# Greetings, today our manna is 2Sam. 2; 1Cor. 13; Ezekiel 11; Psalms 50.

# September 8 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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### 2Sam. 2

# **David Anointed King of Judah**

**2Sa 2:1** And it came to be afterwards that Dawig inquired of יהוה, saying, "Do I go up to any of the cities of Yehugah?" And יהוה said to him, "Go up." And Dawig said, "Where should I go up?" And He said, "To Hebron."

2Sa 2:2 And <u>Dawid went up there, as well as his two wives</u>, Aḥino'am the Yizre'ĕlitess, and Aḇiḡayil the widow of Naḇal the Karmelite.

2Sa 2:3 And Dawid brought up the men who were with him, each man with his household, and they dwelt in the cities of Ḥebron.

David inquires of YHWH and YHWH tells David to 'go up' to Hebron; so, David takes his wives; his men and their households; and they all relocate in the cities of Hebron.

The men of Judah come and anoint David as king over the house of Judah. At this time, David hears of the noble act done for Saul and his sons by the men of Yabesh Gilad. In turn, David pronounces a blessing of YHWH over them; and he too informs them he would do good to them.

- 2Sa 2:4 And the men of Yehudah came, and anointed Dawid sovereign over the house of Yehudah there. They also reported to Dawid, saying, "The men of Yabesh Gil'ad are they who buried Sha'ul."
- 2Sa 2:5 Dawid then sent messengers to the men of Yabesh Gil'ad, and said to them, "You are blessed of יהוה, for you have shown this loving-commitment to your master, to Sha'ul, that you buried him.
- 2Sa 2:6 "And now, יהוה show loving-commitment and truth to you, and I am also going to do you good, because you have done this deed.
- 2Sa 2:7 "And now, let your hands be strengthened and be brave, for your master Sha'ul is dead, and also the house of Yehudah has anointed me sovereign over them."

#### Ish-bosheth Made King of Israel

2Sa 2:8 But Abner son of Ner, commander of the army of Sha'ul, took Ishbosheth the son of Sha'ul, and brought him over to Maḥanayim,

2Sa 2:9 and set him up to reign over Gil'ad, and over the Asherites, and over Yizre'el, and over Ephrayim, and over Binyamin, and over all Yisra'el.

2Sa 2:10 **Ishbosheth, son of Sha'ul, was forty years** old when he began to reign over Yisra'ěl, and **he reigned two years**. Only the house of Yehudah followed Dawid.

2Sa 2:11 And the time that Dawid was sovereign in Ḥebron over the house of Yehudah was seven years and six new *moons*.

#### The Battle of Gibeon

2Sa 2:12 And Abner son of Ner, and the servants of Ishbosheth son of Sha'ul, went out from Mahanayim to Gib'on.

2Sa 2:13 And Yo'ab son of Tseruyah, and the servants of Dawid, went out <u>and met</u> them by the pool of Gib'on. And they sat down, one on one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool.

**Ellicott's:** The pool of Gibeon is a large reservoir or tank, arranged to store the overflow from a subterranean reservoir fed by a spring in the rocky hillside. Its ruins still remain, about 120 feet long by 100 broad. The hostile forces halted in full sight of each other on the opposite sides of the pool.

2Sa 2:14 And Abner said to Yo'ab, "Let the young men now rise and compete before us." And Yo'ab said, "Let them rise."

2Sa 2:15 And they rose and went over by number, twelve from Binyamin, followers of shbosheth son of Sha'ul, and twelve from the servants of Dawig.

2Sa 2:16 And each man took hold of his opponent by the head and *thrust* his sword in his opponent's side, and they fell down together. So that place was called the Field of Sharp Swords, which is in Gib'on.

**Ellicott's:** (14) Let the young men.—To avoid unnecessary bloodshed between the tribes of a common parentage, and also, perhaps, to prevent the weakening of the nation in the face of their common Philistine foe, Abner proposes that the struggle should be decided by a combat between a few champions chosen on either side, and Joab immediately accepts the proposal. Hervey (Speaker's Commentary) aptly compares this combat to that of the Horatii and Curiatii, under strikingly similar circumstances and with similar results, as described by Livy (I., 100 10:25).

2Sa 2:17 And the battle was fierce that day, and Abner and the men of Yisra'el were smitten before the servants of Dawid.

2Sa 2:18 And there were three sons of Tseruyah there, Yo'ab and Abishai and Asah'ěl. And Asah'ěl was light on his feet, as one of the gazelles in the field.

2Sa 2:19 And Asah'ěl pursued Abněr, and in going he did not turn aside to the right or to the left from following Abněr.

Abner kills Joab's brother Asahel.

