Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 13 Romans 11; Jeremiah 50; Psalms 28 & 29.

August 21 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Sam. 13

Saul Fights the Philistines

1Sa 13:1 Sha'ul was ... years old when he began to reign. And when he had reigned two years over Yisra'ěl,

1Sa 13:2 Sha'ul chose for himself <u>three thousand men of Yisra'ěl</u>. And <u>two</u> <u>thousand</u> were with Sha'ul in Mikmash and in the mountains of Běyth Ěl, and <u>a</u> <u>thousand</u> were with Yonathan in Gib'ah of Binyamin. And the rest of the people he sent away, each to his tent.

1Sa 13:3 And Yonathan struck the watch-post of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it. And Sha'ul blew with the shophar^a throughout all the land, saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" Footnote: ^aAn animal horn. Traditionally a ram's horn.

Apparently, this is Jonathan, Saul's son who is identified in 1Sam. 13:16.

1Sa 13:4 And all Yisra'ěl heard the news that Sha'ul had stricken a watch-post of the Philistines, and also that Yisra'ěl had become a stench to the Philistines. **And the people were summoned to Sha'ul at Gilgal.**

1Sa 13:5 And the Philistines gathered to fight Yisra'el,

- thirty thousand chariots and
- six thousand horsemen, and
- people as numerous as the sand on the seashore.
- And they came up and encamped in Mikmash, east of Beyth Awen.

The men of Israel feared for the odds against the Philistines were great. Some hid and others passed over the Jordan to Gad and Gilad.

1Sa 13:6 And the men of Yisra'ěl saw that they were in trouble, for the people were distressed, and the people hid in caves, and in thorny bushes, and in rocks, and in holes, and in pits.

1Sa 13:7 And *some* Hebrews passed over the Yarděn to the land of Gad and Gil'ad. But Sha'ul was still in Gilgal, and all the people followed him, trembling.

Saul's Unlawful Sacrifice

- 1Sa 13:8 And he waited for seven days, according to the appointment with Shemu'ël. But Shemu'ël did not come to Gilgal, and the people were scattered from him.
- 1Sa 13:9 And Sha'ul said, "Bring an ascending offering and peace offerings here to me." And he offered the ascending offering.
- 1Sa 13:10 And it came to be, as he had finished offering the ascending offering, look, Shemu'ěl came. And Sha'ul went out to meet him, to bless him.

Saul becomes impatient waiting on Samuel and makes a grave decision of making ascending and peace offerings by himself to YHWH. Samuel tells Saul the consequences to his actions.

YHWH's timing is perfect. Waiting on YHWH is not always easy; but it is important that we do not act in our flesh by running ahead of Him; nor lag behind. Saul acted in his flesh with his carnal thinking.

1Sa 13:11 Then Shemu'el said, "What have you done?"

And Sha'ul said, "Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that you did not come within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered at Mikmash, 1Sa 13:12 so I said, 'The Philistines are going to come down on me at Gilgal, and I have not appeased the face of יהוה.' So I felt compelled, and offered an ascending offering."

1Sa 13:13 And Shemu'ěl said to Sha'ul, <u>"You have been foolish. You have not your Elohim, which He commanded you</u>. For now would have established your reign over Yisra'ěl forever.

1Sa 13:14 <u>"But now, your reign is not going to stand</u>. יהוה shall seek for Himself a man after His own heart, b and יהוה shall command him to be leader over His people, because you have not guarded what יהוה commanded you." Footnote: b Act 13:22.

Act 13:21 "But then they asked for a sovereign, and <u>Elohim gave them Sha'ul</u> the son of Qish, a man of the tribe of Binyamin, for forty years.

Act 13:22 "And having removed him, <u>He raised up for them Dawid as</u> sovereign, to whom also He gave witness and said, 'I have found Dawid the son of Yishai, a man after My own heart, who shall do all My desires.'

Act 13:23 "From this one's seed, according to the promise, Elohim raised up for Yisra'ěl a Savior, יהושע,

1Sa 13:15 And Shemu'ěl arose and went up from Gilgal to Gib'ah of Binyamin. And Sha'ul mustered the people who were present with him, about six hundred men.

1Sa 13:16 And Sha'ul, and Yonathan his son, and the people who were present with them remained in Gib'ah of Binyamin, while the Philistines camped at Mikmash.

1Sa 13:17 And from the camp of the Philistines raiders went out in three companies.

- The one company turned to the way that leads to Ophrah, to the land of Shu'al,
- 1Sa 13:18 and another company turned toward the way of Beyth Horon, and
- <u>another company turned toward the way of the border that overlooks the Valley</u> of Tsebo'im toward the wilderness.

1Sa 13:19 Now <u>no blacksmith could be found in all the land of Yisra'ěl</u>, for the Philistines said, "Lest the Hebrews make swords or spears."

