

*Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 3; Psalms 126; 127; 128; Isaiah 63; Matthew 11*

## *July 1 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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### **Joshua 3**

#### **Israel Crosses the Jordan**

**Jos 3:1** And Yehoshua rose early in the morning, and they set out from Shittim and came to the Yardēn, he and all the children of Yisra'ēl, and stayed there before they passed over.

**Jos 3:2** And it came to be, **after three days**, that the officers went into the midst of the camp,

**Jos 3:3** and they commanded the people, saying, “When you see **the ark of the covenant** of יהוה your Elohim, and the priests, the Lēwites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

**Jos 3:4** “Only, **keep a distance between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure**. Do not come near it, so that you know which way to go, for you have not passed over this way before.”

**Jos 3:5** And Yehoshua said to the people, **“Set yourselves apart, for tomorrow יהוה is doing wonders in your midst.”**

**Jos 3:6** And Yehoshua spoke to the priests, saying, **“Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people.” So they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.**

In Joshua Chapter 3, we see a greater metaphorically picture unfolding. We know the name Joshua is the foundational name of Yahusha. We see YHWH instruct the people through Joshua to wait 3 days before crossing over the Jordan. They were also to set-themselves apart.

We know for Yahusha to propose to us by the New Covenant, He chose to lay down His life; He was crucified; He died and was buried; and He arose the 3<sup>rd</sup> day. Only through His death, burial, and resurrection would He be able to take us back as His bride.

We remember in Exodus 19 as the people were about to enter the Marriage Covenant with YHWH, Moses instructed them to set themselves apart for 3 days:

Exo 19:14 And Mosheh came down from the mountain to the people and set the people apart, and they washed their garments.

Exo 19:15 And he said to the people, “Be prepared by the third day. Do not come near a wife.”

Exo 19:16 And it came to be, **on the third day** in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud on the mountain. And a voice of a shophar<sup>b</sup> was very strong, and all the people who were in the camp trembled. Footnote: <sup>b</sup>Animal horn - traditionally a ram's horn.

It is believed that where Joshua, the priests with the Ark of the Covenant, and the children of Israel crossed; was the same place that John the Immerser, baptized or [mikvah'd] Yahusha. In Joshua 4, we will see that Joshua instructs representatives of the 12 tribes to place 12 memorial stones in the Jordan River as a marker.

We already discussed that the purpose of John the Immerser baptizing Yahusha was to fulfill the Book of the Law transference requirements between High Priests. We already discussed that this was the transference from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood back to elevating the Melchizedek priesthood to the reigning position. We know with a change in priesthood comes a change in law; which in this case, was in preparation for the New Covenant.

Heb 7:11 Truly, then, if perfection were through the Lēwitical priesthood – for under it the people were given the Torah – why was there still need for another priest to arise according to the order of Malkitsedeg, and not be called according to the order of Aharon?

Heb 7:12 For the **priesthood being changed**, of necessity **there takes place a change of law also.**

Jos 3:7 And יהוה said to Yehoshua, “This day I begin to make you great before the eyes of all Yisra’ēl, so that they know that I am with you as I was with Mosheh.

Jos 3:8 “And **you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, saying, ‘When you come to the edge of the water of the Yardēn, stand in the Yardēn.’**”

Jos 3:9 And Yehoshua said to the children of Yisra’ēl, “Come near, and hear the words of יהוה your Elohim.”

Jos 3:10 And Yehoshua said, “By this you shall know that the living Ēl is in your midst, and that He is certainly driving out from before you the Kena’anites and the Hittites and the Hivvites and the Perizzites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Yēbusites:

Jos 3:11 “See, **the ark of the covenant of the Master of all the earth is passing over before you** into the Yardēn.

Jos 3:12 “And now, **take for yourselves twelve men from the tribes of Yisra’ēl, one man from every tribe.**

In Joshua 4, we will see that they took 12 stones out of the Jordan and placed them in **their camp** as a memorial; but they **also set-up 12 stones IN THE MIDST of the Jordan.** We ourselves are established on the Rock of Salvation.

Jos 4:8 And the children of Yisra'ël did so, as Yehoshua commanded, and took up twelve stones from the midst of the Yardĕn, as יהוה had spoken to Yehoshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Yisra'ël, and took them over with them to their camp, and laid them down there.

