

Greetings, today our manna is Judges 5; Acts 9; Jeremiah 18; Mark 4.

July 22 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Judges 5

I found TSK Cross-Reference very help in approaching Judges 5. The additional cross-reference verses given, expound on how important songs of praise are; and how they most often are sung after great victories and miracles. One day we will sing the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb [Rev. 15:3]; and the 144,000 will sing a 'new' song that only they will learn! [Rev. 14:3]

TSK Cross-reference - Judges 5:1 Sang Deborah: [TSK] This verse briefly recites the subject of this inspired song, which consists of eight stanzas: The first opens with a devout thanksgiving. The second describes the magnificent scenes at Mount Sinai, etc. The third states the apostasy and consequent punishment of the Israelites. The fourth contrasts their present happy state. The fifth censures the recreant tribes of Reuben, Gad, etc. The sixth records the defeat of the confederate kings of Canaan. The seventh contains a panegyric on Jael. And the eighth describes the fond anticipations and disappointment of the mother of Sisera. [Exo 15:1](#), [Exo 15:21](#); [Num 21:17](#); [1Sa 2:1](#); [2Ch 20:21](#), [2Ch 20:27](#); [Job 38:7](#); [Psa 18:1](#) *title [Isa 12:1-6](#), [Isa 25:1](#), [Isa 26:1](#); [Luk 1:46](#), [Luk 1:67-68](#); [Rev 15:3-4](#), [Rev 19:1-3](#)

The Song of Deborah and Barak

Devout Thanksgiving

Jdg 5:1 And on that day Deborah and Baraq son of Abino'am sang, saying,

Jdg 5:2 "For **leaders leading** in Yisra'el, for the **people volunteering**, **בְּיְהוָה!**

Jdg 5:3 "Hear, O sovereigns! Give ear, O princes! I, **I do sing to יְהוָה; I sing praise to יְהוָה** Elohim of Yisra'el.

Magnificent Scenes at Seir and Sinai

Jdg 5:4 "יְהוָה, when You went out from Sē'ir, when You stepped from the field of Edom, the earth shook and the heavens poured, the clouds also poured water.

Jdg 5:5 "The mountains flowed at the presence of יְהוָה, this Sinai, at the presence of יְהוָה Elohim of Yisra'el.

Apostasy and Consequent Punishment

Jdg 5:6 "In the days of Shamgar, the son of Anath, in the days of Ya'el, the highways were deserted, and the travellers went in crooked ways.

Jdg 5:7 “**Leadership ceased**, it ceased in Yisra’ěl, until I, Deḇorah, arose – a mother in Yisra’ěl arose.

Jdg 5:8 “They chose new mighty ones, then fighting was in the gates! Neither a shield nor spear was seen among forty thousand in Yisra’ěl.

Their Present Rejoicing

Jdg 5:9 “My **heart is towards the inscribers of Yisra’ěl**, the **volunteers among the people. Bless יהוה!**

Jdg 5:10 “You who ride on white donkeys, you who sit on rich carpets, and you who walk along the way, **declare it!**

Jdg 5:11 “By the voice of shouters, between the places of drawing water, **there they recount the righteous acts of יהוה, the righteous acts of His leadership in Yisra’ěl; then the people of יהוה shall go down to the gates.**

Jdg 5:12 “Wake up, wake up, Deḇorah! Wake up, wake up, sing a song! Arise, Baraq, and lead your captives away, O son of Abino’am!

Jdg 5:13 “Then He set the remnant to rule the nobles; **יהוה** came down for me against the mighty ones.

Tribal Accounts

Jdg 5:14 “Out of Ephrayim their root is against Amalēq. After you, Binyamin, with your peoples, out of Maḵir inscribers came down, and out of Zeḇulun those who handle the scribe’s reed.

Jdg 5:15 “And the heads of Yissasḵar were with Deḇorah. And as Yissasḵar, so was Baraq sent into the valley under his command. Among the divisions of Re’uḇēn there were great searchings of heart.

Jdg 5:16 “Why did you remain among the sheepfolds, to hear the bleatings of the flocks? The divisions of Re’uḇēn have great searchings of heart.

