

*Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 24 & 25; Micah 3; 1Peter 5; Luke 12.*

## *November 28 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **1Chron 24**

#### **David Organizes the Priests**

**1Ch 24:1** **And the divisions of the sons of Aharon:** The sons of Aharon were Nadab and Abihu, El'azar and Ithamar.

1Ch 24:2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children, so El'azar and Ithamar served as priests.

1Ch 24:3 **And Dawid, with Tsadoq of the sons of El'azar, and Ahimelek of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their offices in their service.**

1Ch 24:4 And there were more leaders found of the sons of El'azar than of the sons of Ithamar. So they **divided the sons of El'azar into sixteen heads** of their fathers' houses, and the **sons of Ithamar into eight heads** of their fathers' houses.

1Ch 24:5 And they were divided by lot, one group as another, for there were

- + officials of the set-apart place
- + and officials of Elohim, from the sons of El'azar and from the sons of Ithamar.

1Ch 24:6 **And the scribe, Shemayah son of Nethan'el, one of the Lēwites, wrote them down** before the sovereign, and the rulers, and Tsadoq the priest, and Ahimelek son of Ebyathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Lēwites, one father's house taken for El'azar and one for Ithamar.

1Ch 24:7 And the first lot came forth to Yehoyarib, the second to Yedayah,

1Ch 24:8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Se'orim,

1Ch 24:9 the fifth to Malkiyah, the sixth to Miyamin,

1Ch 24:10 the seventh to Haqqots, the **eighth to Abiyah**,

Luk 1:5 There was in the days of Herodes, the sovereign of Yehudah, **a certain priest named Zekaryah, of the division of Abiyah**. And his wife was of the daughters of Aharon, and her name was Elisheba.

**TSK Cross Reference: Abijah:** As the Evangelist Luke mentions the course of Abia, it is evident that these courses of the priests, established by David, no doubt under Divine direction, were continued, with some alterations, till the days of Christ. These records must therefore have been very useful after the Babylonian captivity. [Neh 12:4](#), [Neh 12:17](#); [Luk 1:5](#), Abia

1Ch 24:11 the ninth to Yěshua, the tenth to Sheḱanyahu,  
1Ch 24:12 the eleventh to Elyashiḅ, the twelfth to Yaqim,  
1Ch 24:13 the thirteenth to Ḥuppah, the fourteenth to Yesheb'ab,  
1Ch 24:14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Imměr,  
1Ch 24:15 the seventeenth to Ḥězir, the eighteenth to Happitstsěts,  
1Ch 24:16 the nineteenth to Pethaḥyah, the twentieth to Yeḥezqěl,  
1Ch 24:17 the twenty-first to Yaḱin, the twenty-second to Gamul,  
1Ch 24:18 the twenty-third to Delayahu, the twenty-fourth to Ma'azyahu.  
1Ch 24:19 **These were their offices in their service for coming into the House of יהוה according to their right-ruling by the hand of Aharon their father, as יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl had commanded him.**

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lěwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitseḡeq, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

1Ch 24:20 And the rest of the sons of Lěwi: of the sons of Amram, Shuḅa'ěl; of the sons of Shuḅa'ěl, Yeḥdeyahu.  
1Ch 24:21 Concerning Reḥabyahu, of the sons of Reḥabyahu, the head was Yishshiyah.  
1Ch 24:22 Of the Yitsharites, Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Yaḥath.  
1Ch 24:23 Of the sons of *Hebron*, Yeriyahu *was the head*, Amaryahu the second, Yaḥazi'ěl the third, and Yeḡam'am the fourth.  
1Ch 24:24 Of the sons of Uzzi'ěl, Miḱah; of the sons of Miḱah, Shamir.  
1Ch 24:25 The brother of Miḱah, Yishshiyah; of the sons of Yishshiyah, Zeḱaryahu.  
1Ch 24:26 The sons of Merari: Maḥli and Mushi; the son of Ya'azyahu, Beno.  
1Ch 24:27 The sons of Merari by Ya'azyahu: Beno, and Shoham, and Zakkur, and Iḅri.  
1Ch 24:28 Of Maḥli: El'azar, who had no sons.  
1Ch 24:29 Of Qish: the son of Qish, Yeraḥme'ěl.  
1Ch 24:30 And the sons of Mushi: Maḥli, Ęḡer, and Yerimoth. **These were the sons of the Lěwites according to their fathers' houses.**  
1Ch 24:31 These also cast lots, they too, as their brothers the sons of Aharon, in the presence of Sovereign Dawiḡ, and Tsaḡoḡ, and Aḥimeleḱ, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and Lěwites – the head of the fathers, as well as his younger brothers.

