

*Greetings, today our manna is 2Kings 15; Titus 1; Hosea 8; Psalm 123, 124, 125.*

## *November 2 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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

### **2Kings 15**

#### **Azariah Reigns in Judah**

**2Ki 15:1** In the twenty-seventh year of Yarob'am sovereign of Yisra'ël, Azaryah son of Amatsyah, sovereign of Yehudāh, began to reign.

**2Ki 15:2** He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yekolyahu of Yerushalayim.

**2Ki 15:3** And he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה, according to all that his father Amatsyahu did,

**2Ki 15:4** however, the high places were not taken away. The people still slaughtered and burned incense on the high places.

**2Ki 15:5** And יהוה smote the sovereign, so that he was a leper until the day of his death, and he dwelt in a separate house. And Yotham son of the sovereign was over the house, ruling the people of the land.

**F.B. Meyer Commentary [Excerpt] on 2Kings 15 identifies Azariah, and the name Uzziah, as the same:** The reign of Azariah, or Uzziah, in Judah was very splendid. Fifty-two years of almost unbroken prosperity! The story is told in the glowing periods of 2Ch 26:1-23.

**2Ch 26:16** But when he became strong his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he trespassed against יהוה his Elohim by entering the Hēḵal of יהוה to burn incense on the slaughter-place of incense.

**2Ch 26:17** And Azaryahu the priest went in after him, and with him were eighty priests of יהוה, who were brave men.

**2Ch 26:18** And they stood up against Sovereign Uzziyahu, and said to him, "It is not for you, Uzziyahu, to burn incense to יהוה, but for the priests, the sons of Aharon, who are set-apart to burn incense. Get out of the set-apart place, for you have trespassed, and there is no esteem to you from יהוה Elohim."

**2Ch 26:19** And Uzziyahu was wroth. And he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was wroth with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the House of יהוה, beside the incense slaughter-place.

**2Ch 26:20** And Azaryahu the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and saw that he was leprous on his forehead. And they hurried him from there. And he also hurried to get out, because יהוה had struck him.

**2Ch 26:21** And Sovereign Uzziyahu was a leper until the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house, because he was a leper, for he was cut off from the House of יהוה. And Yotham his son was over the sovereign's house, ruling the people of the land.

**2Ch 26:22** And the rest of the acts of Uzziyahu, from the first to the last, the prophet Yeshayahu the son of Amots wrote.

2Ch 26:23 So Uzziyahu slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial-place which belonged to the sovereigns, for they said, "He is a leper." And Yotham his son reigned in his place.

2Ki 15:6 And the rest of the acts of Azaryahu, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudah?

2Ki 15:7 So Azaryah slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the City of Dawid. And Yotham his son reigned in his place.

### **Zechariah Reigns in Israel**

2Ki 15:8 **In the thirty-eighth year of Azaryahu sovereign of Yehudah, Zeqaryahu son of Yarob'am began to reign over Yisra'el in Shomeron, for six new moons.**

2Ki 15:9 **And he did evil in the eyes of יהוה**, as his fathers had done. He did not turn away from the sins of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'el sin.

2Ki 15:10 And Shallum son of Yabesh conspired against him, and struck him in front of the people, and killed him, and reigned in his place.

2Ki 15:11 And the rest of the acts of Zeqaryah, see, they are written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'el.

2Ki 15:12 **This was the word of יהוה which He spoke to Yehu, saying, "Your sons to the fourth generation are going to sit on the throne of Yisra'el." And it came to be so.**

### **Shallum Reigns in Israel**

2Ki 15:13 **Shallum son of Yabesh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziyah, the sovereign of Yehudah.** And he reigned a month of days in Shomeron.

2Ki 15:14 **And Menahem son of Gadi went up from Tirtsah, and came to Shomeron, and struck Shallum son of Yabesh in Shomeron and killed him, and reigned in his place.**

2Ki 15:15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, and the conspiracy which he led, see, they are written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'el.

2Ki 15:16 And Menahem struck Tiphсах, and all who were there, and its borders, from all the pregnant women.

### **Ellicott's Commentary**

(16) Then.—After slaying Shallum, and seizing the supreme power.