- 2Sa 2:20 And Abner looked behind him and said, "Are you Asah'el?" And he answered, "I am."
- 2Sa 2:21 And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men and take his armor for yourself." But Asah'el would not turn aside from following him.
- 2Sa 2:22 And Abner again said to Asah'el, "Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I face your brother Yo'ab?"
- 2Sa 2:23 <u>But he refused to turn aside</u>, and Abner struck him with the blunt end of the spear in the stomach, so that the spear came out of his back. And he fell down there and died on the spot. <u>And it came to be that as many as came to the place where Asah'ěl fell down and died, stood still.</u>

Joab and his other brother Abishai pursue Abner.

- 2Sa 2:24 And Yo'ab and Abishai pursued Abner. And the sun was going down and they came to the hill of Ammah, which overlooks Giyah by the way to the Wilderness of Gib'on.
- 2Sa 2:25 And the children of Binyamin gathered together behind Abner and became a single company, and took their stand on top of a hill.
- 2Sa 2:26 And Abner called to Yo'ab and said, "Should the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it is bitter in the latter end? And when are you going to say to the people to turn back from pursuing their brothers?"
- 2Sa 2:27 And Yo'ab said, "As Elohim lives, if you had not spoken, then all the people would have given up pursuing their brothers only the next morning."

This standoff between the army commanders of the former house of Saul and the house of David; escalates with a significant death toll between brethren. Abner's men suffered greater loss. Both sets of troops return to their dwellings. Asahel is given a proper burial in his father's burial-site.

They were in a <u>transition of change</u>; change of kingship; change of power; change of authority; change of rule. Change can bring conflict.

- 2Sa 2:28 Yo'ab then blew with a shophar, and all the people halted and pursued Yisra'ěl no further, nor did they fight any more.
- 2Sa 2:29 And Abner and his men went on all that night through the desert plain, and passed over the Yarden, and went through all Bithron. And they came to Maḥanayim.
- 2Sa 2:30 And Yo'ab turned back from pursuing Abner. And when he had gathered all

the people together, there were missing of Dawig's servants nineteen men and Asah'el. 2Sa 2:31 But the servants of Dawig had stricken, of Binyamin and Abner's men, three hundred and sixty men who died.

2Sa 2:32 And they brought Asah'ěl and buried him in his father's burial-site, which was in Běyth Leḥem. And Yo'ab and his men went all night, and they came to Ḥebron at daybreak.

# 1Corinthians 13 ...but do not have love...

#### The Way of Love

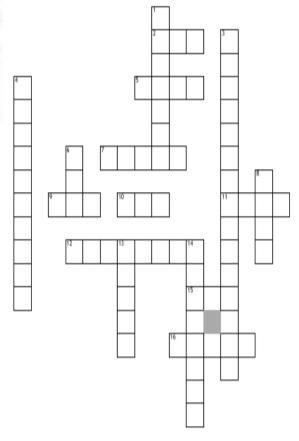
- **1Co 13:1** If I <u>speak with the tongues</u> of men and of messengers, <u>but do not have</u> <u>love</u>, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.
- 1Co 13:2 And <u>if I have prophecy</u>, and know all secrets and all knowledge, and if I have all belief, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am none at all.
- 1Co 13:3 And if <u>I give out all my possessions</u> to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but do not have love, I am not profited at all.
- 1Co 13:4 Love is patient, is kind, love does not envy, love does not boast, is not puffed up,
- 1Co 13:5 does not behave indecently, does not seek its own, is not provoked, reckons not the evil.
- 1Co 13:6 does not rejoice over the unrighteousness, but rejoices in the truth,
- 1Co 13:7 it covers all, believes all, expects all, endures all.
- 1Co 13:8 Love never fails. And whether *there be* prophecies, they shall be inactive; or tongues, they shall cease; or knowledge, it shall be inactive.
- 1Co 13:9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part.
- 1Co 13:10 But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part shall be inactive.
- 1Co 13:11 When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child. But when I became a man, I did away with childish matters.
- 1Co 13:12 For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know, as I also have been known.
- 1Co 13:13 And now belief, expectation, and love remain these three. But the greatest of these is love.

Next Page: Family crossword puzzle on LOVE – 1Cor. 13:4-8 – Enjoy and remember, Love never fails!

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# OVE NEVER FAILS

# 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 - LOVE



#### Across

- 2. Love covers...?
- 5. Love is...?
- 7. Love rejoices in the...?
- 9. Love believes...?
- 10. Love endures...?
- 11. Love does not...?
- 12. Love is not...?
- 15. Love does not seek its?
- 16. Love does not...?

