

Greetings, today our manna is from Genesis 11; Matthew 10; Ezra 10; Acts 10

January 10 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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

Genesis 11

The Tower of Babel

Gen 11:1 And all the earth had one language^a and one speech. Footnote: ^aHeb. *lip*.

Gen 11:2 And it came to be, as they set out from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shin'ar,^b and they dwelt there. Footnote: ^bEarlier name for Babel.

Gen 11:3 And they said to each other, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar.

Gen 11:4 And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens, and make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered over all the face of the earth.”

Gen 11:5 Then יהוה came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built.

Gen 11:6 And יהוה said, “Look, they are one people and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do! And now, they are not going to be withheld from doing whatever they plan to do.

Gen 11:7 “Come, let Us go there and confuse their language, so that they do not understand one another’s speech.”

Gen 11:8 And יהוה scattered them from there, over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city.

Gen 11:9 That is why its name was called Babel,^c because there יהוה confused the language of all the earth, and from there יהוה scattered them over the face of all the earth. Footnote: ^cBabel is derived from a verb which means “to confuse.”

The earth was functioning within the knowledge of good and evil. The plan the people devised for building the Tower of Babel was to make a great ‘name’ for themselves by building a great city and a tower that reached up into the heavens. This was just their initial plans. What else would be on their agenda by being able to communicate in the same language and having the same focus? Their strength, as they viewed it, was in their unity and numbers. By staying together and not being scattered over the face of the earth, more could be accomplished.

YHWH came down to see this city and tower for Himself and He foresaw where it was headed. Gen. 11:7 YHWH says, ‘come let Us go down and confuse their language...’ Who is ‘Us?’ ‘Us’ could be referring to YHWH sitting among His divine council who implement plans approved by YHWH [See Psa. 82:1].

Psa 82:1 Elohim stands in the congregation of Ĕl; He judges in the midst of the elohim.

YHWH did decide to confuse their language and he scattered them for their own good. This slowed down the progression of devising evil prideful plans. Today, technology has bridged the gap among languages and we find ourselves in a very precarious position where men, once again, are behaving as if they were gods.

Shem's Descendants

Gen 11:10 This is the genealogy of Shēm: Shēm was a hundred years old and brought forth Arpaḵshad, two years after the flood.

Gen 11:11 And after he brought forth Arpaḵshad, Shēm lived five hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:12 And Arpaḵshad lived thirty-five years, and brought forth Shelaḥ.

Gen 11:13 And after he brought forth Shelaḥ, Arpaḵshad lived four hundred and three years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:14 And **Shelaḥ lived thirty years, and brought forth Ĕber.**

Gen 11:15 And after he brought forth Ĕber, Shelaḥ lived four hundred and three years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:16 And **Ĕber lived thirty-four years, and brought forth Peleḡ.**

Gen 11:17 And after he brought forth Peleḡ, Ĕber lived four hundred and thirty years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:18 And **Peleḡ lived thirty years, and brought forth Re'u.**

Gen 11:19 And after he brought forth Re'u, Peleḡ lived two hundred and nine years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:20 And **Re'u lived thirty-two years, and brought forth Seruḡ.**

Gen 11:21 And after he brought forth Seruḡ, Re'u lived two hundred and seven years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:22 And **Seruḡ lived thirty years, and brought forth Naḥor.**

Gen 11:23 And after he brought forth Naḥor, Seruḡ lived two hundred years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:24 And **Naḥor lived twenty-nine years, and brought forth Teraḥ.**

Gen 11:25 And after he brought forth Teraḥ, Naḥor lived one hundred and nineteen years, and brought forth sons and daughters.

Gen 11:26 And **Teraḥ lived seventy years, and brought forth Abram, Nahor, and Haran.**

Terah's Descendants

Gen 11:27 And **this is the genealogy of Terah**: Terah brought forth Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And **Haran brought forth Lot**.

Gen 11:28 And Haran died before his father Terah in the land of his birth, in Ur-kasdim.

Gen 11:29 And Abram and Nahor took wives: the name of **Abram's wife was Sarai**, and the name of Nahor's wife, Milkah, the daughter of Haran the father of Milkah and the father of Yiskah.

