

Greetings, today our manna is from 2Chron 19 & 20; Zechariah 4; Rev. 8; John 7.

December 17 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

2Chron 19

Jehoshaphat goes out among the people from Beersheba to the hill country of Ephrayim and brings them back to YHWH Elohim of their fathers.

Jehoshaphat's Reforms

2Ch 19:1 And Yehoshaphat the sovereign of Yehudāh returned to his house in peace in Yerushalayim.

2Ch 19:2 And Yēhu son of Ḥanani the seer went out to face him, and said to Sovereign Yehoshaphat, “Do you help the wrong and love those who hate יהוה? Therefore the wrath of יהוה is upon you.

- ✚ **2Ch 19:3** “But good matters are found in you, in that you have removed the Ashēroth from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek Elohim.”
- ✚ **2Ch 19:4** So **Yehoshaphat dwelt in Yerushalayim, and he went out again among the people from Be’ērsheba to the hill country of Ephrayim, and brought them back to יהוה Elohim of their fathers.**
- ✚ **2Ch 19:5** And he appointed judges in the land in all the walled cities of Yehudāh, city by city,
 - **2Ch 19:6** and said to the judges, “**Watch what you are doing, for you do not judge for man, but for יהוה who is with you in the matter of right-ruling.**
 - **2Ch 19:7** “And now, let the fear of יהוה be upon you. Guard and do it, for there is no unrighteousness with יהוה our Elohim, nor partiality, nor taking of bribes.”

2Ch 19:8 And in Yerushalayim Yehoshaphat also appointed some of the Lēwites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Yisra’ēl, for the right-ruling of יהוה and for dispute. Then they returned to Yerushalayim.

2Ch 19:9 And he commanded them, saying, “Do this in the fear of יהוה, trustworthily and with a perfect heart:

2Ch 19:10 “When any dispute comes to you from your brothers who dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between Torah and command, laws and right-rulings, then you shall warn them, lest they trespass against יהוה and wrath come upon you and your brothers. Do this, and you shall not be guilty.

2Ch 19:11 “And look, Amaryahu the chief priest is over you in all matters of יהוה. And

Zebadyahu son of Yishma'el, the ruler of the house of Yehudah, for all the matters of the sovereign, and the Lēwites are officials before you. Be strong and do, and יהוה is with the good.”

2Chron 20

Jehoshaphat's Prayer

2Ch 20:1 And after this it came to be that the **children of Mo'ab** and the **children of Ammon** came in, and with them some of the peoples, against Yehoshaphat to battle.

2Ch 20:2 And they came and spoke to Yehoshaphat, saying,

✚ “A great army is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Aram. And see, they are in H̄atsatson Tamar,” which is Ēn Geḏi.

2Ch 20:3 **And Yehoshaphat was afraid, and**

✚ **set his face to seek יהוה, and**
✚ **proclaimed a fast throughout all Yehudah.**

2Ch 20:4 And Yehudah gathered to inquire of יהוה, even from all the cities of Yehudah they came to seek יהוה.

2Ch 20:5 And Yehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Yehudah and Yerushalayim, in the House of יהוה, in front of the new courtyard,

2Ch 20:6 and said,

Prayer of Jehoshaphat

“O יהוה Elohim of our fathers, are You not Elohim in the heavens, and do You not rule over all the reigns of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to stand against You?

2Ch 20:7 “Are You not our Elohim? You have driven out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Yisra'el, and gave it to the seed of Aḇraham who loves You forever.

2Ch 20:8 “And they dwell in it, and have built You a set-apart place in it for Your Name, saying,

2Ch 20:9 If evil does come upon us, such as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or scarcity of food, we shall stand before this House and in Your presence – for Your Name is in this House – and cry out to You in our distress, and You do hear and save.’

2Ch 20:10 “And now, see, the children of Ammon and Mo'ab, and Mount Sē'ir, whom You would not let Yisra'el invade when they came out of the land of Mitsrayim, for they turned from them and did not destroy them,

2Ch 20:11 and see, they are repaying us by coming in to drive us out of Your possession which You have given us to inherit.

2Ch 20:12 “O our Elohim, would You not judge them? For we are powerless against this great army that is coming against us. And we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You.”

