

Greetings, today our manna is from Exodus 15; Job 33; Luke 18; 2Cor. 3

March 4 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Exodus 15

Moses and the children of Israel sing the ‘Song of Moses.’

Exo 15:1 Then Mosheh and the children of Yisra’el sang this song to יהוה, and spoke, saying, “I sing to יהוה, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!

Exo 15:2 “Yah is my strength and song, and He has become my **deliverance**.^a He is my Ēl, and I praise Him – Elohim of my father, and I exalt Him. **Footnote:** ^aSee [Psa 118:14](#) and [Isa 12:2](#).

Exo 15:3 “יהוה is a man of battle, יהוה is His Name.

Exo 15:4 “**He has cast Pharaoh’s chariots and his army into the sea, and his chosen officers are drowned in the Sea of Reeds.**

Sea of Reeds was the place where ‘sedge’ grew or ‘reeds.’ We can envision the swampy marsh landscape near the sea along with the animals, birds, and reptiles that would camouflage themselves in its midst. We recall the words Pharaoh spoke over the Israelites in Ex. 14:3, and see those words become his own prophetic demise, ‘They are entangled in the land, the wilderness has closed them in.’

Throughout the generations and for eternity, we praise and exalt YHWH! We know His Name! He is our strength and song, and He is our Deliverer! ‘The hallmark of faith is giving glory to YHWH.’

Exo 15:5 “The depths covered them, they went down to the bottom like a stone.

Exo 15:6 “Your right hand, O יהוה, has become great in power. Your right hand, O יהוה, has crushed the enemy.

Exo 15:7 “And in the greatness of Your excellence You pulled down those who rose up against You. You sent forth Your wrath, it consumed them like stubble.

Exo 15:8 “And with the wind of Your nostrils the waters were heaped up, the floods stood like a wall, the depths became stiff in the heart of the sea.

Exo 15:9 “The enemy said, ‘I pursue, I overtake, I divide the spoil, my being is satisfied on them. I draw out my sword, my hand destroys them.’

The enemies of YHWH and His people may boast but they will not prevail.

Exo 15:10 “You did blow with Your wind, the sea covered them, they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

Exo 15:11 “Who is like You, O יהוה, among the mighty ones? Who is like You, great in set-apartness, awesome in praises, working wonders?

Exo 15:12 “You stretched out Your right hand, the earth swallowed them.

Exo 15:13 “In Your loving-commitment You led the people whom You have redeemed, in Your strength **You guided them to Your set-apart dwelling.**

Exo 15:14 “Peoples heard, they trembled, anguish gripped the inhabitants of Philistia.

Exo 15:15 “Then the chiefs of Edom were troubled, the mighty men of Mo’ab, trembling grips them, all the inhabitants of Kena’an melted.

Exo 15:16 “Fear and dread fell on them, by the greatness of Your arm they are as silent as a stone, until Your people pass over, O יהוה, until the people, whom You have bought, pass over.

Exo 15:17 “You bring them in and plant them in the mountain of Your inheritance, in the place, O יהוה, which You have made for Your own dwelling, the set-apart place, O יהוה, which Your hands have prepared.

Exo 15:18 “יהוה reigns forever and ever.”

Exo 15:19 For the horses of Pharaoh went with his chariots and his horsemen into the sea, and יהוה brought back the waters of the sea upon them. And the children of Yisra’el went on dry ground in the midst of the sea.

Exo 15:20 And Miryam the prophetess, the sister of Aharon, took the timbrel in her hand. And all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

Exo 15:21 And Miryam answered them, “Sing to יהוה, for He is highly exalted! The horse and its rider He has thrown into the sea!”

Please read Rev. 5 & Rev. 15

Rev 5:7 And He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him sitting on the throne.

Rev 5:8 And when He took the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls filled with incense, which are the prayers of the set-apart ones.

Rev 5:9 **And they sang a renewed song,** saying, “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals, because You were slain, and have redeemed us to Elohim by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,^c Footnote: ^cThis fact is given in 6 other texts in the Book of Revelation.