1Sa 13:20 And all Yisra'ěl went down to the Philistines, each one to sharpen his ploughshare, and his mattock, and his axe, and his sickle.

1Sa 13:21 And the charge was a pim for the ploughshares, and the mattocks, and the forks, and the axes, and to set the points of the goads.

There were now only 600 men available to Shaul; none of which had swords or spears except Shaul and his son Jonathan; and there was not a blacksmith to make them. Though with mankind this battle appeared lost before it began; we know that when YHWH is with you all things are possible. Numerous enemies are no challenge for YHWH. Tomorrow, we will see how this all plays out.

1Sa 13:22 And it came to be, on the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people who were with Sha'ul and Yonathan. But they were found with Sha'ul and Yonathan his son.

1Sa 13:23 And the outpost of the Philistines went out to the pass of Mikmash.

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Romans 11

Teaching Commentary [in brown] on Romans 11 by Matthew Nolan

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Who are the people of Yah? Shaul/Paul understood that there was a seamless priestly garment that was a covering for all of Israel. One Messiah, One Covenant, One People. Yahuwah will prune and graft in, but will always be focused on the branches of Israel, rooted in Yahusha.

The Remnant of Israel

Rom 11:1 I say then, has Elohim rejected His people? Let it not be! For I also am of Yisra'ěl, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Binyamin.

Chapter 11. details Israel's current rebellious status and brings to light a related "gentile problem" that was rearing its ugly head in the congregation after the Edict of Claudius had ended, and Jews were returning to Rome to find the synagogue landscape transformed into a gentile/say believing '10 Israel' one; no longer an unregenerate Jewish one.

Some gentiles/Ephraimites were tempted to believe that because most of the Jews had rejected the Gospel, יהוה had rejected them and replaced them with a new people, and a faith not patterned after the Torah.

Paul condemns this thought and in turn brings forth the revelation that was hidden from the Prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 4).

Rom 11:2 Elohim has not rejected His people Psa 94:14 whom He knew beforehand. Or do you not know what the Scripture says of Ěliyahu, how he pleads with Elohim against Yisra'ěl, saying,

Rom 11:3 "יהוה, they have killed Your prophets and overthrown Your slaughter-places, and I alone am left, and they seek my life"? $\frac{1 \text{Ki}}{19:10}$, $\frac{1 \text{Ki}}{19:14}$.

The majority of theologians draw the faulty conclusion that יהוה has abandoned Israel for a new gentile church, abandoned the OT for the NT and abandoned law for grace.

1 Samuel 12:22 For יהוה will not abandon His people on account of His great name, because יהוה has been pleased to make you a people for Himself.

Psalms 94.14 For יהוה will not abandon His people, nor will He forsake His inheritance (Israel YHWH's inheritance – Psalms 78.71, Isaiah 19.25, Jeremiah 10.16).

Amos 3.2 You (Israel) only have I chosen among all the families of the earth, therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

Punishment by pruning the tree almost bare; devoid of branches – branches are often time symbolic of people in scripture.

Rom 11:4 But what does the answer *of Elohim* say to him? "I have left for Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Ba'al." 15:18.

Rom 11:5 So therefore also, at this present time a remnant according to the choice of favor has come to be.

Rom 11:6 And if by favor, it is no longer of works, otherwise favor is no longer favor. And if it is of works, it is no longer favor, otherwise work is no longer work.

V. 6 the adverb 'ouketi' 'no more' and the TNIV! (Today's NIV)

TNIV V. 6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works, if it were, grace would no longer be grace. (i.e. "there was once a time when YHWH's grace could be earned by human action!")

Redemption could never be acquired by human action in the Tanakh. This verse isn't setting up a dichotomy of works and grace, law and grace as is falsely taught. Once there was works but NOW there's grace. 'Ouketi' exposes this false construct immediately.

'Ouketi' 'no more' doesn't mean 'no more' as in it once used to be and now it's 'no more' as in temporarily.

'Ouketi' is a marker of inference in a logical process, like 'NOT'. Paul's communicating that even the remnant in the time of Elijah were the remnant based upon grace 'NOT' works. **Works never made a person inclusive of the redeemed, ever!**

Logical force/Not Vs. temporal force/no more/used to be!

Now the words 'proginosko' 'foreknowledge' and 'eklogē' 'election' can push some of you into wanting to debate Calvinism and Arminianism, the choosing of some individuals for salvation and some for damnation......

..... the context is the corporate election of Israel – the people as a whole.

Foreknowledge is talking about the nation NOT the foreordination of individuals to salvation – a 16th Century construct.

Matthew 18:21 Then came Peter to him, and said, Master how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Yahusha saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

7000 is representative of forgiving one's offender (here יהוה is the offended party and Israel the offender about to be pruned off the tree) but יהוה is willing to forgive Israel up to seventy times seven.

