

*Greetings, today our manna is from Gen. 49; Job 15; Luke 2; 1 Cor. 3*

## *February 16 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Genesis 49**

Summary based on Scripture & **T4 Video on Vayechi**: Link: <https://youtu.be/oiV2PAmfEA4>

Gen. 49 records the last words of Jacob to his sons. At the demise of Israel, there will be an ingathering of His people just like Jacob gathered his sons.

Three things we will have to deal with:

1. **Who is the rightful first born?** The first-born gets the title deed of the land and is the inheritor of the Melchizedek promise given to Abraham. Those that try to claim the birthright illegitimately will find their strength wane. Like Reuben, they will become as unstable as water. Through deception they defile what is already established in Torah.
2. **Levi's cruelty to animals.** He 'lamed an ox' without remorse, which will be played out once again as those that call themselves Jews and are not, re-establish animal sacrifices. Their beings delight in their own abominations. YHWH will divide them in Jacob and scatter them in Israel. Ezekiel 44:10-16, Levi was divided between Zadok and services within the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Eze 44:10 "And the Lēwites who went far from Me, when Yisra'ël went astray, who strayed away from Me after their idols, they shall bear their crookedness.

Eze 44:11 "And they were attendants in My set-apart place, as gatekeepers of the house and attendants of the house, slaying the ascending offering and the slaughtering for the people, and standing before them to attend to them.

Eze 44:12 "Because they attended to them before their idols and became a stumbling-block of crookedness to the house of Yisra'ël, therefore I have lifted My hand in an oath against them," declares the Master יהוה, "that they shall bear their crookedness,

Eze 44:13 and not come near Me to serve as My priest, nor come near any of that which is set-apart to Me, nor into the Most Set-apart Place. And they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have done.

Eze 44:14 "Yet I shall make them those who guard the duty of the House, for all its work, and for all that has to be done in it.

#### **Rules for Levitical Priests**

Eze 44:15 "But the priests, the Lēwites, the sons of Tsadoq, who guarded the duty of My set-apart place when the children of Yisra'ël went astray from Me, they shall draw near to Me to serve Me, and shall stand before Me to bring to Me the fat and the blood," declares the Master יהוה.

Eze 44:16 "They shall enter My set-apart place, and they shall draw near to My table to serve Me, and they shall guard My charge.

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 Jer 7:22 “For I did not speak to your fathers, or command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim, about matters of ascending offerings or slaughtering.

Jer 7:23 “But this word I did command them, saying, ‘Obey My voice,<sup>a</sup> and I shall be your Elohim, and you be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it be well with you.’ Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See also [Gen 26:5](#), [Exo 19:5](#), [Joh 3:36](#), [Rom 6:16](#), [Heb 4:11](#), [Heb 5:9](#) and [Rev 22:14](#).

Jer 7:24 “But they did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in the counsels, in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

Jer 7:25 “From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Mitsrayim until this day, I have even sent to you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them.

Jer 7:26 “But they did not obey Me or incline their ear, but stiffened their neck. They did evil, more than their fathers.

- Who has the right to rule? When YHWH gathers us together in the last days, we will need to understand the right to rule with the Scepter and the ‘UNTIL impending change.’ The key is this: of; in; in Torah. **It is not a change of Torah; to enact the change in Torah; that has always been in Torah.**

We see there must be a death of Israel before the birthright becomes active. The gathering will require casting a net of Covenant Torah to gather the fish scattered among the nations to receive their inheritance.

### Jacob Blesses His Sons

**Gen 49:1** And Ya’aqob called his sons and said, “Gather together, so that I declare to you what is to befall you in the last days:

**Gen 49:2** “Gather together and hear, you sons of Ya’aqob, and listen to Yisra’el your father.

**Gen 49:3** “**Re’uḇēn, you are my first-born, my power and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of exaltation and the excellency of power.**

**Gen 49:4** “Boiling like water, you do not excel, because you went up to your father’s bed, then you defiled it – he went up to my couch.