Jdg 5:17 “Gil’aḍ remained beyond the Yardēn, and why did Dan remain on ships? Ashēr continued at the seashore, and remained by its landing places.

Jdg 5:18 “Zeḇulun is a people who risked their lives to the point of death, Naphtali also, on the heights of the field.

Defeat of the Confederate Kings of Canaan

Jdg 5:19 “Sovereigns came, they fought, then the sovereigns of Kena’an fought in Ta’anaḵ, by the waters of Meḡiddo; they took no spoils of silver.

Jdg 5:20 “From the heavens they fought; the stars from their courses fought against Sisera.

Jdg 5:21 “The wadi of Qishon swept them away, that age-old wadi, the wadi of Qishon. O my being, you have trampled in strength!

Jdg 5:22 “Then stamped hoofs of horses, with the galloping, galloping of his steeds.

Jdg 5:23 ‘Curse Měroz,’ said a messenger of **יהוה**, ‘curse, curse its inhabitants, because they did not come to the help of **יהוה**, to the help of **יהוה** among the mighty.’

Ode to Jael [Yael] – We read the account of Jael in Judges 4.

Jdg 5:24 “Blessed above women is Ya’ēl, the wife of Heber the Qēynite – above women in tents she is blessed.

Jdg 5:25 “He asked for water, she gave milk; she brought out curdled milk in a bowl for nobles. [Side note: I wonder if this was Kefir?]

Jdg 5:26 “She stretched her hand to the tent peg, and her right hand to the workmen’s hammer. Then she pounded Sisera, she smashed his head, she pierced and struck through the side of his head.

Jdg 5:27 “Between her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay still; between her feet he bowed, he fell; where he bowed, there he fell – destroyed.

Anticipations and Lamentations of the Mother of Sisera

Jdg 5:28 “Through the window the mother of Sisera looked, and cried out through the lattice, ‘Why does his chariot delay to come? Why have the steps of his chariots tarried?’

Jdg 5:29 “The wise ones of her princesses answered her, indeed, she answered herself,

Jdg 5:30 Do they not find and divide the spoil: a girl or two for each man; a spoil of dyed work for Sisera, a spoil of dyed work embroidered, dyed work richly embroidered for the necks of the looter?’

Jdg 5:31 “So do all Your enemies perish, O יהוה! But let those who love Him be like the sun rising in its might!” And the land had rest forty years.

Acts 9

The Conversion of Saul –

Saul [Paul] was very learned in the Tanakh, the old testament. He had been schooled by the best of the best and exceeded greatly. He was diligent in knowing and obeying the Book of the Law; yet, he missed recognizing the Messiah Yahusha when He came.

The worst deception is when a person holds on so tightly to what they believe is truth; that they become closed minded to the actual truth. YHWH is the One that reveals Truth, and He does so in numerous ways.

F. B. Meyer records that Acts 9 is taking place approximately one year from Acts 8:3. The believers are now being referred to as those of the ‘Way.’

Act 9:1 But Sha’ul, **still breathing threats and murder** against the taught ones of the Master, **having come to the high priest,**

Act 9:2 asked **from him letters to the congregations of Dammeseq**, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, to bring them bound to Yerushalayim.

Paul sets out to Damascus

Act 9:3 And it came to be, that as he journeyed, he came near Dammeseq, and **suddenly a light flashed around him from the heaven.**

Act 9:4 And he fell to the ground, and **heard a voice** saying to him, “Sha’ul, Sha’ul, why do you persecute Me?”

Act 9:5 And he said, “Who are You, Master?” And the Master said, **“I am יהושע**, whom you persecute. It is hard for you to kick against the prods.”

Act 9:6 Both trembling, and being astonished, he said, “Master, what do You wish me to do?” And the Master *said* to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you shall be told what you have to do.”

Act 9:7 And **the men journeying with him stood speechless, hearing indeed the voice but seeing no one.**

Paul arises from the ground but is blind.

Act 9:8 And Sha’ul arose from the ground, but when his eyes were opened he saw no one. And leading him by the hand they brought him into Dammeseq.

