

Greetings, today our manna is from Numbers 2; Psalm 36; Ecc. 12; Philemon 1.

April 25 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Numbers 2

Notice as we proceed through Numbers and eventually Deuteronomy, that YHWH not only speaks to Aaron since his ordination and consecration as high priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; but continues to speak to Moses of the Melchizedek Priesthood. These two priesthods now run parallel since the sin of the golden calf. The Melchizedek Priesthood will run in a denigrated position but will remain very active; until Yahusha HaMashiach, THE Melchizedek from the tribe of Judah, restores His priesthood to the reigning position forever and without end.

The Melchizedek Priesthood predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This is important to keep in mind because Aaron was once under the Melchizedek order along with Moses as they worked in tandem with YHWH. They served YHWH in leading the people out of Egypt to Mount Sinai; they witnessed YHWH's presence by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night; they were both present with the people as YHWH descending on the Mount with fire, thunder, and smoke; they both were present when YHWH proposed His Book of the Covenant (Ex. 19:4-6), the marriage ketubah; when they and all the people accepted (Ex. 19:8; Ex. 24:3); when Moses did the blood ratification (Ex. 24:6-7); and most importantly when Moses, Aaron, and Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, along with the 70 elders had the Covenant confirming meal with YHWH (Ex. 24:9-11)! By listening to His voice and obeying His Covenant, they were on their way to being a kingdom of priests; a holy nation; a set-apart people for Him and with Him.

Sadly, the breaking of the Covenant, comes when Aaron lets the people loose to worship and sin with the golden calf. At that point, when the people and Aaron are confronted with such a great sin; the repentant tribe of Levi steps forward to serve YHWH; 3,000 die because of that sin; and Aaron is eventually designated as high priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This priesthood would implement the Tabernacle system and the added Book of the Law, the tutor, UNTIL Yahusha would come. This whole Tabernacle system told of a great parable (Heb. 9:9). It was a foreshadow of what Yahusha HaMashiach, YHWH in Son, would fulfill. Regretfully, many still don't understand the purpose of this 3-dimensional living parable.

It is important to get the big picture now, of how these two priesthoods ended up running parallel. YHWH's perfect will was for all His people to function as a kingdom of priests under the Melchizedek Priesthood. That all changed after the people broke the Covenant with the sin of the golden calf. What follows is YHWH's permissive will, to spare the people's very lives, that allowed them to be a nation with a priest under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood until Yahusha would come.

This means that Yahusha would be born, under the law, **the Book of the Law**, that was limping at that time under the corrupted Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. Yahusha obeyed every jot and tittle to fulfill the Book of the Law requirements and to once again elevate the Melchizedek Priestly and Kingly order.

Let's pause and recall some key points to this priesthood transference we discussed before:

1. Yahusha comes to be mikvah'd by John the Immerser [the true High Priest of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood] functioning out in the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple system.
2. John the Immerser was hesitant at first to mikvah Yahusha, knowing He was greater; but John then understands Yahusha's request was to fulfill the priestly transference process under the Book of the Law.
3. Caiaphas puts Yahusha under oath to determine if He was the Son of Elohim; and therefore, Yahusha himself verbalizes who He is, so as not to violate the Book of the Law.
4. The 'installed' High Priest, Caiaphas, accuses Yahusha of blasphemy, though Yahusha told the truth. Caiaphas then tears his high priestly robe thus disqualifying himself to serve as high priest.
5. At this point, with the Book of the Law transference legalities being fulfilled between, the true reigning high priest, **John the Immerser**; and **Yahusha HaMashiach**, who was born King and completed His priestly mikvah transference; He would then be in position to officiate over His own crucifixion!
6. Yahusha functioned in dual capacity as not only King and Priest of the Melchizedek Order; but also, as the sacrificial offering, the perfect Lamb of Elohim!!!
7. In the process, He not only redeems mankind, but He also redeems the land and all creation!
8. He fulfilled all the prophecies ever spoken of His first coming, inclusive of the fact that they cast lots for his seamless woven priestly garment. If the soldiers would have torn his priestly garment; he would have been disqualified.
9. All the priestly offerings and the typology of the Tabernacle system were wrapped in Yahusha HaMashiach.
10. Yahusha was the tent made without hands. Yahusha came in the 'likeness' of flesh from heaven! Yahusha, was 100% YHWH in Son!
11. He was born King and presently reigns.
12. He is seated at the right hand of YHWH. YHWH sits at the right hand of YHWH; for they are one, echad.
13. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order.
14. He offered His precious blood to make full atonement once and for all on the heavenly altar!
15. He has once again proposed to His Bride. (John 3:16)
16. For those that accept His New Covenant proposal, they become His kingdom of priests of