Tiphсах.—The name means ford, and elsewhere denotes the well-known Thapsacus on the Euphrates (1Kings 4:24). Here, however, an Israelite city in the neighbourhood of Tirzah is obviously intended. The course of events was apparently this: after slaying Shallum, Menahem returned to Tirzah, and set out thence at the head of his entire army to bring the rest of the country to acknowledge him as king. Tiphсах resisting his claims, he made an example of it which proved efficient to terrorise other towns into submission. [Thenius would read Tappuah for Tiphсах by a slight change in one Hebrew letter. This agrees very well with the local indications of the text (comp. Joshua 17:7-8), though, of course, there may have been an otherwise unknown Tiphсах near Tirzah.]

The coasts thereof.—Literally, her borders (or, territories). (Comp. Joshua 17:8.)

From Tirzah—i.e., starting from Tirzah. This shows that the districts of Tirzah and Tiphshah (or, Tappuah) were conterminous.

Because they opened not to him.—Literally, for one opened not; an impersonal construction. The meaning is: the gates were closed against him. The to him is added by all the versions except the Targum.

And all the women.—Comp. [2Kings 8:21](#); [Hosea 13:16](#); [Amos 1:13](#).

### Menahem Reigns in Israel

**2Ki 15:17** In the thirty-ninth year of Azaryah sovereign of Yehudah, Menahēm son of Gađi began to reign over Yisra'ěl, ten years in Shomeron.

**2Ki 15:18** And he did evil in the eyes of ה'יה. He did not turn away from the sins of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'ěl sin, all his days.

**2Ki 15:19** Pul the sovereign of Ashshur came against the land. And Menahēm gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, for his hand to be with him to strengthen the reign in his hand.

**2Ki 15:20** And Menahēm exacted the silver of Yisra'ěl, of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty sheqels of silver, to give to the sovereign of Ashshur. And the sovereign of Ashshur turned back, and did not stay there in the land.

**2Ki 15:21** And the rest of the acts of Menahēm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl?

**2Ki 15:22** So Menahēm slept with his fathers. And Peqahyah his son reigned in his place.

### Pekahiah Reigns in Israel

**2Ki 15:23** In the fiftieth year of Azaryah the sovereign of Yehudah, Peqahyah the son of Menahēm began to reign over Yisra'ěl in Shomeron, for two years.

**2Ki 15:24** And he did evil in the eyes of ה'יה. He did not turn away from the sins of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'ěl sin.

**2Ki 15:25** And Peqah son of Remalyahu, a chief officer of his, conspired against him and struck him in Shomeron, in the high place of the sovereign's house, along with Argob and Aryeh, and with him were fifty men of Gil'ad. So he killed him and reigned in his place.

**2Ki 15:26** And the rest of the acts of Peqahyah, and all that he did, see, they are written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ěl.

### Pekah Reigns in Israel

**2Ki 15:27** In the fifty-second year of Azaryah sovereign of Yehudah, Peqah son of Remalyahu began to reign over Yisra'ěl in Shomeron, for twenty years.

**2Ki 15:28** And he did evil in the eyes of ה'יה. He did not turn away from the sins of Yarob'am son of Nebat, who had made Yisra'ěl sin.

**2Ki 15:29** In the days of Peqah sovereign of Yisra'ěl, Tiqlath-Pileser sovereign of Ashshur came and took Iyon, and Abël Bēyth Ma'akah, and Yanowah, and

**Qedesh, and Hatsor, and Gil'ad, and Galil, all the land of Naphtali, and took them into exile to Ashshur.**

2Ki 15:30 And **Hoshĕa son of Ĕlah led a conspiracy against Peqah** son of Remalyahu, and **struck him, and killed him, and reigned in his place in the twentieth year of Yotham son of Uzziyah.**

2Ki 15:31 And the rest of the acts of Peqah, and all that he did, see, they are written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yisra'ĕl.

### Jotham Reigns in Judah

2Ki 15:32 **In the second year of Peqah son of Remalyahu, sovereign of Yisra'ĕl, Yotham son of Uzziyahu, sovereign of Yehudāh, began to reign.**

2Ki 15:33 He was **twenty-five years old** when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Yerushalayim. And his mother's name was Yerusha the daughter of Tsadoq.