## 1Chron 25

### David Organizes the Musicians

1Ch 25:1 And Dawiḡ and the commanders of the army separated for the service some

of the sons of Asaph, and of Hēman, and of Yeduthun, who should prophesy with lyres, with harps, and with cymbals. And the number of the workmen according to their service was:

1Ch 25:2 Of the sons of Asaph: Zakkur, and Yosēph, and Nethanyah, and Ashar'ēlah, the sons of Asaph at the hands of Asaph, who prophesied at the hands of the sovereign.

1Ch 25:3 Of Yeduthun, the sons of Yeduthun: Gedalyahu, and Tseri, and Yeshayahu, Hashabyahu, and Mattithyahu, six, under the hands of their father Yeduthun, who prophesied with a lyre to give thanks and to praise יהוה.

1Ch 25:4 Of Hēman, the sons of Hēman: Buqqiyahu, Mattanyahu, Uzzi'el, Shebu'el, and Yerimoth, Hananyah, Hanani, Eliyathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-Ezer, Yoshbeqashah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahaziyoth.

1Ch 25:5 All these were the sons of Hēman the sovereign's seer in the words of Elohim, to exalt his horn. For Elohim gave Hēman fourteen sons and three daughters.

1Ch 25:6 **All these were at the hands of their father for song in the House of יהוה, with cymbals, harps and lyres, for the service of the House of Elohim: Asaph, Yeduthun, and Hēman, at the hands of the sovereign.**

1Ch 25:7 And the number of them, with their brothers who were taught in the songs of יהוה, all who were skilled, was two hundred and eighty-eight.

1Ch 25:8 **And they cast lots for their duty**, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student.

1Ch 25:9 And the first lot for Asaph came forth for Yosēph; Gedalyahu the second, he, and his brothers and sons, twelve;

1Ch 25:10 the third Zakkur, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:11 the fourth Yitsri, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:12 the fifth Nethanyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:13 the sixth Buqqiyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:14 the seventh Yesar'ēlah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:15 the eighth Yeshayahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:16 the ninth Mattanyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:17 the tenth Shim'i, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:18 the eleventh Azar'el, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:19 the twelfth Hashabyah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:20 the thirteenth Shuba'el, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:21 the fourteenth Mattithyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:22 the fifteenth Yerēmoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:23 the sixteenth Hananyahu, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:24 the seventeenth Yoshbeqashah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:25 the eighteenth Hanani, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:26 the nineteenth Mallothi, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:27 the twentieth Eliyathah, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:28 the twenty-first Hothir, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:29 the twenty-second Giddalti, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:30 the twenty-third Maḥaziyoth, his sons and his brothers, twelve;

1Ch 25:31 the twenty-fourth Romamti-Ezer, his sons and his brothers, twelve.

**Micah 3** Hating good and loving evil; a sign of the times.

### Rulers and Prophets Denounced

Pure evil, cruelty, and unimaginable atrocities are cited against the heads of Jacob and the rulers of the house of Israel.

**Mic 3:1** Then I said, "Hear now, O heads of Ya'aqob, and you rulers of the house of Yisra'el: Should you not know right-ruling,

Mic 3:2 you who are **hating good and loving evil**, tearing away the skin from My people, and the flesh from their bones,

Mic 3:3 and who have eaten the flesh of My people, and stripped off their skin, and have broken their bones, and have cut it up as into a pot, like flesh in the cooking pot?"

