

Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 18; Jonah 2; James 5; Luke 7.

November 23 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Chron. 18

David Defeats His Enemies

1Ch 18:1 And after this it came to be that **Dawid struck the Philistines**, and humbled them, and took Gath and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

1Ch 18:2 And he **struck the Mo'abites**, and the Mo'abites became Dawid's servants, and brought presents.

1Ch 18:3 And **Dawid struck Hadadezer sovereign of Tsobah** as far as Hamath, as he went to establish his power by the River Euphrates.

1Ch 18:4 And Dawid took from him one thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand foot soldiers. And Dawid also hamstrung all the chariot horses, but left of them for one hundred chariots.

1Ch 18:5 And when Aram of Darmeseq came to help Hadadezer sovereign of Tsobah, **Dawid struck twenty-two thousand of Aram**,

1Ch 18:6 and Dawid stationed *men* in Aram of Darmeseq, and the Arameans became Dawid's servants, and brought presents. **And יהוה' saved Dawid wherever he went.**

1Ch 18:7 And Dawid took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Yerushalayim.

1Ch 18:8 And from Tibhath and from Kun, cities of Hadadezer, Dawid brought a large amount of bronze, with which Shelomoh made the bronze Sea, and the columns, and the vessels of bronze.

1Ch 18:9 And when To'u sovereign of Hamath heard that Dawid had stricken all the army of Hadadezer sovereign of Tsobah,

1Ch 18:10 he sent Hadoram his son to Sovereign Dawid, to ask peace of him and bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and struck him – because Hadadezer had been fighting against To'u – with all kinds of objects of gold, and silver, and bronze.

1Ch 18:11 Sovereign Dawid also **set these apart to יהוה'**, **along with the silver and gold that he had brought from all these nations**, from Edom, and from Mo'ab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amaleq.

Gen 19:36 Thus both the daughters of Lot became pregnant by their father.

Gen 19:37 And the first-born bore a son and called his name **Mo'ab, he is the father of the Mo'abites to this day.**

Gen 19:38 And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name **Ben-Ammi, he is the father of the children of Ammon to this day.**

1Ch 18:12 And Abishai son of Tseruyah struck eighteen thousand Edomites in the **Valley of Salt**,

1Ch 18:13 and he put watch-posts in Edom, and all the Edomites became Dawid's servants. And יהוה saved Dawid wherever he went.

Adam Clarke Notes: 1 Chronicles 18:12 Abishai - slew of the Edomites - This victory is attributed to David, 2Sa 8:13. He sent Abishai against them, and he defeated them: this is with great propriety attributed to David as commander-in-chief; *qui facit per alterum, facit per se*.

David's Administration

1Ch 18:14 **So Dawid reigned over all Yisra'el, and he was doing right-ruling and righteousness to all his people.**

- + **1Ch 18:15** And **Yo'ab** son of Tseruyah was over the army,
- + and **Yehoshaphat** son of Ahilud was recorder,
- + **1Ch 18:16** and **Tsadoq** son of Ahitub and **Abimelek** son of Ebyathar were the priests,
- + and **Shawsha** was the scribe,
- + **1Ch 18:17** and **Benayahu** son of Yehoyada was over the Kerethites and the Pelathites.
- + And the **sons of Dawid** were chiefs at the sovereign's side.

Jonah 2

Jonah's prayer gives us insight as to the 'hopeless distress that is felt' being separated from YHWH. Jonah didn't know if he would ever look again toward YHWH's set-part temple. He actually felt he was in a place 'driven away from His eyes!' This describes the deep void and aloneness Jonah felt; and serves as a warning to those that do not have Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior. His 'life **fainted within him**' and he remembered YHWH. He realizes YHWH is his only hope and the offering he gave was described as a 'slaughter with his voice of thanksgiving' and a vow. Jonah acknowledged **deliverance is of YHWH**.

YHWH speaks to the fish and it spews Jonah out onto dry land.

Jonah's Prayer

Jon 2:1 And **Yonah prayed to יהוה his Elohim from the stomach of the fish.**

Jon 2:2 And he said,

- ✚ "I called to יהוה because of my distress, and He answered me.
- ✚ From the stomach of She'ol I cried, and You heard my voice.
- ✚ **Jon 2:3** "For You threw me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me. All Your breakers and Your waves passed over me.