2Ch 20:13 And all Yehudāh, with their little ones, their wives, and their children, stood before יהוה.

2Ch 20:14 **And the Spirit of יהוה came upon Yahazi'el son of Zekaryahu, son of Benayah, son of Ye'i'el, son of Mattanyah, a Lēwite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly,**

2Ch 20:15 and he said,

Prophecy of Yaḥazi'el - ...for the battle is not yours, but Elohim's.

“Listen, all Yehudāh, and you inhabitants of Yerushalayim, and Sovereign Yehoshaphat!

Thus said יהוה to you, ‘Do not fear, nor be afraid of the face of this great army, **for the battle is not yours, but Elohim's.**”

2Ch 20:16 Go down against them tomorrow. See, they are coming up by the ascent of Tsits, and you shall find them at the end of the wadi before the Wilderness of Yeru'el.

2Ch 20:17 It is not for you to fight in this. **Position yourselves, stand still and see the deliverance of יהוה with you, O Yehudāh and Yerushalayim! Do not be afraid nor fear, go out against them tomorrow, for יהוה is with you.**”

2Ch 20:18 And Yehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Yehudāh and the inhabitants of Yerushalayim fell down before יהוה, to bow themselves before יהוה.

2Ch 20:19 And the Lēwites, of the children of the Qehathites and of the children of the Qorhites **stood up to praise יהוה Elohim of Yisra'el with exceedingly loud voice.**

2Ch 20:20 And they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Teqowa. And as they went out, Yehoshaphat stood and said,

Strong and courageous words are given by Yehoshaphat to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. As they went out before the army and as they began to sing and praise Him, YHWH set ambushes against their enemies.

“Hear me, O Yehudāh and you inhabitants of Yerushalayim: Trust in יהוה your Elohim and be steadfast, trust His prophets and prosper.”

2Ch 20:21 And after consulting with the people, he appointed those who should sing to יהוה, and who should praise the splendour of set-apartness, as they went out before the army and were saying, “Give thanks to יהוה, for His loving-commitment is everlasting.”

2Ch 20:22 And when they began singing and praising, יהוה set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Mo'ab, and Mount Sē'ir, who had come against Yehudāh, and they were smitten.

2Ch 20:23 Then the children of Ammon and Mo'ab stood up against the inhabitants of Mount Sē'ir to destroy and annihilate them. And when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Sē'ir, they helped to destroy one another.

YHWH Delivers Judah

2Ch 20:24 And when Yehuḏah came at the lookout in the wilderness, they looked toward the army and saw their dead bodies, lying on the ground, and none had escaped.

2Ch 20:25 And Yehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, and they found among them a great amount of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could take away. **And they were three days plundering the spoil, for it was much.**

2Ch 20:26 And on **the fourth day** they assembled in the Valley of Berakah, **for there they blessed יהוה**. Therefore the name of that place was called The Valley of Berakah to this day.

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berākāh **BDB Definition:**

Berachah = "blessing"

1) a Benjamite, one of David's warriors (noun proper masculine)

2) a valley in the wilderness near Tekoa where Jehoshaphat and his people assembled to bless Jehovah after the overthrow of the hosts of the Moabites (noun proper locative)

2Ch 20:27 Then they returned, every man of Yehuḏah and Yerushalayim, with Yehoshaphat in front of them, to go back to Yerushalayim with joy, for יהוה had made them rejoice over their enemies.

2Ch 20:28 **And they came to Yerushalayim, with harps and lyres and trumpets, to the House of יהוה.**

2Ch 20:29 And the fear of Elohim was on all the reigns of the lands when they heard that יהוה had fought against the enemies of Yisra'ēl.

2Ch 20:30 Then the reign of Yehoshaphat was at peace, for his Elohim gave him rest on all sides.

2Ch 20:31 **Thus Yehoshaphat reigned over Yehuḏah – thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Yerushalayim.** And his mother's name was Azuḇah the daughter of Shilḥi.

2Ch 20:32 **And he walked in the way of his father Asa and did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of יהוה.**

2Ch 20:33 Only, the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts for the Elohim of their fathers.

2Ch 20:34 And the rest of the acts of Yehoshaphat, the first and the last, see, they are written in the book of Yēhu son of Ḥanani, which is mentioned in the book of the

sovereigns of Yisra'ël.