Jos 4:9 Yehoshua also set up twelve stones in the midst of the Yardĕn, in the place where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant stood. And they are there to this day.

**Jos 3:13 “And it shall be, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of יהוה, the Master of all the earth, come to rest in the waters of the Yardĕn, that the waters of the Yardĕn are cut off, the waters that come down from upstream, and stand as a heap.”**

Jos 3:14 And it came to be, when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Yardĕn, with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,

Jos 3:15 and as those bearing the ark came to the Yardĕn, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark dipped in the edge of the water – now the Yardĕn overflows all its banks during all the time of harvest –

Jos 3:16 that the waters which came down from upstream stood still, and rose in a heap very far away at Adam, the city that is beside Tsarethan. And the waters going down into the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Yeriho.

**Jos 3:17 And the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of יהוה stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Yardĕn. And all Yisra'ël passed over on dry ground, until all the nation had completely passed over the Yardĕn.**

Some speculate, that this ‘city of Adam’ was built by the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam when he sinned and was cast out of Eden, the garden east of Eden. Metaphorically, we are starting to see the bigger picture of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Adam, Yahusha, rolling back the sins of mankind all the way back to the 1<sup>st</sup> Adam; represented by the waters of the Jordan rolling back to the ‘city of Adam.’ Yahusha was our ark, that came in the likeness of flesh, containing the New Covenant, and He crossed over first making a way for us to cross-over.

In Joshua 3:15, we are made aware that during this time of year, which was the month of Abib, the rivers would overflow the banks during all the time of harvest. Therefore, the Jordan was at its highest levels. Water represents the cleansing of sinners by the ‘washing of the Word.’ Yahusha is the ‘Living Water’ of eternal life.

## **Psalms 126; 127; 128**

### **Restore Our Fortunes, O YHWH**

**Psa 126:1** When יהוה turns back the captivity of Tsiyon, We shall be like dreamers.

**Psa 126:2** Then our mouth shall be filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing,

Then shall they say among the nations, “יהוה has done great *deeds* for them.”

Psa 126:3 יהוה shall do great *deeds* for us, We shall be glad.

Psa 126:4 Turn back our captivity, O יהוה, Like the streams in the South.

Psa 126:5 Those sowing in tears, shall reap with songs of joy.

Psa 126:6 He who goes on and weeps, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall indeed come in with rejoicing, Bearing his sheaves.

Only through Yahusha are we set free from our captivity to sin. Only by making our garments white by the washing of the blood of the Lamb can we enter His sheepfold. Like the rolling back of the Sea of Reeds or the Jordan; he washes our sins away as far as the east is from the west. Yahusha told Peter, unless He washed him, he would have not part of Him.

Joh 13:8 Kēpha said to Him, “By no means shall You wash my feet, ever!” יהושע answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.”

### Unless YHWH Builds the House

**Psa 127:1** If יהוה **does not build the house**, Its builders have labored in vain. If יהוה does not guard the city, The watchman has stayed awake in vain.

Psa 127:2 In vain do you rise up early, To sit up late, to eat the bread of toil; So He gives His beloved sleep.

Psa 127:3 Look, **children are an inheritance from יהוה, The fruit of the womb is the reward.**

Psa 127:4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man, So are the children of one’s youth.

Psa 127:5 Blessed is the man Who has filled his quiver with them. They are not ashamed, When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Blessings come from YHWH. We can work hard, or we can work smart. The smart way is to build our lives and homes on the Rock. The hard way is to build our house by our own strength and in our own way thus leading to a foundation on sinking sand.

When we build our lives around YHWH, we have nothing to be ashamed of. We have not part of any under-handed deals, transactions, or covenants with the world.

### Blessed Is Everyone Who Feels YHWH

**Psa 128:1** **Blessed are all who fear יהוה, Who walk in His ways.**

Psa 128:2 You shall eat the labor of your hands. Be blessed, and let it be well with you.

Psa 128:3 Let your wife be As a fruit-bearing vine within your house, Your sons like

olive plants all around your table.

Psa 128:4 Look, **so shall the man be blessed Who fears יהוה**.

Psa 128:5 יהוה shall bless you out of Tsiyon, And let you see the good of Yerushalayim  
All the days of your life,

Psa 128:6 And let you see your children's children! Peace be upon Yisra'ël!

Joh 13:15 "For I gave you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.

Joh 13:16 "Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is an emissary greater than he who sent him.

