

Greetings, today our manna is Joshua 23; Acts 3; Jeremiah 12; Matthew 26.

July 16 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Joshua 23

Joshua is advanced in years and he knows his days on earth are near the end. He gathers all Israel and he gives them parting instructions. He recounts how YHWH had been faithful to every word spoken to Israel. He was faithful in driving out the nation people and now, they should never forget what He had done for them.

Joshua cautions them against going after any ‘mighty ones’ of the nation peoples that may remain in the land; he cautions them not to intermarry; he tells them if they are obedient to the Book of the Law of Moses, they would be blessed, and if disobedient they would be cursed.

As then, we too must cling to YHWH and not look to the left or the right. We should be faithful to Him only and stay true to our Covenant vow to Him. We should watch and wait for His return and until then, we should dwell and ‘possess’ the Promised Land He has given us through the Ruach HaKodesh.

Joshua's Charge

Jos 23:1 And it came to be, a long time after יהוה had given rest to Yisra'el from all their enemies round about, that **Yehoshua was old, advanced in years.**

Jos 23:2 And Yehoshua called

- for all Yisra'el, and
- for their elders, and f
- or their heads, and
- for their judges, and
- for their officers, and said to them, “I am old, advanced in years.

Jos 23:3 “And you, you have seen all that יהוה your Elohim has done to all these nations because of you, for יהוה **your Elohim is He who was fighting for you.**

Jos 23:4 “See, I have divided to you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Yardēn, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea toward the setting of the sun.

Jos 23:5 **“And יהוה your Elohim thrust them out from before you, and shall drive them out from before you, and you shall possess their land, as יהוה your Elohim has promised you.**

Jos 23:6 “And you shall be very strong to guard and to do all that is written in **the Book of the**

Torah [Book of the Law] of Mosheh, so as **not to turn aside from it right or left**,

- **Jos 23:7** so as not to go in among these nations, these who remain among you.
- And make no mention of the name of their mighty ones,^a nor swear by them, nor serve them nor bow down to them. Footnote: ^aSee [Exo 23:13](#)

Jos 23:8 **“But cling to יהוה your Elohim, as you have done to this day.**

Jos 23:9 **“For יהוה has driven out from before you great and strong nations.** As for you, no one has stood against you to this day.

Jos 23:10 **“One man of you put a thousand to flight, for יהוה your Elohim is He who is fighting for you, as He has promised you.**

Jos 23:11 **“And you shall diligently guard yourselves, to love יהוה your Elohim.**

Jos 23:12 **“But if you do turn back at all,** and cling to the remnant of these nations, these that remain among you, and intermarry with them, and go in to them and they to you,

Jos 23:13 **know for certain that יהוה your Elohim shall**

- no longer drive these nations out from before you.
- And they shall be snares and traps to you, and
- a whip on your sides and thorns in your eyes,
- until you perish from this good land which יהוה your Elohim has given you.

Jos 23:14 **“And see, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your beings that not one word has failed of all the good words which יהוה your Elohim spoke concerning you. All of it has come to you, and not one word of them has failed.**

Jos 23:15 **“And it shall be, that as every good word has come upon you which יהוה your Elohim promised you, so יהוה does bring upon you every evil word, until He has destroyed you from this good land which יהוה your Elohim has given you.**

Jos 23:16 **when you transgress the covenant of יהוה your Elohim,**

- which He commanded you, and shall go and serve other mighty ones, and
- bow down to them.
- And the displeasure of יהוה shall burn against you, and
- you shall perish quickly from the good land which He has given you.”

Acts 3

The Lame Beggar Healed

Act 3:1 **And Kēpha and Yohanan were going up to the Set-apart Place at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour.**

The 9th hour equates to 3-4 p.m. Under the [Aaronic Levitical priesthood](#), this had also been the time that that the second Tamid lamb is sacrificed [*Antiquities of the Jews* 14.4.3 (14:65); Philo *Special Laws* I, XXXV (169)].

Now we will see Peter and John teaching about the shift from the way things had been done under the Aaronic Levitical priesthood; to how things should now be done under Yahusha, the High Priest of the Melchizedek Order. Yahusha had ushered in the Melchizedek priesthood back to its reigning position; and like a big ship making a major 'change in course', it takes a while for the rudder to completely change direction; especially in stormy conditions.