Act 9:9 And **he was three days without sight**, and did not eat nor drink.

Hananyah [Ananias] is called through a vision; and Paul has seen in a vision that a man named Ananias would come to him and lay hands on him to receive his sight. So now, Paul had been called by voice; and now is communicated through a vision.

Act 9:10 And there was at Dammeseq a certain taught one, by name Hananyah.^a And the Master said unto him in a vision, **“Hananyah!”** And he said, “Here I am, Master.” Footnote: ^aSee Act 22:12.

Act 9:11 And the Master *said* to him, “Arise and go to the street **called Straight**, and seek in the **house of Yehudah for one called Sha’ul of Tarsos**, for look, he is praying,

Act 9:12 and has seen in a vision a man named Hananyah coming in and laying his hand on him, so as to see again.”

Act 9:13 And Hananyah answered, “Master, I have heard from many about this man, how many evils he did to Your set-apart ones in Yerushalayim,

Act 9:14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all those calling on Your Name.”

Paul is a chosen vessel of YHWH. YHWH had a major task for Paul. It was one of the greatest missions since the gathering at Mt. Sinai; and the subsequent failure with the sin of the golden calf.

A major shift was taking place and YHWH had prepared Paul all his life for this role. Paul would be instrumental in explaining this shift; to this very day, we reap understanding from His inspired words.

We now know that we are Israel. We know we are His 'kingdom of priests. We know our High Priest is Yahusha HaMashiach that lives and is reigning at the right hand of YHWH. We know we ARE the temple. We know we are a set-apart people; a holy nation of every tongue, tribe, people, and nation. We know we are His royal ambassadors. We know who we are in Him by FAITH.

What was this shift? It was the shift back to Covenant Torah, once and for all, with the Melchizedek Priesthood in the reigning position with Yahusha HaMashiach as our High Priest. It was a shift away from life under the curse of the Book of the Law [Gal. 3:10] administered by the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood. The Book of the Law was good in that it spared the lives of the Israelites; it also served as a tutor; a parable [Heb. 9:9]; and as a witness against them. Under the Book of the Law, you were blessed if you obeyed; and cursed if you did not; it was ungracious and strict, with the goal to correct their course from their ingrained paganistic lifestyles.

Act 9:15 But the Master said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My Name before nations, sovereigns, and the children of Yisra'ël."

Act 9:16 "For I shall show him how much he has to suffer for My Name."

Act 9:17 And Hananyah went away and went into the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Sha'ul, the Master יהושע, who appeared to you on the way as you came, has sent me, so that you might see again and be filled with the Set-apart Spirit."

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes, as it were scales, and he received his sight. And rising up, he was immersed.

Paul Proclaims Yahusha in Synagogues – Paul proves to the Yehudim that Yahusha is the Messiah. No doubt, he used the very Scriptures he had memorized all of his life.

Act 9:19 And having received food, he was strengthened. And Sha'ul was with the taught ones at Dammeseq some days.

Act 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed the Messiah in the congregations, that He is the Son of Elohim.

Act 9:21 And all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those

calling on this Name in Yerushalayim, and has come here for this, to take them bound to the chief priests?”

Act 9:22 But Sha’ul kept increasing in strength, and was confounding the Yehudim who dwelt in Dammeseq, **proving** that this is the Messiah.

Saul Escapes from Damascus – YHWH’s Word is sharper than any two-edged sword. For this reason, Paul would now be on the ‘receiving end’ of the great persecution of believers.

Act 9:23 And after **many days** had elapsed, **the Yehudim plotted to kill him.**

Act 9:24 But their plot became known to Sha’ul. And they were watching the gates day and night, to kill him.

Act 9:25 But **taking him by night, the taught ones let him down through the wall**, lowering him in a basket.

Saul in Jerusalem – Having escaped the plot to kill him in Damascus, he arrives in Jerusalem feeling as if he was in ‘no-mans land.’ The Yehudim were out to kill him, and the local taught ones didn’t trust him.

YHWH provides Paul an advocate, a witness, to bridge the gap. There are times, that people need to step up to the plate and be an advocate for those individuals that are believers; but have been mislabeled or misunderstood. Like Gamaliel taught, we do not want to come against YHWH’s anointed.

