

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 1; Micah 7; 1John 1; Luke 16.

December 2 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

[Note: I have added emphasis with underlines, highlights, and [brackets] to Scripture for teaching purposes only.]

2Chron 1

Solomon Worships at Gibeon

2Ch 1:1 And Shelomoh son of Dawid strengthened himself over his reign, and יהוה his Elohim was with him and made him exceedingly great.

2Ch 1:2 And Shelomoh spoke to all Yisra'el, to the commanders of the thousands and of the hundreds, to the judges, and to every leader in all Yisra'el, the heads of the fathers' houses.

2Ch 1:3 And Shelomoh, and all the assembly with him, went to the high place that was at Gib'on, for Elohim's Tent of Appointment was there, which Mosheh the servant of יהוה had made in the wilderness.

2Ch 1:4 However, Dawid had brought up the ark of Elohim from Qiryath Ye'arim to the place Dawid had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 1:5 And **the bronze slaughter-place** that Betsal'el son of Uri son of Hur had made, he put before the Dwelling Place of יהוה. And **Shelomoh and the assembly sought it.**

2Ch 1:6 And Shelomoh went up there to the bronze slaughter-place before יהוה, which was at the Tent of Appointment, and offered a thousand ascending offerings on it.

Ellicott's Commentary 2Ch 1:5: Moreover, the brazen altar . . . he put before the tabernacle of the Lord.—Rather, And the brasen altar . . . was there before the dwelling of Jehovah. In Hebrew, shām is “there”; and sām, “he put.” Some MSS., supported by the LXX. and Vulg., read the former; most of the MSS. and the Syr., Arab., and Targ., the latter. The former reading is preferable, as it is not likely that David found the brazen altar separated from the Mosaic sanctuary and restored it to its place. The sentence further explains why Solomon resorted to Gibeon. The presence of the old brazen altar constituted it the legitimate place of sacrifice. With perfect consistency, the chronicler accounted for David's not going to Gibeon ([1Chronicles 21:28-30](#)).

Solomon Prays for Wisdom

2Ch 1:7 That night Elohim appeared to Shelomoh, and said to him, **“Ask what should I give you!”**

2Ch 1:8 And Shelomoh said to Elohim, **“You have shown great loving-commitment to Dawid my father, and have made me sovereign in his place.**

2Ch 1:9 **“Now, יהוה Elohim, let Your promise to Dawid my father stand fast, for You have set me up to reign over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth.**

2Ch 1:10 **“Now give me wisdom and knowledge, so that I go out and come in before**

this people. For who *is able* to rightly rule this great people of Yours?”

2Ch 1:11 And Elohim said to Shelomoh, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches or wealth or esteem or the life of your enemies, nor have you asked long life, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself, so as to rightly rule My people over whom I have set you up to reign,

2Ch 1:12 wisdom and knowledge are given to you. And riches and wealth and esteem I also give you, such as none of the sovereigns have had who have been before you, nor any after you have.”

2Ch 1:13 **And Shelomoh went to Yerushalayim from the high place that was at Gib'on, from before the Tent of Appointment, and reigned over Yisra'el.**

YHWH was pleased by Solomon asking Him for an understanding heart to rule this great people. YHWH blesses him with much more; but cautions Solomon in 1Kings 3 to walk in His ways and guard His laws and commands as did David, so that his days would be prolonged.

1Ki 3:13 **“And I shall also give you what you have not asked:** both riches and esteem, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the sovereigns all your days.

1Ki 3:14 **“And if you walk in My ways, to guard My laws and My commands, as your father Dawid walked, then I shall prolong your days.”**

1Ki 3:15 And Shelomoh awoke, and see, it was a dream! And he came into Yerushalayim and **stood before the ark of the covenant of יהוה, and offered up ascending offerings and made peace offerings.** And he made a feast for all his servants.

Solomon equates the exchange with YHWH as to a dream. In 1Kings 3:15, he follows through by going before the ark of the covenant of YHWH and offers ascending offering and peace offerings; and a feast for all his servants. Here, like his father David, we see Solomon carrying out both kingly and priestly functions one sees within the Melchizedek Priesthood.

We must remember, that the Melchizedek Priesthood was running parallel to the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, albeit in a denigrated position; UNTIL Yahusha would come. During Solomon’s reign, the people were still under the Book of the Law, their tutor, which was being administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood.

Solomon Given Wealth

2Ch 1:14 And Shelomoh gathered chariots and horsemen, and he had **one thousand four hundred chariots** and **twelve thousand horsemen**, whom he stationed in the chariot cities and with the sovereign in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 1:15 And the sovereign made silver and gold to be as stones in Yerushalayim, and he made cedars to be as plenty as the sycamores which are in the low country.