We know that the Melchizedek Priesthood predated the Aaronic Levitical Priesthood; and we saw how long it took to get everything in place in order to administer the Book of the Law. Now, the REIGNING priesthood is shifting back to the Melchizedek Order; and with this change comes a change in law to Covenant Torah. This would require much time, energy, risk, and love to administer this change through His kingdom of priests.

All believers that had entered the New Covenant by faith in Yahusha HaMashiach, would be sharing the Good News, line upon line, here a little and there a little as it is to this day. We are still living out the Book of Acts.

Act 3:2 And a certain man, lame from his birth, was carried, whom they laid **daily at the gate of the Set-apart Place which is called Yaphah,**^a to ask alms from those entering into the Set-apart Place, Footnote: ^aBeautiful or Lovely.



[Excerpt] This gate of Herod's temple is mentioned in the narrative of the healing of the lame man by Peter and John in [Acts 3:2,10](#). Little dispute exists as to the identification of the Beautiful Gate with the splendid "gate of Nicanor" of the Mishna (Mid., i.4), and "Corinthian Gate" of Josephus (BJ, V, v, 3), but authorities are divided as to whether this gate was situated at the entrance to the women's court on the East, or was the gate reached by 15 steps, dividing that court from the court of the men. The balance of recent opinion inclines strongly to the former view (compare Kennedy, "Problems of Herod's Temple," *The Expositor Times*, XX, 170); others take the opposite view (Waterhouse, in *Sacred Sites of the Gospels*, 110), or leave the question open (thus G. A. Smith, *Jerusalem*, II, 212). See TEMPLE, HEROD'S.

The gate itself was of unusual size and splendor. It received the name "Nicanor" from its being the work, or having been constructed at the expense, of an Alexandrian Jew of this name. Lately an ossuary was discovered on Mt. Olivet bearing the Greek inscription:

"The bones of Nicanor the Alexandrian, who made the doors."

Its other name, "Corinthian," refers to the costly material of which it was constructed-- Corinthian bronze. Josephus gives many interesting particulars about this gate, which, he tells us, greatly excelled in workmanship and value all the others (BJ, V, v, 3). These were plated with gold and silver, but this still more richly and thickly. It was larger than the other gates; was 50 cubits in height (the others 40); its weight was so great that it took 20 men to move it (BJ, VI, vi, 3). Its massiveness and magnificence, therefore, well earned for it the name "Beautiful."

W. Shaw Caldecott - <https://www.biblestudytools.com/dictionary/gate-the-beautiful/>

Act 3:3 who, seeing Kěpha and Yohanan about to go into the Set-apart Place, asked for alms.

Act 3:4 And Kěpha, with Yoħanan, looking steadfastly at him, said, **“Look at us.”**

Act 3:5 And he gave heed to them, expecting to receive whatever from them.

Act 3:6 But Kěpha said, “I do not have silver and gold, but what I do possess, this I give you: **in the Name of יהושע Messiah of Natsareth, rise up and walk.**”

Act 3:7 And taking him by the right hand he lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones were made firm.

Act 3:8 And leaping up, he stood and walked, and **went in with them into the Set-apart Place, walking and leaping and praising Elohim.**

Act 3:9 **And all the people saw him walking and praising Elohim.**

Act 3:10 And they recognized him, that it was he who sat begging alms at the Lovely Gate of the Set-apart Place. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what befell him.

Lame how long? From birth, over 40 years [Act 4:22 For the man was over forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been done.]

Lame man's daily routine: Friends would lay him at the ‘Beautiful Gate; entry location to the Set-apart Place; time 9th hour; Asked for alms.

Request by Peter & John– **“Look at us.”** Thus, implying he probably didn’t look up too often. He obeyed and gave heed in expectation. The eye is a lamp to the body (Matt 6:22). The lame man may have been deflated at first hearing they had no silver or gold; but instead, **he receives something ‘life changing’; a miracle, in more ways than one!**

When anyone encounters the Living Savior, their life experiences a **major shift!** Whether a miraculous healing and/or a spiritual shift from death to eternal life, an encounter with Yahusha is priceless and unforgettable!