Joh 13:17 "If you know these *teachings*, **blessed are you if you do them**.

## Isaiah 63

We must keep in mind that the wheat and tares; the sheep and the goats; the Esau/Edomites and YHWH's Israelites; **are existing side by side**. Though we can discern 'who is who' by their fruit; it is not always that simple.

Only Yahusha will be able to tell for sure, who is who. He knows the heart. For this reason, we should **encourage all to come to the saving faith in Yahusha HaMashiach for it is His desire that none perish**.

We were all born with a fallen nature, and only by repentance and coming into covenant with Yahusha do we enter His Kingdom and become part of Israel. There is still hope for those that are lost and are still existing in the realm of Esau/Edom – **the worldly fleshly nation people**.

## YHWH's Day of Vengeance

**Isa 63:1** Who is this coming from Edom, with garments of glowing colours from Botsrah, who is robed in splendour, striding forward in the greatness of His strength? **"It is I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save."**

Isa 63:2 Why is there red on Your raiment, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress?

Isa 63:3 **"I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. And I trod them down in My displeasure, and I trampled them in My wrath. Their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have defiled all My raiment."**

Isa 63:4 **"For a day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come."**

Isa 63:5 "And I looked, but there was none helping, and I was astonished that there was none upholding. So My own arm saved for Me, and My wrath upheld Me.

Isa 63:6 "And I trod down peoples in My displeasure, and **made them drunk in My**

**wrath**, and brought down their strength to earth.”

**BDB Definition:** Bozrah = “sheepfold” or “fortress” 1) a town in Edom 2) a town in Moab

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“Remember I told you the Jews considered Rome an Edomite city? They nicknamed it **Bosra** in honor of the capital of Edom and the Edomites who had infiltrated the highest levels of the Edomite Roman Empire. Now, **the Biblical Bosrah is NOT Rome**, but a city in Lower Jordan where the future sheepfolds will be when Yeshua returns.

Mic 2:12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; **I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as the flock in the midst of their fold: they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men.**”

So, though we see YHWH exercising His vengeance and wrath in Botsrah, we know **He would have already gathered and protected any of His sheep that had been in that region.**

“Bozrah is mentioned in 9 verses in the Tanakh. It was an established city before Rome was ever thought of. **It will be Bozrah, not Rome, where the LORD will return.** Why? Because **Bozrah is in the Land that He swore to Abraham; Rome is not.** **However, it is good for us to understand the connection between Bozrah of ancient Edom, which is now lower Jordan, and its nicknamed counterpart, Rome.**”

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“Now, let me give you a caution:

Deu 23:7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land.

We Believers need to be careful. Esau is our brother. We are not to hate our brother. In fact, **we must witness to the Edomites while we still can because God has made provision for them to come to Him just like us.** **We can disagree with Esau, but we must treat him with justice and kindness like the Torah teaches.** We must give every Edomite Jew the opportunity to turn from Communism and alah ± the curse ± to the God of Jacob.” [ Excerpts end]

## YHWH’s Mercy Remembered

**Isa 63:7** Let me recount the loving-commitments of יהוה and the praises of יהוה, according to all that יהוה has done for us, and the great goodness toward the house of Yisra'el, which He has done for them according to His compassion, and according to His many loving-commitments.

**Isa 63:8** And He said, **“They are My people, children who do not act falsely.” And He became their Savior.**

**Isa 63:9** In all their distress He was distressed, and the Messenger of His Presence saved them. In His love and in His compassion He redeemed them, and He lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

**Isa 63:10** But they rebelled and grieved His Set-apart Spirit, so He turned against them as an enemy, and He fought against them.

**Isa 63:11** Then He remembered the days of old, Mosheh, His people, “Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Set-apart Spirit within him,

**Isa 63:12** who led them by the right hand of Mosheh, with His comely arm, dividing the water before them to make for Himself an everlasting Name,

**Isa 63:13** who led them through the deep? Like a horse in the wilderness they did not stumble.”

**Isa 63:14** As a beast goes down into the valley, and the Spirit of יהוה causes him to rest, so You led Your people, to make Yourself a comely Name.

YHWH has not forgotten His people. He loved us and redeemed us then and now. He justified us and mikvah'd the nation as they passed through the waters of the Sea of Reeds and the Jordan. Israel is His first born. Israel is the one He has shown His loving commitment toward.

