Greetings, today our manna is from 1Chron. 21; Jonah 4; 1Peter 2; Luke 9.

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# 1Chron. 21

# David's Census Angers YHWH

# 1Ch 21:1 And Satan stood up against Yisra'ěl, and <u>moved Dawid to number</u> <u>Yisra'ěl.</u>

An adversary of possible pride and self-sufficiency arose against Elohim and motivated David to number Israel.

1Ch 21:2 And Dawid said to Yo'ab and to the rulers of the people,

- 🖊 "Go, number Yisra'ěl from Be'ěrsheba to Dan,
- and bring the number of them to me so that I know it."

#### 1Ch 21:3 And Yo'ab answered,

- אוה" does add to His people a hundred times more than they are.
- But, my master the sovereign, are they not all my master's servants?
- Why does my master seek to do this?
- Why should he be a cause of guilt in Yisra'ěl?"

Joab tries to reason with King David to no avail.

# 1Ch 21:4 But the sovereign's word was strong against Yo'ab. And Yo'ab left and went throughout all Yisra'ěl and came to Yerushalayim.

- 4 1Ch 21:5 And Yo'ab gave the sum of the number of the people to Dawid.
- 4 And all Yisra'ěl had one million one hundred thousand men who drew the sword,
- 4 and Yehudah had four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew the sword.
- ICh 21:6 But he did not number Lèwi and Binyamin among them, for the sovereign's word was loathsome to Yo'ab.

# 1Ch 21:7 And it was evil in the eyes of Elohim, concerning this matter, and He struck Yisra'ěl.

- ICh 21:8 Then Dawid said to Elohim, "I have sinned greatly, because I have done this matter.
- But now, I pray, take away the crookedness of Your servant, for I have done very

foolishly."

#### 1Ch 21:9 And יהוה spoke to Gad, Dawid's seer, saying,

David is presented with three options.

1Ch 21:10 "<u>Go, and you shall speak to Dawid, saying</u>, 'Thus said יהוה, <mark>"I hold three</mark> options before you – choose one of them for yourself, and I do it to you." ' "

1Ch 21:11 So Gad came to Dawid and said to him, "Thus said יהוה, <mark>'Choose for</mark> <mark>yourself</mark>

- ↓ 1Ch 21:12 either three years of scarcity of food,
- or three new moons to be defeated by your foes with the sword of your enemies overtaking you,
- I or else for three days the sword of יהוה, even the plague in the land, with the messenger of יהוה destroying throughout all the borders of Yisra'ěl.'

#### And now consider what answer I am to return to Him who sent me."

1Ch 21:13 And Dawid said to Gad,

- ✤ "I am in great trouble.
- Please let me fall into the hand of יהוה, for His compassion is very great,
- but do not let me fall into the hand of man."

#### Seventy thousand men fell of Israel.

# 1Ch 21:14 And יהוה sent a plague upon Yisra'ěl, and <u>seventy thousand men of</u> <u>Yisra'ěl fell.</u>

1Ch 21:15 <u>And Elohim sent a messenger to Yerushalayim to destroy it</u>. And as he was destroying, **יהוה** saw, and relented about the evil, and said to the messenger who was destroying, **"Enough! Now stop your hand."** And the messenger of vas standing by the threshing-floor of <u>Ornan the Yebusite</u>.

Suddenly YHWH 'saw' and relents. Could it have been because He saw the future site of the House of YHWH that Solomon would one day build at Jerusalem? YHWH remembers His Covenant and remembers His promise. David and the elders were also in prayer, mourning, and repenting.

2Ch 3:1 And Shelomoh began to build the House of יהוה at Yerushalayim on Mount Moriyah, where He appeared to his father Dawid, at the place that Dawid had prepared on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Yebusite.

1Ch 21:16 And Dawid lifted his eyes and saw the **messenger of יהוה standing** between earth and the heavens, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Yerushalayim. And Dawid and the elders, wrapped in sackcloth, fell on their faces.

# 1Ch 21:17 And Dawid said to Elohim,

- **4** "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered?
- 4 I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed.
- But these, the sheep, what have they done?
- Let Your hand, I pray, O יהוה my Elohim, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people, to be plagued."