**Gen 49:5** “**Shim’on and Lěwi are brothers, their weapons are implements of violence.**

**Gen 49:6** “Let my being not enter their council, let my esteem not be united to their assembly; because they killed a man in their displeasure, and they lamed an ox in pleasure.

**Gen 49:7** “Cursed be their displeasure for it is fierce, and their wrath for it is cruel! I divide them in Ya’aqob and scatter them in Yisra’el.

**Gen 49:8** “You, Yehuda, your brothers praise you; your hand is on the neck of your enemies; your father’s children bow down before you.

**Gen 49:9** “Yehudah is a lion’s cub; from the prey you have gone up, my son! He bowed down, he crouched like a lion. And like a lion, who does rouse him?”

**Gen 49:10** “**The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor an Insciber from between his feet, until Shiloh [means: ‘to whom it belongs’] comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.** [corrected text: ‘comes, the obedient people’]

**Gen 49:11** “**Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey’s colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.**

**Gen 49:12** “**His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.**

Judah [Deut. 6:23] had always marched first in the wilderness as they led the encampments; until they crossed the Jordon. The change took place once they crossed the Jordon. Moses led in the wilderness; and Joshua of Ephrayim lead them into the Promise Land.

Deu 6:23 And He brought us out from there, to bring us in, to give us the land of which He swore to our fathers.

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Num 2:9 All the registered ones of the camp of Yehudah, according to their divisions: one hundred and eighty-six thousand four hundred. **These depart first.**

Judah’s right to lead was relegated to the wilderness. We recall how Judah gave his scepter to Tamar; the one acting more righteous. **The rod is always passed onto someone more righteous.** We must rid ourselves of the ‘pagan mixture’ and walk in righteousness. Judah had been married to a Canaanite so for Tamar to have married Shelah would have brought forth a pagan mixture.

Gen 38:18 So he said, “What pledge should I give you?” And she said, “**Your seal and your cord and your staff that is in your hand.**” **And he gave them to her, and went in to her, and she conceived by him.**

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Gen 38:25 When she was brought out, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, “By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant.” And she said, “Please examine whose these are: the seal and the cord and the staff.”

Gen 38:26 And Yehudah examined and said, “She has been more righteous than I, because I did not give her to **Shelah my son.**” And he never knew her again.

Note: Shelah is spelled the same as Shiloh – representing giving the rod to the more righteous. If the Melchizedek remnant does not act, we will see many be given to the pagan mixture.

Tamar was the granddaughter of Shem, the Melchizedek. Therefore, we have a picture of Judah giving ‘his right to rule’ away to the Melchizedek rule, the more righteous ones.

Judah ties his foal to the vine. What does that mean? What vine? An olive tree? No, Judah ties the donkey to the cursed fig tree of the 1948 creation of the Zionist State of Israel. We are instructed to go and untie the foal from the cursed fig tree and bring it to Yahusha. The former owners release the donkey from the withering vine to the Melchizedek followers. Torah without Melchizedek is just as much a withering vine as grace without law. Yahusha must be allowed to have his triumphant entry as the Melchizedek.

1. Judah was the main conspirator and he washed Joseph’s garment, the birthright tunic, in goat’s blood.
2. Judah was the main conspirator at the feast of grapes, his eyes are darker than wine. The greater Joseph, Yahusha, at Passover, the feast of redemption, was when Yahusha was stripped and judged and His blood was shed.

Judah’s vision, sees blood red, and is clouded and blind in part so that they cannot see Yahusha. Judah’s teeth will be white [laban] as milk – Laban withheld the birthright from Israel. Laban represents the withholding of the testimony of Yahusha and the withholding of who the real birthright belongs to. We see this playing out in our day and age. Inheritance wars can be very ugly and at times bloody.