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico

Act 3:11 And as the lame man who was healed was clinging to Kěpha and Yohanan, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Shelomoh's, greatly amazed.

Act 3:12 And seeing it, Kěpha responded to the people, "Men of Yisra'ěl, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or reverence we have made him walk?"

Act 3:13 **"The Elohim of Abraham, and of Yitshaq, and of Ya'aqob, the Elohim of our fathers, Exo_3:6, Exo_3:13, Exo_3:15 esteemed His Servant יהושע, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.**

Act 3:14 **"But you denied the Set-apart and Righteous One, and asked that a man, a murderer, be granted you.**

Act 3:15 **"But you killed the Prince^b of life, whom Elohim raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. Footnote: ^bSee Act_5:31.**

Act 3:16 "And by the belief in His Name, this one whom you see and know, His Name made strong, and the belief which comes through Him has given him this perfect healing before all of you.

Peter pointed all the esteem and glory for the healing of the lame beggar back to Yahusha HaMashiach. The lame man was healed by his faith in Yahusha and by the Name of Yahusha.

We too were once lame, blind, deaf, and dead in trespasses. We too were saved by grace through faith in Yahusha HaMashiach.

Act 3:17 "And now, brothers, I know that you did it in ignorance, as your rulers did too.

Act 3:18 "But this is how Elohim has filled what He had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that His Messiah was to suffer.

Act 3:19 "Repent therefore and turn back, for the blotting out of your sins, in order that times of refreshing might come from the presence of the Master,

Act 3:20 and that He sends יהושע Messiah, pre-appointed for you,

Act 3:21 whom heaven needs to receive until the times of restoration of all *matters*, of which Elohim spoke through the mouth of all His set-apart prophets since of old.

Peter said not to focus on them but on Yahusha, the Set-apart and Righteous One. What the people had done in ignorance was behind them, and Peter encourages them to: **Repent!** He shares with them that all that had occurred was prophesied by the prophets foretelling the suffering of Messiah. Peter implores them to **turn back to Him** for forgiveness and blotting out of sins. Yahusha lives and He reigns from heaven!

Act 3:22 "For Mosheh truly said to the fathers, **‘יהוה your Elohim shall raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brothers. Him you shall hear according to all matters, whatever He says to you.**

Act 3:23 ‘And it shall be that every being who does not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ [Deu_18:15-19](#).

Act 3:24 “And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Shemu’el and those following, have also announced these days.

Act 3:25 “You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which Elohim made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘**And in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.**’ [Gen_12:3](#), [Gen_22:18](#), [Gen_26:4](#).

Act 3:26 “To you first, Elohim, having raised up His Servant יהושע, sent Him to bless you, in turning away each one of you from your wicked ways.”^c Footnote: ^cAlso see [Act_2:38](#).

Did you not see Him?

Did you not hear?

Did not Moses and the Prophets say He would come?

Is this not the Covenant, the Promise given to Abraham by YHWH?

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Are you not the recipients of the Promise?

Jeremiah 12

Jeremiah's Complaint

Jer 12:1 Righteous are You, O יהוה, when I plead with You. Indeed, let me speak with You about right-rulings.

- Why has the way of the wrong prospered?
- All the workers of treachery are at ease?^a Footnote: ^aSee footnote [Psa_73:3](#).
- [Jer 12:2](#) You have planted them and they have taken root, they grow and they bear fruit.
- You are near in their mouth but far from their kidneys.

Jer 12:3 But You have known me, O יהוה.

- You see me, and You have tried my heart toward You.
- Draw them away like sheep for slaughter, and separate them for the day of slaughter.
- [Jer 12:4](#) How long shall the land mourn, and the plants of every field wither?
- The beasts and birds are consumed, for the evil of those who dwell there, because they

said, “He does not see our latter ending.”

Jeremiah was the ‘weeping prophet.’ One can understand why Jeremiah desired to speak to YHWH about right-rulings.

YHWH Answers Jeremiah

Jer 12:5 “If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how do you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, you feel safe, then how do you manage in the Yardēn jungle?”