# David Builds an Altar

1Ch 21:18 And the messenger of יהוה commanded Gad to say to Dawid

- that Dawid should go up to raise a slaughter-place to יהוה <u>on the threshing</u>-<u>floor of Ornan the Yebusite.</u>
- ICh 21:19 So Dawid went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the Name of יהוה.
- ICh 21:20 And Ornan turned and saw the messenger. And his four sons with him hid themselves, and <u>Ornan was threshing wheat</u>.

1Ch 21:21 And Dawid came to Ornan, and Ornan looked and saw Dawid, and he went out from the threshing-floor, and bowed down to Dawid with his face to the ground.

# 1Ch 21:22 And Dawid said to Ornan,

- Give me the site of the threshing-floor, so that I build a slaughter-place to יהוה on it.
- Give it to me at the complete price, so that the plague is restrained from the people."
- 1Ch 21:23 And Ornan said to Dawid,
  - 4 "Take it for yourself, and let my master the sovereign do what is good in his eyes.
  - See, I shall give you the cattle for ascending offerings, the threshing implements for wood, and the wheat for the grain offering. I give it all."

1Ch 21:24 And Sovereign Dawid said to Ornan,

- "No, but I shall certainly buy it at the complete price,"
- 🔸 for I do not take what is yours for יהוה,
- Inor offer an ascending offering without cost."
- 1Ch 21:25 And Dawid gave Ornan six hundred sheqels of gold by weight for the place.

# 1Ch 21:26 And Dawid built there a slaughter-place to יהוה,

- and offered ascending offerings
- 🔸 and peace offerings, and called on יהוה.
- 4 And He answered him from the heavens by fire on the slaughter-place of

ascending offering.

1Ch 21:27 Then יהוה commanded the messenger, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

1Ch 21:28 At that time, when Dawid saw that יהוה had answered him on the threshingfloor of Ornan the Yebusite, he slaughtered there,

ICh 21:29 for the Dwelling Place of יהוה and the slaughter-place of the ascending offering, which Mosheh had made in the wilderness, were at that time at the high place in Gib'on.

1Ki 3:4 And the sovereign went to Gib'on to slaughter there, for that was the great high place. Shelomoh offered a thousand ascending offerings on that slaughter-place. 1Ki 3:5 At Gib'on יהות appeared to Shelomoh in a dream by night, and Elohim said, "Ask what I should give you."

ICh 21:30 But Dawid was unable to go before it to inquire of Elohim, for he was afraid of the sword of the messenger of הוה.

# Jonah 4

# Jonah's Anger and the YHWH's Compassion

# Jon 4:1 But it greatly displeased Yonah, and he was grieved.

Jon 4:2 And he prayed to יהוה, and he said,

- # "Please, יהוה, was this not what I said while I was in my own land?
- This is why I went ahead and fled to Tarshish.
- For I know that You are an El showing favor, and compassionate, patient and of great loving-commitment, and relenting from doing evil.
- Jon 4:3 "And now, O יהוה, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!"

Jonah was struggling between his own desires and will; versus fulfilling the desires and will of YHWH. Our desire should be to have the mind of Yahusha and fulfill the will of YHWH.

# Jon 4:4 And יהוה said,

# "Are you right to be displeased?"

Jon 4:5 Then Yonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city, and made himself a shelter there, and sat under it in the shade, to see what would become of the city.

Jon 4:6 And יהוה Elohim appointed a plant and made it come up over Yonah, to be a shade for his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And <u>Yonah greatly rejoiced over</u> <u>the plant.</u>

Jon 4:7 But as morning dawned the next day Elohim appointed a worm which struck the plant so that it withered.

Jon 4:8 And it came to be when the sun came up, that <u>Elohim appointed a scorching</u> east wind, and the sun struck on Yonah's head, so that he grew faint, and asked for his life to die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

Jon 4:9 And Elohim said to Yonah, "Have you rightly become displeased over the plant?" And he said, "I have rightly become displeased, even to death!"

Jon 4:10 And יהוה said, <u>"You felt sorry for the plant for which you have not labored, nor</u> made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night.