### Prayer for Mercy

**Isa 63:15** Look down from the heavens, and see from Your set-apart and comely dwelling. Where are Your ardor and Your might, the stirring of Your inward parts and Your compassion toward me? Are they withheld?

**Isa 63:16** **For You are our Father, though Abraham does not know us, and Yisra'el does not recognise us. You, O יהוה, are our Father, our Redeemer – Your Name is from of old.**

**Isa 63:17** O יהוה, why do You make us stray from Your ways, and harden our heart from Your fear? Turn back, for the sake of Your servants, the tribes of Your inheritance.

**Isa 63:18** For a little while Your set-apart people possessed it – our adversaries **have trodden down Your set-apart place.**<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Psa 74:1-23](#), [Psa 79:1-13](#), [Jer 51:51](#), [Lam 1:10](#), [Dan 8:13](#), [Dan 11:31](#), [Mat 24:15](#).

**Isa 63:19** We have become like those over whom You never ruled – Your Name is not called on them!

Joh 10:16 “And other sheep I have which are not of this fold – I have to bring them as well, and they shall hear My voice, and **there shall be one flock, one shepherd.** <sup>b</sup> Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See also [Joh 11:52](#), [Eph 2:13-19](#), [Isa 56:8](#), [Eze 34:23](#), [Eze 37:24](#).

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Isa 56:8 The Master יהוה, **who gathers the outcasts** of Yisra'el, declares, “**I gather still others to him besides those who are gathered to him.**”

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**Eph 2:13** But now in Messiah יהושע you **who once were far off** have been brought near **by the blood of the Messiah.**

Eph 2:14 For He is our peace, **who has made both one**, and having broken down the partition of the barrier,

Eph 2:15 **having abolished in His flesh the enmity<sup>d</sup>** – the torah of the commands in dogma – so as to **create in Himself one renewed man from the two**, thus making peace, Footnote: <sup>d</sup>Also see [Col 2:14](#), [Col 2:20](#), [Act 11:1-3](#).

Eph 2:16 and **to completely restore to favour both of them unto Elohim in one body** through the stake, having destroyed the enmity by it.

Eph 2:17 And having come, He **brought as Good News peace to you who were far off, and peace to those near.** [Isa 57:19](#).

Eph 2:18 Because through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Eph 2:19 So then **you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens of the set-apart ones and members of the household of Elohim,** <sup>e</sup> Footnote: <sup>e</sup>See [Rom 11:17-24](#), [Isa 14:1](#).

## Matthew 11

### Messengers from John the Baptist

**Mat 11:1** And it came to be, when יהושע ended instructing His twelve taught ones, that He set out from there to teach and to proclaim in their cities.

**Mat 11:2** And when **Yohanan had heard in the prison of the works of Messiah, he sent two of his taught ones**

**Mat 11:3** and said to Him, **“Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”**

**Mat 11:4** And יהושע answering, said to them, “Go, report to Yoḥanan what you hear and see:

**Mat 11:5** “**Blind receive sight** and **lame walk**, **lepers are cleansed** and **deaf hear**, [Isa 35:5-6](#) **dead are raised up** and **poor are brought the Good News.** [Isa 61:1](#).

**Mat 11:6** **“And blessed is he who does not stumble in Me.”**

The two taught ones return to John the Immerser in prison with a glowing report! Every miracle you would expect the Messiah to do was listed! **He didn't want John the Immerser to have ANY doubt that He was the Messiah.** With that, John the Immerser, would face his impending death with shalom.

**Mat 11:7** And as these were going, יהושע began to say to the crowds concerning



Yoḥanan, “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

**Mat 11:8** “But what did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft garments? Look, those wearing soft *garments* are in the houses of sovereigns.

**Mat 11:9** “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet.

**Mat 11:10** “For this is he of whom it was written, ‘**See, I send My messenger before Your face, who shall prepare Your way before You.**’ [Mal 3:1](#).

**Mat 11:11** “Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than Yoḥanan the Immerser, yet the least one in the reign of the heavens is greater than he.

**Mat 11:12** “And from the days of Yoḥanan the Immerser till now the reign of the heavens is violated, and [the violent seize it.](#)<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See [Luk 16:16-17](#) which explains it more clearly.

So, what did Yahusha mean by [the least one in the reign of the heavens is greater](#) than John the Immerser whom there has not risen one greater among those born of women?