Jer 12:6 “For even your brothers, the house of your father, even they have betrayed you, even they have cried aloud after you. Do not believe them, even though they speak smooth words to you.”

In other words, YHWH wanted Jeremiah to realize that yes things were bad; but he needed to be prepared for things to get much worse. The main thing we must cling to is to know; no matter how bad it may get; YHWH is in control. Nothing catches Him off guard.

YHWH goes on to state [which is sad to read]:

- **Jer 12:7** “I have forsaken My house,
- I have left My inheritance,
- **I have given the beloved of My being** into the hand of her enemies.
- **Jer 12:8** “My inheritance has become to Me like a lion in the forest. It cries out against Me, therefore I have hated it.
- **Jer 12:9** “My inheritance is to Me like a speckled bird of prey, the birds of prey all around are against her.
- Go, gather all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour!
- **Jer 12:10** “**Many shepherds** have destroyed My vineyard, they have trodden My portion under foot, they have made My pleasant portion become a deserted wilderness.^b

Footnote: ^bSee footnote [Jer 10:21](#).

- **Jer 12:11** “They have laid it waste – a waste, it mourns to Me. All the land is laid waste, because no one takes it to heart.
- **Jer 12:12** “The ravagers have come on all the bare heights in the wilderness, for the **sword of יהוה is devouring from one end of the land to the other end** of the land. There is no peace to any flesh.
- **Jer 12:13** “They have sown wheat but reaped thorns, they have exhausted themselves – they do not profit. And they shall be ashamed of your harvest because of the burning displeasure of יהוה.”

YHWH has a word for the evil neighbors He has allowed to come against the ‘beloved of His being.’ He wants them to know this was only a ‘temporary arrangement.’ He wants the evil ones to know His love for His people still stands; therefore, He will have compassion on them and bring them back. He will give everyone his inheritance and his land.

YHWH said, even ‘My evil neighbors’, if they should turn from their evil ways and begin to learn the ways of His people; then He would establish them in the midst of His people. However, if they disobey, He would pluck that nation up and destroy that nation!

Jer 12:14 Thus said יהוה, “As for all My evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused My people Yisra’ël to inherit; see, I am plucking them out of their land, and I shall pluck out the house of Yehudah from their midst.

- **Jer 12:15** “And it shall be, after My plucking them out,
- I shall return, and have compassion on them and bring them back,
- everyone to his inheritance and
- everyone to his land.

Jer 12:16 “And it shall be, if they learn well the ways of My people, to swear by My Name, ‘As יהוה lives,’ as they taught My people to swear by Ba’al, then they shall be established in the midst of My people.

Jer 12:17 “But if they do not obey, I shall pluck up, pluck up and destroy that nation,” declares יהוה.

Matthew 26

Now in Matthew 26 we see how bad it does get. This was the very point YHWH was making to Jeremiah. It is difficult to see how much evil can exist in mankind and at the same time see how much love exists in Him. Praise Yah that He is our beloved and we are His.

He demonstrated His love for us; in that while we were yet sinners, He died for us and arose the 3rd day. Now we can rejoice and sing ‘worthy is the Lamb’ to open the scroll!

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: ^d [Dan 7:18-27](#).

One of the greatest revelations YHWH has given me occurred when we were reading the Book of Revelation in our daily devotional and came to Rev. 5:8-10. It is worth repeating right now.

Who is singing this song? The four living creatures and the 24 elders.

Who are they?

- They are the ones that Elohim has redeemed
- They have been redeemed by His blood of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
- They are the ones He has made sovereigns and priests to our Elohim
- They shall reign upon the earth!

My friends, what YHWH revealed to me, was that the **4 living creatures** are the spirits and souls of all those that had died in Him; yet, await their resurrected bodies. They are depicted by the head banners of the lead tribes of the wilderness encampments: the lion, the ox; the man; and the eagle. They each have six wings meaning, each quadrant has three tribes! The 4 living creatures are those that have died in Yahusha up until that time!

For those that do not believe that our soul and spirit go to His presence; before we are given our glorified bodies, I ask, that you at least ponder what He has shown me. Again, I ask you to read those verses again and answer who is singing? We know the 24 elders are more than likely the 12 Patriarchs and the 12 Apostles. Therefore, John saw himself as an elder, as he was taken into the future, the day of YHWH, and into the heavenly throne room!