The End of Jehoshaphat's Reign

2Ch 20:35 And after this Yehoshaphat sovereign of Yehudah joined himself with Ahazyah sovereign of Yisra'ël. He did wrong in doing so.

2Ch 20:36 And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the ships in Etsyon Geber.

2Ch 20:37 Then Eli'ezer son of Dodawahu of Marëshah prophesied against Yehoshaphat, saying, "Because you have joined yourself with Ahazyahu, יהוה shall break up your work." And the ships were wrecked, so that they were unable to go to Tarshish.

Zechariah 4

The 5th vision of Zechariah – A lampstand with a bowl on top – and on the stand 7 Lamps with 7 spouts – two olive trees on either side of the bowl - two gold pipes - Zerubbabel

Recap to date of the series of visions given to Zechariah speaking the message.

The 1st vision: Described a warning vision, a timing vision, and a preparation vision. The red horse connected us to the vision of Revelation 6, but these in Zechariah 1 are standing in the shade as if waiting and their colors are red, sorrel, and white; not white, red, black, and pale green. These had gone throughout the earth and reported all is peaceful. This appears to be the 'calm before the storm.' This is before the white horse goes out to conquer followed by the red horse of war and death. The sorrel or chestnut colored horse could mean that since it was a time of peace, bread and health prevailed.

The 2nd vision: Described the 4 horns - horns are connected to powerful nations. Craftsmen are builders; with the Master Craftsman, Yahusha, being the repairer of the breach, along with his apprentices – His set-apart ones – those of the four encampments around the Dwelling Place.

The 3rd vision: A Vision of a Man with a Measuring Line: Measuring is a metaphor for judgment. Jerusalem was to be measured. Spiritual Jerusalem is the bride and does not always refer to a 'physical' Jerusalem.

The 4th vision: The 4th vision of Joshua the High Priest. Keep in mind, that the name Joshua in this context of Zechariah, appears to be a type and shadow referring to Yahusha. Yahusha took our sins and laid down His life for us.

The 5th vision of Zechariah – A lampstand with a bowl on top – and on the stand 7 Lamps with 7 spouts – two olive trees on either side of the bowl - two gold pipes - Zerubbabel

A Vision of a Golden Lampstand

Zec 4:1 And the messenger who was speaking to me came back and woke me up as a man is awakened from sleep.

Zec 4:2 And he said to me, “**What do you see?**” So I said,

- + “I have looked, and see: a lampstand all of gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven spouts to the seven lamps.
- + **Zec 4:3** “And two olive trees are by it, one at the right of the bowl and the other at its left.”

The lampstand menorah of gold is located in the Holy Place. This would be the area that the priests would enter and attend every day. Olive oil represents the fresh anointing of the Ruach HaKodesh. Yahusha is the vine and we are the branches. Without Him we can do nothing. Life was in Aaron’s rod that brought forth buds. In Him, we have life and we have light; for He is the Light of the world.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne came lightnings, and thunders, and voices. **And seven lamps of fire were burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of Elohim.**

The Two Witnesses

Rev 11:1 And a reed like a measuring rod was given to me, and the messenger stood, saying, “Rise and measure the Dwelling Place of Elohim, and the slaughter-place, and those worshipping in it.

Rev 11:2 “But cast out the court which is outside the Dwelling Place, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the nations, and they shall trample the set-apart city under foot for forty-two months.

Rev 11:3 “And I shall give **unto my two witnesses**, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth.”

Rev 11:4 **These are the two olive trees** Eze 4:3 and **the two lampstands that are standing before the Elohim of the earth.**

Zec 4:4 Then I responded and spoke to the messenger who was speaking to me, saying, **“What are these, my master?”**

Zec 4:5 And the messenger who was speaking to me answered and said to me, **“Do you not know what these are?”** And I said, **“No, my master.”**

Zec 4:6 And he answered and said to me,

- ✚ **“This is the word of יהוה to Zerubbabel, ‘Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,’ said יהוה of hosts.**

This was a word not only to Zerubbabel but to all believers.