Act 9:26 And having arrived at Yerushalayim, **Sha’ul tried to join the taught ones, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a taught one.**

Act 9:27 **But Barnaba** took him and brought him to the emissaries, and told them how he had seen the Master on the way, and that He had spoken to him, and how he was speaking boldly at Dammeseq in the Name of יהושע.

Act 9:28 And **he was with them at Yerushalayim, coming in and going out,**

Act 9:29 and **speaking boldly in the Name of the Master יהושע** and disputed with the Hellenists, but they **undertook to kill him.**

Once YHWH raises up a ‘voice’ among the taught ones; the taught ones need to help protect that ‘voice of witness’ for His kingdom work. Satan doesn’t throw stones at dead birds! If someone is constantly being attack with accusations rather than proof; then that person’s fruit needs to be examined. The fruit test reveals if they are a true witness of Yahusha. By Paul’s fruit, the taught ones saw he was for real, so they protect him and send him to Tarsus.

Act 9:30 And when the brothers learned of this, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsos.

Act 9:31 Then indeed the assemblies throughout all Yehudah, and Galil, and Shomeron had peace and were built up, and walking in the fear of יהוה and in the encouragement of the Set-apart Spirit, they were being increased.

The Healing of Aeneas

Act 9:32 And it came to be, as Kěpha was passing through all *places*, that he also came down to the set-apart ones who were dwelling at Lod.

Act 9:33 And there he found a certain man **named Aeneas, who had been bedridden for eight years, being paralytic.**

Act 9:34 And Kěpha said to him, “Aeneas, יהושע the Messiah heals you! Rise up and make your bed.” And immediately he rose up.

Act 9:35 And all those dwelling at Lod and Sharon saw him and did turn to the Master.

Eight is the number of new beginnings and is reflective in the 8th great day following Sukkot; and the new beginning of the 8th millennium with a new heaven and a new earth with the very presence of YHWH Yahusha.

Dorcas Restored to Life

Act 9:36 And in Yapho there was a certain taught one named Tabitha, which means Dorkas. **This woman was filled with good works and kind deeds which she did.**

Act 9:37 And it came to be in those days that **she became sick and died.** And **having washed her, they laid her in an upper room.**

Act 9:38 And Lod being near to Yapho, and the taught ones having heard that Kěpha was there, they sent two men to him, urging him not to delay in coming to them.

Act 9:39 And **having risen up, Kěpha went with them.** And when he arrived, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood beside him weeping, **showing the inner garments and outer garments which Dorkas had made while she was with them.**

YHWH brings Tabitha [Dorcas] back to life through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh working through Peter. She was greatly beloved and was a very compassionate faithful woman. She cared for many widows. Her life being restore would be a powerful witness to the Good News of Yahusha HaMashiach received by faith.

Act 9:40 **But Kēpha sent them all out, and knelt down and prayed.** And turning to the body he said, **“Tabitha, arise.”** And she opened her eyes, and seeing Kēpha, she sat up.

Act 9:41 And giving her his hand, he lifted her up. And calling the set-apart ones and widows, he presented her alive.

Act 9:42 **And it became known throughout all Yapho, and many believed on the Master.**

Act 9:43 And it came to be that he stayed for many days in Yapho with Shim'on, a leather-tanner.

Jeremiah 18

The Potter and the Clay

Jer 18:1 **The word which came to Yirmeyahu from יהוה, saying,**

Jer 18:2 “Arise, and **go down to the potter’s house**, and there **I let you hear My words.**”

Jer 18:3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and saw him doing a piece of work on the wheel.

Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was ruined in the hand of the potter, so he remade it into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to do.

Jer 18:5 **Then the word of יהוה came to me, saying,**

Jer 18:6 **“O house of Yisra’ël, am I not able to do with you as this potter?” declares יהוה.** “Look, as the clay is in the hand of the potter, so are you in My hand, O house of Yisra’ël!”

Repentance changes everything. Repentance from evil can change YHWH’s course of punishment toward a nation.

