saying, **“Go and prepare the Pěsaḥ for us to eat.”**

Luk 22:9 And they said to Him, “Where do You wish us to prepare?”

Luk 22:10 And He said to them, “See, as you enter into the city, a man shall meet you carrying a jar of water. Follow him into the house he enters.

Luk 22:11 “And you shall say to the master of the house, ‘The Teacher says to you, “Where is the guest room where I might eat the Pěsaḥ with My taught ones?” ’

Luk 22:12 “And he shall show you a large, furnished upper room. Prepare it there.”

Luk 22:13 **And going they found it as He had said to them, and they prepared the Pěsaḥ.**

### Institution of the YHWH's Supper

So, they partake in the Covenant Confirming meal. One of the twelve is present at the table that is partaking unworthily. We know this to be Judas Iscariot that later dies.

[Lesson: It is a dangerous to partake of the Pěsaḥ unworthily.]

Luk 22:20 Likewise the cup also, after supper, saying, **“This cup is the renewed [new] covenant in My blood which is shed for you.** Luk 22:21 “But see, the hand of him delivering Me up is with Me on the table. (emphasis mine)

Luk 22:14 And when the hour had come, He sat down, and the twelve emissaries with Him.

Luk 22:15 And He said to them, **“With desire I have desired to eat this Pěsaḥ with you before My suffering,**

Luk 22:16 **for I say to you, I shall certainly not eat of it again until it is filled in the reign of Elohim.”**

Luk 22:17 **And taking the cup, giving thanks, He said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves,**

Luk 22:18 **for I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of the fruit of the vine until the reign of Elohim comes.”**

Luk 22:19 **And taking bread, giving thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me.”**

Luk 22:20 Likewise the cup also, after supper, saying, **“This cup is the renewed covenant in My blood which is shed for you.”**

Luk 22:21 **“But see, the hand of him delivering Me up is with Me on the table.”**

Luk 22:22 **“For indeed the Son of Adam goes as it has been decreed, but woe to that man by whom He is delivered up!”**

Luk 22:23 And they began to ask among themselves, which of them it could be who was about to do this.

### Who Is the Greatest?

We are not to seek reign over others like the world, but we should serve others.

Luk 22:24 **And there also took place a dispute among them, as to which of them seemed to be greater.**

Luk 22:25 And He said to them, “The sovereigns of the nations rule over them, and those who control them are called ‘workers of good.’

Luk 22:26 **“But not so with you, but let him who is greatest among you be as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves.”**

Luk 22:27 “For who is greater, the one who sits at the table, or the one who serves? Is it not the one who sits at the table? **But I am in your midst as the One who serves.**

Luk 22:28 “But you are those who have remained with Me in My trials.

Luk 22:29 **“And I covenant for you, as My Father covenanted for Me, a reign,**

Luk 22:30 **to eat and drink at My table, in My reign, and to sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Yisra’el.”**

Yahusha, out of the tribe of Judah, is the High Priest and reigning King of the Melchizedek Order. When we partake of His covenant confirming meal; we enter His reign as His kingdom of priests; a holy nation; a set-apart people of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

He has proposed to all who will receive Him; each must accept or reject His proposal as did Judas; the new covenant was ratified with His precious blood; and those that partake in the covenant confirming meal with a repentant and sincere heart, are covenanted to Him. We are betrothed.

### Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

Satan had asked to sift Peter as wheat but Yahusha had prayed on behalf of Peter that his belief would not fail. This ‘sifting by Satan’, is much like what is recorded in Job. Everything that comes our way must first pass through the hands of YHWH.

We know as foretold; Peter denies Yahusha three times; but upon Peter's **turning**, or repentance, along with the outpouring of the Ruach HaKodesh; Peter becomes bold and strengthened, and likewise inspires those around him.

**Luk 22:31** And the Master said, "Shim'on, Shim'on! See, Satan has asked for you to sift you as wheat.

**Luk 22:32** "But I have prayed for you, that your belief should not fail. And when you have turned, strengthen your brothers."