Mic 3:4 Therefore,

- ✚ when they cry to יהוה He does not answer them, and hides His face from them at that time, as they have made their deeds evil.

**Mic 3:5** **Thus said יהוה concerning the prophets who lead my people astray**, who are biting with their teeth and have called out, "Peace!" They even set apart a battle against him who does not give for their mouths.

The charges are so strong against the prophets, seers, diviners; they will cover their mouths and have no words for defense.

Mic 3:6 Therefore

- ✚ it shall be night to you without vision,
- ✚ and darkness to you without divination.
- ✚ The sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be dark for them.
- ✚ Mic 3:7 And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners embarrassed.
- ✚ And they shall all cover their lips, for there is no answer, O Elohim.

Mic 3:8 But truly I am filled with power, with the Spirit of יהוה, and with right-ruling and with might, to declare to Ya'aqob his transgression and to Yisra'el his sin.<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [2Ch 24:20](#), [Joh 16:8](#).

**Mic 3:9** Hear this, please, you heads of the house of Ya'aqob and you rulers of the house of Yisra'el, who despise right-ruling and distort all that is straight,

**Mic 3:10** those **building up Tsiyon with bloodshed and Yerushalayim with unrighteousness.**

- ✦ **Mic 3:11** Her heads judge for a bribe,
- ✦ her priests teach for pay,<sup>b</sup>
- ✦ and her prophets divine for a price.
- ✦ Yet they lean on יהוה<sup>1</sup>, and say, "Is not יהוה<sup>1</sup> in our midst? Evil does not come upon us." Footnote: <sup>b</sup> Joh 10:12.

Sadly, this reads as if it applies to our present-day circumstances. These words should be heeded by those that are calling evil good and good evil.

**Mic 3:12** Therefore, because of you, Tsiyon is ploughed like a field, and Yerushalayim becomes heaps, and the mountain of the House like a wooded height.

## 1Peter 5

An appeal to the shepherds:

### Shepherd the Flock of Elohim

**1Pe 5:1** Therefore, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Messiah, and also a sharer of the esteem that is to be revealed, **I appeal to the elders among you:**

- ✦ **1Pe 5:2** Shepherd the flock of Elohim which is among you,
- ✦ serving as overseers, not by compulsion but voluntarily,
- ✦ not out of greed for filthy gain, but eagerly,
- ✦ **1Pe 5:3** neither as being masters over those entrusted to you,
- ✦ but being examples to the flock.

**1Pe 5:4** And when **the Chief Shepherd appears**, you shall receive the never-fading crown of esteem.

An appeal to younger ones: If new believers are not disciplined; they are not equipped to face the adversary.

**1Pe 5:5** In the same way, you younger ones, be subject to elders. And gird yourselves with humility toward one another, for **"Elohim resists the proud, but gives favor to the humble."** Pro 3:34.

**1Pe 5:6** Humble yourselves, then, under the mighty hand of Elohim, so that He exalts you in due time,

**1Pe 5:7** casting all your worry upon Him, for He is concerned about you.

**1Pe 5:8** **Be sober, watch, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

**1Pe 5:9** Resist him, firm in the belief, knowing that the same hardships are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

**1Pe 5:10** And the Elohim of all favor, who called you to His everlasting esteem by Messiah יהושע, after you have suffered a while, Himself perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

**1Pe 5:11** To Him be the esteem and the might forever and ever. Aměn.

### Final Greetings

**1Pe 5:12** Through Silas the trustworthy brother, as I reckon, I have written to you briefly, encouraging and witnessing that this is the true favor of Elohim. In this stand fast.

**1Pe 5:13** She who is in Babel, chosen together with you, greets you, also my son, Marqos.

**1Pe 5:14** Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Messiah יהושע. Aměn.

## Luke 12

Yahusha is giving very important instructions to His disciples; then and for us NOW! If we just look at the chapter's sub-titles, we get a feel of what He wants us to **focus** on. These are of utmost importance in our day as we face man's desire for a One World Order; we see the re-establishment of the Sanhedrin; and Chabad Lubavitch sec's desire to internationally implement the Talmudic Seven Noahide Laws.