every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. They become his set-apart people; His holy nation.

17. Now, we stay in Covenant with Him; we continue to mature in the sanctification process, as we keep His prophetic moedim. These are our wedding rehearsals with our Groom who is soon to return! Praise Yah!

Num 2:1 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh and to Aharon, saying,

Num 2:2 “The children of Yisra’ël are to camp, each one by his own banner, beside the sign of his father’s house. Let them camp around the Tent of Appointment at a distance.”

In Numbers 2, we have the tribes encamped around the Tent of Appointment. There are three groupings of tribes: East, South, West, and North.

The lead banner of the East Camps was Yehuda totaling 186,400: Depart 1st

The lead banner of the South Camps was Reuben totaling 151,450: Depart 2nd

The lead banner of the West Camps was Ephrayim totaling 108,100: Depart 3rd

The lead banner of the North Camps was Dan totaling 157,600: Departs Last

Total: 603,550

Arrangement of the Camp

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Num 2:3 And on **the east side**, towards sunrise: those of **the banner of the camp of Yehudah** camp according to their divisions. And the leader of the children of Yehudah: Nahshon, son of Amminadab.

Num 2:4 And his army with their registered ones: seventy-four thousand six hundred.

Num 2:5 And those camping next to him is the **tribe of Yissaskar**, and the leader of the children of Yissaskar: Nathan’ël, son of Tsu’ar.

Num 2:6 And his army with its registered ones: fifty-four thousand four hundred.

Num 2:7 Then the **tribe of Zebulun**, and the leader of the children of Zebulun: Eliyab, son of Hëlon.

Num 2:8 And his army with its registered ones: fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

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.

Num 2:10 **On the south side**: **the banner of the camp of Re’ubën** according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Re’ubën: Elitsur, son of Shedëy’ur.

Num 2:11 And his army with its registered ones: forty-six thousand five hundred.

Num 2:12 And those who camp next to him: **the tribe of Shim’on**, and the leader of the

children of Shim'on: Shelumi'ěl, son of Tsurishaddai.

Num 2:13 And his army with their registered ones: fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

Num 2:14 Then the tribe of Gaḏ, and the leader of the children of Gaḏ: Elyasaph, son of Re'u'ěl.^a **Footnote: ^aSee Explanatory Notes: De'u'ěl.**

Num 2:15 And his army with their registered ones: forty-five thousand six hundred and fifty.

Num 2:16 All the registered ones of the camp of Re'uḇēn, according to their divisions: one hundred and fifty-one thousand four hundred and fifty. And they are the second to depart.

Num 2:17 And the Tent of Appointment, the camp of the Lēwites, shall move out in the middle of the camps. As they camp, so they move out, everyone in his place, by their banners.

Num 2:18 **On the west side:** the banner of the camp of Ephrayim according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Ephrayim: Elishama, son of Ammiḥuḏ.

Num 2:19 And his army with their registered ones: forty thousand five hundred.

Num 2:20 And next to him the tribe of Menashsheh, and the leader of the children of Menashsheh: Gamli'ěl, son of Peḏahtsur.