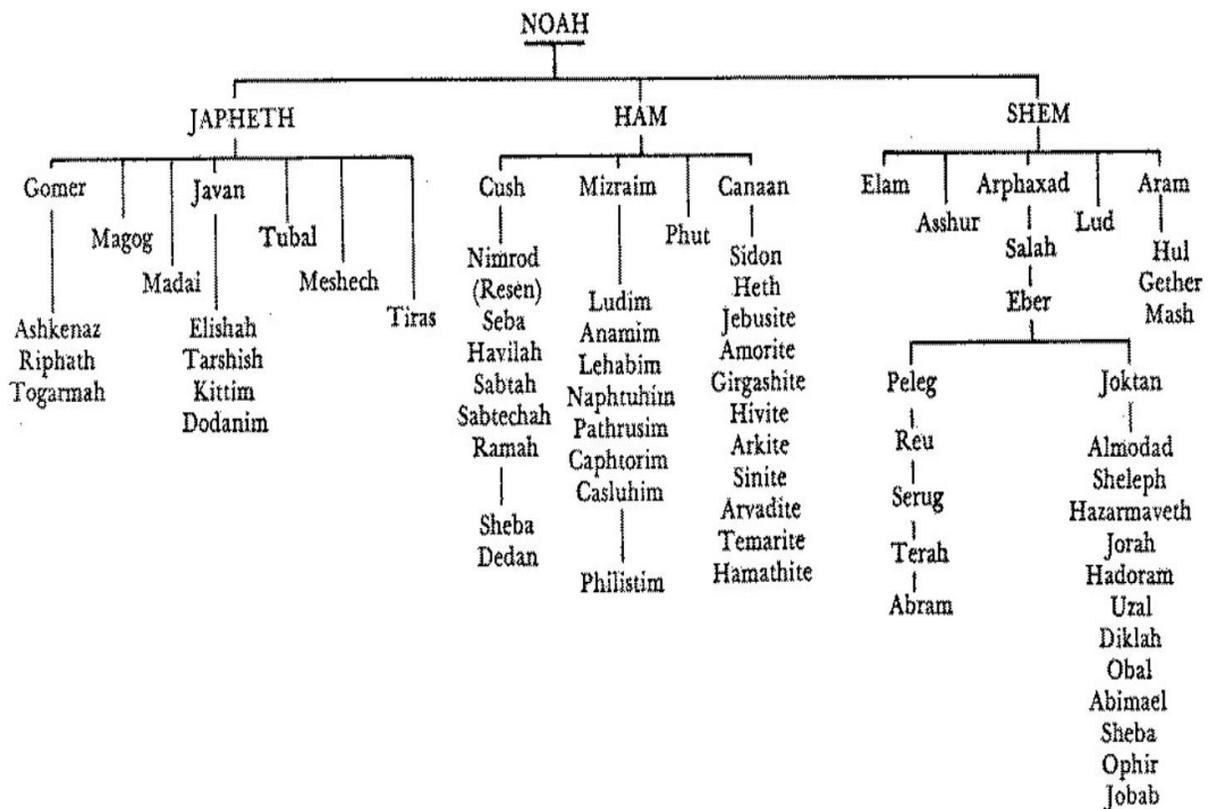
Gen 11:30 And **Sarai was barren, she had no child**.

Gen 11:31 And **Terah took his son Abram and his grandson Lot, son of Haran, and his daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's wife, and they went out with them from Ur-kasdim to go to the land of Kena'an. And they came to Haran and dwelt there**.

Gen 11:32 And the **days of Terah came to be two hundred and five years, and Terah died in Haran**.

Below is a genealogical table of the descendants of Noah obtained from the internet. It gives us a general overview; however it is not vetted for complete accuracy.

GENEALOGICAL TABLE OF THE DESCENDANTS OF NOAH



Matthew 10

The Twelve Apostles are called and given authority:

- ❖ Over unclean spirits
- ❖ Ability to cast out demonic spirits
- ❖ Ability to heal every disease
- ❖ Authority over every bodily weakness

The Twelve Apostles are listed in Matthew 10:2-4

Mat 10:1 And having called His twelve taught ones near, **He gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every bodily weakness.**

Mat 10:2 And these are the names of the twelve emissaries: first, Shim'on, who is called Kēpha, and Andri his brother; Ya'aqob the son of Zabdai, and Yoḥanan his brother;

Mat 10:3 Philip and Bartholomi; T'oma and Mattithyahu the tax collector; Ya'aqob the son of Alphai, and Laḅai whose last name was Taddai;

Mat 10:4 Shim'on the Kena'anite, and Yehuḁah from Qerioth, who did also deliver Him up.

Yahusha Sends Out the Twelve Apostles with instructions:

- Do not go into the nations.
- Do not enter a city of the Samaritans.
- Rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.
- Proclaim the reign of the heavens has drawn near.
- Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received without paying, give without being paid.
- Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your *money-belts*.
- Do not acquire a bag for the journey.
- Do not acquire two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs for the worker is worthy of his food.
- Stay with those found to be 'worthy' in whatever city or village you enter.
- If the house is worthy let your peace come upon it.
- If the house is not worthy let your peace return to you.
- Whoever doesn't receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city shake off the dust from your feet.
- **Word of caution is given:** Truly, I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Sedom and Amorah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Above are just bullet points of the following scriptures. We should not underestimate the power and the authority Yahusha has given us. We are the temple. His Ruach HaKodesh [Holy Spirit] dwells in us.

Mat 10:5 יְהוֹשֻׁעַ sent these twelve out, having commanded them, saying, “Do not go into the way of the nations, and do not enter a city of the Shomeronim,

Mat 10:6 but rather go to the lost sheep of the house of Yisra’ël.

Mat 10:7 “And as you go, proclaim, saying, ‘The reign of the heavens has drawn near.’

Mat 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. You have received without paying, give without being paid.

Mat 10:9 “Do not acquire gold or silver or copper for your *money*-belts,

Mat 10:10 or a bag for the journey, or two undergarments, or sandals, or staffs, for the worker is worthy of his food.

Mat 10:11 “And into whatever city or village you enter, ask who is worthy in it, and stay there until you leave.