Forgiveness is given to the self-multiplying seed of Jacob/Israel – YHWH's neverending mercy toward His people seeking repentance and restoration with him.

Rom 11:7 What then? Yisra'ěl has not obtained what it seeks, but the chosen did obtain it, and the rest were hardened.

Rom 11:8 As it has been written, "יהוה has given them a spirit of deep sleep, eyes not to see and ears not to hear, unto this day." Deu 29:4, Isa 29:10.

Rom 11:9 Dawid also says, "Let their table become for a snare, and for a trap, and for a stumbling-block and a recompense to them,

Rom 11:10 let their eyes be darkened, not to see, and bow down their back always." Psa_69:22-23.

The remnant isn't Judah: Amos 5:15 it's Joseph alluding to Genesis 45:7 and יהוה is willing to prune the tree bare and burn the branches (Amos 5:6) if it means the restoration and return of all Israel.

Remnant and election theology can't be divorced from the nation and fought out amongst individuals (Calvinism Arminianism).

If Israel exists solely because of YHWH's mercy and kindness to them, then even the remnant can expect to receive that same mercy and kindness in return for repentance.

Ezekiel 16:1 and say, thus says יהוה to Jerusalem: 'Your origin and your birth are from the land of the Canaanite; your father was an Amorite, your mother was a Hittite. As for your birth, on the day you were born your umbilical cord was not cut nor were you washed in water for cleansing. You were never rubbed with salt nor were you swaddled at all. No eye pitied you enough to do any of these things to you out of compassion. Instead you were cast out in the open field, for you were detested on the day you were born.

Hardening isn't an obstacle to Israel, but judgement on Israel.

Gentiles Grafted In

Rom 11:11 I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Let it not be! But by their fall deliverance has come to the nations, to **provoke them to jealousy.**<u>Deu 32:21</u>.

Matthew 10:5 These twelve did Yahusha send forth, having given command to them, saying, 'To the way of the nations go not away, and into a city of the Samaritans go not in, and be going rather unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 15:22 and Io, a woman, a Canaanitess, from those borders having come forth, did call to him, saying, 'Deal kindly with me, Sir—Son of David; my daughter is miserably demonized.' And he did not answer her a word; and his disciples having come to him,

were asking him, saying—'Let her away, because she crieth after us;' (Judah sends Ephraim away) and he answering said, 'I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' And having come, she was bowing to him, saying, 'Sir, help me;' and he answering said, 'It is not good to take the children's bread, and to cast to the little dogs. (It's not to take the children of Israel's bread – the Torah and cast it before the gentiles; they'll stigmatize it) 'And she said, 'Yes, sir, for even the little dogs do eat of the crumbs that are falling from their Masters' table;' then answering, Yahusha said to her, 'O woman, great is thy faith, let it be to thee as thou wilt;' and her daughter was healed from that hour.

The teachings from the Torah may often be wasted on those at home in the nations, it's not good to take it away from the children of Israel unless it's requested by one from the nations by faith and hearing...isn't that the truth!

Ultimately deliverance was meant for Israel, the nation, but they failed to receive it. Individuals did accept it but the majority, including the establishment didn't. Judaism, Messianic Judaism, Christianity are all part of a theological establishment! It's the individuals from their midst the Spirit is drawing into the remnant priesthood.

Rom 11:12 And if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the nations, how much more their completeness!

V. 12 'Pleroma' 'fullness', 'completion.'

Are we talking?

- 1. Qualitative? ... or
- 2. Quantitative?

Quantitative – a full number, a full quota which is the answer to Israel's rebellion and defeat – her full restoration.

'Pleroma' isn't supporting predestination of individuals to salvation. It's not used to describe a set number of the elect, rather a full, large number or the Great Multitude that are numbered from all 12 tribes of Israel fully grafted in from the nations, peoples, tribes and tongues Revelation 7 – the planting of Israel!

Rom 11:13 For I speak to you, the nations, inasmuch as I am an emissary to the nations, I esteem my service,

Rom 11:14 if somehow I might **provoke to jealousy** Deu 32:21 those who are my flesh and save some of them.

Rom 11:15 For if their casting away is the restoration to favor of the world, what is their acceptance but life from the dead?

Rom 11:16 Now if the first-fruit is set-apart, the lump is also. And if the root is set-apart, so are the branches.

The lump is the Numbers 15:18 heave offering. The root is Yahusha Revelation 22.16.

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Romans 11 – Part 2

Do you bear the Root, or is the Root bearing you? What Yahuwah planted one Israel that became two nations through division and eventually both nations were laid bare before all the nations, as branches both natural and unnatural or cultivated and uncultivated were cut off. Regardless of what type of branch we are <u>, if we are not connected to the root of that tree which is Messiah</u>, we wither and die.