2Ki 15:34 And **he did what was right in the eyes of יהוה**. He did according to all that his father Uzziyahu did.

2Ki 15:35 **However, the high places were not taken away. The people still slaughtered and burned incense on the high places. He built the Upper Gate of the House of יהוה.**

2Ki 15:36 And the rest of the acts of Yotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the annals of the sovereigns of Yehudāh?

2Ki 15:37 **In those days יהוה began to send Retsin sovereign of Aram and Peqah son of Remalyahu against Yehudāh.**

2Ki 15:38 So Yotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of Dawid his father. **And Ahaz his son reigned in his place.**

### Titus 1

Titus was also like a son to Paul. He was greatly beloved by Paul. He was reliable and passionate about spreading the Good News and doing so in a structured and orderly fashion among the assemblies. He was a 'closer' in many ways. He continued to build on the Gospel foundation shared by Paul in many of the cities; the foundation of Yahusha HaMashiach.

### Greeting

**Tit 1:1** Sha'ul, a servant of Elohim and an emissary of **יהושע** Messiah, according to the belief of Elohim's chosen ones and knowledge of the truth according to reverence,

**Tit 1:2** in expectation of everlasting life which Elohim, who does not lie, promised before times of old,

**Tit 1:3** but in its own times has manifested His word through preaching, with which I was entrusted according to the command of Elohim our Savior,

**Tit 1:4** to Titos, a genuine child according to our common belief: Favor, compassion, peace from Elohim the Father and the Master **יהושע** Messiah our Savior.

2Co 7:6 But Elohim, who encourages the downcast, encouraged us by the coming of Titos,

2Co 7:7 and not only by his coming, but also by the encouragement with which he was encouraged over you, when he reported to us your longing, your mourning, your ardour for me, so that I greatly rejoiced.

2Co 8:16 But thanks be to Elohim who puts the same eagerness for you into **the heart of Titos.**

2Co 8:17 Because he received the appeal, indeed, but being more eager, **he went to you of his own accord.**

2Co 8:23 **As for Titos, he is my partner and fellow worker for you.** As for our brothers, *they are* messengers of the assemblies, the esteem of Messiah.

2Co 8:24 Therefore show to them the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf, and in the presence of the assemblies.

2Co 12:17 Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

2Co 12:18 **I urged Titos, and sent our brother with him. Did Titos take advantage of you?** Did we not walk in the same spirit – not in the same steps?

2Co 12:19 Again, do you think that we defend ourselves to you? We speak before Elohim in Messiah. But all this, beloved, is for your upbuilding.

Gal 2:2 And I went up by revelation, and laid before them that Good News which I proclaim among the nations, but separately to those who were esteemed, lest somehow I run, or had run, in vain.

Gal 2:3 **But not even Titos who was with me, though a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised.**

Gal 2:4 But as for the false brothers, sneakingly brought in, who sneaked in to spy out our freedom which we have in Messiah **יהושע** in order to enslave us,

Gal 2:5 to these we did not yield in subjection, not even for an hour, so that the truth of the Good News remains with you.

It is unclear exactly when Paul and Titus had been at Crete. Apparently, Paul had not spent much time there and left Titus with specific instructions and warnings in establishing organized assemblies. He goes over the qualifications for the elders. He tells Titus to watch out for the unruly ones.

### Qualifications for Elders

**Tit 1:5** The reason I left you in Crete was that you should straighten out what was left undone, and appoint elders in every city as I commanded you:

**Tit 1:6** if anyone is unprovable, the husband of one wife, having believing children not

accused of loose behaviour, or unruly.

**Tit 1:7** For an overseer has to be unprovable, as a managing one of Elohim, not self-pleasing, not wrath, not given to wine, no brawler, not greedy for filthy gain,

**Tit 1:8** but kind to strangers, a lover of what is good, sensible, righteous, set-apart, self-controlled,

**Tit 1:9** clinging to the trustworthy word, according to the teaching, in order to be able both to encourage by sound teaching, and to **convict<sup>a</sup>** those who oppose it. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup>Rather: *confute*<, or *prove wrong*.