#### Down

- 1. Love is...?
- 3. Love does not rejoice over the...?
- 4. Love does not behave...?
- 6. Love expects...?
- 8. Love reckons not the...?
- 13. Love never...?
- 14. Love is not...?

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# **Ezekiel 11** Ezekiel 11 continues within Scroll 1.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
SCROLL	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoclachin's captivity)
1	8:1 - 19:14 (the present state of Israel, temple abominations, wicked slain, the glory departs- E, opportunity of regathering, Judah & Jerusalem's guilt)	06/05/06

#### **Judgment on Wicked Counselors**

Eze 11:1 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the House of יהוה, which faces east. And see, at the door of the gate were twenty-five men, among whom I saw Ya'azanyah son of Azzur, and Pelatyahu son of Benayahu, heads of the people.

These may very well be <u>the same twenty-five men</u> we read about in Ezekiel 8:16 that were worshipping the 'sun.'

Eze 8:16 And He brought me into the inner court of the House of יהוה. And there, at the door of the Hěkal of יהוה, between the porch and the slaughter-place, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the Hěkal of יהוה and their faces toward the east, and they were bowing themselves eastward to the sun.

#### Eze 11:2 And He said to me,

- "Son of man, these are the men who plot wickedness and give evil counsel in this city,
- Eze 11:3 who are saying, 'It is not near, let us build houses.
- This city is the cooking pot, and we are the meat.'

#### Eze 11:4 "Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man!"

#### Eze 11:5 And the Spirit of יהוה fell upon me, and said to me, "Speak! 'Thus said יהוה,

- "Thus you have said, O house of Yisra'ěl. For I know what comes up in your spirit.
- Eze 11:6 "You have increased your slain in this city, and filled its streets with the slain."

#### Eze 11:7 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה.

- "Your slain whom you have laid in its midst, they are the meat, and this city is the cooking pot. But I shall bring you out of the midst of it.
- Eze 11:8 "You have feared the sword, and I bring a sword upon you," declares the Master יהוה.

- Eze 11:9 "And I shall bring you out of its midst, and give you into the hands of strangers, and execute judgments on you.
- Eze 11:10 "By the sword you fall. At the border of Yisra'ěl I judge you. And you shall know that I am יהוה.
- Eze 11:11 "This city is not your cooking pot, nor are you the meat in its midst. At the border of Yisra'ěl I judge you.
- Eze 11:12 "And you shall know that I am יהוה, for you have not walked in My laws nor executed My right-rulings, but have done according to the rulings of the nations<sup>a</sup> which are all around you." ' " Footnote: aSee footnote at Jer\_10:2.

Eze 11:13 And it came to be, while I was prophesying, that Pelatyahu son of Benayah died. And I fell on my face and cried out with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, Master יהוה! Are You making an end of the remnant of Yisra'ěl?"

Ezekiel was very much aware of the power of YHWH. And Ezekiel was very much aware that YHWH would carry out His right rulings and judgements. Ezekiel hoped that the remnant of Israel would be spared.

#### **Israel's New Heart and Spirit**

Eze 11:14 Then the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

• Eze 11:15 "Son of man, your brothers, your relatives, your kinsmen, and all the house of Yisra'ěl, all of it, are those about whom the inhabitants of Yerushalayim said, 'Keep far from יהוה, this land has been given to us as a possession.'

With the house of Israel being exiled approximately 130 years prior; came the arrogance of the house of Judah proclaiming that the land had been given to them as an inheritance! We know otherwise!

"The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, etc." Gen. 49:10. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him comes the chief ruler [prince]; but the Birthright is Joseph's," 1 Chron. 5:2.

Eze 11:16 "Therefore say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

• "Although I have sent them far off among the nations, and although I have scattered them among the lands, yet I was for them a set-apart place for a little while in the lands to which they came."

Eze 11:17 "Therefore say, 'Thus said the Master יהוה,

• "And I shall gather you from the peoples, and I shall assemble you from the lands where you have been scattered, and I shall give you the land of Yisra'ěl."

- Eze 11:18 "And they shall go there, and shall take away all its disgusting *matters* and all its abominations from there.
- Eze 11:19 "And I shall give them one heart, and put a new spirit within you.
   And I shall take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,
- Eze 11:20 so that they walk in My laws, and guard My right-rulings, and shall do them. And they shall be My people and I shall be their Elohim.

#### Then we read:

 Eze 11:21 "But to those whose hearts walk after the heart of their disgusting matters and their abominations, I shall recompense their deeds on their own heads," declares the Master יהוה.

Eze 11:22 And the kerubim lifted up their wings, with the wheels beside them, and the esteem of the Elohim of Yisra'ěl was high above them.