They have been passed over. We do not want to get caught up in what has been passed over such as with Hebrew Roots and Messianic Judaism. We are Israel, we are the disciples of Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Several have been passed over: Ishmael to Isaac; Esau to Jacob; Reuben to Joseph; Eli passed over his two sons to the sons of Zadok – to Samuel, an Ephrayimite.

Again, the following three must be dealt with:

1. Birthright. Who is the rightful firstborn?
2. Animal Cruelty, Sacrifices, Altars – with the elevation of Zadok over Levi.
3. Who has the rod of rulership?

All three of these are Joseph's. These are the Melchizedek priests of YHWH.

Passes over the first Shiloh and Ephrayim; then passes over the second with the destruction of Jerusalem and Judah; then will rest on the 3<sup>rd</sup> which is of the first – the restored and resurrected people that the birthright belongs to. YHWH returns to Shiloh – the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel based on the passing over principle.

Jer 7:12 “But go now to My place at Shiloh, where I set My Name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the evil of My people Yisra’ël.

Jer 7:13 “And now, because you have done all these works,” declares הוה, “and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear, and I called you, but you did not answer,

Jer 7:14 “I shall also do to this house, which is called by My Name, in which you trust, and to this place which I gave to you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.

Jer 7:15 “And I shall cast you out of My presence, as I have cast out all your brothers, all the seed of Ephrayim.

Jer 7:16 “And you, do not pray for this people, nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me, for I do not hear you.

Jer 7:17 “Do you not see what they are doing in the cities of Yehudah and in the streets of Yerushalayim?

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Jos 18:1 And all the congregation of **the children of Yisra’ël assembled at Shiloh**, and they let the Tent of Appointment dwell there. And the land was subdued before them.

Jos 18:2 And seven tribes were left among the children of Yisra’ël who had not yet shared their inheritance.

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There are still brothers and sisters that have not yet received their inheritance.

Rom 9:4 who are *the children* of Yisra’ël, to whom is the adoption, and the esteem, and the covenants, and the giving of the Torah, and the worship, and the promises,

Rom 9:5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Messiah according to the flesh, who is over all, Elohim-blessed forever. Amēn.

Rom 9:6 However, it is not as though the word of Elohim has failed. **For they are not all Yisra’ël who are of Yisra’ël,**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>A play on words. See Explanatory Note on “Overcomers.”

Rom 9:7 **neither are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham, but, “In Yitshaq your seed shall be called.”** Gen 21:12.

Rom 9:8 That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of Elohim, but the children of the promise are reckoned as the seed.

Bible prophecies fail because Israel, the state, is not the true Israel. In order to fulfill the biblical prophecies, Judah must unite with Joseph and repent. Judah, and those that say they are Jews and are not, have tried to usurp the birthright by grabbing the land and naming it Israel.

**Gen 49:13** “Zebulun dwells at the seashore, he is for a haven for ships, and his border

is unto Tsidon.

**Gen 49:14** “Yissaskar is a strong donkey lying down between two burdens,

**Gen 49:15** and he saw that a resting place was good, and that the land was pleasant, and he inclined his shoulder to bear a burden, and became a subject to slave labour.

**Gen 49:16** “Dan rightly rules his people as one of the tribes of Yisra’el.

**Gen 49:17** “Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse’s heels so that its rider falls backward.

**Gen 49:18** “I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!

**Gen 49:19** “Gad, a raiding band raids him, but he raids its heel.

**Gen 49:20** “Bread from Asher is rich, and he gives delicacies of a sovereign.

**Gen 49:21** “Naphtali is a deer let loose, he gives words of elegance.

**Gen 49:22** “Yoseph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

**Gen 49:23** “And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

**Gen 49:24** “But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya’aqob – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra’el –

**Gen 49:25** from the El of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

**Gen 49:26** “The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yoseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

**Gen 49:27** “Binyamin is a wolf that tears, in the morning he eats prey, and at night he divides the spoil.”

### Jacob's Death and Burial

**Gen 49:28** All these are the twelve tribes of Yisra’el, and this is what their father spoke to them. And he blessed them, he blessed each one according to his own blessing.