Rev 5:10 **and made us sovereigns and priests to our Elohim, and we shall reign upon the earth.”^d Footnote: ^dDan 7:18-27.**

Rev 5:11 And I looked, and I heard the voice of many messengers around the throne, and the living creatures, and the elders. And the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands,

Rev 5:12 saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb having been slain to receive power and

riches and wisdom, and strength and respect and esteem and blessing!”

Rev 5:13 And every creature which is in the heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying, “To Him sitting on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the respect and the esteem and the might, forever and ever!”

Rev 5:14 And **the four living creatures** said, “Amēn!” And the **twenty-four elders** fell down and bowed before Him who lives forever and ever.

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in the heaven, great and marvellous: seven messengers having the seven last plagues,^a for the wrath of Elohim was ended in them. Footnote: ^aSee Rev 21:9.

Rev 15:2 And I saw like a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those overcoming the beast and his image and his mark and the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, holding harps of Elohim.

Rev 15:3 And they **sing the song of Mosheh** the servant of Elohim, and **the song of the Lamb**, saying, “Great and marvellous are Your works, יהוה Ēl Shaddai! Righteous and true are Your ways, O Sovereign of the set-apart ones!

Rev 15:4 “Who shall not fear You, O יהוה, and esteem Your Name? Because **You alone are kind. Because all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your righteousneses have been made manifest.**” ^b Footnote: ^bSee Jer 10:6-7, Psa 86:9.

They continue their journey.

Bitter Water Made Sweet

Exo 15:22 And Mosheh brought Yisra'ēl from the Sea of Reeds, and they went out into the Wilderness of Shur. **And they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.**

Exo 15:23 And they came to Marah, and they were unable to drink the waters of Marah, for they were bitter. So the name of it was called Marah.

Exo 15:24 And the people grumbled against Mosheh, saying, “What are we to drink?”

Exo 15:25 Then he cried out to יהוה, and יהוה showed him a tree. And when he threw it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a law and a right-ruling for them, and there He tried them.

The waters were not the only thing bitter when they came to Marah! They themselves were behaving bitterly. Like a child that normally eats his food; yet when mad, will say, “I don't like it”; ‘I'm not hungry’; ‘I don't want to.’ Bitterness in spirit, makes everything around - bitter. It is the ‘Tree of Life’ and His living water that makes us no longer bitter.

Shur means ‘wall’. At this ‘wall’ in their journey they take ‘pause’. They hit a **wall of decision** to either become ‘bitter’ or ‘better’. **YHWH makes a law and right-ruling for them and He tries them.** He corrects them and teaches them as a loving parent would correct a child.

Exo 15:26 And He said, **“If you diligently obey the voice of יהוה your Elohim and**

do what is right in His eyes, and shall listen to His commands and shall guard all His laws, I shall bring on you none of the diseases I brought on the Mitsrites, for I am יהוה who heals you.

Exo 15:27 And they came to Ĕlim, where there were **twelve fountains of water** and **seventy palm trees**. And they camped there by the waters.

BDB Definition: Elim 'êylim = “palms” 1) [second encampment of the Israelites after the Exodus](#)

Psa 1:3 For **he shall be as a tree Planted by the rivers of water**, That yields its fruit in its season,
And whose leaf does not wither, And whatever he does prospers.

How do these scriptures speak to you? He moves us from death to abundant life. He moves us from bitterness to shalom. We see in Exodus 15:27, the numbers 12 and 70. We can't help but think of the 12 tribes; the 12 disciples; the 70 elders. His patterns are cycled throughout His Word. His patterns have a message in themselves.

Exo 24:1 And to Mosheh He said, “Come up to יהוה, you and Aharon, Naḡab and Aḡihu, and **seventy of the elders** of Yisra'ël, and you shall bow yourselves from a distance.

Job 33

Elihu, speaks to Job from his spirit-filled heart. He seems to be a caring young man coming into his own walk and understanding of YHWH and exhibiting bold proclamations. It would be hard to take offense toward someone like Elihu speaking seemingly sincere.