Rom 11:17 And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, have been grafted in among them, and came to share the root and fatness of the olive tree,

The origin of grafting in the bible:

Genesis 12:3 and in you shall all the families of the earth be blessed/mingled.

Commentary on Genesis 12.3 by R. Eleazer: "what is the meaning of this verse in Scripture? I have two good shoots to graft onto you: Ruth of Moab and Naamah of Ammon. (b. Yevamot 63.a).

Rabbi Judah (an unregenerate Rabbi commenting on Genesis 12.3) "all grafting that does not take root within three days will not take root."

Rom 11:18 do not boast against the branches. And if you boast, *remember*: you do not bear the root, but the root *bears* you!

Rom 11:19 You shall say then, "The branches were broken off that I might be grafted in."

The Church triumphant has become indistinguishable from the nations – trodden down and soiled within the culture where it lays bare.

is the master Arborist.

Rom 11:20 Good! By unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by belief. Do not be arrogant, but fear.

Rom 11:21 For if Elohim did not spare the natural branches, He might not spare you either.

Rom 11:22 See then the kindness and sharpness of Elohim: on those who fell sharpness, but toward you kindness, if you continue in *His* kindness, otherwise you also

shall be cut off.

Three distinct subgroups at present that are included amongst YHWH's one people Israel – there's only one Israel!

- 1. Enlightened-regenerated Jews a trans-racial grouping of both Regal Negro's and the Fellahin, farmers.
- 2. Dispersed Ephraim-Israel often found mixed within the Anglo-Saxon nations the wild olive branches which have been grafted into the cultivated olive tree.
- 3. Unregenerate Jews both the Negro and the Palestinian fellahin, the natural branches which have been broken off the cultivated olive tree and trampled by Mohammed laid waste to Islam a bare tree unable to produce fruit.

The Ashkenazi are *NOT* natural branches of the olive tree as is commonly taught; but an invasive species from the Caucasian Alder (*Alnus subcordata*) a broken Turkic branch; and the Negro Mohammedan's are but another invasive species; fallen branches from the Black Alder (*Alnus glutinosa*). All originating in the Caspian Hyrcanian forest.

Note: this is an exercise in horticultural analogy and anthropology, don't let the low-minded make this into a Zio-socialist cause celebre.

Rom 11:23 And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, shall be grafted in, for Elohim is able to graft them in again.

Rom 11:24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree, how much more shall these who are the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive tree?

The Mystery of Israel's Salvation

Rom 11:25 For I do not wish you to be ignorant of this secret, brothers, lest you should be wise in your own estimation, that hardening in part has come over Yisra'ěl, until the completeness of the nations^a has come in. Footnote: ^a Gen 48:19.

Beware of the translator's value judgement of V.25.

Is it?

- A) 'a partial hardening has happened to Israel.' Or...
- B) 'hardening has come upon part of Israel.'

"Meros" "part/partial.' Should it be approached as an adverb? (a) or a noun? (b)

a) an adverbial approach is correct because it gets Paul's point across; that he's concerned with the whole lump, *NOT* just a few individuals; or crumbs here and there.

The unified whole (unified by Yahusha) is partially blind; *NOT* that only a part is blind.

Until the fullness of the nations—the melo hagoyim—comes in.

Rom 11:26 And so all Yisra'ěl shall be saved, as it has been written, "The Deliverer shall come out of Tsiyon, and He shall turn away wickedness from Ya'aqob, Rom 11:27 and this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins." Isa_59:20-21.

The tree budded, blossomed and grew into Israel, yes, but it was planted in Genesis 12.3!

Rom 11:28 Truly, as regards the Good News *they are* enemies for your sake, but concerning the choice *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers.

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of Elohim are not to be repented of.

Rom 11:30 For as you also at one time disobeyed Elohim, but now have obtained compassion through their disobedience,

Rom 11:31 so also these have now disobeyed, that through the compassion shown you they also might obtain compassion.

Rom 11:32 For Elohim has shut them all up to disobedience, in order to have compassion on all.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of riches, and wisdom and knowledge of Elohim! How unsearchable His judgments and untraceable His ways!

Rom 11:34 "For who has known the mind of יהוה? Or who has become His counsellor?" lsa 40:13.

Rom 11:35 "Or who first gave to Him, and it shall be given back to him?" Job_35:7, Job_41:11.

Rom 11:36 Because of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all, to whom be esteem forever. Aměn.

Error: an olive tree with natural branches of the Jewish people, a Jewish olive tree. To teach that the olive tree of Romans chapter 11 is Jewish and that the branches that are grafted in are gentiles, is false!

The two olive trees of Zechariah 4. The unsolved mystery contained in Chapter 4 of Zechariah.