**Gen 49:29** And he commanded them, and said to them, “I am to be gathered to my people, bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

**Gen 49:30** in the cave that is in the field of Maqpehah, which is before Mamre in the land of Kena’an, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite as a possession for a burial-site.

**Gen 49:31** There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Yitshaq and Ribqah his wife, and there I buried Le’ah –

**Gen 49:32** the field purchased, and the cave which is in it, from the sons of Heth.”

**Gen 49:33** And when Ya’aqob ended commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed and breathed his last, and was gathered to his people.

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In Gen. 48 we saw Israel bless Joseph, Menashsheh, and Ephrayim and now Israel declares to his sons what will befall them in the last days. **Keep in mind, we are the ones living in the last days.**

Gen 49:1 And Ya'aqob called his sons and said, "Gather together, so that I declare to you what is to befall you in the last days:

Gen 49:2 "Gather together and hear, you sons of Ya'aqob, and listen to Yisra'el your father.

**Reuben** will not excel because he went up to his father's bed and defiled it. Because of this sin, Reuben forfeits his birth right.

**Lewi and Shimon**, because of their violence and cruelty, these tribes would be divided among the other tribes and scattered among Israel.

**Judah:** Yahusha would descend from Judah. He holds the sceptre. Gen 49:10 "The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor an inscriber from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

Gen 49:11 "Binding his donkey to the vine, and his donkey's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his robes in the blood of grapes.

Gen 49:12 "His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

**Zebulun:** The Targum of Jonathan ben Uzziel paraphrases the passage thus: "Zebulun shall be on the coasts of the sea, and he shall rule over the havens; he shall subdue the provinces of the sea with his ships, and his border shall extend unto Sidon.

**Issachar:** Appears this tribe became one of hard laborious work but would gain fruit from their labors.

**Dan:** Dan rightly rules as being one of the tribes of Israel, but it appears you wouldn't want to get on this tribe's bad side. Gen 49:17 "Dan is a serpent by the way, an adder by the path, that bites the horse's heels so that its rider falls backward.

**Then after covering 7 of the tribes we read Israel tell YHWH he has waited to receive deliverance. He is tired. He has run the race.**

Gen 49:18 "I have waited for your deliverance, O יהוה!

**Gad:** Seems to be a tribe that will face conflict but will stand and fight for what is theirs.

**Asher:** This tribe would be rich, a richness that you would expect to see among sovereigns. Later we will read that Hannah, the prophetess, was from the tribe of Asher.

**Naphtali:** This tribe would be like a deer let loose. Seems to describe a tribe full of energy, keen of senses and maneuverings, living among the beauty of nature from which the heart would overflow with elegance of words.

**Joseph: What beautiful words follow. Joseph, a type and shadow of Yahusha.**

Gen 49:22 "Yosēph is an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree, an offshoot of a fruit-bearing tree by a fountain, his branches run over a wall.

Gen 49:23 "And the archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him.

Gen 49:24 "But his bow remained in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty One of Ya'aqob – from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Yisra'el –

Gen 49:25 from the Ěl of your father who helps you, and by the Almighty who blesses you with blessings of the heavens from above, blessings of the deep that lies beneath, blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

Gen 49:26 “The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the limit of the everlasting hills. They are on the head of Yosěph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separated from his brothers.

**Binyamin:** The tribe of Benjamin would be aggressive and a conqueror. By stealth, like a wolf, they take and divide spoils in the night and by day they eat their prey. Very zealous and powerful in carrying out their duties. The apostle Paul was from the tribe of Benjamin.

**Genesis 49 closes with Israel blessing each of the 12 tribes according to his own blessing. He instructs them to bury him in the cave at Maḵpělah. Verse 31 records those preceding his death.**

Gen 49:30 in the cave that is in the field of Maḵpělah, which is before Mamrě in the land of Kena’an, which Aḅraham bought with the field of Ephron the Ĥittite as a possession for a burial-site.