Jon 4:11 <u>"And should I not pardon Ninewěh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand beings who have not known their right hand from their left, and much cattle?"</u>

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# 1Peter 2

Peter reminds his audience that in the sanctification process, or the refining process, we are to **put off all evil**, **all deceit**, **hypocrisies**, **envying**, and **all evil words**. As babes born anew, there should be a craving for His Word for growth and maturing. We are to draw near to Him.

# A Living Stone and a Holy People

**1Pe 2:1** <u>Having put aside, then, all evil, and all deceit, and hypocrisies, and envyings, and all evil words,</u>

1Pe 2:2 as newborn babes, desire the unadulterated milk of the Word, in order that you grow by it,

1Pe 2:3 if indeed you have tasted that the Master is good.

1Pe 2:4 Drawing near to Him, a living Stone – rejected indeed by men, but chosen by Elohim and precious –

We are living stone being built up; a spiritual house! Praise Yah!

# 1Pe 2:5 you also, as living stones,

- 4 are being built up, a spiritual house,
- 4 a set-apart priesthood,
- to offer up <u>spiritual</u> slaughter *offerings* acceptable to Elohim through יהושע Messiah.

# 1Pe 2:6 Because it is contained in the Scripture,

- "See, I lay in Tsiyon <u>a chief corner-stone</u>, chosen, precious, and <u>he who</u> <u>believes on Him shall by no means be put to shame</u>." <u>Isa\_28:16</u>.
- IPe 2:7 This preciousness, then, is for you who believe; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner-stone." <u>Psa\_118:22</u>.
  - 1Pe 2:8 and "A stone of stumbling and a rock that makes for falling," <u>Isa 8:14</u> who stumble because they are disobedient<sup>a</sup> to the Word, to which they also were appointed. Footnote: <sup>a</sup>See Joh 3:36, Heb 3:18.

As believers, 1Peter 2:9, tells us who we are:

# 1Pe 2:9 But you are

- **a chosen race**,<sup>b</sup> <u>Deu\_10:15</u>
- **a royal priesthood**,<sup>c</sup> <u>lsa\_61:6</u>
- **a set-apart nation**,d Exo 19:6
- **4** a people for a possession, e <u>lsa 43:2</u> that you should proclaim the praises of

Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light, Footnotes: <sup>b</sup>Also see <u>Isa\_43:20</u>. <sup>c</sup>Also see <u>Isa\_66:21</u>. <sup>d</sup>Also see <u>Deu\_7:6</u>. <sup>e</sup>Also see <u>Exo\_19:5</u>, <u>Tit\_2:14</u>.

- 4 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.

1Pe 2:11 <u>Beloved ones</u>, I appeal to you as sojourners and pilgrims, to <u>abstain from</u> <u>fleshly lusts which battle against the being</u>,

1Pe 2:12 having your behavior among the nations good so that when they speak against you as evil-doers, let them, by observing your good works,<sup>g</sup> esteem Elohim in a day of visitation. Footnote: 9 <u>Mat\_5:16</u>.

# **Submission to Authority**

1Pe 2:13 Be subject to every institution of man because of the Master, whether to the sovereign as supreme,

1Pe 2:14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of doers of evil, and a praise for those who do good.

1Pe 2:15 Because such is the desire of Elohim, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men,

1Pe 2:16 as free, yet not using your freedom as a cloak for evil, but as servants of Elohim.

- 4 1Pe 2:17 Respect all,
- Iove the brotherhood,
- fear Elohim,
- respect the sovereign.
- IPe 2:18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the crooked ones.
- IPe 2:19 For this is favor, if because of conscience toward Elohim anyone bears up under grief, suffering unrighteously.
  - 1Pe 2:20 For what credit is there in enduring a beating when you sin? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure, this *finds* favor with Elohim.

1Peter 2 closes with <u>beautiful Messianic scriptures</u>. From our studies we know <u>He was</u> <u>the Lamb of Elohim</u>. He was the ultimate fulfillment of the Red Heifer ceremonial purification sacrifice. He was spotless and without blemish. He was perfect. <u>Please, please notice what scripture Peter references</u>! He references <u>Isaiah 53</u>; which is known today as the <u>FORBIDDEN CHAPTER</u> by many in Judaism! Who is trying to deceive whom? Who has told those not to read Isaiah 53? What voice are they listening to? It isn't the voice of YHWH.