Jon 2:4 "So I said, **'I have been driven away from Your eyes. Would I ever look again toward Your set-apart Hēkal?'**

- ✚ **Jon 2:5** "Waters encompassed me, unto life, the deep closed around me, weeds were wrapped around my head.
- ✚ **Jon 2:6** "I went down to the base of the mountains, the earth with its bars were behind me forever.
- ✚ **But You brought up my life from the pit, O יהוה, my Elohim.**
- ✚ **Jon 2:7** "**When my life fainted within me, I remembered יהוה.**
- ✚ And my prayer went up to You, into Your set-apart Hēkal.
- ✚ **Jon 2:8** "Those observing false worthlessnesses forsake their own loving-commitment.
- ✚ **Jon 2:9** "But I slaughter to You with the voice of thanksgiving, I pay what I have vowed. Deliverance is of יהוה."

Jon 2:10 **Then יהוה spoke to the fish, and it vomited Yonah onto the dry land.**

James 5

James 5 opens with a warning not to build one's life purpose around wealth and obtaining the things of this world. Those individuals will be sorely disappointed; or should I say **totally devastated** when they realize they invested their lives in perishable things.

You can't take anything with you from this world; **except**, that which you have given away. **Believers** should store up their treasures in heaven by bearing good fruit. We are saved by grace through faith unto good works; not by good works alone. Have we given our time; our energy; our love away to help others? Those things will be our treasures in heaven. Have we taken risks for others; for their good? Those acts of kindness will be our treasures stored up in heaven.

We should patiently endure for the time of His return draws near. Just as a farmer waits for his crops and for the former and latter rains; we too should wait and not falter. We should be ever mindful of staying in obedience to Him out of love and reverence. **He is at the very door of return!**

Warning to the Rich

Jas 5:1 Come now, rich ones, weep, crying aloud over the hardships coming upon you!

- ✚ Jas 5:2 Your riches have rotted, and your garments have become moth-eaten.
- ✚ Jas 5:3 Your gold and silver have become rusty, and their rust shall be a witness against you and shall eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days.
- ✚ Jas 5:4 See, the wages of the workmen who mowed your fields, which you kept back, cry out. And the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of יהוה of hosts.^a Footnote: ^a Jer 22:13.
- ✚ Jas 5:5 You have lived on the earth in pleasure and luxury, you have fattened your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.
- ✚ Jas 5:6 You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous – he does not resist you.

Patience in Suffering

Jas 5:7 So, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Master. See, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain.

Jas 5:8 You too, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Master has drawn near.

Jas 5:9 Do not grumble against each other, brothers, lest you be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the door!

Jas 5:10 My brothers, as an example of suffering and patience, take the prophets, who spoke in the Name of יהוה'.

Jas 5:11 See, we call those blessed who endure. You have heard of the endurance of Iyob and saw the purpose of יהוה', that He is very sympathetic and compassionate.

Jas 5:12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by the heaven or by the earth or with any other oath. But let your Yes be Yes, and your No, No, lest you fall into judgment.

The Prayer of Faith

Jas 5:13 Is any of you suffering evil? Let him pray. Is anyone in good spirits? Let him sing psalms.

Jas 5:14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the assembly, and let them pray over him, having anointed him with oil in the Name of the Master.

Jas 5:15 **And the prayer of the belief** shall save the sick, and the Master shall raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he shall be forgiven.

Jas 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, so that you are healed. **The earnest prayer of a righteous one accomplishes much.**

Jas 5:17 Ēliyahu was a man with feelings like us, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain. And it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

Jas 5:18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the land brought forth its fruit.

Jas 5:19 Brothers, if anyone among you goes astray from the truth, and someone turns him back,

Jas 5:20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the straying of his way shall save a life from death and cover a great number of sins. [Pro 10:12](#).

Finally, brethren be in prayer and repent when in error. [Be zealous for truth and righteousness](#).