Gen 49:31 There they buried Aḅraham and Sarah his wife, there they buried Yitṣḥaq and Ribḡah his wife, and there I buried Lě’ah – (emphasis mine)

## Job 15

Job again hears from Eliphaz. He orates extremely discouraging words. Silence would have been an improvement. Weariness, anger, and frustration can easily set in for those afflicted, and for friends and family in their presence. Again, we should H-A-L-T, and not let the enemy use us to steal, kill, and destroy the compassion and love we have for one another. When we are hungry, angry, lonely, or tired (HALT); we should take pause. Not ‘taking pause’, become the time we say things we shouldn’t.

### Eliphaz Accuses: Job Does Not Fear Eloah

**Job 15:1** And Eliphaz the Těmanite answered and said,

**Job 15:2** “Would a wise man answer with vain knowledge, or fill his belly with the east wind?

**Job 15:3** Would he reason with useless talk, or by speeches with which do not profit?

**Job 15:4** Indeed, you do away with reverence, and withhold prayer before Ěl.

**Job 15:5** For your crookedness teaches your mouth *what to say*, and you choose the tongue of the crafty.

**Job 15:6** Not I, but your own mouth condemns you. And your own lips witness against you.

**Job 15:7** Were you the first one born? Or were you made before the hills?

**Job 15:8** Have you heard the secret counsel of Eloah? And do you limit wisdom to yourself?



**Job 15:9** What do you know that we do not know – understand, that is not within us?

**Job 15:10** Both the grey-haired and the aged are among us, much older than your father.

**Job 15:11** Are the comforts of Ĕl not enough for you – and a word that deals gently with you?

**Job 15:12** What have you taken to heart? And why do your eyes flash?

**Job 15:13** That you should turn your spirit against Ĕl, and let *such* words go out of your mouth?

**Job 15:14** What is man, that he should be clean? And one born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

**Job 15:15** Look, He puts no trust in His set-apart ones, and the heavens are not clean in His eyes,

**Job 15:16** how much less one who is loathsome and corrupt, drinking unrighteousness like water!

**Job 15:17** Let me show you – hear me – and this I have seen and declare,

**Job 15:18** which the wise declare, and have not hidden from their fathers,

**Job 15:19** to them alone the land was given, and no stranger passed over into their midst:

**Job 15:20** All the days of the wrong one he is paining himself, and few years have been stored up for the ruthless.

**Job 15:21** A frightening sound is in his ears; in peace a destroyer comes to him.

**Job 15:22** He believes not to return from darkness, and he is reserved for the sword.

**Job 15:23** He wanders about for food – where is it? He knows that a day of darkness is prepared for him.

**Job 15:24** Distress and pain frighten him – they overwhelm him, like a sovereign ready for the attack.

**Job 15:25** Because he has stretched out his hand against Ĕl, and acts mightily against the Almighty.

**Job 15:26** He runs against Him defiantly, with thick-bossed shields.

**Job 15:27** For he has covered his face with his fatness, and he has put layers of fat on his loins.

**Job 15:28** But he dwells in ruined cities, in houses which no one lives in, which have been ready to become heaps.

**Job 15:29** He shall not be rich, and his wealth shall not rise, and his possessions shall not overspread the earth.

**Job 15:30** He does not turn away from darkness. The flame dries up his branches, and he turns aside by the breath of His mouth.

**Job 15:31** Let him not trust in falsehood, deceiving himself, for falsehood is his reward.

**Job 15:32** Before his day it is accomplished, and his branch shall not be green.

**Job 15:33** He shakes off his unripe grape like a vine, and throws off his blossom like an olive tree.

**Job 15:34** For the company of the defiled ones is barren, and fire consumes the tents of bribery.

**Job 15:35** They conceive trouble and bring forth wickedness, even their womb prepares deception.”

## Luke 2

### The Birth of Yahusha

**Luk 2:1** And it came to be in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus for all the world to be registered.