F. B. Meyer notes: “NOT BY MIGHT NOR BY POWER” Zerubbabel had faltered in the great work of reconstruction and had practically lost heart. Here he is encouraged to renew his efforts and persevere to the top-stone. He might be weak and flexible as a wick but none of his deficiencies could hinder him from finishing his life-work, if only his spirit was kindled with the divine fire and fed by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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BDB Definition:

Zerubbabel = “sown in Babylon”

1) the grandson of king Jehoiachin and leader of the first group of returning exiles from Babylon

- ✚ **Zec 4:7** Who are you, great mountain, before Zerubbabel? A plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of “Favour, favour to it!” ’ ’ ”

Adam Clarke Notes:

O great mountain? - The hinderances which were thrown in the way; the regal prohibition to discontinue the building of the temple.

He shall bring forth the headstone - As he has laid the foundation stone, so shall he put on the headstone: as he has begun the building, so shall he finish it!

Zec 4:8 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

- ✚ Zec 4:9 **“The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this House, and his hands shall complete it.** And you shall know that יהוה of hosts has sent Me to you.

- ✚ Zec 4:10 “For who has despised the day of small *beginnings*? They shall rejoice when they see the plumb-line in the hand of Zerubbabel. **These seven are the eyes of יהוה, which diligently search throughout all the earth.**”

Haggai gives us several insights to the days of Zerubbabel; and the type and shadow of how Zerubbabel will be represented in the end of days. YHWH has stirred up the spirit within His kingdom of priests as He coalesces us into one: the temple made of living stones of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. We are built on the Rock of salvation.

Hag 1:1 In the second year of Dareyawesh the sovereign, in the sixth new *moon*, on the first day of the new *moon*, the word of יהוה came by Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel son of She’alti’el, governor of Yehudah, and to Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, saying,

[Hag 1:12](#) Then **Zerubbabel** son of She'alti'el, and Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of יהוה their Elohim, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as יהוה their Elohim had sent him. And the people feared the presence of יהוה.

[Hag 1:14](#) And יהוה stirred up the spirit of **Zerubbabel** son of She'alti'el, governor of Yehudah, and the spirit of Yehoshua son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. And they came and worked on the House of יהוה of hosts, their Elohim,

[Hag 2:4](#) And now, be strong, **Zerubbabel**, declares יהוה. 'And be strong, Yehoshua, son of Yehotsadaq, the high priest. And be strong, all you people of the land,' declares יהוה, **'and work. For I am with you,'** declares יהוה of hosts –

[Hag 2:21](#) "Speak to **Zerubbabel**, the governor of Yehudah, saying, 'I am shaking the heavens and earth.

[Hag 2:23](#) In that day,' declares יהוה of hosts, 'I shall take you, **Zerubbabel** My servant, son of She'alti'el,' declares יהוה, 'and shall make you as a signet, for I have chosen you,' declares יהוה of hosts."

[Zec 4:11](#) Then I responded and said to him,

- ✚ "What are these two olive trees, one at the right of the lampstand and the other at its left?"
- ✚ [Zec 4:12](#) And I responded a second time and said to him, "What are these two olive branches which **empty golden oil from themselves by means of the two gold pipes?**"

[Zec 4:13](#) And he answered me and said, **"Do you not know what these are?"** And I said, **"No, my master."**

[Zec 4:14](#) And he said, **"These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the Master^a of all the earth."** Footnote: ^aSee [Zec 4:3](#), [Zec 4:11](#), also [Mat 17:3-4](#), [Rev 11:3-10](#).



Two Olive Trees – Israel & Judah become ONE

I Will Be Their Elohim, They Shall Be My People

Eze 37:15 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 37:16 “And you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it, ‘For Yehudāh and for the children of Yisra’ēl, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Yosēph, the stick of Ephrayim, and for all the house of Yisra’ēl, his companions.’”

Eze 37:17 “Then bring them together for yourself into one stick, and they shall become one in your hand.

Eze 37:18 “And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Won’t you show us what you mean by these?’”



Eze 37:19 say to them, ‘Thus said the Master יהוה, “See, I am taking the stick of Yosēph, which is in the hand of Ephrayim, and the tribes of Yisra’ēl, his companions. And I shall give them unto him, with the stick of Yehudāh, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.”’”

Revelation 8

2021 FULL Updated Playlist:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcRp8AVG2L1d83m9ATExfIUo_gEIAi-if

The Seventh Seal and the Golden Censer

Rev 8:1 And when He opened the seventh seal, there came to be silence in the heaven for about half an hour.