**Tit 1:10** For there are many unruly men, senseless talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,

**Tit 1:11** whose mouths have to be stopped, who upset entire households, teaching what they should not *teach*, for the sake of filthy gain.

**Tit 1:12** One of them, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

**Tit 1:13** This witness is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, in order for them to be sound in the belief,

**Tit 1:14** not paying attention to Yehudi fables, and commands of men who turn from the truth.

**Tit 1:15** Indeed, all *matters* are clean to the clean, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving no *matter* is clean, but both their mind and conscience are defiled.

**Tit 1:16** They profess to know Elohim, but **in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unfit for any good work.**<sup>b</sup> **Footnote:** <sup>b</sup> [Mat 7:21-23](#), [2Pe 2:1-22](#), [1Jn 2:4](#), [Jud 1:4](#).

## Hosea 8

Through the prophet Hosea, YHWH continues to unveil the unfaithfulness of His people. Sadly, each generation struggles with knowing who they are. If the world only comprehended how much YHWH loves them; it would be a whole different place. To know Him is to know His Word.

**Joh 1:1** **In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with Elohim, and the Word was Elohim.**

**Joh 1:2** He was in the beginning with Elohim.

**Joh 1:3** All came to be through Him,<sup>a</sup> and without Him not even one came to be that came to be. **Footnote:** <sup>a</sup> [Eph 3:9](#), [Col 1:16](#), [Heb 1:2](#), [Heb 11:3](#), [2Pe 3:5](#), [Psa 33:6](#).

**Joh 1:4** In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

**Joh 1:5** And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

## Israel Will Reap the Whirlwind

**Hos 8:1** "Put a shophar to your mouth, like an eagle against the House of יהוה",

because they have transgressed My covenant, and they have rebelled against My Torah.

Hos 8:2 “They cry out to Me, ‘My Elohim – we, Yisra’ël, know You!’

Hos 8:3 “Yisra’ël has rejected what is good, an enemy pursues him.

- Hos 8:4 “They have made sovereigns, but not from Me.
- They have made rulers, but I have not known.
- From their silver and gold they made idols for themselves, so that they are cut off.
- Hos 8:5 “O Shomeron, your calf has been cast off! My wrath has burned against them. How long shall they be incapable of innocence?
- Hos 8:6 “For from Yisra’ël is even this: a workman made it, and it is not Elohim! For the calf of Shomeron is splinters!
- Hos 8:7 “For they sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud, it yields no grain. If it does yield, strangers swallow it up.

Hos 8:8 “Yisra’ël has been swallowed up. They have now become among the nations as a vessel in which is no pleasure.

Hos 8:9 “For they themselves have gone up to Ashshur. A wild donkey alone by itself is Ephrayim, they have hired lovers.

Hos 8:10 “Also, although they sold themselves among the nations, this time I shall gather them, when they have suffered for a while from the burden of a sovereign, of rulers.

Hos 8:11 “Since Ephrayim has made many slaughter-places for sin, they have been slaughter-places for sinning to him.

Hos 8:12 “I have written for him numerous matters of My Torah – they were regarded as strange.

Hos 8:13 “As for My slaughterings: they slaughter flesh and they eat. יהוה shall not accept them. Now does He remember their crookedness and punish their sins. Let them return to Mitsrayim!

Hos 8:14 **“For Yisra’ël has forgotten his Maker, and has built palaces. And Yehudah has increased walled cities. But I shall send fire upon his cities, and it shall devour his strongholds.”**

### Psalm 123, 124, 125

Throughout His Word, the battle has been between good and evil. YHWH had told Rebekah that **two nations** warred in her womb.

Those **two nations** are Esau/Edomites and Jacob/Israel. That is, it. Two nations which all peoples will fit into. It really isn’t complicated. People either belong to the one true living Elohim or they don’t.

The enemy clouds the truth and confuses the issue by causing racial divisions; religious divisions; gender wars; political wars; wars among nations; wars among cultures etc. The root however boils down to the choice between good and evil; blessings or curses.

Yahusha has extended his proposal of His covenant, ratified by His precious blood; but He will not force anyone to receive it. For those that refuse His salvation, their blood is on their own head.

YHWH watches over the righteous. He knows the past, present, and future persecutions and mocking's. He holds us in His righteous right hand.