Eze 11:23 And the esteem of יהוה went up from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain, which is on the east side of the city.

Eze 11:24 And the Spirit lifted me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of Elohim into Kasdima, to those in exile. And the vision that I had seen went up from me.

Eze 11:25 And I spoke to those in exile of all the words of יהוה which He had shown me.

Ellicott's commentary clearly grasps the significance of Ezekiel 11:22-25.

(23) Stood upon the mountain. —This mountain, on the east of the city, is that which was afterwards known as the Mount of Olives. It is considerably higher than the city and commands a view over its entire extent. Here the Divine glory rested after taking its departure from the Temple and the city in the vision of the prophet. Here, in the vision of a later prophet (Zechariah 14:4), the Lord [YHWH] is represented as standing in the day of final judgment. Here, not in vision, the incarnate Son of God [Elohim] proclaimed the second destruction of the obdurate city (Matthew 24; Luke 21:20); and from the same mountain He made His visible ascension into heaven (Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:11-12). The vision is now closed, and the prophet is transported in spirit back into Chaldea, to declare what he had seen to his fellow-captives and show them the vanity of their trust in the preservation of the guilty city.

# Psalm 50

May we not <u>'let our mouths loose to evil.'</u> As an example, we recall what happened to the 10 spies with the evil report! With our greater understanding of the Melchizedek Priesthood; we, as His kingdom of priests, will be held to <u>a higher standard</u>. We are no longer 'playing church' we are conducting kingdom business. We should be careful.

Are we prepared to see His esteem? When He comes, there will be astronomical events like never before! Such events could very well be caused by Planet 7X perturbing earth's atmosphere; and probably was the cause of past biblical astronomical events! YHWH is King of the Universe and He can use His universe however He desires. Just ask Sodom and Gomorrah! The following scriptures make this very clear! We should look up for our redemption draws nigh. And above all we should love YHWH and love one another.

Luk 21:25 "And there shall be signs in the sun, and moon, and stars, and on the earth anxiety of nations, in bewilderment at the roaring of the sea, and agitation,

Luk 21:26 men fainting from fear and the expectation of what is coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. Hag 2:6, Hag 2:21.

Luk 21:27 "And then they shall see **the Son of Adam coming in a cloud** Dan\_7:13 with power and much esteem.

Luk 21:28 "And when these matters begin to take place, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near."

#### YHWH Himself Is Judge

Psa 50:1 El Elohim יהוה shall speak, And He shall call the earth From the rising of the sun to its going down.

Psa 50:2 From Tsiyon, the perfection of loveliness, Elohim shall shine forth.

Psa 50:3 Our Elohim comes, and is not silent – A fire consumes before Him, And it shall be very stormy all around Him.

Psa 50:4 He <u>calls to the heavens from above, And to the earth, to rightly rule</u> His people:

Psa 50:5 "Gather My lovingly-committed ones together to Me, Those who have made a covenant with Me by slaughtering."

Psa 50:6 Then the heavens declared His righteousness, For Elohim Himself is Judge. Selah.

Psa 50:7 "Hear, O My people, and I speak, O Yisra'ěl, and I witness against you: I am Elohim, your Elohim!

Psa 50:8 "I do not reprove you for your slaughterings, And your ascending offerings are continually before Me.

Psa 50:9 "I do not take a bull from your house, Nor goats out of your pens.

Psa 50:10 "For every beast of the forest is Mine, The cattle on a thousand hills.

Psa 50:11 "I know all the birds of the mountains, And all moving in My field are Mine.

Psa 50:12 "If I were hungry, I would not speak to you; For the world is Mine, and all that fills it.

Psa 50:13 "Do I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the blood of goats?

Psa 50:14 "Slaughter thanksgiving to Elohim, And pay your vows to the Most High.

# Psa 50:15 "And call upon Me in the day of distress – Let Me rescue you, and you esteem Me."

But to the wrong...

Psa 50:16 But to the wrong Elohim said, "What right have you to recite My laws, Or take My covenant in your mouth,

Psa 50:17 "While you hated instruction And cast My Words behind you?

Psa 50:18 "When you saw a thief, you were pleased with him, And you take part with adulterers.

Psa 50:19 "You let your mouth loose to evil, And your tongue frames deceit.

Psa 50:20 "You sit, speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son.

Psa 50:21 "You have done this, and I kept silent; You have thought that I was altogether like you – I rebuke you, and set it in order before your eyes.

Psa 50:22 "Understand this please, you who forget Eloah, Lest I tear you in pieces, With no one to deliver:

Psa 50:23 "Whoever slaughters praise esteems Me; And to him who prepares a way, I show the deliverance of Elohim."

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