Rev 8:2 And I saw the seven messengers who stand before Elohim, and to them were given seven trumpets.

Rev 8:3 And another messenger came and stood at the slaughter-place, holding a golden censer, and much incense was given to him, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the set-apart ones upon the golden slaughter-place which was before the throne.

Rev 8:4 And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the set-apart ones, went up before Elohim from the hand of the messenger.

Rev 8:5 And the messenger took the censer, and filled it with fire from the slaughter-place, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

Revelation 8 opens with the recording of what happens when the 7th seal of the deed is opened. There is silence for about a half hour. Then it records that the seven messengers that stand before YHWH were given seven trumpets. Therefore, the seven trumpets are tied to the opening of the 7th seal.

THE SEVEN SEALS OF REVELATION						
FIRST SEAL	SECOND SEAL	THIRD SEAL	FOURTH SEAL	FIFTH SEAL	SIXTH SEAL	SEVENTH SEAL
WHITE HORSE	RED HORSE	BLACK HORSE	PALE HORSE	MARTYRS CRY OUT	CELESTIAL SIGNS	RAPTURE
						
Rev 6: 2 Had a Bow Given a Crown Went out Conquering	Rev 6:4 Peace Removed Violence breaks out Has Sword	Rev 6:5-6 Balance Scales Huge Inflation Oil & Wine Spared	Rev 6:8 Death has Hades with him 1/4th earth Killed with sword, famine, death & beasts	Rev 6:9-11 Martyrs cry out How long? Not until number of brethren to be killed is complete	Rev 6:12-17 Earth quakes Sun darkens moon turns red Stars fall Sky Recedes like a scroll	Rev 8:1 Heaven silent about half hour

Another messenger comes with **the prayers of the set-apart ones** and this messenger is given much incense to offer with the prayers. This was done on the golden slaughter place which was before the throne of YHWH.

The smoke of the offering of the incense mixed with the prayer of the set-apart ones went up before YHWH by the hand of the messenger. The messenger then fills the censer with fire from the golden slaughter place and throws it to the earth. This causes noises, thunders, lightnings, and an earthquake.

There is much taking place in heaven and on earth. The spiritual warfare is abundantly overflowing to the physical realm. With this having been completed, the seven messengers holding the seven trumpets prepare to sound.

Now we read about the sounding and the events that are launched upon the earth by the first four trumpets:



The Seven Trumpets

Rev 8:6 And the seven messengers who held the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

Rev 8:7 And the first messenger sounded, and there came to be hail and fire mixed with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up.

Rev 8:8 And the second messenger sounded, and *what looked* like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood,

Rev 8:9 and a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed.

Rev 8:10 And the third messenger sounded, and a great star fell from the heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the fountains of water,

Rev 8:11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third of the waters became wormwood, and many men died from the waters, because they were made bitter.

Rev 8:12 And the fourth messenger sounded, and a third of the sun was struck, and a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. And a third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night.^a Footnote: ^aCompare with [Exo 10:21](#), [Isa 50:3](#), [Jer 4:23-29](#), [Zec 13:8](#), [Joe 2:10](#), [Joe 2:31](#), [Joe 3:15](#).

Rev 8:13 And I looked, and I heard an eagle flying in mid-heaven, crying with a loud voice, "Woe, woe, woe to those dwelling upon the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three messengers who are about to sound!"

These cause massive cataclysmic occurrences and **there are still MORE TO COME!**
Revelation chapter 8 closes with **Woe! Woe! Woe!**

John 7

Yahusha at the Feast of Booths

Joh 7:1 **And after this יהושע was walking in Galil, for He did not wish to walk in Yehudah, because the Yehudim were seeking to kill Him.**

Joh 7:2 And the festival of the Yehudim was near, **the Festival of Sukkot.**^a Footnote:
^aBooths.

Yahusha is taunted by his brothers.

Joh 7:3 So His brothers said to Him, 'Get away from here and go into Yehudah, so that Your taught ones also see the works that You are doing.

Joh 7:4 "For no one acts in secret while he himself seeks to be known openly. If You do these works, show Yourself to the world."