The Plot to Kill Yahusha

Mat 26:1 And it came to be, when יהושע ended all these words, He said to His taught ones,

Mat 26:2 “You know that after two days the Pěsaḥ takes place, and the Son of Aḏam is to be delivered up to be impaled.”

Mat 26:3 Then the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders of the people came together at the court of the high priest, who was called Qayapha,

Mat 26:4 and **plotted to seize יהושע by trickery and kill Him.**

Mat 26:5 But they said, “Not at the festival lest there be an uproar among the people.”

Yahusha Anointed at Bethany

Mat 26:6 And when יהושע was in Běyth Anyah at the house of Shim'on the leper,

Mat 26:7 a woman came to Him, having an alabaster flask of costly perfume, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table.

Mat 26:8 And when His taught ones saw it, they were much displeased saying, “To what purpose is this waste?”

Mat 26:9 “For this perfume could have been sold for much and given to the poor.”

Mat 26:10 However, when יהושע noticed it, He said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work toward Me.

Mat 26:11 “For you always have the poor with you, **but Me you do not have always.**

Mat 26:12 “For in pouring this perfume on My body, **she did it for My burial.**

Mat 26:13 “Truly, I say to you, **wherever this Good News is proclaimed in all the world, what this woman has done shall be spoken of also, to her remembrance.**”

Judas to Betray Yahusha

Mat 26:14 Then **one of the twelve**, called **Yehudah from Qerioth [Judas of Iscariot]**, went to the chief priests,

Mat 26:15 and said, “What would you give me to deliver Him to you?” And **they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver.** [Zec 11:12](#).

Mat 26:16 And from then on he was seeking an occasion to deliver Him up.

The Passover with the Disciples

Mat 26:17 And on the first *day* of Unleavened Bread the taught ones came to יהושע, saying to Him, **“Where do You wish us to prepare for You to eat the Pěsah?”**

Mat 26:18 And He said, “Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, **‘The Teacher says, “My time is near. I am to perform the Pěsah at your house with My taught ones.”’**”

Mat 26:19 And the taught ones did as יהושע had ordered them, and prepared the Pěsah.

Mat 26:20 And when evening came, He sat down with the twelve.

Mat 26:21 And while they were eating, He said, **“Truly, I say to you, one of you shall deliver Me up.”**

Mat 26:22 And they **were deeply grieved**, and began to say to Him, each of them, “Master, is it I?”

Mat 26:23 And He answering, said, **“He who has dipped his hand with Me in the dish, he shall deliver Me up.”**

Mat 26:24 “Indeed, the Son of Ađam goes as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Ađam is delivered up! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born.”

Mat 26:25 And Yehudah – he who delivered Him up – answering, said, **“Rabbi, is it I?”** He said to him, **“You have said it.”**

Institution of the YHWH's Supper – This is the institution of the Covenant confirming

meal. It consisted of the bread, representing His body; the wine, representing the blood ratification of the new covenant; the acceptance and partaking by those that say 'yes' to His proposal; followed by the priestly foot washing of those set-apart to Him.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, יהושע took bread, and having blessed, broke and gave it to the taught ones and said, "Take, eat, this is My body."

Mat 26:27 And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

Mat 26:28 "For this is My blood, that of the renewed covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Mat 26:29 "But I say to you, I shall certainly not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on till that day when I drink it anew with you in the reign of My Father."

Yahusha Foretells Peter's Denial

Mat 26:30 And having sung a song, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Mat 26:31 Then יהושע said to them, "**All of you shall stumble in Me this night**, for it has been written, **I shall strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered.**^a **Zec 13:7.** Footnote: ^aAlso see **Mar 14:27, Joh 16:32.**

Mat 26:32 "But after I have been raised, I shall go before you into Galil."

Mat 26:33 And Kēpha answering, said to Him, "Even if all stumble in You, I shall never stumble."

Mat 26:34 יהושע said to him, "**Truly, I say to you that this night, before the cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.**"

Mat 26:35 Kēpha said to Him, "Even if I have to die with You, I shall not deny You!" All the taught ones said the same too.