Mat 10:12 “And as you enter into a house, greet it.

Mat 10:13 “And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Mat 10:14 “And whoever does not receive you nor hear your words, when you leave that house or city, shake off the dust from your feet.

Mat 10:15 “Truly, I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Segdom and Amorah in the day of judgment than for that city!

Persecution will come. YHWH knows who makes up the two warring nations. His nation is His sheep, and the nation of the kingdom of darkness are ravenous wolves.

Mat 10:16 “See, **I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise^a as serpents and innocent as doves.** Footnote: ^aOr cautious, crafty, shrewd.

Mat 10:17 “But beware of men, for they shall deliver you up to sanhedrins and flog you in their congregations.

Mat 10:18 “And you shall be brought before governors and sovereigns for My sake, as a witness to them and to the nations.

Mat 10:19 “But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it shall be given to you in that hour what you shall speak,

Mat 10:20 for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking in you.

Mat 10:21 “And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and a father his child. And **children shall rise up against parents** Mic 7:6 and shall put them to death.

Mat 10:22 “**And you shall be hated by all for My Name’s sake. But he who shall have endured to the end shall be saved.**^b Footnote: ^bSee Mat 24:13.

Mat 10:23 “And when **they persecute you in this city, flee to another**. For truly, I say to you, you shall **by no means have gone through the cities of Yisra’el before the Son of Adam comes**.

Mat 10:24 “A taught one is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Mat 10:25 “It is enough for the taught one to become like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be’elzebul, how much more those of his household!

What Yahusha spoke to his disciples and the 1st generation of believers, STILL applies to us today. **Make no mistake, we too are being warned**. He tells us if they persecute you in one city, flee to another; but He implies that before you have had time to flee to too many cities, **He will come**. He tells us in Revelation; that **He comes quickly!** If they hated Him and called Him Be’elzebul; how much more can we expect the same that are in His house!

The days of Jared, Lot, and Noah are HERE! The Sanhedrin, with their man-made one-sided court system of laws, was re-established in 2004. They are pushing to implement and enforce the Noahide Laws that only require ‘one witness’ to be found guilty and punishable by death; decapitation.

What color do you think they represent? Correct – Red

Do they leave behind a blood trail? Correct – Yes

There were two nations warring in Rebekah’s womb – Esau and Jacob [Israel]. What nation represents those that desire to hunt down and kill? Correct. They belong to the nation of Esau/Edomites that are unrepentant; they are those that call themselves ‘Jews’ and are not; they are those that Yahusha referred to as a ‘brood of vipers’; they are wolves in ‘sheep’s clothing’; they are those who’s father is the devil. Their only hope is to repent with a sincere heart and receive Yahusha HaMashiach. We must never lose sight that Yahusha desires that none perish, and all come to repentance and saving faith. [Paraphrased 2Pet. 3:9]

Have No Fear - Mat 10:28 “And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in GëHinnom.

Mat 10:26 “Therefore do not fear them. For whatever is covered shall be revealed, and whatever is hidden shall be made known.

Mat 10:27 “What I say to you in the dark, speak in the light. And what you hear in the

ear, proclaim on the house-tops.

Mat 10:28 “And do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the being. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both being and body in GēHinnom.

Mat 10:29 “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground without your Father.

Mat 10:30 “And even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Mat 10:31 **“So do not fear, you are worth more than many sparrows.”**

The following two verses are key:

Mat 10:32 “Everyone, therefore, **who shall confess Me before men, him I shall also confess before My Father who is in the heavens.**

Mat 10:33 **“But whoever shall deny Me before men, him I shall also deny before My Father who is in the heavens.”**

Not Peace, but a Sword

Mat 10:34 “Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword,^c Footnote: ^cIn [Luk 12:51](#) the word “division” is used, while “sword” has the same meaning here.

Mat 10:35 for I have come to bring division, a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law –

Mat 10:36 **and a man’s enemies are those of his own household.**^d [Mic 7:6](#).

Footnote: ^d[Luk 12:53](#), [Mic 7:6](#).

Mat 10:37 **“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me, and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”**^e Footnote: ^eSee [Luk 16:16-17](#) which explains it more clearly.

Mat 10:38 “And he who does not take up his stake and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.

Mat 10:39 **“He who has found his life shall lose it, and he that has lost his life for My sake shall find it.”**

Yahusha has fully redeemed us. It is no longer we that live but He that lives in us and through us. Our life is not our own. We are His. We are one in Him and in the body of believers. We are the one new man, Israel born from above.

Rewards will even be given to those that receive a prophet; or a righteous one; or a little one of faith by giving a cup of cold water. These will be rewarded. A cold cup of water is not always easily accessible and in many countries is highly valued and highly worked for to bring it to a 'drinkable' point. Those that care for His sheep are not forgotten. It takes time, energy, risks, and love to care for His sheep.

Mat 10:40 **“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”**

Mat 10:41 “He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous one in the name of a righteous one shall receive a righteous one’s reward.

Mat 10:42 “And whoever gives one of these little ones a cup of cold *water* only in the name of a taught one, truly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

Praise Yah for the ‘Scarlet Cord’ He has given us. The precious blood of the Lamb. We are under His blood. In Him we have peace. In Him we have rest.