Elihu Rebukes Job

Job 33:1 “And yet, O Iyob, please hear my speech and listen to all my words.

Job 33:2 See, please! I shall open my mouth, my tongue shall speak in my mouth.

Job 33:3 My words are from the uprightness of my heart, my lips shall speak knowledge clearly.

Job 33:4 The Spirit of Ĕl has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Job 33:5 If you are able, answer me, set yourself in order before me, take your stand.

Job 33:6 See, I am like you before Ĕl, I too have been formed out of clay.

Job 33:7 See, no fear of me should alarm you, nor should pressure by me be heavy on you.

Job 33:8 But you have spoken in my hearing, and the sound of words I hear, *saying*,

Job 33:9 I am clear, without transgression; I am innocent, and I have no crookedness.

Job 33:10 See, He finds occasions against me, He counts me as His enemy;

Job 33:11 He puts my feet in the stocks, He watches all my paths.'

Job 33:12 See, in this you have not been righteous. Let me answer you: Eloah is greater than man!

Job 33:13 Why have you complained against Him? Because He does not answer all

His matters?

Job 33:14 For Ėl does speak once, or twice – *though* one does not notice it –

Job 33:15 in a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on a bed,

Job 33:16 then He opens the ears of men, and seals their instruction,

Job 33:17 to turn man *from his* deed, and conceal pride from man.

Job 33:18 He keeps back his being from the pit, and his life from passing away by the sword.

Job 33:19 And he is reprov'd with pain on his bed, and with unceasing distress in his bones,

Job 33:20 so that his life loathes bread, and his being desirable food.

Job 33:21 His flesh wastes away, and his bones which were not seen stick out.

Job 33:22 And his being draws near the pit, and his life to the destroyers.

Job 33:23 If there is a messenger for him, a mediator, one among a thousand, to show man His straightness,

Job 33:24 then He shows favour to him, and says, ‘Release him from going down to the pit, I have found an atonement.

Job 33:25 Let his flesh become fresher than a child’s, let him return to the days of his youth.’

Job 33:26 He prays to Eloah, and He accepts him. And he sees His face with joy, and He restores to man his righteousness.

Job 33:27 He sings to men and says, ‘I have sinned, and I have perverted what was right, and it did not profit me.

Job 33:28 He has redeemed my being from going down to the pit, and my life sees the light.’

Job 33:29 See, Ėl does all these – twice, three times with a man,

Job 33:30 to bring back his being from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

Job 33:31 Pay attention, lyob, listen to me, keep silent, and let me speak.

Job 33:32 If there are words, answer me; speak, for I desire to declare you right.

Job 33:33 If not, listen to me, keep silent, and let me teach you wisdom.”

Luke 18

We should glean the [wisdom of ‘persistence’](#) like the widow.

The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Luk 18:1 And He spoke a parable to them, **that they should always pray and not lose heart,**

Luk 18:2 saying, “In a certain city there was a certain judge, not fearing Elohim nor regarding man.

Luk 18:3 “And a widow was in that city, and she came to him, saying, ‘Do right to me on my adversary.’”

Luk 18:4 “And he would not for a while, but afterward he said within himself, ‘Even if I do not fear Elohim nor regard man,

Luk 18:5 yet because this widow troubles me I shall do right to her, lest by her continual coming she wears me out.’”

Luk 18:6 And the Master said, **“Hear what the unrighteous judge said.**

Luk 18:7 **“And shall Elohim not do right by all means to His own chosen ones who are crying out day and night to Him, and being patient over them?”**

Luk 18:8 **“I say to you that He shall do right to them speedily. But when the Son of Adam comes, shall He find the belief on the earth?”**

What a difference this parable could make if taught in today’s Talmudic yeshivas (schools), congregations, and seminaries. One should not rely on themselves to be righteous nor look down on others as being ‘less than themselves’.

The Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Luk 18:9 And He also spoke this parable to some who **relied on themselves** that they were righteous, and looking down on others:

Luk 18:10 “Two men went up to the Set-apart Place to pray – **the one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.**

Luk 18:11 **“The Pharisee** stood and began to pray with himself this way, ‘Elohim, I thank You that I am not like the rest of men, swindlers, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

Luk 18:12 I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I acquire.’

Luk 18:13 “But **the tax collector** standing at a distance would not even raise his eyes to the heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘Elohim, show favor unto me, a sinner!’

Luk 18:14 “I say to you, this man went down to his house declared right, rather than the other. **For everyone who is exalting himself shall be humbled, and he who is humbling himself shall be exalted.**”

It is easy for any of us as His disciples, to exhibit a fleshly pharisaical attitude. Daily we must wash ourselves from ‘worldly’ thinking and shift ourselves to ‘Kingdom’ thinking; drawing closer to Him through His sweet Ruach HaKodesh; rather than being religious repellents.

Let the Children Come to Me

Luk 18:15 And they also **brought infants to Him to touch them,** but His taught ones

seeing it, rebuked them.

Luk 18:16 But יהושע called them to Him and said, **“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them, for of such is the reign of Elohim.”**

Luk 18:17 “Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the reign of Elohim as a little child, shall certainly not enter into it.”

“The way to a person’s heart is through their heels.” Get to know other’s walk.

- ✚ Where has their life’s journey taken them;
- ✚ what have they been through;
- ✚ and rejoice in their present progress by the grace of YHWH. Even small children respond to a loving touch and a sweet voice. Some little ones have had harder journeys than most even BEFORE they have begun to walk!

The Rich Ruler

Do not let the ‘things’ of this world become idols that prevent you from following Yahusha.

Luk 18:18 And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, “Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit everlasting life?”

Luk 18:19 So יהושע said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One – Elohim.

Luk 18:20 “You know the commands, **‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Respect your father and your mother.’**”
[Exo 20:12-16](#), [Deu 5:16-20](#).

Luk 18:21 And he said, “All these I have watched over from my youth.”

Luk 18:22 And hearing this, יהושע said to him, “Yet one you lack: Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven. And come, follow Me.”

Luk 18:23 But when he heard this, he became intensely sad, for he was extremely rich.

Luk 18:24 And when יהושע saw that he became intensely sad, He said, “How hard it is for those who have money to enter into the reign of Elohim!

Luk 18:25 “For it is easier for a camel to enter through a needle’s eye than for a rich man to enter into the reign of Elohim.”

Luk 18:26 And those who heard it said, **“And who is able to be saved?”**

Luk 18:27 And He said, **“What is impossible with men is possible with Elohim.”**

Luk 18:28 And Kēpha said, “See, we have left all and followed You.”

Luk 18:29 And He said to them, **“Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left**

house or parents or brothers or wife or children, for the sake of the reign of Elohim,

Luk 18:30 who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and in the age to come everlasting life.”^a Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 6:33](#), [Mat 19:29](#), [Mar 10:29](#).

Yahusha Foretells His Death a Third Time

Yahusha speaks to the twelve. A fellow believer mentioned something the other day that made me value the connection between the 12 tribes and the 12 disciples. The number ‘twelve’ is what connects both, and the Words spoken to His 12 disciples speak to us today; the 12 tribes scattered abroad.

Luk 18:31 And taking the twelve aside, He said to them, “See, we are going up to Yerushalayim, and all that has been written by the prophets about the Son of Adam shall be accomplished.

- ✚ **Luk 18:32** “For He shall be delivered up to the nations
- ✚ and shall be mocked
- ✚ and insulted
- ✚ and spat upon,
- ✚ **Luk 18:33** and having flogged Him
- ✚ they shall kill Him.
- ✚ And on the third day He shall rise again.”

Luk 18:34 But they understood none of this, and this word was hidden from them, and they did not know what was being said.

Yahusha Heals a Blind Beggar

This is a perfect example of “The way to a person’s heart is through their heels.” Yahusha knew everything about this blind beggar’s journey. He knew his hardships in life. The beggar’s faith in Yahusha turned his life of bitter hardship to shalom, praise, and rejoicing! He found the fountain of Living Water, Yahusha HaMashiach!