Luke 7

Chapter 7 opens with the great faith of the Centurion. One of the Centurion's servants that was very valuable to him was sick and about to die. This Centurion had a great reputation among the Yehudim so upon hearing about Yahusha, he sends the elders of the Yehudim to Yahusha requesting him to come and heal his servant. Upon waiting, the Centurion must have reconsidered and believed that he wasn't worthy of Yahusha even coming under his roof and sends friends to tell him the same. Instead, the Centurion only asks for a spoken word of healing by Yahusha and he knew his servant would be healed. The Centurion understood the power of a commander's spoken authority and refers to Yahusha as Master. By the Centurion's great faith, Yahusha heals his servant without even going under his roof.

Not only does Yahusha repeatedly show His authority over sickness, in the next encounter, we see Yahusha raise the only son of a widow back to life. Some of John's taught ones go and share all that has happened with John the Immerser in prison. John sends a few of his taught ones back to Yahusha asking if 'He was the Coming One.'

[Before Yahusha sends his message back to John the Immerser and probably to demonstrate His great love for John](#), we see Yahusha do many, many miracles within the same hour and fulfills prophecies written in Isaiah.

Yahusha Heals a Centurion's Servant

Luk 7:1 And when He completed all His words in the hearing of the people, He went into Kephrah Nahum.

Luk 7:2 And **a certain captain's servant, who was valuable to him, was sick and about to die.**

Luk 7:3 And hearing about יהושע, he sent elders of the Yehudim to Him, asking Him to come and heal his servant.

Luk 7:4 And when they came to יהושע, they begged Him earnestly, saying, "He is

worthy for You to grant this to him,

Luk 7:5 for he loves our nation, and has built the congregation for us.”

Luk 7:6 So יהושע went with them. However, He was not far from the house when the captain sent friends to Him, saying to Him,

- ✚ “Master, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.
- ✚ Luk 7:7 “For this reason **I did not even think myself worthy to come to You.** But say a word, and my servant shall be healed.
 - Luk 7:8 “For I too am a man appointed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”

Luk 7:9 And when יהושע heard this, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, **“I say to you, not even in Yisra’el have I found such great belief!”**

Luk 7:10 **And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant who had been sick in good health.**

Yahusha Raises a Widow's Son

Luk 7:11 And it came to be the next day, that He went into a city called Na'im. And many of His taught ones went with Him, and a large crowd.

Luk 7:12 And see, as He came near the gate of the city a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her.

Luk 7:13 And when the Master saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, **“Do not weep.”**

Luk 7:14 And coming near He touched the bier, and those bearing it stood still. And He said, **“Young man, I say to you, arise.”**

Luk 7:15 **And he who was dead sat up and began to speak, and He gave him to his mother.**

Luk 7:16 And fear seized all, and they praised Elohim, saying, **“A great prophet has been raised up among us,” and, “Elohim has visited His people.”**

Luk 7:17 And this news about Him went out in all Yehudah and all the neighborhood.

Messengers from John the Baptist

Luk 7:18 And the taught ones of Yoḥanan reported to him about all this.

Luk 7:19 And Yoḥanan, calling two of his taught ones near, sent to יהושע, saying, **“Are You the Coming One, or should we look for another?”**

Luk 7:20 And coming to Him, the men said, **“Yoḥanan the Immerser has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or should we look for another?’ ”**

Luk 7:21 And in the same hour He healed many of diseases, and afflictions, and wicked spirits. And He gave sight to many blind ones.

Luk 7:22 And יהושע' answering, said to them, "Go, report to Yoḥanan what you have seen and heard: **blind receive sight, lame do walk, lepers are cleansed, deaf do hear, isa 35:5-6** dead are raised, **the Good News is brought to the poor. isa 61:1.**

Luk 7:23 "And blessed is he who shall not stumble in Me."

Then Yahusha addresses the crowd. He clearly states who John the Immerser is.

Luk 7:24 And when the messengers of Yoḥanan had left, He began to speak to the crowds concerning Yoḥanan, "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

Luk 7:25 "But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those who are splendidly dressed and living in luxury are in the houses of sovereigns.

Luk 7:26 "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

Luk 7:27 "This is he concerning whom it has been written, '**See, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.**' [Mal 3:1](#).

Then Yahusha says:

Luk 7:28 "For I say to you, among those **born of women** there is not a greater prophet than Yoḥanan the Immerser, but he who is least in the reign of Elohim is greater than he."

