

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 1; Job 18; Luke 4; 1 Cor. 5

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Exodus 1

Exodus chapter one, opens by recounting that 70 descendants of Jacob had traveled to Egypt and notes that Joseph was already in Egypt. With the passage of time, Joseph and all his brothers die but their children go on to be fruitful and multiply. They lived and thrived looking **forward to the Covenant of Promise given to Abraham** passed onto to them by Israel's last words. **This Promise would be their deliverance.**

We then hear of another Pharaoh rising that knew not Joseph nor how Elohim worked through Joseph to bring blessings to Egypt. Instead, this Pharaoh sees the Israelites as a threat to his kingdom and to his power. He institutes extremely harsh slave labor and has the Israelites build supply cities and work in the fields. He then contemplates and carries out, 'depopulation'. The form of depopulation he chooses, would be infanticide against the Israelite's male newborns.

By this, we now see **the importance of KNOWING history**. With the rewriting of history or history not being studied at all, these travesties recycle. Today we see how sa_tan continues to work through the flesh of man. As then, we are now seeing this same 'Pharaoh' system legalize attacks on infants at birth in 7 U.S. states; infanticide or neonaticide. The battle continues between **Esau and Jacob (Israel)**. The color of Esau is red.

The **one new man**, the twelve tribes that are presently coming together and those grafted in, will form **the Messianic Kingdom of Israel through Yahusha HaMashiach**. It is this Israel that the 'Pharaoh' and Pharisaical systems fear; thus, their goals are the same as in Exodus chapter one; slave labor, heavy burdens, field work, and depopulation. Today, however, there are many more added to this list.

We also see the difference each one of us can make by the response of the Hebrew midwives, Shiphrah and Pu'ah. They feared Elohim and when confronted by Pharaoh said that the Hebrew women deliver quickly before they arrive.

Exo 1:20 So Elohim was good to the midwives, and the people increased and became very numerous.

Sadly, Pharaoh then commands that the infant males be cast into the river. We see there are multiple ways that sa_tan continues to kill, steal, and destroy. As in our day, there are various depraved means to achieve depopulation of mankind and of creation.

Israel Increases Greatly in Egypt

Exo 1:1 And these are the names of the children of Yisra'ël who came to Mitsrayim with Ya'aqoḇ, each one with his household:

Exo 1:2 Re'ubēn, Shim'on, Lēwi, and Yehudāh;

Exo 1:3 Yissaskar, Zebulun, and Binyamin;

Exo 1:4 Dan and Naphtali, Gaḍ and Ashēr.

Exo 1:5 And all those who were descendants of Ya'aqoḇ were seventy beings, as Yosēph was already in Mitsrayim.

Exo 1:6 And Yosēph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation.

Exo 1:7 And the children of Yisra'ël were fruitful and increased very much, multiplied and became very strong, and the land was filled with them.

Pharaoh Oppresses Israel

Exo 1:8 Then a new sovereign arose over Mitsrayim, who did not know Yosēph,

Exo 1:9 and he said to his people, "See, the people of the children of Yisra'ël are more and stronger than we,

Exo 1:10 come, let us act wisely towards them, lest they increase, and it shall be when fighting befalls us, that they shall join our enemies and fight against us, and shall go up out of the land."

Exo 1:11 So they set slave-masters over them to afflict them with their burdens, and they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Ra'amses.

Exo 1:12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they increased and grew, and they were in dread of the children of Yisra'ël.

Exo 1:13 And the Mitsrites made the children of Yisra'ël serve with harshness,

Exo 1:14 and they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all kinds of work in the field, all their work which they made them do was with harshness.

Exo 1:15 Then the sovereign of Mitsrayim spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Pu'ah,

Exo 1:16 and he said, "When you deliver the Hebrew women, and see them on the

birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall put him to death, but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.”

Exo 1:17 But the midwives feared Elohim, and did not do as the sovereign of Mitsrayim commanded them, and kept the male children alive.

Exo 1:18 So the sovereign of Mitsrayim called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this, and kept the male children alive?”

Exo 1:19 And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Mitsrian women. For they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.”