Might the truth in Isaiah 53 convince today's audience as it convinced the audience that Peter was addressing? Might Isaiah 53 lift the veil from eyes so that they see the <u>Messiah is Yahusha HaMashiach who is our High Priest of the Melchizedek Order seated</u> <u>at the right hand of YHWH</u>? Let all read Isaiah 53 and let the Ruach HaKodesh lead all to Truth.

1Pe 2:21 For to this you were called, because Messiah also suffered for us,<sup>h</sup> leaving us<sup>h</sup> an example, that you should follow His steps,<sup>i</sup> Footnotes: <sup>h</sup>NA reads "you". <sup>i</sup> 1Co\_11:1, 1Jn\_2:6.

- IPe 2:22 "who committed no sin,<sup>j</sup> nor was deceit found in His mouth," <u>Isa 53:9</u>. Footnote: <u>j</u> Joh 8:55, Joh 15:10, 2Co 5:21, <u>1Jn 3:5</u>.
- 4 1Pe 2:23 who, being reviled, did not revile in return;
- suffering, did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;
- IPe 2:24 who Himself bore our sins <u>lsa\_53:4</u> in His body on the timber, so that we, having died to sins, might live unto righteousness<sup>k</sup> by whose stripes you were healed. <u>lsa\_53:5</u> Footnote: <sup>k</sup> Rom\_6:2, <u>1Pe\_4:1-2</u>.

1Pe 2:25 For you were **like sheep going astray**, lsa\_53:6 but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your beings.

# Praise His glorious Name!

# Luke 9

We see Yahusha giving authority to his twelve disciples over all demons and to heal diseases. He sends them to proclaim the reign of Elohim and to heal the sick. As best that can be determined, having authority over demons was <u>unique to the time period of Yahusha on earth and forward</u>. We are seeing a 'kingdom' or 'reigning' shift in authority. He sends the twelve with total dependence on Him and not on their own possessions or provisions. Specifically, it is stated **not to have two undergarments**.

Mighty miracles are being performed by Yahusha and word gets back to Herodes. Herodes is haunted over the slaying of John the Immerser, especially when some people report they believe he must be John the Immerser raised from the dead. Herodes and others **had not seen such 'kingdom power' displayed**. The power of man appeared miniscule in comparison.

If we thought seeing YHWH provide for the twelve on their journey was awesome, we now see the twelve return to Yahusha with their reports; as He withdraws with them to a city named Běyth Tsaida. Běyth Tsaida means fishing house. KJV (King James Version) states specifically it was a desert place belonging to the city of Bethsaida whereas that phrase is left out of the ISR (Institute for Scripture Research).

The crowds follow but notice the topic doesn't change. Yahusha speaks to them about the reign of Elohim and He heals those needing healing. We then see the miracle of feeding the five thousand. In Mark's account (Mark 6:43), it is stated that the twelve left over baskets not only held fragments of bread but also of fish. The baskets were <u>a mixed</u> remnant of food.

We read that there were about 5,000 men. One must wonder if the number was much greater if one considers adding women and children. In addition, they are instructed to group the people in groups of fifty. Logistically, that had to have been one great task in itself! If there were 5,000 men; there would be 100 groups of 50.

This grouping makes one think about **the highly organized Roman Legion**. It is stated: ...Each legion had about 5,500 men. The legion was subdivided into ten units called cohorts. Nine of the cohorts had 480 soldiers. The cohorts were subdivided into six centuries, of about 80 men each. Each century was commanded by a centurion.... Source: <u>https://romanmilitary.net/strategy/structure/</u>

We must keep the context of the discussion in mind. Yahusha is sharing with them about **the reign of Elohim.** One major difference we see in the groupings of a Roman Legion and the grouping of the crowd following Yahusha, is that the crowd was devoid of 'ranking' one above another. Yahusha provides the authority, provisions, power, and wisdom. Was this forming a visual picture of the coming conquering King and kingdom? How does YHWH speak to you regarding the size of the crowd and the dividing in groups of fifty?

Luk 9:14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His taught ones, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."

Later we see Peter affirm who Yahusha is, the **Messiah of Elohim!** Yahusha goes on to tell them about His death, burial, and resurrection on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day.