Anyone who receives Yahusha HaMashiach as their Savior enters His Kingdom. He is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order and by entering His covenant, He has made us a kingdom of priests of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation.

What Yahusha was saying is that the least in the kingly/priestly order of Melchizedek is greater than the greatest of High Priests under the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood of which John the Immerser was. Granted, [through John the Immerser’s FAITH in Yahusha](#), He too transferred into the impending Melchizedek Order, YHWH’s Heavenly Kingdom.

**Mat 11:13** “For all the prophets and the Torah prophesied till Yoḥanan.

**Mat 11:14** “And if you wish to accept it, he is Ēliyahu who was about to come.

**Mat 11:15** “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

**Mat 11:16** “And to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to their companions,

**Mat 11:17** and saying, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we lamented to you, and you did not beat the breast.’

**Mat 11:18** “For Yoḥanan came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’

**Mat 11:19** “The Son of Aḍam came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘See, a man, a glutton and a winedrinker, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ And wisdom was declared right by her works.”

Some will refuse to see all the diverse ways YHWH has spoken to the people throughout His Word. He sent prophets; priests; kings; written Torah; John the Immerser with the spirit of Elijah to prepare the way; His disciples; yet still, people refused to see and to hear. Nothing was acceptable in their ‘opinion.’ They are the ones that call good evil and evil good.

### Woe to Unrepentant Cities

Mat 11:20 Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles had been done, **because they did not repent:**

Mat 11:21 “Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Běyth Tsaída! Because if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Tzor and Tsidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Mat 11:22 “But I say to you, it shall be more bearable for Tzor and Tsidon in the day of judgment than for you.

Mat 11:23 “And you, Kephar Naħum, who were **exalted to the heaven, shall be brought down to She’ol!**<sup>b</sup> [Isa\\_14:13](#) and [Isa\\_14:15](#). **Because if the miracles which were done in you had been done in Sedom, it would have remained until this day.**

Footnote: <sup>b</sup>See Explanatory Notes - She’ol.

Mat 11:24 “But I say to you that it shall be more bearable for the land of Sedom in the day of judgment than for you.”

Powerful reprimands were given to unrepentant cities that had seen such mighty miracles that even Sodom would have repented. There would be no rebuttal for such cities and in the day of judgement, their outcome would be worse than for the land of Sodom.

The only way to escape judgement by living in such a fallen city or nation, is to receive Yahusha as your Savior. Only those under the blood, will be saved and considered ‘righteous.’ He knows where His people are no matter where they have been scattered!

### Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

Mat 11:25 At that time יהושע responding, said, “I thank You, Father, Master of the heavens and earth, because **You have hidden these matters from clever and learned ones** and have **revealed them to babes.**<sup>c</sup> Footnote: <sup>c</sup> [Luk\\_10:21](#).

Mat 11:26 “Yes, Father, because so it was well-pleasing in Your sight.

Mat 11:27 “All have been handed over to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son wishes to reveal Him.

Mat 11:28 **"Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I shall give you rest."**

Mat 11:29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble in heart, and you shall find rest for your beings.<sup>d</sup> Footnote: <sup>d</sup> [Jer 6:16](#).

Mat 11:30 **"For My yoke is gentle and My burden is light."**

Have you crossed over? Have you crossed over from death unto life? Have you been washed by Yahusha? Are your garments white? Are you part of Israel, the one new man? If not, you can be right now.

- Yahusha has proposed to you. He has offered His New Covenant ratified by His own blood.
- With a sincere heart you can accept His Covenant. Go to Him in prayer and ask Him to come into your life.
- Acknowledge, that you, like all of us, have sinned and fallen short of His glory.
- With this repentance, He will wash you by the blood of the Lamb.
- He will send to you His indwelling Ruach HaKodesh, the Comforter, that will make your spirit come to life by being born anew.
- Now, you are betrothed to Him and are to walk in set-apartness.
- Set apartness is a process. We are justified by His blood; but daily we are sanctified by letting Him transform our ways to become more like Him.
- It is a process to learn to walk according to the Spirit and live according to His Word; and no longer walking in the fleshly, worldly, and sinful ways we once walked.
- Study His Word and connect to others that are already in His kingdom of priests after the order of Melchizedek.
- Reply to whoever sent you this email and tell them about your decision.
- Shalom and welcome to His family!

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