**Luk 22:33** And he said to Him, "Master, I am prepared to go with You, both to prison and to death."

**Luk 22:34** And He said, "I say to you, Kěpha, the cock shall not crow at all today until you have denied three times that you know Me."

### Scripture Must Be Fulfilled in Yahusha

Scripture must be fulfilled in Yahusha. We see one of those prophecies in Isaiah 53:12.

**Luk 22:37** "For I say to you that what has been written has yet to be accomplished in Me, '**And He was reckoned with lawless ones.**' [Isa 53:12](#). For that which refers to Me has an end too."

**Isa 53:12** Therefore I give Him a portion among the great, and He divides the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His being unto death, and He was counted with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Luk 22:35** And He said to them, "When I sent you without purse and bag and sandals, did you lack any?" And they said, "None at all."

**Luk 22:36** And He said to them, "But now, let him who has a purse take it, likewise also a bag. And let him who has no sword sell his garment and buy one.

**Luk 22:37** "For I say to you that what has been written has yet to be accomplished in Me, '**And He was reckoned with lawless ones.**' [Isa 53:12](#). For that which refers to Me has an end too."

**Luk 22:38** And they said, "Master, look, here are two swords." But He said to them, "That is enough!"

### Yahusha Prays on the Mount of Olives

**[Lesson: We should stay alert and pray!]**

Yahusha knew His mission. He was not praying that he would not have to give His life on the crucifixion tree; He was praying that he would not die prematurely while on the mount of Olives. A messenger is sent to strengthen Him.

Passover is known as the feast of fleeing and the ‘night of watches.’ His disciples should have remained awake and watchful; even if they took shifts.

Exo 12:42 It is a night of watches unto יהוה for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra’el throughout their generations.

Luk 22:39 And coming out, He went to the Mount of Olives, according to usage, and His taught ones also followed Him.

Luk 22:40 And coming to the place, He said to them, **“Pray that you do not enter into trial.”**

Luk 22:41 And He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, and falling on His knees He was praying,

Luk 22:42 saying, “Father, if it be Your counsel, remove this cup from Me. Yet not My desire, but let Yours be done.”

Luk 22:43 And there appeared a messenger from heaven to Him, strengthening Him.

Luk 22:44 **And being in agony, He was praying more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.**

Luk 22:45 And rising up from prayer, and coming to His taught ones, He found them sleeping from grief.

Luk 22:46 And He said to them, **“Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into trial.”**

### Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha

Judas Iscariot betrays Yahusha with a kiss. Evil deeds most often take place cloaked in darkness. Peter responds by sword. Yahusha tells Peter to stand down; and heals the ear of the servant of the High Priest.

Peter had listened to Yahusha’s previous ‘prepping’ instructions. We too, should make provisions in preparation for the end of days. At the same time, balance those preparations knowing that YHWH is still our ultimate provider.

Luk 22:47 And while He was still speaking, see: a crowd! And he who was called Yehudah, one of the twelve, was going before them and came near to יהושע to kiss Him.

Luk 22:48 And יהושע said to him, “Yehudah, do you deliver up the Son of Adam with a kiss?”

That question posed to Judas by Yahusha had to have just ‘hung in the air’; and at the same time pierced Judas’ heart.

**Luk 22:49** And those around Him, seeing what was about to take place, said to Him, “Master, shall we strike with the sword?”

**Luk 22:50** And one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear.

**Luk 22:51** But יהושע answering, said, “Allow it this far.” **And touching his ear He healed him.**

All those present, were eyewitnesses to Yahusha healing the servant of the ‘high priest’s’ ear. Their thoughts had to have reconsidered who Yahusha was; though probably all were silent. Word of this miracle had to have made its way all the way back to the temple ‘high priest.’

**Luk 22:52** And יהושע said to those who had come against Him, the chief priests and captains of the Set-apart Place and the elders, **“Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs?”**

**Luk 22:53** **“While I was with you daily in the Set-apart Place,** you did not lay hands on Me. But **this is your hour** and the authority of darkness.”

The antichrist spirit was in full force; using the flesh of men.