Exo 1:20 So Elohim was good to the midwives, and the people increased and became very numerous.

Exo 1:21 And it came to be, because the midwives feared Elohim, that He provided households for them.

Exo 1:22 And Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Throw every son who is born into the river, and keep alive every daughter.”

Job 18

Bildad answers. He describes how El punishes the perverse. Though true, we need to keep in mind that the rain falls on the just and the unjust. When someone is going through the valley of the shadow of death; they need timely uplifting words of life, hope, and encouragement in YHWH.

Job 18:21 Indeed, such are the dwellings of the perverse, and this is the place of him who does not know Ēl.”

It is not so much **what** we go through in the valley but **how** we go through the valley. Do we become bitter or better? Do we trust YHWH and let Him use us for His purpose even when we don't understand? Do we continue to praise Him and not let the enemy usurp and silence our worship to YHWH?

Bildad Speaks: Eloah Punishes the Wicked

Job 18:1 And Bildad the Shuhite answered and said,

Job 18:2 “When do you put an end to words? Understand, and let us then talk.

Job 18:3 Why should we be reckoned as beasts, as stupid in your eyes?

Job 18:4 You who tear yourself to pieces in displeasure – would the earth be forsaken for your sake? Or the rock move from its place?

Job 18:5 Indeed, the light of the wrong goes out, and the flame of his fire does not shine.

Job 18:6 The light shall be dark in his tent, and his lamp beside him is put out.

Job 18:7 The steps of his strength are impeded, and his own counsel overthrows him.

Job 18:8 For he is sent into a net by his own feet, and he walks on a pit-fall.

Job 18:9 The net seizes his heel, a snare prevails over him.

Job 18:10 A noose is hidden on the ground for him, and a trap for him in the path.

Job 18:11 Alarms frighten him on all sides, and chase him at his heels.

Job 18:12 His strength is starved, and calamity is ready at his side.

Job 18:13 It devours parts of his skin, the first-born of death devours his parts.

Job 18:14 He is torn from the shelter of his tent, and they parade him before the sovereign of alarms.

Job 18:15 In his tent dwells that which is none of his; brimstone is scattered on his house.

Job 18:16 His roots below dry up, and his branch is cut off above.

Job 18:17 Remembrance of him perishes from the earth, and he has no name on the street.

Job 18:18 They thrust him from light into darkness, and chase him out of the world.

Job 18:19 He leaves no offspring or descendant among his people, nor any survivor in his dwellings.

Job 18:20 Those in the west are astonished at his day, as those in the east are frightened.

Job 18:21 Indeed, such are the dwellings of the perverse, and this is the place of him who does not know Ėl.”

Luke 4

The Temptation of Yahusha

Luk 4:1 And יְהוֹשֻׁעַ, being filled with the Set-apart Spirit, returned from the Yardĕn and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

Yahusha had just been mikvah'd by John the Immerser and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. Yahusha will prove Himself faithful and we will see His powerful 'wilderness witness' for all to follow. His time in the wilderness was 40 days, which mindfully connects us to the 40 years of Israel wandering in the wilderness.

Luk 4:2 being tried for forty days by the devil. And in those days He did not eat at all, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry.

The enemy always tries to attack us when we are at our weakest point. Yahusha had fasted for 40 days and was hungry. This is when we must H-A-L-T, whenever we are Hungry, Angry, Lonely, or Tired. For this is when Satan attacks and tries to capitalize on our flesh. Instead, we must 'take pause.'

Yahusha's wilderness witness is skillfully shown to us by how He uses the Word of YHWH which is sharper than any two-edged sword against Satan. He wields it with masterful precision.

Luk 4:3 And the devil said to Him,

✚ “If You are the Son of Elohim, command this stone to become bread.”

✚ Luk 4:4 But יהושע answered him, saying, “It has been written, **‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of Elohim.’**” [Deu 8:3](#) Footnote: ^a [Mat 4:4](#).

Luk 4:5 And the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain,

✚ showed Him all the reigns of the world in a moment of time.