Ezra 10 The people are convicted and repent.

The People Confess Their Sin

Ezr 10:1 And while Ezra was praying, and while he was confessing, weeping, and bowing down before the House of Elohim, a very large assembly – men and women and children – gathered unto him from Yisra’ël, for the people wept very bitterly.

Ezr 10:2 And Shekanyah son of Yehi’ël, one of the sons of Olam, spoke up and said to Ezra, “We have trespassed against our Elohim, and have taken foreign women from the peoples of the land. And now there is expectancy in Yisra’ël concerning this.

- ❖ **Ezr 10:3** “Now then, let us make a covenant with our Elohim to put away all these wives and those who have been born to them, according to the counsel of הוה' and of those who tremble at the command of our Elohim. And let it be done according to the Torah.
- ❖ **Ezr 10:4** “Arise, for the matter is upon you, but we are with you. Be strong and act.”

Ezr 10:5 And Ezra rose, and made the leaders of the priests, the Lëwites, and all Yisra’ël, to swear to do according to this word. And they swore.

Ezr 10:6 Then Ezra rose up from before the House of Elohim, and went into the room of Yehoḥanan son of Elyashiḅ. And he went there – he ate no bread and drank no water for he mourned because of the trespass of the exiles.

Ezr 10:7 And they passed a call throughout Yehudāh and Yerushalayim to all the sons of the exile, to gather at Yerushalayim,

Ezr 10:8 **and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the**

counsel of the leaders and elders, all his goods would be put under a ban, and himself separated from the assembly of the exiles.

Ezr 10:9 Then all the men of Yehudāh and Binyamin gathered at Yerushalayim within three days. It was **the ninth new moon, on the twentieth of the new moon.** And all the people sat in the open space of the House of Elohim, trembling because of the matter and because of showers of rain.

Ezr 10:10 And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, “You, you have trespassed and have taken foreign women, adding to the guilt of Yisra’ēl.

Ezr 10:11 **“And now,**

- ❖ make confession to יהוה Elohim of your fathers,
- ❖ and do His desire,
- ❖ and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land,
- ❖ and from the foreign women.”

Ezr 10:12 And all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, “Right! It is upon us to do according to your word.

Ezr 10:13 “But the people are many, and it is the season of showers of rain, and we are not able to stand outside. **And the work not of one or two days, for we have greatly transgressed in this matter.**

The magnitude of these transgressions was not going to be solved overnight. Ezra records that it took from the 1st day of the 10th month to the 1st day of the 1st month to resolve.

Ezr 10:14 “Please, let the leaders of all the assembly stand. And let all those in our cities who have taken foreign women come at appointed times, together with the elders and judges of their cities, until the burning wrath of our Elohim is turned away from us in this matter.”

Ezr 10:15 Only Yonathan son of Asah’ēl and Yahzeyah son of Tiqwah opposed this, and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Lēwite gave them support.

Ezr 10:16 Then the sons of the exile did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of the fathers’ *houses*, were separated by the fathers’ *houses*, each of them by name. And they sat down on **the first day of the tenth new moon to examine the matter.**

Ezr 10:17 And they finished with all the men who had taken foreign women **by the first day of the first new moon.**

The leaders record the names of those that had taken foreign wives; some of which had borne children. The list is lengthy.

Those Guilty of Intermarriage

Ezr 10:18 And among the sons of the priests who had taken foreign women were found of the sons of Yěshua son of Yotsadaq, and his brothers: Ma'asěyah, and Eli'ezer, and Yariḇ, and Gedalyah.

Ezr 10:19 And they gave their hand *in pledge* to put away their wives. And being guilty, they presented a ram of the flock for their guilt.

Ezr 10:20 And of the sons of Imměr: Ḥanani and Zebaḡyah;

Ezr 10:21 and of the sons of Ḥarim: Ma'asěyah, and Ĕliyah, and Shemayah, and Yeḥi'ěl, and Uzziyah;

Ezr 10:22 and of the sons of Pashḥur: Elyo'ěynai, Ma'asěyah, Yishma'ěl, Nethan'ěl, Yozabaḡ, and El'asah.

Ezr 10:23 And of the Lěwites: Yozabaḡ, Shim'i, Qělayah – he is Qelita – Pethaḡyah, Yehuḡah, and Eli'ezer.

Ezr 10:24 And of the singers: Elyashiḇ. And of the gatekeepers: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri.