### **Peter Denies Yahusha**

Peter’s heart was broken at the fulfillment of his prophetic denial. In a way, his broken spirit and contrite heart, shows how much he truly loved Yahusha and how much he subsequently would ‘beat himself up’ over his moment of weakness.

Praise Yah, that Peter is later restored and rises victoriously to the occasion. In the Book of Acts, we see him filled with the Ruach HaKodesh and boldly witnesses of Yahusha, the Good News. Peter witnesses of Yahusha even unto his death. It is said that Peter requested to be crucified upside down because he felt he wasn’t ‘worthy enough’ to be crucified right side up as His Master.

This was an outward manifestation of the key to the kingdom of heaven. In many ways, this was Peter exhibiting his conversion through Yahusha HaMashiach; Peter’s turn or ‘change in direction’; the same ‘180-degree turn’ we all must make as believers in Yahusha HaMashiach. We **turn from a ‘self-directed’ life and turn to a life dedicated to following Him.** Much like a key in a lock. No one can come to the Father except through His Son, Yahusha.

**Luk 22:54** And having seized Him, they led Him and brought Him to the house of the

high priest. And Kěpha was following at a distance.

**Luk 22:55** And when they had lit a fire in the midst of the courtyard, and sat down together, Kěpha sat among them.

**Luk 22:56** And a certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, “And this one was with Him.”

**Luk 22:57** But he denied Him, saying, “Woman, I do not know Him.”

**Luk 22:58** And after a little while another saw him and said, “You are one of them too.” But Kěpha said, “Man, I am not!”

**Luk 22:59** And about an hour later, another insisted, saying, “Truly, this one was with Him too, for he is a Galilean too.”

**Luk 22:60** But Kěpha said, “Man, I do not know what you are saying!” **And immediately, while he was still speaking, a cock crowed.**

**Luk 22:61** And the Master turned and looked at Kěpha, and Kěpha remembered the word of the Master, how He had said to him, **“Before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.”**

Some believe the crowing was from a rooster; while others note that it may have been the town Crier proclaiming a public message.

**CRIER (1)** Neither is this exact word found in English Versions of the Bible, nor a word exactly corresponding to it in the Hebrew Bible, **but the character it stands for appears as “one who cries aloud,” i.e., proclaims mandates or gives public messages.**

**Luk 22:62** And Kěpha went out and wept bitterly.

### Yahusha Is Mocked

YHWH ‘in Son’, is struck [*like the rock struck by Moses in Exodus*], mocked, and spat on. Yahusha laid down His life for us. By doing so, he has proposed to us through His **New Blood Ratified Covenant** by His precious blood offered on the heavenly altar; making full atonement once and for ALL. Everyone can accept his proposal or reject it as did the elders, scribes, chief priests, and council.

**Luk 22:63** And the men who were holding יהושע were mocking Him, beating *Him*.

**Luk 22:64** And having blindfolded Him, they were striking Him on the face and were asking Him, saying, “Prophecy! Who is it that struck You?”

Make no mistake, Yahusha knew exactly who struck Him. He could have easily uttered his name. However, that was not His mission. His mission was to lay down His life to

fulfill the death penalty arm of Genesis 15. Yahusha chooses to pray to His Father; forgive them for they know not what they do.

**Luk 22:65** And they said to Him much more, blaspheming.

### **Yahusha Before the Council**

**Luk 12:11** “And when they bring you to the congregations and rulers and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say,

**Luk 12:12** for the Set-apart Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what you should say.”

**Luk 22:66** And when it became day, the elders of the people, both chief priests and scribes, came together and they led Him into their council, saying,

**Luk 22:67** “If You are the Messiah, say it to us.” And He said to them, “If I say to you, you would not believe it at all,

**Luk 22:68** and if I asked you, you would not answer Me at all.

**Luk 22:69** “From now on the Son of Adam shall sit on the right hand of the power of **Psa 110:1** Elohim.”

**Luk 22:70** And they all said, “Are You then the Son of Elohim?” And He said to them, “You say that I am.”

**Luk 22:71** And they said, “Why do we need further witness? For we heard it ourselves from His mouth.”

## **2Corinthians 7**

Through the New Covenant Confirming Gospel Message, Yahusha has connected us back to the **Promise YHWH gave Abraham! Yahusha has once again proposed to His bride** as YHWH had proposed at the foot of Mount Sinai. The only way Yahusha could take us

again as His bride, and not break the Book of the Law that was in effect during His time on earth, was to lay down His life and take it back up again. In doing so, He also fulfilled the death penalty arm of the Promise in Genesis 15 which was the ‘guarantee’ requested by Abraham.