Luk 18:35 And it came to be, that as He was coming near Yeriho, that a certain blind man was sitting by the way begging.

Luk 18:36 And hearing a crowd passing by, he asked what it meant.

Luk 18:37 And they reported to him that יהושע of Natsareth was passing by.

Luk 18:38 And he cried out, saying, “יהושע, Son of Dawid, have compassion on me!”

Luk 18:39 And those going before were rebuking him that he should be silent, but he was crying out much more, “Son of Dawid, have compassion on me!”

Luk 18:40 And יהושע stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him,

Luk 18:41 saying, **“What do you wish Me to do for you?”** And he said, **“Master, to receive my sight.”**

Luk 18:42 And יהושע said to him, **“Receive your sight! Your belief has saved you.”**

Luk 18:43 And immediately he received his sight, and was following Him, praising Elohim. And all the people, seeing it, gave praise to Elohim.

2Cor. 3

Ministers of the New Covenant

2Co 3:1 Are we to begin to recommend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some, letters of recommendation to you, or from you?

2Co 3:2 You are our letter, having been written in our hearts, known and read by all men,

2Co 3:3 making it obvious that you are a letter of Messiah, served by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living Elohim, not on tablets of stone but on fleshly tablets of the heart.

2Co 3:4 And such trust we have toward Elohim, through the Messiah.

2Co 3:5 Not that we are competent in ourselves to reckon any *matter* as from ourselves, **but our competence is from Elohim,**

2Co 3:6 who also made us competent as servants of a renewed [new] covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit, for the letter kills but the Spirit gives life.

2Co 3:7 But if the administering of death in letters, engraved on stones, was esteemed, so that the children of Yisra'el were unable to look steadily at the face of Mosheh because of the esteem of his face, which was passing away,

2Co 3:8 **how much more esteemed shall the administering of the Spirit not be?**

2Co 3:9 **For if the administering of condemnation had esteem, the administering of righteousness exceeds much more in esteem.**

2Co 3:10 For indeed what was made esteemed had no esteem in this respect, in view of the esteem that excels.

2Co 3:11 For if that which is passing away was esteemed, much more that which remains in esteem.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of works of Torah [Book of the Law] are under the curse, for it has been written, **“Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all that has been written in the Book of the Torah [Law], to do them.”** [Deu 27:26](#).

Gal 3:11 And that no one is declared right by Torah before Elohim is clear, for **“The righteous shall live by belief.”** [Hab 2:4](#).

Gal 3:12 And the Torah [Book of the Law] is not of belief, but **“The man who does**

them shall live by them.” [Lev 18:5](#).

Gal 3:13 Messiah redeemed us from the curse of the Torah [Book of the Law], having become a curse for us – for it has been written, “**Cursed is everyone who hangs upon a tree.**” – [Deu 21:23](#).

Gal 3:14 in order that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the nations in Messiah יהושע, to receive the promise of the Spirit **through belief**.

2Co 3:12 Having then such expectation, we use much boldness of speech,

2Co 3:13 and not like Mosheh, **who put a veil over his face^a** so that the children of Yisra’el should not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. Footnote: ^aSee [Exo 34:33-35](#).

Only in Messiah is the veil lifted through the New Covenant Confirming Gospel Message.

2Co 3:14 **But their minds were hardened, for to this day, when the old covenant is being read, that same veil remains, not lifted, because in Messiah it is taken away.**

2Co 3:15 **But to this day, when Mosheh is being read, a veil lies on their heart.**

When one turns to the Master, the veil is taken away.

2Co 3:16 **And when one turns to the Master, the veil is taken away.** [Exo 34:34](#).

2Co 3:17 **Now יהוה is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of יהוה is, there is freedom.**

2Co 3:18 And we all, as with unveiled face we see as in a mirror the esteem of יהוה, are being transformed **into the same likeness from esteem to esteem**, as from יהוה, the Spirit.^b Footnote: ^bSee also [2Co 3:17-18](#).

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