Ezr 10:25 And of Yisra'ěl of the sons of Parosh: Ramyah, and Yizziyah, and Malkiyah, and Miyamin, and El'azar, and Malkiyah, and Benayah;

Ezr 10:26 and of the sons of Ĕylam: Mattanyah, Zeḡaryah, and Yeḥi'ěl, and Aḇdi, and Yerěmoth, and Ĕliyah;

Ezr 10:27 and of the sons of Zattu: Elyo'ěynai, Elyashiḇ, Mattanyah, and Yerěmoth, and Zabaḡ, and Aziza;

Ezr 10:28 and of the sons of Běḇbai: Yehoḡanan, Ḥananyah, Zabbai, and Athlai;

Ezr 10:29 and of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluḡ, and Aḡayah, Yashuḇ, and She'al, Ramoth;

Ezr 10:30 and of the sons of Paḡath-Mo'ab: Aḡna, and Kelal, Benayah, Ma'asěyah, Mattanyah, Betsal'ěl, and Binnui, and Menashsheh;

Ezr 10:31 and of the sons of Ḥarim: Eli'ezer, Yishshiyah, Malkiyah, Shemayah, Shim'on,

Ezr 10:32 Binyamin, Malluḡ, and Shemaryah;

Ezr 10:33 of the sons of Ḥashum: Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabaḡ, Eliphelet, Yerěmai, Menashsheh, and Shim'i;

Ezr 10:34 of the sons of Bani: Ma'aḡai, Amram, and U'ěl,

Ezr 10:35 Benayah, Běḡeyah, Keluhu,

Ezr 10:36 Wanyah, Merěmoth, Elyashiḇ,

Ezr 10:37 Mattanyah, Mattenai, and Ya'asu,

Ezr 10:38 and Bani, and Binnui, Shim'i,

Ezr 10:39 and Shelemyah, and Nathan, and Aḡayah,

Ezr 10:40 Maḡnaḡebai, Shashai, Sharai,

Ezr 10:41 Azar'ěl, and Shelemyahu, Shemaryah,

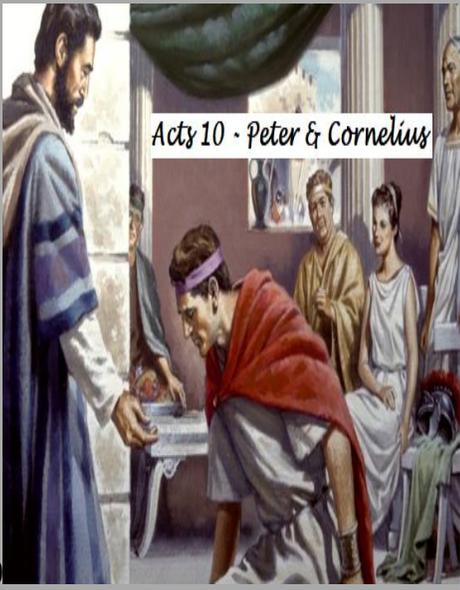
Ezr 10:42 Shallum, Amaryah, and Yosěph;

Ezr 10:43 of the sons of Neḇo: Ye'i'ěl, Mattithyah, Zabaḡ, Zebina, Yaddu, and Yo'ěl,

Benayah.

Ezr 10:44 All these had taken foreign women, and some of them had women who had borne children.

Acts 10 – The below timeline is approximate only.



Where are we at on the linear timeline?	
34 A.D.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul arrives in Jerusalem - Stephen debates Jews coming from Cyrene, Cilicia (ie. Saul), Alexandria (Ac. 6:9) - Stephen arrested by Sandhedrin (Ac. 6:12) - Stephen stoned (Ac. 7:59) - Saul persecutes the church in Jerusalem - Philip goes to Samaria (Ac. 8:4) - Philip meets Ethiopian Treasurer (Ac. 8:26)
35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul converted on road to Damascus (Ac. 9) - Saul is in Damascus - Saul leaves for Arabia (Gal. 1:17)
36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul is in Arabia
38	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul returns to preach in Damascus - Saul's life is threatened (Ac. 9:23) - Saul escapes to Jerusalem - Barnabus introduces Saul to disciples - Saul stays with Peter 15 days (Gal. 1:18-19) - Saul debates Grecian Jews (Ac. 9:29) - Saul flees to Tarsus in Cilicia (Ac. 9:29,30)
39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saul preaches in Cilicia and Syria for five years (Gal. 1:21) - Persecution has ceased in Jerusalem - Jerusalem church continues to grow (Ac. 9:31) - Peter travels Judean Countryside (Ac. 9:32) - Peter heals Aeneas in Lydda (Ac. 9:33) - Peter raises Tabitha in Joppa (Ac. 9:36) - Peter called to Caesarea by Cornelius (A. 10)
40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peter has to defend having preached in a Gentile house to the church leaders in Jerusalem. (Ac. 11) - Missionaries from Cyrene in North Africa come to Antioch in Syria and preach to the Gentiles (Ac. 11:20) - Saul is preaching in Cilicia and Syria

Peter and Cornelius

Cornelius was a captain (or Centurion) serving in what was called the Italian Regiment of the Roman Army. He apparently grew to love the Elohim of the Hebrew people and was devoted to Him and to good deeds.

The Book of Acts focuses mainly on the acts of Peter and Paul. We know YHWH sends Peter to the circumcised and Paul to the nations; however, this doesn't mean that is a 'hard-fast line.' Both, Peter and Paul, share the Good News as directed by the Ruach HaKodesh. The Good News was presented to the Jews/Hebrews first, but many rejected the message. This doesn't mean that they are forgotten; no, to this day the Good News is shared with everyone. By belief in Yahusha, His kingdom of priests is multi-tribal, multi-lingual, multi-ethnic, multi-national from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.