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. As Yahusha stated, they all would stumble in Him that night. They would grieve like never before; yet, we know everything changes when Yahusha sends the Comforter! His disciples rise to the occasion and are shown faithful even unto death.

Yahusha Prays in Gethsemane

Mat 26:36 Then יהושע came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the taught ones, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Mat 26:37 And He took with Him Kēpha and the two sons of Zabdai, and He began to be grieved and deeply distressed.

Mat 26:38 Then He said to them, "My being is exceedingly grieved, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me."

Mat 26:39 And going forward a little, He fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me. Yet not as I desire, but as You desire."

Yahusha was not asking His Father not to be crucified; He was asking His Father not to let him die prematurely in the garden. He was grieved exceedingly, even to death. Remember, he even sweated great drops of blood, a condition we know as Hematidrosis.

Hematidrosis is a condition in which [capillary](#) blood vessels that feed the [sweat glands](#) rupture, causing them to exude blood, occurring under conditions of extreme physical or emotional [stress](#).^[4] Severe mental [anxiety](#) activates the [sympathetic nervous system](#) to invoke the stress-[Fight-or-flight response](#) to such a degree as to cause hemorrhage of the vessels supplying the sweat glands.^[5] It has been suggested that acute fear and extreme stress can cause hematidrosis.^[6] <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hematidrosis>

Mat 26:40 And He came to the taught ones and **found them asleep**, and said to Kěpha, “**So, were you not able to watch with Me one hour?**”

Mat 26:41 **“Watch and pray, lest you enter into trial. The spirit indeed is eager, but the flesh is weak.”**

Mat 26:42 **Again He went away, a second time**, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is impossible for this to pass unless I drink it, let Your desire be done.”

Mat 26:43 And He came and **found them asleep again**, for their eyes were heavy.

Mat 26:44 And He left them, went away again, and prayed **the third time**, saying the same words.

Mat 26:45 Then He came to His taught ones and said to them, “Still sleeping and taking rest? **See, the hour has come near, and the Son of Adam is delivered up into the hands of sinners.**”

Mat 26:46 **“Rise, let us go. See, he who delivers Me up has come near.”**

We too are reminded to [watch and pray during the Passover rehearsal](#). In Exodus 12, this feast is referred to as the **‘night of watches.’** We are to be ready for our Groom to arrive; for no one knows the day or hour except for YHWH. This is why we should vigilantly keep His rehearsals, His moedim.

Exo 12:42 **It is a night of watches unto יהוה** for bringing them out of the land of Mitsrayim. This is that night of watches unto יהוה, for all the children of Yisra’el throughout their generations.

Betrayal and Arrest of Yahusha

Mat 26:47 And while He was still speaking, see, Yehudah [Judas], one of the twelve, with a large crowd with swords and clubs, came from the chief priests and elders of the people.

Mat 26:48 And **he who was delivering Him up gave them a sign**, saying, “**Whomever I kiss, it is He, seize Him.**”

Mat 26:49 And going straight up to יהושע he said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.

Mat 26:50 And יהושע said to him, “Friend, why have you come?” Then they came and laid hands on יהושע and seized Him.

Mat 26:51 And look, one of those with יהושע put out his hand and drew his sword, and striking the servant of the high priest he cut off his ear.

Mat 26:52 Then יהושע said to him, “Return your sword to its place, for all who take the sword shall die by the sword.

Mat 26:53 “Or do you think that I am not able to pray to My Father now, and He shall provide Me with more than twelve legions of messengers?”

Mat 26:54 “How then would the Scriptures be filled that it has to be this way?”

Mat 26:55 In that hour יהושע said to the crowds, “Have you come out, as against a robber, with swords and clubs to arrest Me? Daily I sat with you, teaching in the Set-apart Place, and you did not seize Me.

Mat 26:56 “But all this came to be, so that the Scriptures of the prophets might be filled.” Then all the taught ones left Him and fled.

Yahusha Before Caiaphas and the Council

Mat 26:57 And those who had seized יהושע led Him away to Qayapha the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together.