Joh 7:5 **For even His brothers did not believe in Him.**

Joh 7:6 יהושע therefore said to them, **"My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready.**

Joh 7:7 "It is impossible for the world to hate you, but it hates Me because I bear witness of it, that its works are wicked.

Joh 7:8 "You go up to this festival. I am not yet going up to this festival, for My time has not yet been filled."

Joh 7:9 And having said this to them, He stayed in Galil.

Joh 7:10 **But when His brothers had gone up to the festival, then He also went up, not openly, but as it were in secret.**

There are various views on what Yahusha meant by "My time has not yet come..."

In my understanding, He spoke of His time equating to the next appointed time which would occur in the spring, which included Passover / Unleavened Bread / First Fruits. He had come to earth in the likeness of flesh to openly lay down His life as the Passover Lamb of Elohim, and His time to do this was not during the Feast of Tabernacles.

After his brothers went up to the festival, He too went up but not openly but in secret. He knew the enemy, working through the Yehudim, was seeking to kill him. YHWH does everything according to His moedim. These are appointments on His calendar. Yahusha was born under the time of the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood and the Book of the Law; therefore, He kept every jot and tittle of the law and would not have missed attending the appointed feasts.

Joh 7:11 The Yehudim, therefore, were seeking Him at the festival, and said, “Where is He?”

Joh 7:12 And there was much grumbling about Him among the crowd. Some were saying, “He is good,” but others were saying, “No, but He is leading the crowd astray.”

Joh 7:13 However, **no one spoke openly of Him for fear of the Yehudim.**

Joh 7:14 And about the middle of the festival יהושע went up into the Set-apart Place, and He was teaching.

At the middle of the Feast of Tabernacles, Yahusha goes openly up into the Set-apart Place and he taught.

Joh 7:15 And the Yehudim were marvelling, saying, “How does this Man know letters, not having learned?”

Joh 7:16 יהושע answered them and said, **“My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me.”**^b Footnote: יהושע says this in seven places in the Book of John: [Joh 3:34](#), [Joh 7:16](#), [Joh 8:28](#), [Joh 8:40](#), [Joh 12:49](#), [Joh 14:24](#), [Joh 17:8](#). See also [Deu 18:15-20](#).

Joh 7:17 “If anyone desires to do His desire, he shall know concerning the teaching, whether it is from Elohim, or *whether* I speak from Myself.

Joh 7:18 “He who speaks from himself is seeking his own esteem, but He who seeks the esteem of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.

Joh 7:19 “Did not Mosheh give you the Torah? **Yet not one of you does the Torah!**^c Why do you seek to kill Me?” Footnote: ^cSee footnote [Mat 5:20](#).

Joh 7:20 The crowd answered and said, “You have a demon, who seeks to kill You?”

Joh 7:21 יהושע answered and said to them, “I did one work, and you all marvel.

Joh 7:22 “Because of this Mosheh has given you the circumcision – though it is not from Mosheh, but from the fathers – and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath.

Joh 7:23 “If a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the Torah of Mosheh should not be broken, are you wroth with Me because I made a man entirely well on the Sabbath?”

Joh 7:24 **“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”**

Can This Be the Messiah?

Joh 7:25 Therefore some of them from Yerushalayim said, “Is this not He whom they are seeking to kill?”

Joh 7:26 “And see! He speaks boldly, and they say none at all to Him. Could it be that the rulers truly know that this is truly the Messiah?”

Joh 7:27 “But we know where this One is from. And when the Messiah comes, no one knows where He is from.”

Joh 7:28 יהושע therefore cried out in the Set-apart Place, teaching and saying, “You both know Me, and you know where I am from. And I have not come of Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

Joh 7:29 “But I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me.”

Joh 7:30 So they were seeking to seize Him, but no one laid a hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

Joh 7:31 And many of the crowd believed in Him, and said, “When the Messiah comes, shall He do more signs than these which this One did?”

Officers Sent to Arrest Yahusha

Joh 7:32 The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these *matters* concerning Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to seize Him.

Officers were sent by the Pharisees to arrest Him but to no avail. [John 7:45-46] You have got to love this!

Joh 7:33 Therefore יהושע said to them, “Yet a little while I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

Joh 7:34 “You shall seek Me and you shall not find Me, and where I am you are unable to come.”