Gal 2:6 But from those who were esteemed to be whatever – what they were, it makes no difference to me, Elohim shows no partiality – for those who were esteemed contributed naught to me. 7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the Good News to the uncircumcised had been entrusted to me, even as Kêpha to the circumcised – 8 for He who worked in Kêpha to make him an emissary to the circumcised also worked in me [Paul] for the nations.

Act 10:1 Now there was **a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius**, a captain of what was called the Italian Regiment,

Act 10:2 dedicated, and fearing Elohim with all his household, doing many kind deeds to the people, and praying to Elohim always.

Act 10:3 He clearly saw in a **vision**, about the **ninth hour of the day**, a messenger of Elohim coming to him, and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

Act 10:4 And looking intently at him, and becoming afraid, he said, “What is it, master?” And he said to him, **“Your prayers and your kind deeds have come up for a remembrance before Elohim.”**

Instructions given by the messenger:

Act 10:5 “And now

- send men to Yapho, and
- send for Shim'on who is also called Kěpha.
- **Act 10:6** “He is staying with Shim'on, a leather-tanner, whose house is by the sea.”

Act 10:7 And when the messenger who spoke to him went away, Cornelius called two of his household servants, and a dedicated soldier from among those who waited on him continually.

Act 10:8 And having explained to them all, he sent them to Yapho.

At the ninth hour (3 p.m.) is the same ‘time of day’ that Yahusha had died. I call these ‘time markers’ that show us patterns and possible connections to pivotal events. **At 3 p.m.** a messenger angel appears **to Cornelius** in a vision; which was all possible because of **the finished work of Yahusha on the tree**. The Good News was for all!

Galatians 3:28 There is not Yehudite nor Greek, there is not slave nor free, there is not male and female, for you are all one in Messiah. יהושע.

What made Cornelius stand out?

Acts 10:4b and he said to him, “**Your prayers and your kind deeds** have **come up** for a remembrance before Elohim.

Cornelius Calls his Dedicated ‘Devout’ Soldier

Cornelius was a leader. He not only ruled his cohort regimen well; he ruled his household servants, and family well. We see him call two household servants and a dedicated soldier who waited on Cornelius continually.

Cornelius did not keep his faith a secret. His household, servants, and his dedicated soldier, would have known the character and the belief of Cornelius.

Peter's Vision

Act 10:9 And on the next day, as they were on their way and approaching the city, Kěpha went up on the house-top to pray, about the **sixth hour**.

At the sixth hour (12:00 p.m.) is the same 'time of day' that the three hours of darkness occurred during Yahusha HaMashiach's crucifixion on the tree.

We can only imagine what work Yahusha was combating in the spiritual realm during the 3 hours of darkness; noon to 3 p.m. What we do know, was His finished work of laying down His life and taking it back up again; ushered in His proposal of the New Covenant Confirming Gospel message for all people. Now, here in the account of Peter and Cornelius, we see the Gospel message starting to go out to the nations. The 'time markers' in this account directly link us to Yahusha's finished work on the crucifixion tree!

Mat 27:45 And from **the sixth hour** there was darkness over all the land, **until the ninth hour**

Mat 27:46 And about the ninth hour יהושע cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Ĕli, Ĕli, lemah shebaqtani?" that is, "My Ĕli, My Ĕli, why have You forsaken Me?" Psa 22:1.

'Three hours of darkness' let's ponder this. we know YHWH can make anything happen. We also know He usually incorporates nature in His miracles; the parting of the Sea of Reeds; the storm on the sea of Galilee; the water from the rock; the meteor shower of Sodom & Gomorrah etc. Is the possibility of a 3rd planetary body coming into our solar system between the sun and the earth feasible to cause a double eclipse of the sun and moon resulting in 3 hours of darkness? Yes, it is possible.

Three hours of darkness is biblical astronomy language. A planetary body approaching between the sun and the earth would cause great geological disturbances. Such a planetary body passing through our solar system has been documented in times past; the Chinese Guest Star of 1054 C.E.

Act 10:10 And he became hungry and wished to eat. But while they were preparing, he fell into a trance,

Act 10:11 and he saw the heaven opened and a certain vessel like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth,

Act 10:12 in which were all kinds of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping *creatures*, and the birds of the heaven.

Act 10:13 And a voice came to him, “Rise up, Kěpha, slay and eat.”

Act 10:14 But Kěpha said, “Not at all, Master! Because I have never eaten whatever is common or unclean.”

Act 10:15 And a voice *came* to him again the second time, “What Elohim has cleansed you do not consider common.”

Act 10:16 And this took place **three times**, and the vessel was taken back to the heaven.

Act 10:17 And while Kěpha was **doubting within himself about what the vision might mean, look, the men who had been sent from Cornelius**, having asked for the house of Shim'on, stood at the gate,

Here we have what I call a connecting ‘numerical marker.’ In the trance, Peter sees this sheet of unclean creatures **3 times**. We know there are **3 nation people** approaching Shimon’s home [2 household servants and a dedicated soldier]. The meaning of Peter’s vision follows immediately by **the 3 men arriving**. The interpretation being, the Gospel Message of Yahusha is offered to all people. As mentioned before, in Him, there is neither Jew nor Greek; slave or free; male or female for all are one in Messiah Yahusha.