Here we see Satan showing Him all the reigns of the world in a moment of time; or outside of ‘time.’ Satan at this point is powerful and still has access to the second and third heaven. Now, Satan is once again facing the One that is all powerful; all present; and all knowing. Yahusha faces Satan, the very one He came to destroy; and He does. Satan is a defeated foe.

- Luk 4:6 And the devil said to Him, “All this authority I shall give You, and their esteem, for it has been delivered to me,^b and I give it to whomever I wish. Footnote: ^bSee [2Co 4:4](#), [Joh 12:31](#), [Joh 14:30](#), [Joh 16:11](#), [1Jn 5:19](#)

- Luk 4:7 “If, then, You worship before me, all shall be Yours.”

✚ Luk 4:8 And יהושע answering him, said, “Get behind Me, Satan! For it has been written, **‘You shall worship יהוה your Elohim, and Him only you shall serve.’**” [Deu 6:13](#).

Luk 4:9 And he brought Him to Yerushalayim, set Him on the edge of the Set-apart Place, and said to Him,

✚ “If You are the Son of Elohim, throw Yourself down from here,

- Luk 4:10 for it has been written, **‘He shall command His messengers concerning You, to guard over You,’** [Psa 91:11](#).

- Luk 4:11 and, **‘In their hands they shall bear You up, lest You dash Your foot against a stone.’**” [Psa 91:12](#).

Luk 4:12 And יהושע answering, said to him, “It has been said, **‘You shall not try יהוה your Elohim.’**” [Deu 6:16](#).

Luk 4:13 **And when the devil had ended every trial, he went away from Him until a**

convenient time.**Yahusha Begins His Ministry**

Luk 4:14 And יהושע returned in the power of the Spirit to Galil, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding country.

Luk 4:15 And **He was teaching in their congregations**, being praised by all.

Yahusha Rejected at Nazareth

Luk 4:16 And He came to Natsareth, where He had been brought up. **And according to His practice, He went into the congregation on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.**

Luk 4:17 And **the scroll of the prophet Yeshayahu was handed to Him**. And having unrolled the scroll, **He found the place where it was written:**

- Luk 4:18 **“The Spirit of יהוה is upon Me,^c because He has anointed Me to bring the Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send away crushed ones with a release, Footnote: ^cSee Isa 61:1-3.**
- Luk 4:19 **to proclaim the acceptable year of יהוה.”^d Isa 61:1-2 Footnote: ^dAlso see Isa 58:6.**

Yahusha quotes from Isa 61:1; but immediately adds parts of Isa 42:7.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Master יהוה is upon Me, because יהוה has anointed Me to bring good news to the meek. He has sent Me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim release to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound,

Isa 61:2 to proclaim the acceptable year of יהוה, [He stops here] and the day of vengeance of our Elohim, to comfort all who mourn,

F. B. Meyer noted: Yahusha stopped at the comma, [Isa 61:2](#), because the day of vengeance is not yet. See [Luk 4:19](#). Mark that it is only for a day! YHWH not only delivers but anoints and crowns.

Isa 61:3 to appoint unto those who mourn in Tsiyon: to give them embellishment for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. And they shall be called trees of righteousness, a planting of יהוה, to be adorned.

Isa 42:7 to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

Luk 4:20 And having rolled up the scroll, He gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the congregation were fixed upon Him.

Luk 4:21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been filled in your hearing.”

F. B. Meyer Excerpt: What a flutter in Mary’s heart when she saw her son sitting in the teacher’s place of His native synagogue! How gratified at the reception given to the opening sentences! What a sword pierced her heart at the sudden revulsion of feeling! They were jealous that He performed only a few private miracles; but He could not do more because of their unbelief. See [Mar 6:5](#).

Note that our Lord here sounded forth the silver trumpet of jubilee. Seizing on the imagery of the gladdest festival of Hebrew life, He likened Himself to a priest proclaiming *the acceptable year of the Lord*. Not yet the day of vengeance! Compare [Luk 4:19](#) with [Isa 61:1-2](#). This is Christ’s program for the present age.

Luk 4:22 And all were bearing witness to Him, and marveled at the pleasant words that came out of His mouth. And they said, “Is this not the son of Yosēph?”