**2Co 7:1** Having, then, **these promises**, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting set-apartness in the fear of Elohim.<sup>a</sup>

Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also **Gen 12:1**, **Exo 19:5-6**, and **Rev 18:4**.

What promises? The promise YHWH had given Abraham; and YHWH’s proposal to us!

**Gen 12:1** And יהוה said to Abram, “Go yourself out of your land, from your relatives and from your father’s house, to a land which I show you.

Gen 12:2 “And I shall make you a great nation, and bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing!

Gen 12:3 “And I shall bless those who bless you, and curse him who curses you. And in you all the clans of the earth shall be blessed.”

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Exo 19:5 ‘And now, if you diligently obey My voice, and shall guard My covenant, then you shall be My treasured possession above all the peoples – for all the earth is Mine –

Exo 19:6 ‘and you shall be to Me a reign of priests and a set-apart nation.’ Those are the words which you are to speak to the children of Yisra’ël.”

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Rev 18:4 And I heard another voice from the heaven saying, "**Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.**"<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Jer 51:6](#), [Jer 51:9](#), [Jer 51:45](#). Also see [Jer 50:8](#), [Jer 50:13](#), [Jer 50:28](#).

To this day, he tells His people to be set-apart to Him!

### Paul's Joy

**2Co 7:2** Make room for us, we wronged no one, we corrupted no one, we exploited no one.

**2Co 7:3** I do not say this to condemn, for I previously said that you are in our hearts, to die together and to live together.

**2Co 7:4** Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my boasting on your behalf. I have been filled with encouragement, I overflow with joy in all our pressure.

**2Co 7:5** For, indeed, when we came into Makedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were hard pressed on every side – conflicts without, fears within.

**2Co 7:6** **But Elohim, who encourages the downcast,**

- ❖ **encouraged us by the coming of Titos,**
- ❖ **2Co 7:7** and not only by his coming, but also by the encouragement with which **he was encouraged over you, when he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your ardor for me, so that I greatly rejoiced.**

Never underestimate how far a ‘kind word’ will go. YHWH truly does encourage the downcast.

**2Co 7:8** **For even if I made you sad with my letter,** I do not regret it, though I did regret it. For I perceive that the same letter made you sad, even if for an hour.

**2Co 7:9** I now rejoice, **not that you were made sad,** but that **you were saddened into repenting.** For you were made sad according to Elohim, so that you suffered no loss from us.

- ✚ **2Co 7:10** For **sadness according to Elohim works repentance to deliverance, not to be regretted,**
- ✚ but **the sadness of the world works death.**

Like we saw in the life of Peter, **sadness according to Elohim** works out repentance to deliverance!

**2Co 7:11** For see how you have been saddened according to Elohim – how much it worked out in you eagerness; indeed, clearing of yourselves; indeed, displeasure; indeed, fear; indeed, longing; indeed, ardor; indeed, righting of wrong! **In every way you proved yourselves to be clear in the matter.**

**2Co 7:12** So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, **but for the sake of revealing our diligence for you, before Elohim.**

**2Co 7:13** For this reason we have been encouraged in your encouragement. **And we rejoiced exceedingly more for the joy of Titos, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you.**

**2Co 7:14** Because if I have boasted somewhat about you to him, I am not ashamed. But as we spoke to you in all truth, even so our boasting to Titos was found true.

**2Co 7:15** **And his tender feelings are greater for you as he remembers the obedience of all of you, as you received him with fear and trembling.**

**2Co 7:16** **I rejoice that in every way I am of good courage by reason of you.**

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