Act 10:18 and calling out, they enquired whether Shim'on, also known as Kěpha, was staying there.

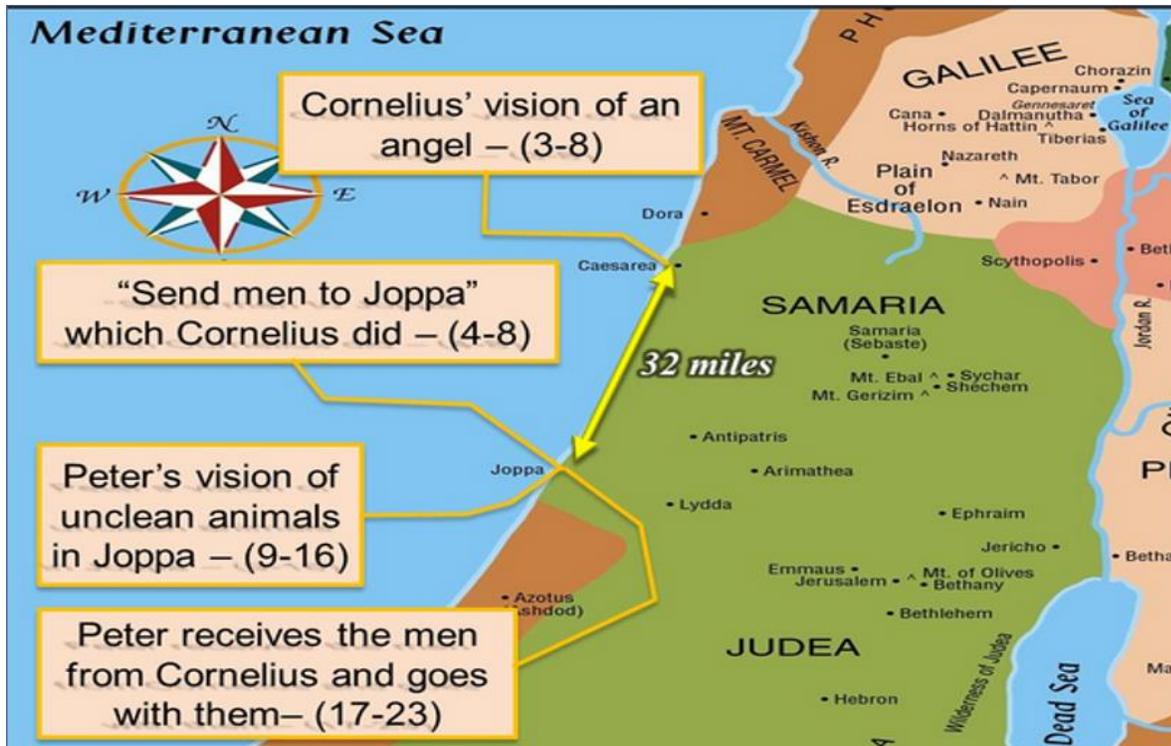
Act 10:19 And as Kěpha was thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “**See, three men** seek you.

Act 10:20 **“But rise up, go down and go with them, not doubting at all, for I have sent them.”**

Act 10:21 So Kěpha went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, “Look, I am the one you seek. Why have you come?”

Act 10:22 **And they said, “Cornelius the captain, a righteous man and one who fears Elohim and well spoken of by the entire nation of the Yehudim, was instructed by a set-apart messenger to send for you to his house, and to hear words from you.”**

Act 10:23 So inviting them in, he housed them. And **on the next day Kěpha went away with them, and some brothers from Yapho went with him.**



Act 10:24 And the following day they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his relatives and close friends.

Act 10:25 And it came to be, that when Kēpha entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and bowed before him.

Act 10:26 **But Kēpha raised him up, saying, “Stand up, I myself am also a man.”**

Act 10:27 And talking with him, he went in and found many who had come together.

Act 10:28 And he said to them, “You know that a Yehudi man is not allowed^a to associate with, or go to one of another race. But Elohim has shown me that I should not call any man^b common or unclean. Footnotes: ^aThis was a man-made law. See [Mat 15:3](#), [Mat 15:9](#), [Mar 7:7-8](#), [Col 2:14](#), [Col 2:20](#) and [Col 2:22](#). ^bNot animal - See also [Act 10:35](#).”

Act 10:29 **“That is why I came without hesitation** when I was sent for. So I ask, why have you sent for me?”

Act 10:30 And Cornelius said, “**Four days** ago I was fasting until this hour. And at **the ninth hour** I prayed in my house, and see, a man stood before me in shining garments,

Act 10:31 and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your kind deeds were remembered before Elohim.’

Act 10:32 Now send to Yapho and call Shim'on here, who is also called Kēpha. He is staying in the house of Shim'on, a leather-tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he shall speak to you.’

Act 10:33 **“So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. And now, we are all present before Elohim, to hear all that you have been commanded**

by Elohim.”