2Ch 1:16 **And Shelomoh had horses imported from Mitsrayim and from Quě** – the sovereign’s merchants bought them in Quě at a price.

2Ch 1:17 And they came up and brought from Mitsrayim a chariot for six hundred pieces of silver, and a horse for one hundred and fifty. And so, for all the sovereigns of the Hittites and the sovereigns of Aram, they brought them out by their hand.

Micah 7

Wait for the Elohim of Salvation

Mic 7:1 Woe to me! For I am as gatherings of summer fruit, as gleanings of the grape harvest. There is no cluster to eat. My being has desired the first-ripe fruit.

Mic 7:2 The lovingly-committed one has perished from the earth, and there is no one straight among men. All of them lie in wait for blood, everyone hunts his brother with a net.

Utter corruption.

Mic 7:3 **Both hands are on the evil, to do it well.**

- The prince asks for gifts,
- the judge seeks a bribe, and
- the great man speaks the desire of his being.
- And they weave it together.

- **Mic 7:4** The best of them is like a prickly plant,
- the most straight is sharper than a thorn hedge.
- **The day of your watchman and your punishment has come, now is their confusion.**

✚ **Mic 7:5** Trust no friend,
✚ rely on no companion,
✚ guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

✚ **Mic 7:6** For son is despising father,
✚ daughter rises up against her mother,
✚ daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,
✚ the enemies of a man are the men of his own house.

Mic 7:7 **As for me,** I look to יהוה, I wait for the Elohim of my deliverance, my Elohim does hear me.

Mic 7:8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. When I have fallen I have risen, when I sit in darkness יהוה is a light to me.

Mic 7:9 I bear the displeasure of יהוה', for I have sinned against Him, *until* He pleads my case, and shall execute right-ruling for me, until He brings me out into the light and I look on His righteousness.

Mic 7:10 And let my enemy see it, and let shame cover her who said to me, "Where is יהוה your Elohim?" Let my eyes look on her: now she is trampled down like mud in the streets.

Mic 7:11 The day for building your walls! Let the law go far and wide in that day –

Mic 7:12 that day when they come to you from Ashshur and the besieged cities of Mitsrayim, and from the [siege^a](#) to the River, and from sea to sea, and mountain to mountain. [Footnote: ^a"Siege" in this verse could be another name for Mitsrayim.](#)

Mic 7:13 **But the earth shall become a waste because of those who dwell in it, and for the fruit of their deeds.**

- ✚ **Mic 7:14** Shepherd Your people with Your rod, the flock of Your inheritance, who dwell alone in a forest, in the midst of Karmel.
- ✚ Let them feed in Bashan and Gil'ad, as in days of old.
- ✚ **Mic 7:15** "As in the days when you came out of the land of Mitsrayim, I shall let him see wonders."
- ✚ **Mic 7:16** Let the nations see and be ashamed of all their might, let them put their hand over their mouth, let their ears be deaf.
- ✚ **Mic 7:17** Let them lick the dust like a serpent, let them come trembling from their strongholds like snakes of the earth, let them be afraid of יהוה' our Elohim and fear because of You.

Elohim's Steadfast Love and Compassion

Mic 7:18 **Who is an El like You** –

- ✚ taking away crookedness and
- ✚ passing over the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance?
- ✚ He shall not retain His wrath forever, for He Himself delights in loving-commitment.
- ✚ **Mic 7:19** He shall turn back, He shall have compassion on us,
- ✚ He shall trample upon our crookednesses!
- ✚ And You throw all our sins into the depths of the sea!
- ✚ **Mic 7:20** You give truth to Ya'aqob, loving-commitment to Abraham, which You swore to our fathers from the days of old!

1John 1

Though much can be gleaned from 1John, we will enjoy reading the words truly inspired by the Ruach HaKodesh. We may summarize and discuss the accounts in our own words, but nothing is purer than just reading the written Word.

Like the Book of John, 1John is written by the disciple whom Yahusha loved. John opens without salutation and dives directly into the facts. In 1John 1-4, he clearly states what he and the other disciples saw; what they had heard; what they beheld occurring; had all manifested before them concerning the Word of life; and they were firsthand witnesses bearing this truth.

He proclaims their fellowship was clearly with YHWH and His Son, Yahusha HaMashiach, the Word made manifest. John proclaims that Yahusha is everlasting life and John desires his audience, to join them all in fellowship with the Father and the Son; so, their joy and our joy may be complete.