Joh 7:35 The Yehudim, therefore, said to themselves, “Where is He about to go that we shall not find Him? Is He about to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks?”

Joh 7:36 “What is this word which He said, ‘You shall seek Me and you shall not find Me, and where I am you are unable to come’?”

Rivers of Living Water

Joh 7:37 And on the last day, the great day of the festival, יהושע stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me, and let him who believes in Me drink.”

Joh 7:38 “As the Scripture said, out of His innermost shall flow rivers of living water.”^d

Footnote: ^d [Isa 44:3](#), [Jer 2:13](#), [Jer 17:13](#), [Zec 14:8](#), [Psa 36:8-9](#), [Pro 14:27](#), [Joh 4:10](#), [Joh 6:63](#), [1Co 10:4](#), [Rev 7:17](#), [Rev 21:6](#), [Rev 22:1](#) and [Rev 22:17](#).

Joh 7:39 And this He said concerning the Spirit, which those believing in Him were

about to receive, for the Set-apart Spirit was not yet *given*,^e because יהושע was not yet esteemed. Footnote: ^e [Eze 36:26-27](#), [Joe 2:28-32](#), [Act 1:4-8](#), [Act 2:4](#), [Act 2:33](#), [Act 10:44-47](#), [Act 11:15-16](#), [Eph 5:18](#).

It would not be long before 'His time' would come. That time would be at **Passover**; and at **Pentecost** He would send the Comforter, the Ruach HaKodesh.

Do you see the shift being fully realized? The shift from the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood, a nation with a priest under the Book of the Law; **back to** the Melchizedek Priesthood, a kingdom of priests; a holy nation of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. Yahusha HaMashiach, our Melchizedek High Priest, **laid His life down at the appointed time** as the **Passover Lamb of Elohim**. He officiated over His own crucifixion as High Priest and offered His precious blood on the heavenly altar making full atonement for our sins. Caiaphas had disqualified himself by tearing his priestly garment. Yahusha returned the Melchizedek priesthood back to its reigning position. All praise and glory be His!

Division Among the People

Joh 7:40 Many from the crowd, when they heard the word, then said, "This truly is the Prophet."

Joh 7:41 Others said, "This is the Messiah," but others said, "Does the Messiah then come out of Galil?"

Joh 7:42 "Did not the Scripture say that the Messiah comes from the seed of Dawid^f and from the village of Běyth Lehem,^g where Dawid was?" Footnotes: ^f [2Sa 7:12](#), [Psa 89:4](#).^g [Mic 5:2](#).

Joh 7:43 **So a division came about among the people because of Him.**

Joh 7:44 And some of them wished to take Him, but no one laid hands on Him.

The chief priests and the Pharisees question the officers. Yahusha had not led anyone astray. He was the prophesied Messiah. The questions that caused confusion could have been easily answered if there was a true desire to know Him.

Joh 7:45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, "Why did you not bring Him?"

Joh 7:46 **The officers answered, "Never has any man spoken like this Man!"**

Joh 7:47 The Pharisees, therefore, answered them, "Have you also been led astray?"

Joh 7:48 "Has anyone of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed in Him?"

Joh 7:49 "But this crowd that does not know the Torah is accursed."

Joh 7:50 **Nakdimon – he who came to יהושע by night, being one of them – said to them,**

Joh 7:51 **“Does our Torah judge the man unless it hears first from him and knows what he is doing?”**

Joh 7:52 They answered and said to him, **“Are you also from Galil? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galil.”**

Joh 7:53 And each one went to his own house.

Naqdimon [Nikodemus] should have replied with Isaiah 9:1-2.

Yahusha Begins His Ministry

Mat 4:12 And יהושע, having heard that Yoḥanan had been put in prison, withdrew into Galil.

Mat 4:13 And leaving Natsareth, He came and dwelt in Kephar Naḥum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali,

Mat 4:14 to fill what was spoken by Yeshayahu the prophet, saying,

Mat 4:15 **“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Yardēn, Galil of the nations –**

Mat 4:16 **the people who sat in darkness saw a great light, and upon those who sat in the land and shadow of death, light arose to them.”** Isa 9:1-2.

Mat 4:17 From that time יהושע began to proclaim and to say, “Repent, for the reign of the heavens has drawn near.”

‘My time has not yet come...’

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