Zechariah 4:3 two olive-trees are by it, one on the right of the bowl, and one on its left...what are these? ...V.11 And I answer and say unto him, 'What are these two olive-trees, on the right of the candlestick, and on its left?' And I answer a second time, and say unto him, 'What are the two branches of the olive trees that, by means of the two golden pipes, are emptying out of themselves the oil?' And he speaketh unto me, saying, 'Do you

not know what these are?' And I say, 'No, my lord. 'And he saith, 'These are my two anointed ones, who are standing by the Master of the whole earth.'

Leviticus 7:36 Who's YHWH's anointed one that turned into two – two houses: Which יהוה commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever throughout their generations. The anointing is always over Israel.

The blind leading the blind. Asked what are the these, in regard to the two houses of Israel, most answer, 'I don't know'.

The heavenly vision never having been revealed to him.

The two olive trees are the Two Houses of Israel (Isaiah 8:14, Jeremiah 31:31, Jeremiah 11:16-17), Two Nations (Ezekiel 35:10), Two Chosen Families (Jeremiah 33:24), Two Backslidden Sisters (Ezekiel 23:2-4), Two Olive Branches (Zechariah 4:11-14, Jeremiah 11:16-17), Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28), Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:3-4), Two Lamp Stands (Revelation 11:3),Two Spies from Ephrayim and Judah (Numbers 13:6), Two Congregations (Revelation 1:20).

Jeremiah 11:16 An olive, green, fair, of goodly fruit,' Hath יהום called thy name, At the noise of a great tumult He hath kindled fire against it, And broken have been its thin branches. And יהום of Hosts, who is planting thee, Hath spoken evil concerning thee, For the evil of the house of Israel, and of the house of Judah, That they have done to themselves, To provoke Me to anger, to make perfume to Baal.

In Jeremiah 11 verse 16, יהוה named the olive tree of His planting.

The olive tree consists of all Israel (Ephrayim and Judah). The non-Israelites are strangers dwelling in Israel through the redemptive work of Messiah, they've received a reprieve and a new life in the one olive tree, One New Man!

Branches from both houses were cut off to make room for the strangers to graft in. YHWH discovered evil in both houses and decided to cut off branches from both houses, with great tumult and fire.

After their division into two houses, Yahuwah would further the discipline by cutting off all the branches of both trees via fire.

Yahuwah planted one Israel that became two nations through division and eventually both nations were laid bare before all the nations, as branches both natural and unnatural or cultivated and uncultivated were cut off.

Israel, which since 921 BCE includes two divided houses.

Jeremiah 2:18-21 18 And now why have you taken the road to Egypt, to drink the mayim [waters] of Sihor? Or why do you take the road of Ashshur, to drink the water of the river? 19 Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you: know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing, in that you have forsaken vuvh [YHWH] your Elohim, and that My fear is not in you, says the Master vuvh [YHWH] tzevaoth [of

hosts]. 20 For from old times I have broken your yoke, and cut your cords; and you said, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green eytz [tree] you wandered off, playing the harlot. 21 Yet I had planted you as a noble vine, a fully right zera: how then are you turned into the foreign plant of a strange vine before Me?

In Hebrew today the term 'nokri' literally means a Gentile. The olive tree of Ephraim had become so degenerate, that it took on the ways and customs of the non-Israelite Gentile nations even going so far as erecting a Christmas tree (Jeremiah 10.3).

Ephraim is returning to the one tree, all the while Jewish Israel at the time of this letter was leaving that same tree, broken off from unbelief. (Poor farmers stayed in the land; converting to Islam in the 7th-10th Century, the wealthy merchant class migrated to W. Africa – establishing the Kingdom of Juda – the Regal nomadic Negro – both shoots of true Judah became subjects to Islam one through conversion the other through slaving.

Isaiah 8:14, And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel

Genesis 48:19, the patriarch Israel (Jacob), laid his crossed over right hand on the head of his grandson Ephraim and prophesied "and his seed will become melo hagoyim", or a fullness of gentiles. The zera-seed of Ephraim/Israel will one day become a "fullness of gentiles", or a "multitude of gentiles".

One New Man.

It's always been about One New Man – a restored house of Israel:

Matthew 19:28 the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Luke 2:25 Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

Luke 24:21 But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel.

John 11:50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of Elohim that were scattered abroad.

(Reading the Book of Exodus, it becomes obvious the children of Elohim can be no other than the children of Israel)

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Jeremiah 50 The judgments continue.

Judgment on Babylon

Jer 50:1 The word that יהוה spoke concerning Babel, concerning the land of the Kasdim by Yirmeyahu the prophet.

Jer 50:2 "Declare among the nations, and let it be heard. And lift up a banner, let it be heard, and do not conceal it. Say,

- 'Babel shall be taken,
- Běl shall be put to shame,
- Merodak shall be broken, her images shall be put to shame, her idols shall be broken.'