He closes 1John 1 informing the believers to walk in the Light for He is in the light. There is no darkness or shadow in Him; therefore, if our fellowship is with Him and other believers, neither should there be darkness in our lives.

This is not to say we will walk perfectly, for all of us have sinned and have fallen short. When we do sin and confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness by the precious blood of the Lamb; the blood of Yahusha HaMashiach.

He took our sins upon Himself and paid our sin debt in full. He is the cleansing water, the Living water, that purifies us. Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise His glorious Name.

The Word of Life

1Jn 1:1 What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life:

1Jn 1:2 And the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and announce to you that everlasting life which was with the Father and was manifested to us.

1Jn 1:3 We announce to you what we have seen and heard, so that you too might have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son יהושע Messiah.

1Jn 1:4 And we write this to you in order that your joy might be complete.

Walking in the Light

1Jn 1:5 And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that Elohim is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

1Jn 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and are not doing the truth.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of יהושע' Messiah His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we are misleading ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is trustworthy and righteous to forgive us the sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.

Luke 16

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager – The unrighteous manager definitely acted shrewdly to look out for himself, even at the expense of his master. The ‘sons of this age’ are shrewder than the ‘sons of light’. They make their plans in the dark and asks who sees us and who knows us? (Paraphrased Isaiah 29:15). Conniving shrewd deeds are praised by the ‘sons of this age’.

In contrast, YHWH’s people are set-apart to Him. They conduct themselves righteously. They know that everything that is concealed will be revealed. They also know, that no one can serve two masters. YHWH’s people serve Him only.

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Luk 16:1 And He also said to His taught ones, “There was a certain rich man who had a manager and he was accused to him as wasting his possessions.

Luk 16:2 “So having called him he said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, for you are no longer able to be manager.’

Luk 16:3 “And the manager said within himself, ‘What shall I do? For my master is taking the managership away from me. I am unable to dig, I am ashamed to beg.

Luk 16:4 I know what I shall do, that, when I am removed from the managership, they might receive me into their houses.’

Luk 16:5 “And calling every one of his master’s debtors to him, he said to the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

Luk 16:6 “And he said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’

Luk 16:7 “Then to another he said, ‘And how much do you owe?’ And he said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ And he said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’

Luk 16:8 “And the master praised the unrighteous manager because he had acted shrewdly, because the sons of this age are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

Luk 16:9 “And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon,^a that when you fail, they shall receive you into everlasting dwellings. Footnote: ^aDeity of wealth.

Luk 16:10 “He who is trustworthy in what is least, is trustworthy also in much. And he who is unrighteous in what is least is unrighteous also in much.

Luk 16:11 “If, therefore, you have not been trustworthy in the unrighteous mammon, who shall entrust to you the true?

Luk 16:12 “And if you have not been trustworthy in what is another man’s, who shall give you what is your own?

Luk 16:13 “**No servant is able to serve two masters**, for either he shall hate the one and love the other, or else he shall cling to the one and despise the other. You are not able to serve Elohim and mammon.”

The Law and the Kingdom of Elohim

The Pharisees listening to the above parable liked their silver (money) too and liked the shrewdness of the ‘sons of their age’ therefore they sneered at Yahusha. You see, they served ‘their’ master, mammon / wealth.

Yahusha calls them out on their ‘high opinion’ or ‘righteous opinion’ they had of themselves; yet Yahusha knew their heart. He goes on to tell them:

Luk 16:14 And the Pharisees, who loved silver, also heard all this, and were sneering at Him,

Luk 16:15 so He said to them, “You are those who declare yourselves righteous before men, but Elohim knows your hearts, because **what is highly thought of among men is an abomination in the sight of Elohim.**

Luk 16:16 “The Torah and the prophets are until Yoḥanan. Since then the reign of Elohim is being announced, and everyone is doing violence^b upon it. Footnote: ^bSee Eze 22:26, Zep 3:4.

Luk 16:17 “And it is easier for the heaven and the earth to pass away than for **one tittle of the Torah to fall.**^c Footnote: ^cSee *Law in the Explanatory Notes.*

The violence being done to the Torah, such as with the Talmud and by not properly dividing and guarding His Word, is further clarified by the following verses.

Eze 22:26 “Her priests have done violence to My teaching^a and they profane My set-apart matters. They have not distinguished between the set-apart and profane, nor have they made known *the difference* between the unclean and the clean. And they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, and I am profaned in their midst. Footnote: ^a Zep 3:4, Luk 16:16.

Zep 3:4 Her prophets are reckless, treacherous men. Her priests have profaned the set-apart

place, [they have done violence to the Torah](#).^a Footnote: ^a [Eze 22:26](#), [Luk 16:16](#).