**Luk 2:2** This took place as a first registration while Quirinius was governing Suria.

**Luk 2:3** And all were going to be registered, each one to his own city.

**Luk 2:4** And Yosēph also went up from Galil, out of the city of Natsareth to Yehuḡah, to the city of Dawiḡ, which is called Bēyth Leḡem, because he was of the house and lineage of Dawiḡ,

**Luk 2:5** to be registered with Miryam, who was engaged to him – being pregnant.

**Luk 2:6** And it came to be, that while they were there, the days were filled for her to give birth.

**Luk 2:7** And she gave birth to her first-born Son, and wrapped Him up, and laid Him down in a feeding trough, because there was no room for them in a lodging place.

Miriam, a virgin, was highly blessed and favored. In her womb, developed Yahusha, the ‘bread from heaven.’ Miriam served as a surrogate mother to birth Yahusha; for YHWH our Elohim does not mix ‘two different kinds.’ Yahusha most certainly came in the ‘likeness’ of flesh. Yet, the ‘cliché’, that he was 100% GOD and 100% man is incorrect in more ways than one. The first being, the cliché is not even mathematically correct.

Rom 8:3 For the Torah being powerless, in that it was weak through the flesh, Elohim, having sent His own Son in the likeness of flesh of sin, and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

### The Shepherds and the Angels

**Luk 2:8** And in the same country there were shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

We know shepherds are no longer out in the fields watching their flocks in the month of December. Some believe that Yahusha was born at the time of the 'Feast of Tabernacle', around September. Others believe He was born at the time of 'Passover and Unleavened Bread' in the spring. What we can agree on is that he was not born on December 25<sup>th</sup> on what is called 'Christmas.' These pagan 'holidays' are the enemy's attempt to try and change 'times and laws.' Tammuz is believed to have been born on December 25<sup>th</sup>, the season of Saturnalia. The enemy has placed YHWH's Name on pagan 'holidays' for millennium. This should never be done nor practiced.

**Luk 2:9** And look, a messenger of יהוה<sup>1</sup> stood before them, and the esteem of יהוה<sup>1</sup> shone around them, and they were greatly afraid.

**Luk 2:10** And the messenger said to them, "Do not be afraid, for look, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all people.

**Luk 2:11** "Because there was born to you today in the city of Dawid a Saviour, who is Messiah, the Master.

This was a time for 'great joy!' Praise Yah! For unto us a child is born who is the Messiah! All aspects of His birth were foretold by the prophets!

**Luk 2:12** "And this is the sign to you: You shall find a baby wrapped up, lying in a feeding trough."

**Luk 2:13** And suddenly there was with the messenger a crowd of the heavenly host praising Elohim and saying,

**Luk 2:14** "Esteem to Elohim in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom He is pleased!"

It appears the shepherds experienced what we might call today as 'quantum tunneling' between dimensions. These shepherds were eyewitnesses of a crowd of heavenly host praising Elohim! There is constant activity around the throne room of YHWH and their positional presence in relation to us, may be closer than most think!

**Luk 2:15** And it came to be, when the messengers had gone away from them into the heaven, that the shepherds said to each other, "Indeed, let us go to Běyth Lehem and see this matter that has taken place, which the Master has made known to us."

**Luk 2:16** And they came in haste and found Miryam and Yosěph, and the baby lying in a feeding trough.

**Luk 2:17** And having seen, they made known the matter which was spoken to them concerning the child.

**Luk 2:18** And all those who heard marveled at what the shepherds said to them.

Luk 2:19 But Miryam kept all these matters, considering them in her heart.

Luk 2:20 And the shepherds returned, boasting and praising Elohim for all they had heard and seen, as it was spoken to them.

Luk 2:21 And when **eight days** were completed for Him to be circumcised, **His Name was called יהושע**, the Name given by the messenger before He was **conceived in the womb**.