Luke 4:22 is a key verse. We see how some doubted by saying, “Is this not the son of Joseph?” In other words, they were saying Yahusha was ‘just a man.’ So how could flesh and blood inherit the reign of Elohim? Answer. Because His flesh and bone were from heaven; not the flesh and bone made from the earth, clay. He came in the likeness of flesh. For this reason, we ourselves must be born of the Spirit; born anew.

[1Co 15:50](#) And this I say, brothers, that flesh and blood is unable to inherit the reign of Elohim, neither does corruption inherit incorruption.

Yahusha was born of a virgin. Miriam was the chosen vessel that would provide the surrogate womb, that would birth Yahusha in the LIKENESS of flesh. She did not contribute her ovum; or else we would end up with another ‘giant’ scenario. Yahusha follows the laws of Kil’ayim; like kind after like kind, he doesn’t mix.

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

[Php 2:7](#) but emptied Himself, taking the form of a servant, and came to be **in the likeness of men**.

[Col 1:15](#) who **is the likeness of the invisible Elohim, the first-born of all creation**.^b Footnote: ^b [Heb 1:6](#), [Rev 3:14](#).

Yahusha most certainly came in the flesh and was born of a virgin; but He came in the LIKENESS of flesh from HEAVEN.

The gospel of John records Yahusha telling the congregation where He was from:

Joh 6:41 Therefore the Yehugim were grumbling against Him, because He said, **"I am the bread which came down out of the heaven."**

Joh 6:42 **And they said,** "Is not this יהושע, the son of Yosëph, whose father and mother we know? How is it then that He says, **'I have come down out of the heaven'?**"

 Joh 6:58 **"This is the bread which came down out of the heaven,** not as your fathers ate the manna and died. He who eats this bread shall live forever."

Joh 6:59 He said this in a congregation, teaching in Kephah Naḥum.

When we hear the horrible cliché of men saying Yahusha was 100% man and 100% GOD; know that that is **wrong** and **not even mathematically correct!** We, like the first century believers of the Melchizedek Priestly Order, must **unlearn incorrect representations** of the Scripture. We are to be good Bereans; come together in His Word and 'see if these things be so.' When any of us are found in error; then, we correct course.

Luk 4:23 And He said to them, "No doubt, you shall say this proverb to Me, 'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard being done in Kephah Naḥum, do also here in Your country.' "

Luk 4:24 **And He said,** "Truly, I say to you, **no prophet is accepted in his own country.**

Luk 4:25 "But truly I say to you, many widows were in Yisra'ël in the days of Ēliyahu, when the heaven was shut up for **three years and six months**, and there was a great scarcity of food in all the land,

Luk 4:26 **and Ēliyahu was sent to none of them, but to Tsarephath of Tsidon, to a woman, a widow.**

Luk 4:27 "And many lepers were in Yisra'ël in the time of Elisha the prophet, and **none of them was cleansed except Na'aman the Aramean."**

Luk 4:28 **And all those in the congregation,** when they heard this, **were filled with wrath.**

Luk 4:29 And rising up they drove Him out of the city, and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, **in order to throw Him down.**

Luk 4:30 **But He, passing through the midst of them, went away.**

Those clinging to their ‘positions’ within the congregations under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, that should have known the Scriptures and the prophecies better than anyone; reject the Messiah and desire to kill him.

Yahusha Heals a Man with an Unclean Demon

Luk 4:31 And He came down to Kephar Naḥum, a city of Galil, and **was teaching them on the Sabbaths.**

Luk 4:32 And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority.

Luk 4:33 And **in the congregation was a man having a spirit of an unclean demon.** And he cried out with a loud voice,

Luk 4:34 saying,

- ❖ “Ha! What have we to do with You, יהושע of Natsareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know You, who You are, the Set-apart One of Elohim!”
- ❖ Luk 4:35 And יהושע rebuked him, saying, **“Be silenced, and come out of him!”** And when the demon had thrown him in their midst, it came out of him without hurting him.

Yahusha took authority over the demon and did not converse with the demon.

Luk 4:36 And astonishment came on all, and they spoke to each other, saying, **“What is this word, that with authority and power He commands the unclean spirits, and they come out?”**

Luk 4:37 And the report about Him went out into every place of the neighborhood.