Divorce and Remarriage

Yahusha calls the Pharisees out on improper interpretation of Torah in the handling of marriage and divorce.

[Luk 16:18](#) “Everyone putting away his wife and marrying another commits adultery. And everyone marrying her who is put away from her husband [commits adultery](#).^d Footnote: ^d[See footnote Mat 5:32](#).

The Rich Man and Lazarus

[Luk 16:19](#) “But there was a certain rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and lived luxuriously every day.

[Luk 16:20](#) “And there was a certain beggar named El’azar, being covered with sores, who was placed at his gate,

[Luk 16:21](#) and longing to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Indeed, even the dogs came and licked his sores.

[Luk 16:22](#) “And it came to be that **the beggar died, and was carried by the messengers to the bosom of Abraham**. And **the rich man also died and was buried**.

✚ [Luk 16:23](#) “And while suffering tortures in She’ol, having lifted up his eyes, **he saw Abraham far away**, and **El’azar in his bosom**.

[Luk 16:24](#) “And crying out he said, ‘**Father Abraham**, have compassion on me, and send El’azar to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering in this flame.’

[Luk 16:25](#) “But Abraham said, ‘**Son, remember that in your life you received your good, and likewise El’azar the evil, but now he is comforted and you are suffering**.’

[Luk 16:26](#) **And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set, so that those who wish to pass from here to you are unable, nor do those from there pass to us.**’

[Luk 16:27](#) “And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, that you would send him to my father’s house,

[Luk 16:28](#) for I have five brothers, let him warn them, lest they also come to this place of torture.’

[Luk 16:29](#) “Abraham said to him, **They have Mosheh and the prophets, let them hear them.**’

[Luk 16:30](#) “And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they shall repent.’

[Luk 16:31](#) “But he said to him, ‘**If they do not hear Mosheh and the prophets**,^e neither would they be persuaded even if one should rise from the dead.’ ” Footnote: ^e[See Luk 9:33](#), [Mal 4:4-5](#).

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus ‘spells it out’ for the Pharisees. Parables are meant to teach us deeper meanings. The only other thing that would have made it clearer to the Pharisees was if their own names would have been inserted into the parable. Yahusha clearly warned them about the direction they were headed.

This parable reveals that when we are absent from the body, we are not sleeping. For those that die after Yahusha’s finished work on the cross; they will be present with YHWH awaiting their bodily resurrection. This parable is before Yahusha’s death, burial, and resurrection; therefore, it reveals that Lazarus went to the bosom of Abraham.

Just like when Yahusha hung between the two thieves in Luke 23:43 And יהושע said to him, “Truly, I say to you today, you shall be with Me in Paradise.” Yahusha would first descend before ascending. Ephesians 4:10 He who went down is also the One who went up far above all the heavens, to fill all.

Is it possible that Yahusha went to Paradise, Abraham’s bosom, where those by faith had passed on before Him? I would say yes. In 1Samuel, we are given a clear example that Samuel was there and he tells Saul that he and his sons would be joining him, but all would need to **wait for Yahusha to be the first fruit of ascension into heaven after His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3rd day.**

1Sa 28:15 And Shemu’el said to Sha’ul, “Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?” And Sha’ul answered, “I am deeply distressed, for the Philistines are fighting against me, and Elohim has turned aside from me and does not answer me anymore, neither by prophets nor by dreams. So I have called you, to reveal to me what I should do.”

1Sa 28:16 Then Shemu’el said, “And why do you ask me, seeing יהוה has turned aside from you and has become your enemy?”

1Sa 28:17 “And יהוה has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For יהוה has torn the reign out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to Dawid.

1Sa 28:18 “Because you did not obey the voice of יהוה nor execute His burning wrath upon Amalēq, therefore יהוה has done this matter to you today.

1Sa 28:19 “Further, יהוה also gives Yisra’el with you into the hand of the Philistines. **And tomorrow you and your sons are with me.** יהוה also gives the army of Yisra’el into the hand of the Philistines.”

Deu 32:48 And יהוה spoke to Mosheh that same day, saying,

Deu 32:49 “Go up this mountain of the Aḇarim, Mount Neḇo, which is in the land of Mo’ab, which is opposite Yeriḥo, and look at the land of Kena’an, which I give to the children of Yisra’el as a possession,

Deu 32:50 and die on the mountain which you ascend, **and be gathered to your people, as Aharon your brother died on Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,**

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Others may not agree with this understanding; but it is always good to share and discuss Scriptures as good Bereans.

'No servant is able to serve two masters...'

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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