**Strong's conceived defined:** *sullambanō sool-lam-ban'-o*

From G4862 and G2983; to *clasp*, that is, *seize (arrest, capture)*; specifically to *conceive* (literally or figuratively); by implication to *aid*: - catch, conceive, help, take.

Yahusha was born during the final days of 'the Book of the Law' administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Yahusha came to usher in the New Covenant. The Book of the Law had served its purpose as a tutor until Yahusha would come. Joseph & Miriam, followed the processes rendered by the Book of the Law to stay in obedience; however, we also see that being set apart to YHWH was first initiated under the Book of the Covenant, the 'Law of YHWH.' Today, in Him, we are set-apart by the blood of the Lamb and we are circumcised of heart under our High Priest and King, after the order of Melchizedek.

### Yahusha Presented at the Temple

Luk 2:22 And when the days of her cleansing according to the Torah of Mosheh were completed, they brought Him to Yerushalayim to present Him to יהוה –

Luk 2:23 as it has been written in the Torah of יהוה, **“Every male who opens the womb shall be called set-apart to יהוה”** [Exo 13:2](#), [Exo 13:12](#), [Exo 13:15](#).

Luk 2:24 and to give an offering according to what is said in the Torah of יהוה, **“A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”** [Lev 5:11](#), [Lev 12:8](#).

Luk 2:25 And see, there was a man in Yerushalayim whose name was Shim'on, and **this man was righteous and dedicated**, looking for the comforting of Yisra'el. And the Set-apart Spirit was upon him.

Luk 2:26 **And it had been revealed to him by the Set-apart Spirit that he would not see death before he sees the Messiah of יהוה.**

Luk 2:27 And he came in the Spirit into the Set-apart Place. And as the parents brought in the Child יהושע, to do for Him according to the usual practice of the Torah [the Law],

Luk 2:28 then he took Him up in his arms and blessed Elohim and said,

✚ Luk 2:29 “Now let Your servant go in peace, O Master, according to Your word,

✚ Luk 2:30 for my eyes have seen Your deliverance,

✚ Luk 2:31 which You have prepared before the face of all the peoples,

Luk 2:32 **a light for the unveiling of the nations**, [Isa 42:6](#), [Isa 49:6](#) and **the esteem**

of Your people Yisra'ël.”

Luk 2:33 And Yosëph and His mother were marvelling at what was said about Him.

Luk 2:34 And Shim'on blessed them, and said to Miryam His mother, “See, this One is set for a fall and rising of many in Yisra'ël, and for a sign spoken against –

Luk 2:35 and a sword shall pierce through your own being also – so as to reveal the thoughts of many hearts.”

Luk 2:36 **And there was Hannah, a prophetess, a daughter of Penu'ël, of the tribe of Ashër.** She was advanced in years, and had lived with a husband seven years from her maidenhood,

Luk 2:37 and **she was a widow of about eighty-four years**, who did not leave the Set-apart Place, but served Elohim with fastings and prayers night and day.

Luk 2:38 And she, coming in at that moment, gave thanks to יהוה', and spoke of Him to all who were waiting for redemption in Yerushalayim.

### The Return to Nazareth

Luk 2:39 And when they had accomplished all *matters* according to the **Torah of יהוה'**, they returned to Galil, to their city Natsareth.

Luk 2:40 And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom. And the favor of Elohim was upon Him.

### The Boy Yahusha in the Temple

Luk 2:41 And His parents went to Yerushalayim every year **at the Festival of the Pësaḥ.**

Luk 2:42 And when He was **twelve years old**, they went up to Yerushalayim according to the practice of the festival.

Luk 2:43 When they had accomplished the days, as they returned, **the Child יהושע stayed behind in Yerushalayim. And His parents did not know it,**

Luk 2:44 but thinking He was in the company, they went a day's journey, and were seeking Him among the relatives and friends.