BDB Definitions:

Bel = "lord"

1) a chief Babylonian deity

Merodach = "thy rebellion"

1) the chief deity of the Babylonians in the time of Nebuchadnezzar

Jer 50:3 For a nation shall come up against her from the north, which shall make her land waste, and none shall dwell in it. They shall flee, they shall go, both man and beast.

Jer 50:4 "In those days and at that time," declares יהוה, "the children of Yisra'ěl shall come, they and the children of Yehudah together, weeping as they come, and seek refire Elohim.

Jer 50:5 "They shall ask the way to Tsiyon, their faces toward it, 'Come and let us join ourselves to יהוה, in an everlasting covenant, never to be forgotten.'

Jer 50:6 "My people have been wandering^a sheep. Their shepherds have led them astray, turning them away on the mountains. They have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. Footnote: ^aOr lost, or straying, or perishing. Jer 50:7 "All who found them have devoured them. And their adversaries have said, 'We are not guilty, because they have sinned against יהוה, the Home of righteousness, and the Expectation of their fathers:

Jer 50:8 <u>"Flee from the midst of Babel, come outb</u> of the land of the Kasdim. And be as rams before a flock. Footnote: bSee Rev 18:4.

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.^a Footnote: ^a <u>Jer 51:6</u>, <u>Jer 51:9</u>, <u>Jer 51:45</u>. Also see <u>Jer 50:8</u>, <u>Jer 50:13</u>, Jer 50:28.

Jer 50:9 "For look, I am stirring up and bringing up against Babel an assembly of great nations from a land of the north, and they shall array themselves against her. From there she shall be captured – their arrows are like those of a mighty skilled man, not returning empty-handed.

Jer 50:10 "And Chaldea shall become plunder, all who plunder her shall satisfy themselves," declares יהוה.

YHWH's Pronouncement Through Jeremiah

- Jer 50:11 "Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, <u>you who plunder My inheritance</u>, because you have grown fat like a heifer threshing grain, and you neigh like stallions.
- Jer 50:12 your mother shall be greatly ashamed. She who bore you shall be humiliated. Look, the last of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land and a desert.
- Jer 50:13 "Because of the wrath of יהוה she shall not be inhabited,
- but she shall be deserted all of it. Everyone passing by Babel shall be astonished and whistle at all her plagues.

Zep 2:15 This is the exultant city that is dwelling in safety, that said in her heart, "I am it, and there is none but me." How has she become a waste, a place for beasts to lie down! Everyone who passes by her whistles and shakes his fist.

Jer 50:14 "Set yourselves in array against Babel all around, all you who bend the bow. Shoot at her, spare no arrows, for she has sinned against."

Jer 50:15 "Shout against her all around. She has given her hand, her foundations have fallen, her walls are thrown down, for it is the vengeance of יהוה. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, so do to her.

Jer 50:16 "Cut off the sower from Babel, and him who handles the sickle at harvest time. From before the sword of the oppressor each one turns to his own people, and each one flees to his own land.

Jer 50:17 "Yisra'ěl is a scattered sheep, the lions have driven him away.

- First the sovereign of Ashshur devoured him, and now, at last,
- this Nebukadretstsar sovereign of Babel has broken his bones."

Jer 50:18 Therefore thus said יהוה of hosts, the Elohim of Yisra'ěl,

• "See, I am punishing the sovereign of Babel and his land, as I have punished the sovereign of Ashshur.

 Jer 50:19 "And I shall bring back Yisra'el to his pasture, and he shall feed on Karmel and Bashan. And his being shall be satisfied on Mount Ephrayim and Gil'ad.

Jer 50:20 "In those days and at that time," declares יהוה,

- "the crookedness of Yisra'ěl shall be searched for, but there shall be none;
- and the sin of Yehudah, but none shall be found.
- For I shall pardon those whom I leave as a remnant.

Jer 50:21 "Go up against the land of Merathayim, against it, and against the inhabitants of Peqod. Slay and put them under the ban," declares יהוה, "and do according to all that I have commanded you.

Jer 50:22 "There is a sound of battle in the land, and of great destruction.

Jer 50:23 "How the hammer of all the earth has been cut off and broken! How Babel has become a ruin among the nations!

Jer 50:24 "I have laid a snare for you, and you were captured, O Babel, and you yourself did not know! You have been found and also caught, because you strove against יהוה."

YHWH has and will once again open His armory!

Jer 50:25 יהוה has opened His armory, and has brought out the weapons of His displeasure, for the Master Elohim of hosts has a work to do in the land of the Kasdim.

Rev 18:8 "Because of this her plagues shall come in one day: death and mourning and scarcity of food. And she shall be burned up with fire, because יהוה Elohim who judges her is mighty.

Jer 50:26 Come against her from every quarter, open her storehouses, pile her up as heaps of ruins, and put her under the ban. Let her have no remnant.

Jer 50:27 Slay all her bulls, let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their punishment.