Num 2:21 And his army with their registered ones: thirty-two thousand two hundred.

Num 2:22 Then the tribe of Binyamin, and the leader of the children of Binyamin: Abiḏan, son of Giḏ'oni.

Num 2:23 And his army with their registered ones: thirty-five thousand four hundred.

Num 2:24 All the registered ones of the camp of Ephrayim, according to their divisions: one hundred and eight thousand one hundred. And they are the third to depart.

Num 2:25 **On the north side:** the banner of the camp of Dan, according to their divisions, and the leader of the children of Dan: Aḥi'ezer, son of Ammishaddai.

Num 2:26 And his army with their registered ones: sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

Num 2:27 And those who camp next to him: the tribe of Ashĕr, and the leader of the children of Ashĕr: Paḡ'i'ěl, son of Oḡran.

Num 2:28 And his army with their registered ones: forty-one thousand five hundred.

Num 2:29 Then the tribe of Naphtali, and the leader of the children of Naphtali: Aḥira, son of Ēnan.

Num 2:30 And his army with their registered ones: fifty-three thousand four hundred.

Num 2:31 All the registered ones of the camp of Dan: one hundred and fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They depart last, with their banners.

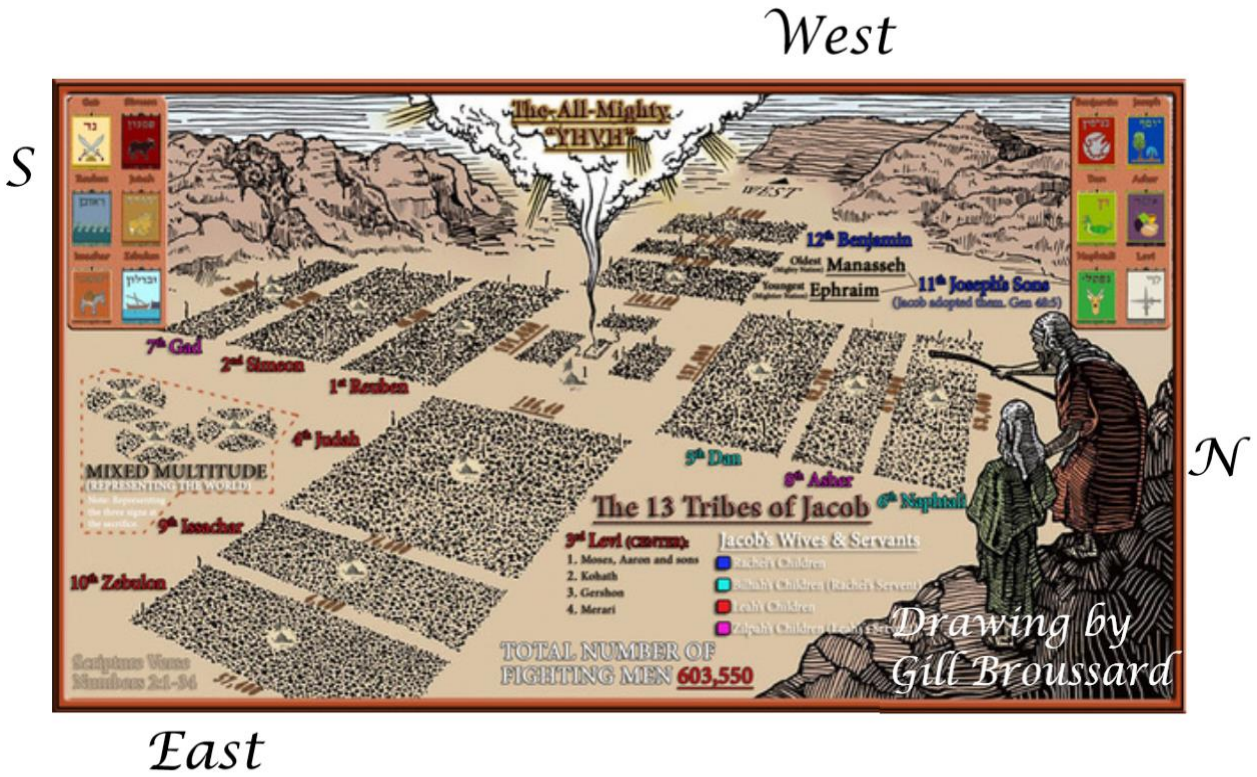
Num 2:32 These were registered ones of the children of Yisra'ěl by their fathers' houses. All who were registered according to their divisions of the camps: six hundred and three thousand five hundred and fifty.