Mat 26:58 But Kēpha followed Him at a distance to the courtyard of the high priest, and he went in and sat with the servants to see the end.

Mat 26:59 And the chief priests, and the elders, and all the council were seeking false witness against יהושע to put Him to death,

Mat 26:60 but found none. Although many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward,

Mat 26:61 and said, “This one said, ‘I am able to destroy the Dwelling Place of Elohim and to build it in three days.’”

Mat 26:62 And the high priest stood up and said to Him, “Have You no answer to make? What do these witness against You?”

Mat 26:63 But יהושע remained silent. So the high priest said to Him, “I put You to oath, by the living Elohim that You say to us if You are the Messiah, the Son of Elohim.”

Mat 26:64 יהושע said to him, “You have said it. Besides I say to you, from now on you shall see the Son of Ađam sitting at the right hand of the Power, Psa 110:1 and coming on the clouds of the heaven.” Dan 7:13.

When Caiaphas put Yahusha under oath, Yahusha had to answer or else break Leviticus 5:1 under the Book of the Law, which would have been a sin.

Lev 5:1 ‘And when a being sins in that he has heard the voice of swearing, and is a witness, or has seen, or has known, but does not reveal it, he shall bear his crookedness.

Then Yahusha goes on to quote Psalm 110:1.

Psa 110:1 יהוה said to my Master, “Sit at My right hand, Until I make Your enemies a

footstool for Your feet.”

Psa 110:2 יהוה sends Your mighty sceptre out of Tsiyon. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Psa 110:3 Your people volunteer in the day of Your might, In the splendours of set-apartness! From the womb, from the morning, You have the dew of Your youth!

Psa 110:4 יהוה has sworn and does not relent, “You are a priest forever According to the order of Malkitsedeq.”

And then onto Daniel 7:13:

Dan 7:13 “I was looking in the night visions and saw One like the Son of Enosh,^a coming with the clouds of the heavens! And He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Footnote: ^aSon of Enosh - This Aramaic term is similar to the Hebrew ‘Ben Adam,’ (Son of Adam) but not the exact equivalent of it.

Mat 26:65 Then the **high priest tore his garments**, saying, “He has blasphemed! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, now you have heard His blasphemy!

By Caiaphas tearing his priestly garment, he was disqualified as High Priest and actually worthy of death. It is for this reason, that Yahusha, already having been mikvah’d by the true High Priest, John the Immerser, is prepared to officiate as High Priest of the Melchizedek order over His own crucifixion, the crucifixion of the spotless Lamb of Elohim.

Mat 26:66 “What do you think?” And they answering, said, “He is liable to death.”

Mat 26:67 Then they spat in His face and beat Him, and others slapped Him,

Mat 26:68 saying, “Prophecy to us, Messiah! Who is the one who struck You?”

Peter Denies Yahusha

Mat 26:69 And Kēpha sat outside in the courtyard, and **a servant girl came to him**, saying, “And you were with יהושע of Galil.”

Mat 26:70 But **he denied it** before them all, saying, “I do not know what you say.”

Mat 26:71 And as he was going out into the porch, **another girl saw him** and said to those there, “And this one was with יהושע of Natsareth.”

Mat 26:72 But again **he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!”**

Mat 26:73 And after a while **those who stood by came to him and said to Kēpha**, “Truly you are one of them too, for even your speech gives you away.”

Mat 26:74 Then **he began to curse and to swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” And immediately a cock crowed.**

Mat 26:75 And Kēpha remembered the word of יהושע who had said to him, “Before a cock crows, you shall deny Me three times.” **And going out, he wept bitterly.**

We can all relate to failures in our lives. This was one of Peter's epic failures; but even that failure of his was foreknown by Yahusha. Peter was broken hearted; but praise Yah, He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Peter's broken heart is later healed and he becomes a mighty witness to Yahusha even unto death on a cross. It is said that Peter requested to be crucified upside down, for he didn't feel worthy to be crucified right side up as His Savior. His desire was to exalt Yahusha; and humbly lay down his life for Him. We know Peter finishes the race, and he finishes well! Praise Yah!

There is so much more that could be said, but we will close and keep all these things close to our hearts.

~ Shalom ~ Libby

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