Jer 50:28 Listen! They flee and escape from the land of Babel, to declare in Tsiyon the vengeance of His Hěkal.

Jer 50:29 "Summon archers against Babel. All you who bend the bow, encamp against it all around, let no one escape. Repay her according to her work, do to her according to all she has done. For she has been proud against he against the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl.

Jer 50:30 "Therefore her young men shall fall in the streets, and all her men of battle shall perish in that day," declares יהוה.

Jer 50:31 "See, I am against you, O proud one!" declares the Master יהוה of hosts, "for your day has come, the time for your punishment.

Jer 50:32 "And the proud one shall stumble, and he shall fall, with no one to raise him up. And I shall kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all around him."

Jer 50:33 Thus said יהוה of hosts,

- "The children of Yisra'ěl were oppressed,
- along with the children of Yehudah.
- And all who took them captive have held them fast, they refused to let them go.
- Jer 50:34 "Their Redeemer is strong, יהוה of hosts is His Name.
- He shall strongly plead their case, so as to give rest to the land, but unrest to the inhabitants of Babel.
- Jer 50:35 "A sword is upon the Kasdim," declares יהוה, "and it is upon the inhabitants of Babel, and upon her heads and upon her wise men.
- Jer 50:36 "A sword is upon the liars, and they shall be fools. A sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be broken down.
- Jer 50:37 "A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mixed peoples who are in her midst, **and they shall become like women**. A sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be plundered.
- Jer 50:38 "A sword is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up.
- For it is a land of carved images, and they boast about their idols.
- Jer 50:39 "Therefore the wild desert beasts shall dwell with the jackals, and the ostriches dwell in it. And it shall never again be inhabited, nor dwelt in, unto all generations.

Jer 50:40 "As Elohim overthrew Sedom and Amorah and their neighboring cities," declares יהוה, "so no one would dwell there, nor would son of man sojourn in it.

- Jer 50:41 "See, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation and many sovereigns stirred up from the ends of the earth.
- Jer 50:42 "They strengthen *their* bow and spear, they are cruel and they show no compassion.
- They sound like the roaring sea, and ride on horses, set in array, like a man for the battle, against you, O daughter of Babel.
- Jer 50:43 "The sovereign of Babel has heard the report about them, and his hands became weak. Distress has taken hold of him, pain like that of a woman in labor.

Jer 50:44 "See, he comes up like a lion from the Yarděn jungle, against the enduring pasture. But in an instant I shall make them run away from her. And who is the Chosen One whom I appoint against her? For who is like Me? Who summons Me? And who is that Shepherd who stands before Me?"

Jer 50:45 Therefore hear the counsel of יהוה which He has counselled concerning Babel, and His purposes He has purposed concerning the land of the Kasdim: the least of the flock shall drag them away! He shall make their pasture a waste before them!

Jer 50:46 At the sound of Babel's capture the earth shall be shaken, and the outcry shall be heard among the nations.

Obviously, Jeremiah 50 & 51 spoke to the fall of Babylon that had conquered and exiled Judah. However, the prophecies in these chapters also speak to the end-time fall of mystery Babylon written of in Revelation 18.

The Fall of Babylon

Rev 18:1 And after this I saw another messenger coming down from the heaven, having great authority, and the earth was lightened from his esteem.

Rev 18:2 And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, "Babel the great is fallen, is fallen, lsa 21:9 and has become a dwelling place of demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, and a haunt for every unclean and hated bird.

Rev 18:3 because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her whoring, and the sovereigns of the earth have committed whoring with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the power of her riotous living."

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.^a Footnote: ^a <u>Jer_51:6</u>, <u>Jer_51:9</u>, <u>Jer_51:45</u>. Also see Jer_50:8, Jer_50:13, Jer_50:28.

Rev 18:5 "Because her sins have piled up to reach the heaven, and Elohim has remembered her unrighteousnesses.

Rev 18:6 "Render to her as she indeed did render, and repay her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix for her double.

Rev 18:7 "As much as she esteemed herself and lived riotously, so much torture and grief give to her, because in her heart she says, 'I sit as sovereigness, and I am not a widow, and I do not see mourning at all'

Rev 18:8 "Because of this her plagues shall come in one day: death and mourning and scarcity of food. And she shall be burned up with fire, because יהוה Elohim who judges her is mighty.

Rev 18:9 "And the sovereigns of the earth who committed whoring and lived riotously with her shall weep and mourn over her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 standing at a distance for fear of her torture, saying, 'Woe! Woe, the great city Babel, the mighty city, because your judgment has come in one hour!'

Rev 18:11 "And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, because no one buys their merchandise any more –

Rev 18:12 merchandise of gold and silver, and precious stone and pearls, and fine linen and purple, and silk and scarlet, and all citron wood, and every object of ivory, and every object of most precious wood and bronze and iron and marble.