Likewise, disobedience changes everything. If He plans on building up a nation but that nation turns to evil; He shall turn from His plan of blessing that nation.

Jer 18:7 **“The moment I speak concerning a nation and concerning a reign, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it,**

Jer 18:8 and that nation shall turn from its evil because I have spoken against it, then I shall repent of the evil that I thought to do to it.

Jer 18:9 **“And the moment I speak concerning a nation and concerning a reign, to build and to plant it,**

Jer 18:10 **and it shall do evil in My eyes in not obeying My voice,** then I shall repent concerning the good with which I spoke of doing to it.

Jer 18:11 “And now, speak to the men of Yehudāh and to the inhabitants of Yerushalayim, saying, ‘Thus said יהוה, **“See, I am forming evil and devising a plan against you. Return now**

every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your deeds good.” ’ ’ ”

Jer 18:12 But they shall say, “It is no use! For we walk according to our own plans, and we do each one the stubbornness of his evil heart.”^a Footnote: ^aSee [Jer 7:24](#), [Jer 16:12](#), [Jer 17:9](#), [Jer 23:17](#).

Jer 18:13 Therefore thus said יהוה, “Ask now among the nations, who has heard the like of this? The maiden of Yisra’el has done what is most horrible.

Jer 18:14 “Does the snow of Lebanon cease from the rock of the field? Or the cool flowing waters from afar dry up?

Jer 18:15 “But **My people have forgotten Me**, they have burned incense to what is false, and they have stumbled from their ways, from the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths and not on a highway,

Jer 18:16 to make their land become a ruin, a hissing forever – everyone who passes by it is appalled and shakes his head.

Jer 18:17 “I shall scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I shall show them the back and not the face in the day of their calamity.”

They devise evil plans against Jeremiah...

Jer 18:18 Then they said, “Come and let us **devise plans against Yirmeyahu**, for the Torah shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and **let us strike him with the tongue**, and **let us not listen to any of his words.**”

Jer 18:19 Attend to me, O יהוה, and listen to the voice of my adversaries!

Jer 18:20 Should good be repaid with evil? For they have dug a pit for my life. Remember that I stood before You to speak good for them, and to turn away Your wrath from them.

Jer 18:21 So give their children over to scarcity of food, and hand them over to the power of the sword. Let their wives become widows and bereaved of their children. Let their men be killed to death, their young men be stricken by the sword in battle.

Jer 18:22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when You bring a raiding party suddenly upon them. For they have dug a pit to take me, and laid snares for my feet.

Jer 18:23 **But You, O יהוה, You know all their counsel against me, to slay me. Do not pardon their crookedness, nor blot out their sin from Your presence, and let them be overthrown before You. Deal with them in the time of Your displeasure.**

Mark 4

The Parable of the Sower

Mar 4:1 And He began to teach again by the sea, and a large crowd was gathered to Him, so that He entered into a boat, to sit in the sea. And all the crowd was on the land facing the sea.

Mar 4:2 And He taught them much in parables, and said to them in His teaching:

Mar 4:3 **“Listen!** See, a sower went out to sow.^a Footnote: ^aSee [Mat 13:1-58](#) with its footnotes.

Mar 4:4 “And it came to be, as he sowed, some fell by the **wayside**, and the birds of the heaven came and devoured it.

Mar 4:5 “And other fell on **rocky places**, where it had not much soil. And immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of soil.

Mar 4:6 “But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away.

Mar 4:7 “And other fell among **thorns**. And the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

Mar 4:8 “And other fell on **good soil** and yielded a crop that came up, grew and yielded a crop, some thirtyfold, and some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Mar 4:9 And He said to them, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!”

The Purpose of the Parables

Mar 4:10 And when He was alone, those about Him, with the twelve, asked Him about the parable.

Mar 4:11 And He said to them, **“To you it has been given to know the secret of the reign of Elohim, but to those who are outside, all are done in parables,**

Mar 4:12 so that **‘seeing they see but do not perceive, and hearing they hear but do not understand, lest they should turn and their sins be forgiven them.’** ^b [Isa 6:9-10](#).

Footnote: ^bSee [Mat 13:15](#).