Num 2:33 But the Lēwites were not registered among the children of Yisra'ěl, as יהוה¹ commanded Mosheh.

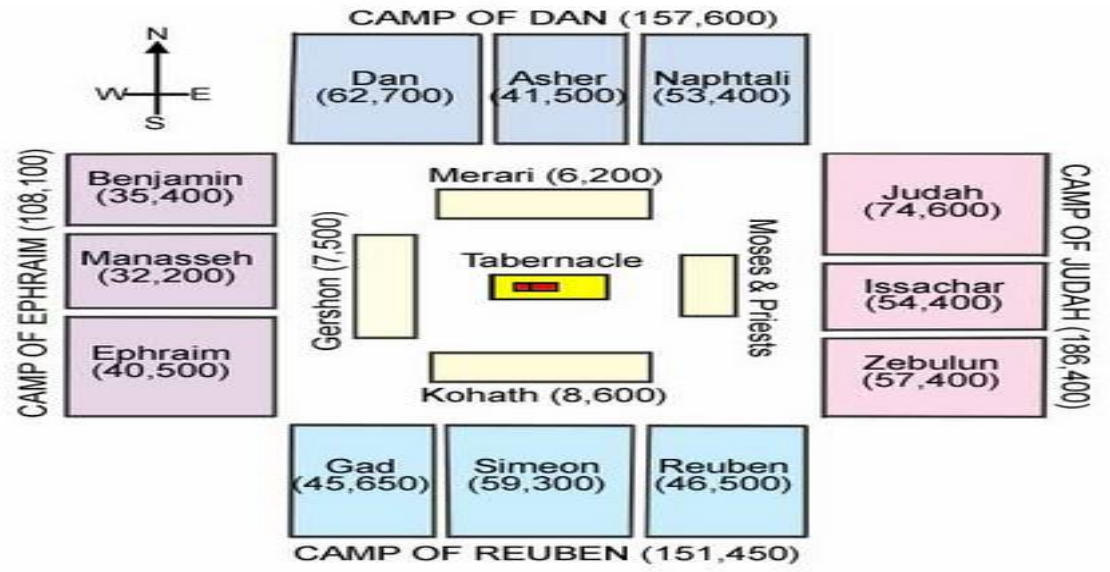
Num 2:34 And the children of Yisra'ěl did according to all that יהוה¹ commanded Mosheh. So they camped by their banners and so they departed, each one by his clan,

according to their fathers' houses.

Possible Wilderness Encampment Formations:



Yahweh's Presence in the Midst of His People (Numbers 2:1-3:39)



Arrangement of the Camp of Israel Numbers 2:1-3:39

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Psalm 36

Pro 1:7 The fear of יהוה is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and discipline.

How Precious Is Your Steadfast Love

Psa 36:1 Transgression speaks to the wrong within his heart; **Fear of Elohim is not before his eyes.**

Psa 36:2 For he flatters himself in his own eyes, To find his crookedness to be hated.

Psa 36:3 The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit; He has ceased to be wise, to do good.

Psa 36:4 He plots wickedness on his bed; He sets himself in a way that is not good; He does not despise evil.

Psa 36:5 O יהוה, Your loving-commitment is in the heavens, And Your trustworthiness reaches to the clouds.

Psa 36:6 Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; Your right-rulings are a great deep; O יהוה, You save man and beast.