Luk 9:20 And He said to them, "And you, who do you say I am?" And Kěpha answering, said, "**The Messiah of Elohim.**"

Later, on the mount of transfiguration, again Yahusha's identity is affirmed.

Luk 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, **"This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!"** 

There is so much more that could be said, but we should each read and keep Yahusha's teachings close to our hearts; **especially as His return draws nigh**. We must remind **ourselves; we are in a battle!** 

#### Yahusha Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

Luk 9:1 And having called His twelve taught ones together, <u>He gave them power and</u> authority over all demons, and to heal diseases.

Luk 9:2 And He sent them to proclaim the reign of Elohim and to heal the sick.

Luk 9:3 And He said to them, "Take no *matter* at all for the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor bread nor silver – neither have two undergarments.

Luk 9:4 "And whatever house you enter, stay there, and go out from there.

Luk 9:5 "<u>And as for those who do not receive you</u>, when you go out of that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a witness against them."

Luk 9:6 And going out they went through the villages, bringing the Good News and healing everywhere.

# Herod Is Perplexed by Yahusha

Luk 9:7 And Herodes the district ruler heard of all that was done by Him, and was perplexed, because it was said by some <u>that Yohanan had been raised from the dead</u>,

Luk 9:8 and by some that Elivahu had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets has risen up.

Luk 9:9 And Herodes said, "Yoḥanan I have beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such *reports*?" And he was seeking to see Him.

# Yahusha Feeds the Five Thousand

Luk 9:10 And the emissaries, when they had returned, related to Him all that they had

done. And He took them and they withdrew by themselves to a city called Běyth Tsaida.

Luk 9:11 And when the crowds knew it, they followed Him. And having received them, He was speaking to them about the reign of Elohim, and healed those who had need of healing.

Luk 9:12 And as the day began to decline, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the crowd away, that going into the surrounding villages and country, they might lodge and get food, because here we are in a lonely place."

Luk 9:13 But He said to them, "You give them to eat." And they said, "We have no more **than five loaves and two fishes**, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

Luk 9:14 For there were about five thousand men. And He said to His taught ones, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty."

Luk 9:15 And they did so, and made them all sit down.

Luk 9:16 And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, having looked up to the heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them to the taught ones to set before the crowd.

In Mark's account we had contemplated the meaning of the 5 loaves as representing the Torah (first five books) and the 2 fish as representing the two houses (northern and southern). We equated the 12 baskets gathered of leftovers to correlate to the remnant of the twelve tribes.

Luk 9:17 So they all ate and were satisfied, and twelve baskets of the broken pieces were picked up by them.

# Peter Confesses Yahusha as the Messiah

Luk 9:18 And it came to be, as He was alone praying, the taught ones were with Him, and He asked them, saying, "Who do the crowds say that I am?"

Luk 9:19 And they answering, said, "Yohanan the Immerser, but others Ěliyahu, and others say that one of the old prophets has risen up."

Luk 9:20 And He said to them, "And you, who do you say I am?" And Kepha answering, said, "The Messiah of Elohim."

# Yahusha Foretells His Death

Luk 9:21 And strictly warning them, He commanded them to say this to no one, Luk 9:22 saying, <u>"The Son of Adam has to suffer much, and to be rejected by the</u> elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be **raised the third day**."

# Take Up Your Cross and Follow Yahusha

Luk 9:23 And He said to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his stake daily, and follow Me.

Luk 9:24 "For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake shall save it.

Luk 9:25 "For what is a man profited if he gains all the world, and is himself destroyed

or lost?

# Luk 9:26 <u>"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Adam</u> shall be ashamed when He comes in His esteem, and in His Father's, and of the set-apart messengers.

Luk 9:27 "But truly I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death at all till they see the reign of Elohim:"

# The Transfiguration

Luk 9:28 And it came to be, about eight days after these words, taking with Him Kepha and Yohanan and Ya'aqob, He went up to the mountain to pray.

Luk 9:29 And it came to be, as He prayed,

- the appearance of His face changed,
- and His garment dazzling white.
- Luk 9:30 And see, two men were talking with Him, who were Mosheh and Ěliyahu,<sup>a</sup> Footnote: <sup>a</sup> Mar 9:4
- Luk 9:31 who having appeared in esteem, spoke of His death which He was about to complete at Yerushalayim.