Mar 4:13 And He said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then shall you understand all the parables?”

Yahusha explains the parable of the sower.

Mar 4:14 “The **sower sows the word.**

Mar 4:15 “These, then, are the ones by the **wayside** where the word is sown. And when they hear, **Satan comes immediately and takes away the word** that was sown in their hearts.

Mar 4:16 “And likewise these are the ones sown on **rocky** places, who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy,

Mar 4:17 **and they have no root in themselves, but are short-lived.** Then when pressure or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble.

Mar 4:18 “And others are those sown among **thorns**, these are they who hear the word,

Mar 4:19 **and the worries of this age, and the deceit of riches, and the desires for other matters, entering in, choke the word, and it becomes fruitless.**

Mar 4:20 “And those sown on **good soil**, are those **who hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, some thirtyfold, and some sixty, and some a hundred.**”

A Lamp Under a Basket – We hold the light of the world; it is the gift of the Good News to be shared through the power of the Ruach HaKodesh. We should shine His light brightly for all to see.

Mar 4:21 And He said to them, “Would a lamp be brought to be put under a basket or under a

bed? Is it not to be put on a lampstand?

Mar 4:22 **“For whatever is hidden shall be revealed, and whatever has been kept secret, shall come to light.”** Footnote: ^cSee [Luk 8:17](#).

Mar 4:23 “If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.”

Mar 4:24 And He said to them, **“Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it shall be measured to you, and more shall be added to you who hear.”**

We are to possess the Promised Land by sharing and spreading the Covenant Gospel Message. We are not just to dwell, we are to possess; and we are not to hide our light; but are to share [the Light](#); the greatest gift on earth, [Yahusha](#).

Mar 4:25 **“For whoever possesses, to him more shall be given; but whoever does not possess, even what he possesses shall be taken away from him.”**^d Footnote: ^dSee [Luk 8:18](#).

The Parable of the Seed Growing – We sometimes aren’t even aware of all the ways we take part in YHWH’s crop reaching harvest; some of us plant; others water; but YHWH gives the increase. Random acts of kindness can make all the difference, a timely word; showing up for an event; being approachable; making a call; writing a letter; visiting the orphans, widows, and prisoners; sharing the Good News through actions; words; and deeds.

We may not see the immediate results **but one day we will**. How many times have we planted a vegetable or a plant; and then seemingly overnight it transforms in height, leaves, or fruit. The inner workings are of YHWH and He allows us to participate in tending His garden, His vineyard. He is the Master Gardener.

Mar 4:26 And He said, “The reign of Elohim is as when a man scatters seed on the ground,

Mar 4:27 then sleeps by night and rises by day, **while the seed sprouts and grows, he himself does not know how.**

Mar 4:28 “For the soil yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head, after that the completed grain in the head.

Mar 4:29 “And when the crop is ready, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Mar 4:30 And He said, **“To what shall we compare the reign of Elohim? Or with what parable shall we present it?”**

Mar 4:31 “Like a mustard seed, which, when it is sown on the ground, is smaller than all the seeds on earth,

Mar 4:32 and when it is sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all plants, and forms large branches, so that the birds of the heaven are able to nest under its shade.”

Mar 4:33 And with many such parables He was speaking to them the word as they were able to hear,

Mar 4:34 and He was not speaking to them without parables. **And when they were alone, He explained all to His taught ones.**

Yahusha Calms a Storm

Mar 4:35 And on the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, “Let us pass over to the other side.”

Mar 4:36 And having left the crowd, they took Him along in the boat, as He was. And other little boats were also with Him.

Mar 4:37 And there came a great windstorm, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already being filled.

Mar 4:38 And He was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. And they woke Him up and said to Him, “Teacher, is it no concern to You that we perish?”

Mar 4:39 And having been awakened He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace, be still!” And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Mar 4:40 And He said to them, **“Why are you so afraid? Have you not yet belief?”**

Mar 4:41 And they feared exceedingly, and asked each other, **“Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!”**

YHWH is always with us, especially in the midst of any storm. He will never leave us or forsake us; for He most certainly cares for us! He is Peace.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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