Psa 36:7 How precious is Your loving-commitment, O Elohim! **And the sons of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings.**

Psa 36:8 They are filled from the fatness of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.

Psa 36:9 **For with You is the fountain of life;** In Your light we see light.

Psa 36:10 Draw out Your loving-commitment to those who know You, And Your righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psa 36:11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, And the hand of the wrong drive me away.

Psa 36:12 There the workers of wickedness have fallen; They have been overthrown And have been unable to rise.

Ecclesiastes 12

Ecclesiastes 12 closes with great wisdom. Life begins with what seems like a joyful bliss of lack of knowledge; then wisdom and understanding of this life comes. Hopefully, knowledge of YHWH comes before life's trials and tribulations, so that the foundation of one's life is built upon the Rock of salvation, instead of sinking sand.

Remember Your Creator in Your Youth

Ecc 12:1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them":

Ecc 12:2 Before the sun and the light, the moon and the stars, are darkened, and the clouds return after the rain;

Ecc 12:3 in the day when the guards of the house tremble, and the strong men shall bow down; when the grinders shall cease because they are few, and those that look through the windows shall become dim;

Ecc 12:4 and the doors shall be shut in the streets, and the sound of grinding is low; and one rises up at the sound of a bird, and all the daughters of song are bowed down;

Ecc 12:5 furthermore, they are afraid of what is high, and of low places in the way; and the almond tree blossoms, and the grasshopper becomes a burden, and desire perishes. For man is going to his everlasting home, and the mourners shall go about the streets.

Ecc 12:6 *Remember Him* before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the jar shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well,

Ecc 12:7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to Elohim who gave it.

Ecc 12:8 “Futility! Futility!” said the Qoheleth, “All is futile.”

Fear YHWH and Keep His Commandments

Ecc 12:9 And besides being wise, Qoheleth also taught the people knowledge, and he listened and sought out – set in order many proverbs.

Ecc 12:10 Qoheleth sought to find out words of delight, and words of truth, rightly written.

Ecc 12:11 The words of the wise are like goads, and as nails driven by the masters of collections – they were given by one Shepherd.

Ecc 12:12 And besides these, my son, be warned – the making of many books has no end, and much study is a wearying of the flesh.

Ecc 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the entire matter: Fear Elohim and guard His commands, for this *applies to* all mankind!

Ecc 12:14 For Elohim shall bring every work into right-ruling, including all that is hidden, whether good or whether evil.

Joh 16:28 [“I came forth from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father.”](#)

Joh 16:29 His taught ones said to Him, [“See, now You are speaking plainly, and not using figure of speech!](#)

Joh 16:30 [“Now we know that You know all, and have no need that anyone should question You. By this we believe that You came forth from Elohim.”](#)

Joh 16:31 יהושע answered them, [“Do you now believe?](#)

Joh 16:32 [“See, an hour is coming, and has now come, that you are scattered, each to his own, and leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, because the Father is with Me.](#)

Joh 16:33 [“These words I have spoken to you, that in Me you might have peace. In the world you have pressure, but take courage, I have overcome the world.”](#)

Philemon 1

Paul writes to Philemon, one of his converts and brethren in the faith, to encourage reconciliation between him and Onesimos, Philemon's run-away slave. Whatever compelled Onesimos to flee is unclear. Onesimos flees to the one he felt would give him the most compassionate understanding - Paul. Paul was under Roman house arrest at this time, and through Paul; Onesimos comes to the saving knowledge of Yahusha. His grateful heart serves Paul with great zeal and joy.

Through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh, Onesimos becomes a new creation. He sees hope where he thought there was no hope. He sees life where, for a time, he possibly saw death or punishment. He has been given a new beginning at life! This opportunity comes to him through another forgiven sinner, Paul; who had not forgotten the forgiveness he too had received!