Rev 18:13 and cinnamon and incense, and fragrant oil and frankincense, and wine and oil, and fine flour and wheat, and cattle and sheep, and horses and carriages, and bodies and lives of men.

Rev 18:14 "And the fruit that your being longed for has gone from you. And all your riches and splendour are lost to you, and you shall find them no more, not at all.

Rev 18:15 "The merchants of these, those who became rich by her, shall stand at a distance for fear of her torture, weeping and mourning,

Rev 18:16 and saying, 'Woe! Woe, the great city that was dressed in fine linen and purple and scarlet,

and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls!

Rev 18:17 For in one hour such great riches was laid waste.' And every shipmaster, and every passenger, and sailors, and as many as work the sea *for their living*, stood at a distance,

Rev 18:18 and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?'

Rev 18:19 "And they threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and mourning, and saying, 'Woe! Woe, the great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she was laid waste.'

Rev 18:20 "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you set-apart emissaries and prophets, for Elohim has completely avenged you on her!"

Rev 18:21 And one mighty messenger picked up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "With such a rush the great city Babel shall be thrown down, and shall not be found any more at all.

Rev 18:22 "And the sound of harpists, and musicians, and flautists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you any more at all. And no craftsman of any trade shall be found in you any more at all. And the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you any more at all.

Rev 18:23 "And the light of a lamp shall not shine in you any more at all. And the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you any more at all. For your merchants were the great ones of the earth, for by your drug sorcery all the nations were led astray.

Rev 18:24 "And in her was found the blood of prophets and set-apart ones, and of all who were slain on the earth."

Psalm 28 & 29

YHWH is worthy of all praise, glory, and reverence. He is Omnipotent; Omniscient; and Omnipresent. Everything responds to His voice and His presence. YHWH is our strength; He is our shield!

YHWH Is My Strength and My Shield

Psa 28:1 I cry to You, O יהוה my Rock: Do not be deaf to me! For if You are silent to me, I shall be like those who go down to the pit.

Psa 28:2 Hear the voice of my prayers when I cry to You, When I lift up my hands Toward Your Set-apart Speaking Place.

Psa 28:3 Do not draw me away with the wrong And with the workers of wickedness, Who speak peace to their neighbours, But evil is in their hearts.

Psa 28:4 Give to them according to their deeds, And according to the evil of their practices; Give to them according to the work of their hands; Bring back to them what they deserve.

Psa 28:5 Because they do not heed the works of **His hands**, He throws them down, And does not build them up.

Psa 28:6 Blessed be יהוה, Because He has heard the voice of my prayers!

Psa 28:7 יהוה is my strength, and my shield; My heart has trusted in Him, and I have been helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I thank Him.

Psa 28:8 יהוה is the strength of His people, And He is the stronghold of deliverance of His anointed.

Psa 28:9 Save Your people, and bless Your inheritance; And be their Shepherd, and

bear them up forever.

Gen 15:1 After these events the word of יהוה came to Abram in a vision, saying, <u>"Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your reward is exceedingly great."</u>

Eph 1:17 that the Elohim of our Master יהושע Messiah, the Father of esteem, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Eph 1:18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened, so that you know what is the expectation of His calling, and what are the riches of the esteem of His inheritance in the setapart ones, Footnote: b Luk 24:45.

Eph 1:19 and what is the <u>exceeding greatness of His power</u> toward us who are believing, according to the working of <u>His mighty strength</u>,

Eph 1:20 which He wrought in the Messiah when <u>He raised Him from the dead and seated Him</u> at His right hand in the heavenlies,

Eph 1:21 far above all rule and authority and power and mastery, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Ascribe to YHWH Glory

Psa 29:1 Ascribe to יהוה, O you sons of the mighty, Ascribe to יהוה esteem and strength.

Psa 29:2 Ascribe to יהוה the esteem of His Name; Bow yourselves to יהוה in the splendor of set-apartness.

The Voice of YHWH...

Psa 29:3 The voice of יהוה is over the waters; The El of esteem thunders; is over many waters.

Psa 29:4 The voice of יהוה is with power, The voice of יהוה is with greatness.

Psa 29:5 The voice of יהוה is breaking the cedars, יהוה is breaking the cedars of Lebanon in pieces.

Psa 29:6 And He makes them skip like a calf, Lebanon and Siryon like a young wild ox.

Psa 29:7 The voice of יהוה cuts through the flames of fire.

Psa 29:8 The voice of יהוה shakes the wilderness; יהוה shakes the Wilderness of Qaděsh.

Psa 29:9 The voice of יהוה makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His Hěkal everyone says, "Esteem!"

Psa 29:10 יהוה sat enthroned at the Flood, And יהוה sits as Sovereign forever.

Psa 29:11 יהוה gives strength to His people; יהוה blesses His people with peace.

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