Yahusha didn't give us the 'lesson of the fig tree' for nothing. He intended for us to LEARN and put two and two together; watch; and keep set-apart from the things of this earth that are passing away. If we have been given eyes to see these things, we are blessed!

**Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees** – Know that the Pharisees and 'teachers of the law' have never gone away; and are more prominent now than ever! The watchmen all around the world are blowing the shofar for those that have ears to hear. This is not a time to be asleep and be found majoring on the minor things of this world. The enemy is 'inside the camp' just as Judas Iscariot was among the twelve.

Yahusha himself called the leaven of the Pharisees hypocrisy! They impose their laws on others yet do not follow them themselves. Their laws are not YHWH's Covenant instructions. They are man-made 'counterfeit' instructions in addition to numerous man-made 'counterfeit' "religions". They claim to know YHWH, but one cannot have YHWH and at the same time reject Yahusha!

### **Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees**

**Luk 12:1** Meanwhile, when an innumerable crowd of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His taught ones, first, **“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”**

**Luk 12:2** **“And whatever is concealed shall be revealed, and whatever is hidden shall be known.”**

In Luke 12:2, Yahusha teaches that everything that has been concealed will be revealed. We have seen evil revealed left and right and there is still more to come such as the Chabad-Lubavitch Seven Noahide Laws being promoted world-wide. Soon to follow, will be the building of the man-driven “3<sup>rd</sup> Temple” which will usher in the false messiah. We will see unconstitutional laws be further implemented and revealed. More movies and television ‘programing’ will pit race against race; for the intent of **evil is to steal, kill, and destroy**. We will know them by WHAT THEY DO! We live in the day when evil is called good and good is called evil. The wheat and the tares look very much alike until harvest time, so the only way to tell the difference is by their FRUIT. Does their fruit produce life or death? So Yahusha tells us, BEWARE of the LEAVEN of the PHARISEES!

**Luk 12:3** “So, whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have spoken in the ear in inner rooms shall be proclaimed on the house-tops.

### **Have No Fear**

**Luk 12:4** “But I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that are unable to do any more.

**Have No Fear** - Yahusha teaches us not to fear those that kill the body but fear the One that after the killing, has the authority to cast into hell. YHWH will take care of His people. Trust Him, he even has numbered the hairs on our heads.

**Luk 12:5** “But I shall show you whom you should fear: **Fear the One who, after killing, possesses authority to cast into GëHinnom. Yes, I say to you, fear Him!**

**Luk 12:6** “Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before Elohim.

**Luk 12:7** “But even the hairs of your head have all been numbered. Do not fear, you are worth more than many sparrows.

### **Acknowledge Yahusha Before Men**

**Luk 12:8** **“And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Adam shall also confess him before the messengers of Elohim.”**

**Luk 12:9** **“But he that has denied Me before men shall be denied before the messengers of Elohim.”**

Luk 12:10 “And everyone who shall speak a word against the Son of Adam, it shall be forgiven him, **but to him who has blasphemed against the Set-apart Spirit, it shall not be forgiven.**

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.**”

**Acknowledge Yahusha HaMashiach Before Men** – Many of us felt that these instructions meant for us to proclaim Yahusha as Messiah by evangelizing family and friends, which in part is correct. But these instructions entail more specific.

He provides us with a certain situation that many of us may find ourselves in; and when it happens, we should heed His words. That situation is being brought before congregations, rulers, and authorities. Knowing that under the Noahide Laws a person can be found guilty by one witness with the penalty of beheading for saying His Name; shows that this applies to us in our day.

### **The Parable of the Rich Fool**

Luk 12:13 And someone from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, speak to my brother, to divide the inheritance with me.”

Luk 12:14 But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or divider over you?”

Luk 12:15 And He said to them, “Mind, and beware of greed, because one’s life does not consist in the excess of his possessions.”

Luk 12:16 He then spoke a parable to them, saying, “The land of a certain rich man yielded well.

Luk 12:17 “And he was reasoning within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, because I have no room to store my crops?’

