Greetings, today our manna is 1Kings 8; Ephesians 5; Ezekiel 38; Psalm 89.

October 5 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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1Kings 8

The Ark Brought into the Temple

1Ki 8:1 Then Shelomoh assembled the elders of Yisra'ěl and all the heads of the tribes, the chief fathers of the children of Yisra'ěl, to Sovereign Shelomoh in Yerushalayim, to bring up the ark of the covenant of יהוה from the City of Dawig, which is Tsiyon.

1Ki 8:2 And all the men of Yisra'ěl assembled to Sovereign Shelomoh at the festival in the month of Ěythanim, which **is the seventh new moon**.

This was the Feast of Tabernacles that follows the Feast of Trumpets [Yom Teruah] and the Day of Atonement [Yom Kippur] in the 7th month.

- The feast of Trumpets takes place on the 1st day of the 7th month [Tishri]
- Day of Atonement takes place on the 10th day of the 7th month
- Feast of Tabernacles takes place on the 15th day of the 7th month.
- 1Ki 8:3 And all the elders of Yisra'ěl came, and the priests took up the ark,
- 1Ki 8:4 and brought up the ark of יהוה, and the Tent of Appointment, and all the set-apart utensils that were in the Tent. And the priests and the Lewites brought them up,
- 1Ki 8:5 <u>and Sovereign Shelomoh</u>, and <u>all the congregation of Yisra'ĕl who had assembled</u> with him, were with him before the ark, slaughtering so many sheep and cattle, that they could not be counted or numbered.
- 1Ki 8:6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of יהוה to its place, into the Speaking Place of the House, to the Most Set-apart Place, under the wings of the kerubim,
- 1Ki 8:7 for the kerubim spread two wings over the place of the ark, and the kerubim covered over the ark and its poles.

What is another name for the Speaking Place of the House?

- 1Ki 8:8 And the poles extended so that the ends of the poles were seen from the set-apart place, in front of the Speaking Place, but they were not seen from outside. And they are there to this day.
- 1Ki 8:9 There was naught in the ark, only the two tablets of stone which Mosheh put there at Ḥorëḅ, where יהוה made a covenant with the children of Yisra'el, when they came out of the land of Mitsrayim.
- 1Ki 8:10 And it came to be, when the priests came out of the Set-apart Place, that the

cloud filled the House of יהוה,

1Ki 8:11 so that the priests were unable to stand and perform the service because of the cloud, for the esteem of יהוה filled the House of הוה.

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Solomon Blesses YHWH

1Ki 8:12 And Shelomoh said, "יהוה has said He would dwell in the dark cloud.

1Ki 8:13 I have indeed built You an exalted house, an established place for You to dwell in forever."

1Ki 8:14 And the sovereign turned around and blessed all the assembly of Yisra'el, while all the

assembly of Yisra'ěl was standing.

- 1Ki 8:15 And he said, <u>"Blessed be יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl, who spoke with His mouth to my</u> father Dawid, and with His hand has filled it, saying,
- 1Ki 8:16 Since the day I brought My people Yisra'ěl out of Mitsrayim, I have chosen no city from any tribe of Yisra'ěl in which to build a house for My Name to be there, but I chose Dawid to be over My people Yisra'ěl.'
- 1Ki 8:17 "And it was in the heart of my father Dawig to build a house for the Name of יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl.
- 1Ki 8:18 "But יהוה said to my father Dawid, 'Because it has been in your heart to build a house for My Name, you did well that it was in your heart.
- 1Ki 8:19 Only, you do not build the house, but your son, who is coming from your loins, he does build the house for My Name.'
- 1Ki 8:20 "Now יהוה has established His word which He spoke, and I have been raised up instead of my father Dawid, and sit on the throne of Yisra'ěl, as יהוה promised, and built a house for the Name of יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl.
- 1Ki 8:21 and have appointed there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of יהוה which He made with our fathers, when He brought them out of the land of Mitsrayim."

Solomon's Prayer of Dedication

- 1Ki 8:22 And Shelomoh stood before the slaughter-place of יהוה in front of all the assembly of Yisra'ěl, and spread out his hands toward the heavens,
- 1Ki 8:23 and said, "יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ĕl, there is no Elohim in the heavens above or on earth below like You, guarding Your covenant and loving-commitment with Your servants who walk before You with all their heart,
- 1Ki 8:24 who has guarded that which You did promise Your servant Dawid my father. Indeed, You have both spoken with Your mouth and have filled it with Your hand, as it is this day.
- 1Ki 8:25 "And now, יהוה Elohim of Yisra'ěl, guard what You promised Your servant Dawid my father, saying, 'There is not to cease a man of yours before Me, sitting on the throne of Yisra'ěl only, if your sons guard their way, to walk before Me as you have walked before Me.'
- 1Ki 8:26 "And now, O Elohim of Yisra'ěl, please let Your word come true which You have spoken to Your servant Dawig my father.
- 1Ki 8:27 "For is it true: Elohim dwells on the earth? See, the heavens and the heavens of the heavens are unable to contain You, how much less this House which I have built!
- 1Ki 8:28 "Yet, shall You turn to the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O יהוה my Elohim, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You today?
- 1Ki 8:29 "For Your eyes to be open toward this House night and day, toward the place of which You said, 'My Name is there,' to listen to the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place.
- 1Ki 8:30 "Then, shall You hear the supplication of Your servant and of Your people Yisra'ěl when they pray toward this place, when You hear in Your dwelling place, in the heavens? And shall You hear, and forgive?
- 1Ki 8:31 "If anyone sins against his neighbor, and he has lifted up an oath on him, to cause him to swear, and comes and swears before Your slaughter-place in this House,