Luk 9:32 But <u>Kepha and those with him were heavy with sleep</u>. And having awakened, they saw His esteem and the two men standing with Him.

Luk 9:33 And it came to be, as they were parting from Him, Kěpha said to יהושע,

- "Master, it is good for us to be here. And let us make three booths: one for You, and one for Mosheh, and one for Ěliyahu," not knowing what he said.
- Luk 9:34 And as he was saying this, <u>a cloud came and overshadowed them</u>. And they were afraid as they entered the cloud.
- Luk 9:35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My Son, the Beloved. Hear Him!"
- Luk 9:36 And when the voice had spoken, יהושע was found alone. And they were silent, and reported to no one in those days any of what they had seen.

# Yahusha Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

Luk 9:37 And it came to be on the next day, when they came down from the mountain, that a large crowd met Him.

Luk 9:38 And see, a man from the crowd cried out, saying, "Teacher, I beg You, look at my son, for he is my only child.

- Luk 9:39 "And see, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out, and it convulses him, with foaming, and scarcely leaves him, bruising him.
- Luk 9:40 "And I begged Your taught ones to cast it out, but they were unable."

Luk 9:41 And יהושע answering, said, "O generation, unbelieving and perverse, how long shall I be with you and put up with you? Bring your son here."

#### Luk 9:42 And as he was still coming,

- the demon threw him down in convulsions.
- And יהושע rebuked the unclean spirit,
- and healed the child,
- and gave him back to his father.

# Yahusha Again Foretells His Death

Luk 9:43 And they were all amazed at the greatness of Elohim. And while all were marvelling at all that יהושע did, He said to His taught ones,

Luk 9:44 <u>"Lay up in your ears these words</u>, for the Son of Adam is about to be delivered into the hands of men."

Luk 9:45 But they did not understand this saying, and it was veiled from them so that they did not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask Him about this saying.

Some Scriptures are veiled from our eyes until YHWH is ready for us to understand.

# Who Is the Greatest?

Luk 9:46 And a reasoning arose among them, who might be the greater of them.

Luk 9:47 And יהושע, having seen the reasoning of their heart, took a little child and placed him by His side,

Luk 9:48 and said to them, <u>"Whoever receives this little child in My Name receives</u> <u>Me. And whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least</u> <u>among you all, he shall be great."</u>

# Anyone Not Against Us Is For Us

Luk 9:49 And Yohanan answering, said, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your Name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us."

Luk 9:50 But יהושע said to him, "<u>Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is</u> for us."

# A Samaritan Village Rejects Yahusha

Luk 9:51 And it came to be, when the days of His taking up were being completed, even He set His face to go to Yerushalayim,

Luk 9:52 and He sent messengers ahead of Him. And they went and entered into a village of the Shomeronim, to prepare for Him.

Luk 9:53 And they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Yerushalayim.

Luk 9:54 And His taught ones, Ya'aqob and Yohanan, seeing it said, "Master, do You wish us to command fire to come down from the heaven and destroy them, as also <u>Éliyahub did?</u> Footnote: <sup>b</sup> <u>2Ki\_1:9-16</u>.

Luk 9:55 But having turned, He rebuked them and said, **"You do not know of what spirit** you are, Luk 9:56 for the Son of Adam did not come to destroy men's lives but to save them." And they went on to another village.

# The Cost of Following Yahusha

Luk 9:57 And it came to be, as they journeyed on the way, that someone said to Him, "Master, I shall follow You wherever You go."

Luk 9:58 <mark>And יהושע said to him,</mark> "The foxes have holes and the birds of the heaven nests, but the Son of Adam has nowhere to lay His head."

Luk 9:59 And He said to another, "Follow Me," but he said, "Master, let me first go and bury my father."

Luk 9:60 And יהושע said to him, <mark>"Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and announce the reign of Elohim."</mark>

Luk 9:61 And another also said, "Master, I shall follow You, but let me first say goodbye to those in my house."

Luk 9:62 But יהושע said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is <u>fit for the reign of Elohim</u>."<sup>C</sup> Footnote: <sup>C</sup> <u>Luk\_14:26</u>, <u>Luk\_14:33</u>, <u>Joh\_12:24-26</u>.

# *Fit for the reign of Elohim*

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