Gentiles Hear the Good News

Act 10:34 And opening his mouth, Kěpha said, “Truly I see that Elohim shows no partiality,

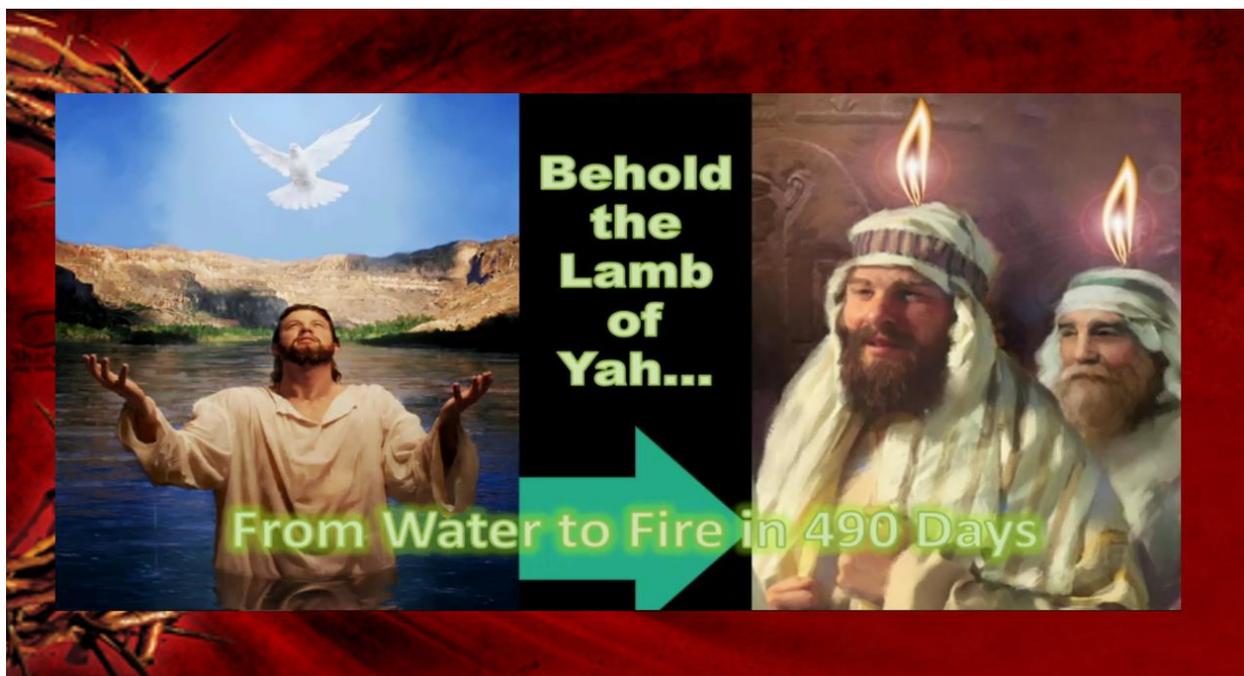
Act 10:35 but in **every nation**, he who **fears Him** and **works righteousness** is accepted by Him.

Act 10:36 “He sent the word to the children of Yisra’ēl, bringing the Good News: peace through יהושע Messiah! He is Master of all.

Act 10:37 “You know what word came to be throughout all Yehudāh, **beginning from Galil after the immersion which Yoḥanan proclaimed:**

Act 10:38 how **Elohim did anoint יהושע of Natsareth with the Set-apart Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for Elohim was with Him.**

Timing is important. At Yahusha’s immersion by John the Baptist, Yahusha is identified as **the Lamb of Elohim**. From that point to the time of Pentecost was 490 days; meaning, Yahusha met the requirements of the Passover Lamb by being without spot or blemish and one year of age or under two.





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Act 10:39 “And **we are witnesses** of all He did, both in the country of the Yehudim and in Yerushalayim, whom they even killed **by hanging on a timber**. [Deu 21:22-23](#).

Act 10:40 “**Elohim raised up this One on the third day**, and let Him be seen,

Act 10:41 not to all the people, but to witnesses, those having been chosen before by Elohim – to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Act 10:42 “**And He commanded us to proclaim to the people, and to witness that it is He who was appointed by Elohim to be Judge of the living and the dead.**” ^CFootnote:

^CSee [Act 17:31](#), [Joh 5:29](#), [Psa 96:13](#), [Psa 98:9](#), [Rev 19:11](#).

Act 10:43 “**To this One all the prophets bear witness, that through His Name, everyone believing in Him does receive forgiveness of sins.**”

The Holy Spirit Falls on the Gentiles

Act 10:44 While Kēpha was still speaking these words, the **Set-apart Spirit fell** upon all those hearing the word.

Act 10:45 And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kēpha, **because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit had been poured out on the nations also,**

Act 10:46 for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. Then Kēpha answered,

Act 10:47 “Is anyone able to forbid water, that these should not be immersed who have received the Set-apart Spirit – even as also we?”

Act 10:48 And he **commanded them to be immersed in the Name of יהושע Messiah.**

Then they asked him to remain a few days.

That is worth repeating! And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Kěpha, because the gift of the Set-apart Spirit **had been poured out on the nations also**, for they were hearing them speaking with tongues and extolling Elohim. HalleluYAH!

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