- 1Ki 8:32 then hear in the heavens, <u>and act and rightly rule Your servants, declaring the wrongdoer wrong, bringing his way on his head, and declaring the righteous right by giving him according to his righteousness.</u>
- 1Ki 8:33 "When Your people Yisra'ěl are smitten before an enemy, because they have sinned against You, and they shall turn back to You and confess Your Name, and pray and make supplication to You in this House,
- 1Ki 8:34 then <u>hear in the heavens</u>, and forgive the sin of Your people Yisra'ěl, and bring them back to the land which You gave to their fathers.
- 1Ki 8:35 "When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because they sin against You, when they pray toward this place and confess Your Name, and turn from their sin because You afflict them.
- 1Ki 8:36 then hear in the heavens, and forgive the sin of Your servants, Your people Yisra'ěl for You teach them the good way in which they should walk and shall give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people as an inheritance.
- 1Ki 8:37 "When there is scarcity of food in the land; when there is <u>pestilence</u>, <u>blight</u>, <u>mildew</u>, <u>locusts</u>, <u>grasshoppers</u>; <u>when their enemy distresses them in the land of their cities</u>; <u>any plague</u>, any sickness,
- 1Ki 8:38 whatever prayer, whatever supplication *made* by anyone of all Your people Yisra'ěl, each knowing the plague of his own heart, and shall spread out his hands toward this House,
- 1Ki 8:39 then hear in the heavens, Your dwelling place, and forgive, and act, and render unto everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know. Because You You alone know the hearts of all the sons of men.
- 1Ki 8:40 so that they fear You all the days that they live in the land which You gave to our fathers.
- 1Ki 8:41 "Also, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Yisra'ěl, but has come from a far land for Your Name's sake –
- 1Ki 8:42 since they hear of Your great Name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm and he shall come and pray toward this House,
- 1Ki 8:43 hear in the heavens Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, so that all peoples of the earth know Your Name and fear You, as do Your people Yisra'ěl, and know that this House which I have built is called by Your Name.
- 1Ki 8:44 "When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, in the way that You send them, and they shall pray to יהוה toward the city which You have chosen and toward the House which I have built for Your Name.
- 1Ki 8:45 then shall You hear in the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause?
- 1Ki 8:46 "When they sin against You for there is no one who does not sin and You become enraged with them and give them to the enemy, and they take them captive to the land of the enemy, far or near;
- 1Ki 8:47 and they shall turn back unto their heart in the land where they have been taken captive, and shall turn, and make supplication to You in the land of those who took them

- captive, saying, 'We have sinned and acted crookedly, we have committed wrong,'
- 1Ki 8:48 and they shall turn back to You with all their heart and with all their being in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and shall pray to You toward their land which You gave to their fathers, the city which You have chosen and the House which I have built for Your Name.
- 1Ki 8:49 then shall You hear in the heavens Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause,
- 1Ki 8:50 and forgive Your people who have sinned against You, and all their transgressions which they have transgressed against You? And give them compassion before those who took them captive, and they shall have compassion on them.
- 1Ki 8:51 For they are Your people and Your inheritance, whom You brought out of Mitsrayim, out of the iron furnace.
- 1Ki 8:52 "Let Your eyes be open to the supplication of Your servant and the supplication of Your people Yisra'ěl, to listen to them whenever they call to You.
- 1Ki 8:53 "For You have separated them unto Yourself for an inheritance, out of all the peoples of the earth, as You spoke by the hand of Your servant Mosheh, when You brought our fathers out of Mitsrayim, O Master יהוה."