Yahusha says that among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Immerser. I point this out to again confirm that Miriam, the virgin, was a surrogate mother of Yahusha. As we have discussed before, Yahusha's flesh and bone was from the heavens for He came in the 'likeness' of flesh. Otherwise, this statement in Luke 7:28, would be speaking of Yahusha being the greatest prophet 'born of women' and not John the Immerser.

What did he mean by: ...but he who is least in the reign of Elohim is greater than he." John the Immerser, was the true Aaronic Levitical High Priest that functioned out in the wilderness due to the corruption in the temple. When John, mikvah'd (baptized) Yahusha, that was fulfilling the act of transferring the priesthood from one High priest to another.

Yahusha, was from the Tribe of Judah and holds the rod, the Scepter. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Priesthood of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. [See Rev. 5:9-10] **The least** in His Melchizedek reign would be greater than the highest of standards exhibited by John the Immerser under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. This is powerful to understand, and all made possible through faith in Yahusha HaMashiach. We are His kingdom of priest.

We then see many in the crowd receive Yahusha by faith and praise Elohim; yet others do not.

Luk 7:29 And all the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard, declared Elohim righteous, having been immersed with the immersion of Yohanan.

Luk 7:30 But the Pharisees and those learned in the Torah rejected the counsel of Elohim for themselves, not having been immersed by him.

Mat 3:7 And seeing many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his immersion, he said to them, "Brood of adders! Who has warned you to flee from the coming wrath?"

Mat 3:8 "Bear, therefore, fruits worthy of repentance,

Mat 3:9 and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as father.'^a For I say to you that Elohim is able to raise up children^b to Abraham from these stones.^b Footnotes: ^aSee [Joh 8:33-44](#), [Rom 9:8](#) and [Rom 2:26-29](#). ^b**The only difference in Hebrew between children and stones is the first letter of the word. Children-banim. Stones-aḅanim.**

Luk 7:31 And the Master said, "To what then shall I compare the men of this generation, and what are they like?"

Luk 7:32 "They are like children sitting in the market-place and calling to each other, saying, 'We played the flute for you and you did not dance, we lamented for you and you did not weep.'

Luk 7:33 "For Yoḥanan the Immerser came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.'

Luk 7:34 "The Son of Adam has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a man, a glutton and a wine drinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

Luk 7:35 "And wisdom is declared right by all her children."

Jer 8:8 "How do you say, 'We are wise, and the Torah of יהוה is with us'? But look, the false pen of the scribe has worked falsehood.

Wisdom of man is earthly, judgmental, and exclusive. Wisdom of YHWH is heavenly, forgiving, and inclusive.

1Sa 16:7 But יהוה said to Shemu'el, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have refused him, for not as man sees, **for man looks at the eyes, but יהוה looks at the heart.**"

A Sinful Woman Forgiven

Luk 7:36 **And one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.**

Luk 7:37 And see, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that יהושע sat at the table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of perfume.

Luk 7:38 And **standing behind, at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and wiping them with the hair of her head, and was kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.**

Luk 7:39 And when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying,

✚ "This One, if He were a prophet, would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner."

Luk 7:40 And יהושע answering, said to him,

✚ "Shim'on, I have somewhat to say to you." And he said, "Teacher, say it."

Luk 7:41 "A certain creditor had two debtors. The one owed five hundred **denarii^a**, and the other fifty. **Footnote: ^aRoman monetary unit.**

Luk 7:42 "And when they were unable to repay, he forgave them both. Which of them, then, shall love him more?"

Luk 7:43 And Shim'on answering, said, **"I suppose the one whom he forgave more."** And He said to him, **"You have rightly judged."**

Luk 7:44 And turning to the woman He said to Shim'on,

✚ "Do you see this woman?"

✚ I came into your house – you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wetted My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head.

✚ Luk 7:45 "You gave Me no kiss, but she has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in.

✚ Luk 7:46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume.

Luk 7:47 "Therefore I say to you,

✚ her many sins have been forgiven, because she loved much.

✚ But to whom little is forgiven, he loves little."

Luk 7:48 And He said to her, **"Your sins have been forgiven."**

Luk 7:49 And those who were sitting at the table with Him began to say among themselves, **“Who is this who even forgives sins?”**

Luk 7:50 And He said to the woman, **“Your belief has saved you. Go in peace.”**

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