Luk 2:45 And not having found Him, they returned to Yerushalayim, seeking Him.

Luk 2:46 And it came to be, **after three days**, that they found Him in the Set-apart Place, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions.

Luk 2:47 **And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.**

Luk 2:48 And having seen Him, they were amazed. And His mother said to Him, **“Son, why have You done this to us? See, Your father and I have been anxiously seeking You.”**

Luk 2:49 And He said to them, **“Why were you seeking Me? Did you not know that I had to be in the *matters* of My Father?”**

Luk 2:50 But they did not understand the word which He spoke to them.

Luk 2:51 And He went down with them and came to Natsareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these matters in her heart.

Luk 2:52 And יהושע' increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with Elohim and men.

## 1Corinthians 3

### Divisions in the Assembly

1Co 3:1 And I, brothers, was not able to speak to you as to spiritual ones but as to fleshly, as to babes in Messiah.

1Co 3:2 I fed you with milk and not with solid food, for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able,

1Co 3:3 for you are still fleshly. For since there is envy, and strife, and divisions among you, are you not fleshly and walking according to man?

1Co 3:4 For when one says, "I am of Sha'ul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not fleshly?

1Co 3:5 What then is Apollos, and what is Sha'ul, but servants through whom you believed, as the Master assigned to each?

1Co 3:6 I planted, Apollos watered, but Elohim was giving growth.

We all have different functions in the body; to make everyone fit into one mold by following a particular leader is divisive; for we should all follow Yahusha. We each have different gifts, insights, and functions and should carry out our priestly duties and not play childish fleshly games. It is Elohim who gives growth; it is Elohim who assigns; we each should work out our own salvation with fear and trembling rather than be preoccupied with judging others; otherwise, a person may very well be bringing judgment onto themselves. We should be speaking life and encouragement for each to fulfill their calling and not cause envy, strife, and division among the brethren.

1Co 3:7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is any at all, but Elohim who gives the increase.

1Co 3:8 And he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one shall receive his own reward according to his own labor.

1Co 3:9 For we are fellow workers of Elohim, you are the field of Elohim, the building of Elohim.

1Co 3:10 According to the favor of Elohim which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But each one should look how he builds on it.

1Co 3:11 For no one is able to lay any other foundation except that which is laid, which is יהושע' Messiah.

1Co 3:12 And if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1Co 3:13 each one's work shall be revealed, for the day shall show it up, because it is revealed by fire. And the fire shall prove the work of each one, what sort it is.

Here Paul is describing the time when believers will appear before the judgment seat or the 'bema' seat of YHWH. They will see what works they have done in the body for Him survive the fiery test unto receiving their rewards. Believers do not appear before the 'Great White Throne Judgment.' They only appear before the Bema Seat Judgment to receive their rewards. They have already been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and their sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west.

1Co 3:14 **If anyone's work remains, which he has built on, he shall receive a reward.**

1Co 3:15 If anyone's work is burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, but so as through fire.

In our day, this same question should be asked to believers and asked often! 'Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?'

Most believers remain on the 'milk of the word' and know not that they are the temple; and know not that they ARE Israel, the one new man!

1Co 3:16 Do you not know that you are a Dwelling Place of Elohim and that the Spirit of Elohim dwells in you?

1Co 3:17 If anyone destroys the Dwelling Place of Elohim, Elohim shall destroy him. For the Dwelling Place of Elohim is set-apart, which you are.

1Co 3:18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become foolish, so that he might become wise.

1Co 3:19 **For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with Elohim. For it has been written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," Job 5:13.**

1Co 3:20 and again, "יהוה knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are **worthless.**" Psa 94:11.

1Co 3:21 So then, let no one boast in men, **for all belongs to you,**

1Co 3:22 whether Sha'ul or Apollos or Kēpha, or the world, or life, or death, or the present or the future – all belongs to you.

1Co 3:23 **And you belong to Messiah, and Messiah belongs to Elohim.**

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