Philemon is reminded by Paul of the same. He too had been born anew, through the Ruach HaKodesh, working in and through Paul. Philemon also was a forgiven sinner saved by grace through faith. We should offer and receive others likewise in the faith.

We should always remember that Yahusha died for us while we were yet sinners!

Rom 5:6 For when we were still weak, Messiah in due time died for the wicked.

Rom 5:7 For one shall hardly die for a righteous one, though possibly for a good one someone would even have the courage to die.

Rom 5:8 But Elohim proves His own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Messiah died for us.

Onesimos was a slave, a run-away slave, that showed up on Paul's 'doorstep.' Onesimos was in the lower echelon of society but in Yahusha, everything changed; in Him there is no partiality.

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of Elohim through belief in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were immersed into Messiah have put on Messiah.

Gal 3:28 There is not Yehudi nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah יהושע.

Gal 3:29 And if you are of Messiah, then you are seed of Abraham, and heirs according to promise.

The letter that Paul wrote to Philemon, was a letter **to set-up all involved with success!** It brought out that such a reconciliation, could serve as a **powerful witness and testimony as to what YHWH can do in and through our lives.** Such compassionate acts are not forgotten by YHWH.

Again, Paul speaks lovingly of all those in the faith. The living stones of the **one new man** were being brought together; all under the Melchizedek High Priest, Yahusha HaMashiach. Paul was willing to pay Philemon any 'wrongful debt' owed by Onesimos; just like Yahusha paid our 'sin debt' in full!

Greeting

Phm 1:1 Sha'ul, a prisoner of Messiah יהושע, and Timotiyos the brother, to Pileymon our beloved one and fellow worker,

Phm 1:2 and Apphia our sister, and Archippos our fellow soldier, and the assembly at your house:

Phm 1:3 Favour to you and peace from Elohim our Father and the Master יהושע Messiah.

Philemon's Love and Faith

Phm 1:4 I always thank my Elohim when I mention you in my prayers,

Phm 1:5 hearing of your love and the belief which you have toward the Master יהושע and toward all the set-apart ones,

Phm 1:6 so that the sharing of your belief might become working in the knowledge of all the good which is in you toward Messiah יהושע.

Phm 1:7 For we have much joy and encouragement in your love, because the tender affections of the set-apart ones have been refreshed by you, brother.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

Phm 1:8 Therefore, although I have much boldness in Messiah to command you what is fitting,

Phm 1:9 because of love, I rather appeal – being such a one as Sha'ul, the aged, and now also a prisoner of יהושע Messiah –

Phm 1:10 I appeal to you for my child Onesimos, whom I brought forth while in my chains,

Phm 1:11 who formerly was of no use to you, but now is of good use to you and to me,

Phm 1:12 whom I sent back to you, and receive him, that is, my own tender affections,

Phm 1:13 whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might serve me in my chains for the Good News.

Phm 1:14 But without your opinion I wished to do none at all, so that your good deed should not be by way of necessity, but voluntary.

Phm 1:15 For he parted *from you* for a while, possibly because of this, so that you

might have him back forever,

Phm 1:16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother, especially to me, and how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Master.

Phm 1:17 **So, if you regard me as your partner, receive him as you would me.**

Phm 1:18 But if he has wronged you or owes you whatever, put that on my account.

Phm 1:19 I, Sha'ul, wrote with my own hand. I shall repay – not to mention to you that you indeed owe yourself to me also.

Phm 1:20 Yes, brother, let me derive pleasure from you in the Master, refresh my tender affections in the Master.

Phm 1:21 Trusting in your obedience, I wrote to you, knowing that you shall do even more than I say.

Phm 1:22 And at the same time also prepare a place for me to stay, for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

Final Greetings

Phm 1:23 Epaphras, fellow prisoner of me in Messiah יהושע, greets you,

Phm 1:24 *and* Marqos, Aristarchos, Demas, Luqas, my fellow workers.

Phm 1:25 The favour of our Master יהושע Messiah be with your spirit. Amēn.

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