Luk 12:18 “And he said, **‘I am going to do this: pull down my storehouses and build greater, and store all my crops and my goods there,**

Luk 12:19 then say to myself, **‘Life, you have many goods laid up for many years, take your ease, eat, drink, rejoice.’**”

Luk 12:20 “But Elohim said to him, **‘You mindless one! This night your life shall be demanded from you. And who shall own what you have prepared?’**

Luk 12:21 **‘So is he who is storing up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward Elohim.’**”

**Remember – The Parable of the Rich Fool** – The parable of the rich fool focuses on building up treasures on earth **for himself**, WITHOUT being **rich toward YHWH**; Yahusha calls such an individual, a “mindless one”. We are to use one’s blessings to further His kingdom; not to sit back and eat, drink, and be merry and say, ‘look what I have done’.

**John 12: 25** “He who loves his life shall lose it, and he who hates his life in this world shall preserve it for everlasting life. **26** “If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me. And where I am, there My servant also shall be. If anyone serves Me, the Father shall value him. **27** “**Now I Myself am troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour?’** But for this reason I came to this hour. (emphasis mine)

### **Do Not Be Anxious**

**Luk 12:22** And He said to His taught ones, “For this reason I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you shall eat; nor about the body, what you shall put on.

**Luk 12:23** “The life is more than the food, and the body is more than the clothing.

**Luk 12:24** “Look at the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap, which have neither storehouse nor granary, and Elohim feeds them. How much more valuable are you than the birds?

**Luk 12:25** “And which of you by worrying is able to add one cubit to his life’s span?

**Luk 12:26** “If then you are unable to do the least, why do you worry about the rest?

**Luk 12:27** “Look at the lilies, how they grow. They neither toil nor spin, and I say to you, even Shelomoh in all his esteem was not dressed like one of these.

**Luk 12:28** “And if Elohim so clothes the grass, which today exists in the field and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more you, O you of little belief?

**Luk 12:29** “And do not seek what you shall eat or what you shall drink, and do not keep worrying.

**Luk 12:30** “For the nations of the world seek all these, and your Father knows that you need these.

Do Not Be Anxious – In other words, enter His rest, His shalom.

**Luk 12:31** “**But seek the reign of Elohim, and all these shall be added to you.**

**Luk 12:32** “Do not fear, little flock, because your Father did delight to give you the reign.

**Luk 12:33** “Sell your possessions and give in kindness. Make yourselves purses which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief does come near nor moth destroys.

**Luk 12:34** “For where your treasure is, there your heart shall be also.

**Question:** If one seeks the reign of Elohim, and knows that the Father has delighted to give such the reign; what kingly priesthood are those persons under? Will YHWH not provide for His flock? Did YHWH leave us without the Good Shepherd that provides and intercedes for our daily needs? Yahusha was born King; he was from the tribe of Judah; he was born under the Book of the Law and fulfilled its requirements; he was mikvah'd by John the Immerser transferring the priesthood from Aaronic Levitical to Melchizedek; with the change of priesthoods come a change in the Law [Heb. 7:12]; he gave us a new blood ratified Covenant sealed by His own blood which He offered on the heavenly altar once and for all, after His death, burial, and resurrection; Caiaphas, the previous 'acting' high priest, disqualified himself by tearing his priestly garment [Lev. 10:6] thus the reason the soldiers did not tear Yahusha's single woven priestly garment; Yahusha served as High Priest over His own sacrificial offering as the **Lamb of Elohim**; after completion, Yahusha, our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order [Psalm 110:4], said, "It is finished!", and took His seat at the right hand of the Father. He reigns! Gen. 49:10-12

**Gen. 49: 10**"The sceptre shall not turn aside from Yehudah, nor a Lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh comes, and to Him is the obedience of peoples.

**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.

**12**"His eyes are darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

### You Must Be Ready

Luk 12:35 "**Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning,**

Luk 12:36 **and be like men waiting for their master, when he shall return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they open to him immediately.**

Luk 12:37 "**Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, shall find watching.** Truly, I say to you that he shall gird himself and make them sit down to eat, and shall come and serve them.