Yahusha Heals Many

Luk 4:38 **And rising up from the congregation He went into the house of Shim'on.** But the mother-in-law of Shim'on was sick with a severe inflammation, and they asked Him concerning her.

Luk 4:39 And standing over her **He rebuked the inflammation,** and it left her, and instantly rising up she served them.

Luk 4:40 And when the sun was setting, all who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to Him. And He laid His hands on each one of them and healed them.

Luk 4:41 And also demons were coming out of many, crying out and saying,

- ❖ **“You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim!”**
- ❖ And rebuking them, **He did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Messiah.**

Yahusha didn't need nor want demonic proclamations of who He was. His believers are granted that privilege. Yes, He was the Messiah, but He was more than capable to proclaim and teach who He was.

Yahusha Preaches in Synagogues

Luk 4:42 And when day came, He went out and proceeded to a lonely place, but the crowds were seeking Him and came to Him, and tried to keep Him from leaving them.

Luk 4:43 And He said to them, **“To the other cities I also have to bring the Good News: the reign of Elohim, because for this I have been sent.”**

Luk 4:44 And He was proclaiming in the congregations of Galil.

1Cor. 5

Sexual Immorality Defiles the Assembly

1Co 5:1 **It is commonly reported that there is whoring among you, and such whoring as is not even named among the nations, so as one to have his father's wife!**

1Corinthians 5 opens with a major 'red flag'. Not only was there whoring amid the assembly but it was at such a level that it was 'commonly' reported. The whoring was magnified by what kind of whoring was taking place; by one having his father's wife.

1Co 5:2 And you have been puffed up, and did not rather mourn, so that he who has done this deed, be removed from among you!

1Co 5:3 For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged the one who did this, as though I were present.

Paul instructs the Corinthians to 'clean house.' Such behavior would 'leaven' and puff up the whole assembly if not promptly dealt with. The behavior was a contaminant, an abomination.

1Co 5:4 In the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah, when you are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Master יהושע Messiah,

1Co 5:5 **deliver such a one to Satan for destruction of the flesh, in order that his spirit be saved in the day of the Master יהושע!**

‘Deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, in order that his spirit be saved in the day of the Master Yahusha.’ In 1Samuel there was an evil spirit from Elohim that came upon Saul. The characteristics displayed by this evil spirit were envy and jealous desiring David’s very life.

1Sa 18:10 And it came to be on the next day that an evil spirit from Elohim came upon Sha’ul, and he prophesied inside the house, while Dawid was playing *the lyre* with his hand, as usual. And the spear was in the hand of Sha’ul.

1Sa 18:11 Then Sha’ul hurled the spear, for he said, “Let me strike Dawid, even to the wall.” But twice Dawid withdrew from his presence.

We read of a similar account in Romans.

Rom 1:26 Because of this Elohim gave them over to degrading passions. For even their women exchanged natural relations for what is against nature,

Rom 1:27 and likewise, the men also, having left natural relations with woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing indecency, and receiving back the reward which was due for their straying.

1Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. **Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the entire lump?**

Remedy.

1Co 5:7 **Therefore cleanse out the old leaven, so that you are a new lump, as you are unleavened. For also Messiah our Pěsah was slaughtered for us.**

1Co 5:8 So then let us celebrate the festival, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of evil and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

If unleavened bread represents sincerity and truth; leavened bread represents added false doctrine, disobedience, lies, evil, and wickedness.

1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter **not to keep company with those who whore.**

1Co 5:10 And I certainly did not mean with those of this world who whore, or with the greedy of gain, or swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone **called ‘a brother,’ if he is one who whores**, or greedy of gain, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler – not even to eat with such a one.

The focus was **not to keep company with 'brethren' that whored within the assembly.** The context was not about those in the world that whored because they were lost; and had not yet become believers.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are inside?

1Co 5:13 But Elohim judges those who are outside. And **put away the wicked one from among you!**^a Deu 13:5. Footnote: ^aSee Deu 17:7, Deu 17:12, Deu 19:19, Deu 21:21, Deu 22:21.

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