Esau/Edomites are hunters. They are blasphemers. They mock YHWH's people. Their color is red, and they leave a trail of blood.

True Israel is made up of His people. They are his kingdom of priests of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation; which represents Joseph's multi-colored coat. YHWH is our refuge and our strength. He is our deliverer. This is not to be confused with those that have usurped the name 'Israel' by naming the present physical nation as Israel.

The true Israel is compiled of the two sticks of the 10 northern tribes [Israel] and the 2 southern tribes [Judah]; along with those grafted in. His remnant people of the true Israel; are still being gathered that were dispersed all around the globe. We are multi-national. We are neither Jew nor Greek; male nor female; bond or free; we are simply His People through grace by faith in Yahusha HaMashiach, our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. Israel, the one new man, will one day be totally complete in the end of days.

We either belong to His holy nation or Satan's domain in this world.

1Pe 2:9 But you are a **chosen race**,<sup>b</sup> [Deu 10:15](#) a **royal priesthood**,<sup>c</sup> [Isa 61:6](#) a **set-apart nation**,<sup>d</sup> [Exo 19:6](#) a **people for a possession**,<sup>e</sup> [Isa 43:2](#) that you should proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvellous light, Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see [Isa 43:20](#). <sup>c</sup>Also see [Isa 66:21](#). <sup>d</sup>Also see [Deu 7:6](#). <sup>e</sup>Also see [Exo 19:5](#), [Tit 2:14](#).

1Pe 2:10 who once were **not a people**,<sup>f</sup> but now the **people of Elohim**,<sup>f</sup> who had **not obtained compassion**,<sup>f</sup> but now **obtained compassion**.<sup>f</sup> [Hos 1:9-10](#), [Hos 2:23](#). Footnote: <sup>f</sup>Also see [Isa 65:1](#), [Hos 1:9](#), [Isa 63:16](#), [Isa 64:8](#), [Rom 9:25-26](#).

At the time of the harvest, YHWH will separate the sheep from the goats; and the wheat from the tares. Two camps – that is all there is. Which one are you in?

## Our Eyes Look to YHWH our Elohim

**Psa 123:1** I shall lift up my eyes Unto You who dwell in the heavens.

**Psa 123:2** See, as the eyes of servants Are toward the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a female servant Are toward the hand of her mistress, **So are our eyes toward יהוה our Elohim, Until He shows favour to us.**

**Psa 123:3** Show favour to us, O יהוה, show favour to us! **For we are exceedingly filled with mockery.**

**Psa 123:4** Our **being is exceedingly filled With the scoffing of those who are at ease,** With the **mockery of the proud.**

## Our Help Is in the Name of YHWH

**Psa 124:1** **“If it had not been יהוה who was on our side,”** Let Yisra’el now say;

**Psa 124:2** **“If it had not been יהוה who was on our side,** When men rose up against us,

**Psa 124:3** **“Then they would have swallowed us alive,** In their burning rage against us;

**Psa 124:4** **“Then the waters would have overwhelmed us,** The **stream would have gone over our being;**

**Psa 124:5** **“Then the proud waters Would have gone over our being.”**

**Psa 124:6** **Blessed be יהוה, Who did not give us as prey to their teeth.**

**Psa 124:7** Our being has escaped like a bird From the snare of the trappers; The snare was broken, and we have escaped.

**Psa 124:8** **Our help is in the Name of יהוה, Maker of the heavens and earth.**

## YHWH Surrounds His People

**Psa 125:1** **Those who trust in יהוה Are like Mount Tsiyon** – **It is not shaken, it remains forever.**

**Psa 125:2** **As the mountains surround Yerushalayim, So יהוה surrounds His people, Now and forever.**

**Psa 125:3** For **the sceptre of wrongness shall not rest On the land allotted to the righteous,** Lest the righteous stretch forth their hands to unrighteousness.

**Psa 125:4** **Do good, O יהוה, to those who are good, And to those who are upright in their hearts.**

**Psa 125:5** But those who turn aside to their crooked ways, יהוה shall lead them away With the workers of wickedness. **Peace be upon Yisra’el!**

*They Sow the Wind and Reap the Whirlwind*

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