Luk 12:38 "And if he comes **in the second watch**, or **in the third watch**, and find them so, blessed are those servants.

These verses easily connect to the moedim of the Feast of Passover. The feast of Passover is the feast of fleeing and the 'night of watches.'

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 12:39 "And know this, that if the master of the house **had known what hour** the thief comes, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

Luk 12:40 “And you, then, be ready, for the Son of Adam is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Luk 12:41 And Kēpha said to Him, “Master, do You speak this parable to us, or also to all?”

Luk 12:42 And the Master said, “Who then is the trustworthy and wise manager, whom his master shall appoint over his household, to give the portion of food in due season?”

Luk 12:43 “Blessed is that servant whom his master shall find so doing when he comes.

Luk 12:44 **“Truly, I say to you that he shall appoint him over all his possessions.**

Luk 12:45 “But if that servant says in his heart, ‘My master is delaying his coming,’ and begins to beat the male servants and female servants, and to eat and drink and be drunk,

Luk 12:46 the master of that servant shall come on a day when he does not expect him, and at an hour that he does not know, and shall cut him in two and appoint his portion with the unbelievers.

Luk 12:47 “And that servant who knew his master’s desire, and did not prepare, nor did according to his desire, shall be beaten with many *stripes*.

Luk 12:48 “But he who did not know, yet did what deserved flogging, shall be beaten with few. **And everyone to whom much is given, from him much shall be demanded. And to whom much has been entrusted, from him much more shall be asked.**

You Must Be Ready – In the military, soldiers are trained to be ever-ready. When they hear the call, they are prepared with their uniforms, boots, back-packs, and weapons at their side. They muster quickly into formation for further instructions and actions. Their mind has been trained, ‘one for all and all for one’; they are one unit. They function automatically by ‘muscle memory’. They have been so immersed into preparation for battle that their engraved skills become their reflexes.

Yahusha is teaching the importance of being prepared. Time is short, not to create a panic or fear, but to encourage personal preparedness; and for each to be about preparing the way for His second coming as King of kings.

### **Not Peace, but Division**

Not Peace but Division –

Luk 12:49 “I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

Luk 12:50 **“But I have an immersion to be immersed with, and how distressed I am until it is accomplished!**

Luk 12:51 “Do you think that I came to give peace on earth? I say to you, no, but rather division.

Luk 12:52 “For from now on five in one house shall be divided, three against two, and two against three –

Luk 12:53 father shall be divided against son, and **son against father**, mother against daughter, and **daughter against mother**, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and **daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.”** Mic 7:6.

### Interpreting the Time

Luk 12:54 And He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, ‘A storm is coming,’ and so it is.

Luk 12:55 “And when you see the south wind blow, you say, ‘There shall be hot weather,’ and it is.

Luk 12:56 “Hypocrites! You know to discern the face of the heaven and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?

Interpreting the Time – Yahusha admonishes us to discern the time. We can get caught up with discerning the weather for approaching storms yet neglect interpreting the time of the end-time approaching storm!

### Settle with Your Accuser

Luk 12:57 “And why, also, do you not judge for yourselves what is right?

Luk 12:58 “For, as you go with your opponent to a ruler, try hard along the way to settle with him, lest he drag you to the judge, and the judge deliver you to the officer, and the officer throw you into prison.

Luk 12:59 “I say to you, you shall certainly not leave there until you have paid even the last mite.”

Settle with Your Accusers - As His kingdom of priests, we walk in His Covenant right-rulings which we glean from His Word. Wisdom is to try hard to judge and settle disputes among brethren and not go before a ‘ruler’ and a ‘judge’ of this world; that can wage fines and throw into the pit of prison.

In our day, many of the seats of justice have become politicized or unjust by their activist beliefs. Believers in Yahusha should do everything possible to resolve disputes among brethren; and avoid an appearance before court systems ruled by man-made laws devoid of Covenant kingdom laws and right rulings.

*Hating Good and Loving Evil*

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