Solomon's Benediction

- 1Ki 8:54 And it came to be, when Shelomoh had ended praying all this prayer and supplication to יהוה, that he rose up from before the slaughter-place of יהוה, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to the heavens.
- 1Ki 8:55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Yisra'ěl with a loud voice, saying,
- 1Ki 8:56 "Blessed be יהוה, who has given rest to His people Yisra'ěl, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good word, which He promised through His servant Mosheh.
- 1Ki 8:57 "יהוה our Elohim is with us as He was with our fathers <u>He does not leave us nor</u> forsake us –
- 1Ki 8:58 to incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to guard His commands and His laws and His right-rulings, which He commanded our fathers.
- 1Ki 8:59 "And let these words of mine, with which I have made supplication before יהוה, be near our Elohim day and night, to maintain the cause of His servant and the cause of His people Yisra'ěl, the matter of each day in its day,
- 1Ki 8:60 so that all the peoples of the earth might know that יהוה is Elohim, there is no one else.
- 1Ki 8:61 "Let your heart therefore be perfect to יהוה our Elohim, to walk in His laws and guard His commands, as at this day."

Solomon's Sacrifices

- 1Ki 8:62 And the sovereign and all Yisra'ěl with him slaughtered slaughterings before יהוה.
- 1Ki 8:63 And Shelomoh slaughtered slaughterings of peace offerings, which he slaughtered to twenty-two thousand bulls and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep. Thus the

sovereign and all the children of Yisra'ěl dedicated the House of יהוה.

Solomon also performed <u>priestly and kingly duties</u> as did his father David.

1Ki 8:64 On that day the sovereign set apart the middle of the courtyard that was in front of the House of יהוה, for there he made ascending offerings, and the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the bronze slaughter-place that was before was too small to contain the ascending offerings, and the grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings.

1Ki 8:65 And Shelomoh at that time performed the Festival, and all Yisra'ěl with him, a great assembly from the entrance of Ḥamath to the wadi of Mitsrayim, before יהוה our Elohim, seven days and seven days – fourteen days. Footnote: alt seems that the first seven were the Festival of Ḥanukkah (Dedication), and the last seven the Festival of Sukkot (Booths).

I disagree with the footnote about Hanukkah. Hanukkah was not one of YHWH's feast days. The Feast of Tabernacles would last 7 days but I am not sure why they followed it with another 7 days. In the next verse, it states on the 8th day, which is sometimes called the last great day, the people were sent away.

1Ki 8:66 On the eighth day he sent the people away. And they blessed the sovereign, and went to their tents rejoicing and glad of heart for all the goodness that יהוה had done for His servant Dawig, and for Yisra'ěl His people.

Lev 23:36 'For seven days you bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. On the eighth day there shall be a set-apart gathering for you, and you shall bring an offering made by fire to יהוה. It is a closing festival, you do no servile work.

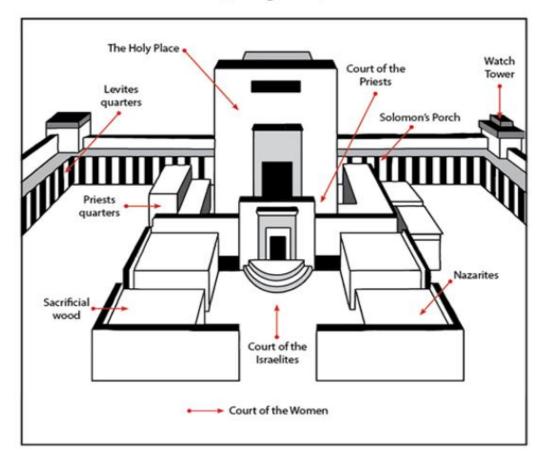
Have you ever built, drawn, or decorated a sukkah? During the Feast of Tabernacles, the people of Yah build a temporary dwelling place outside and they share the Exodus story of when YHWH led His people out of Egypt. Have fun drawing and decorating your own sukkah!



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"Solomon said, "God has said that He would dwell in a cloud; I have built a magnificent temple for You, a place for You to dwell forever." (2 Kings 8:12)



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Study the layout of Solomon's Temple.

Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5 opens with some of our <u>reasonable priestly duties</u>.

Eph 5:1 Become, then, <u>imitators of Elohim</u> as beloved children.

Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Messiah also has loved us, and gave Himself for us, a gift and an offering to Elohim for a sweet-smelling fragrance.

Eph 5:3 But whoring and all uncleanness, or greed of gain, let it not even be named among you, as is proper among set-apart ones –

Eph 5:4 neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather thanksgiving.

Eph 5:5 For this you know, that no one who whores, nor unclean one, nor one greedy of gain, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the reign of Messiah and Elohim.

Eph 5:6 Let no one deceive you with empty words,^a for because of these the wrath of Elohim comes upon the sons of disobedience. Footnote: ^aSee Eph_4:14.

Eph 5:7 Therefore do not become partakers with them.

Then this chapter goes into warning against examples of **rotten fruit**.

Whoring and uncleanness

Greed of gain should not even be named among us

Filthiness

Foolish talking

Coarse jesting

Idolaters

Do not become partakers with such

Drunkenness and loose behavior

For we once also walked in darkness but now in His Light. Walk as children of light and bear the good fruit, the fruit of the Spirit.

Eph 5:8 For you were once darkness, b but now you are> light in the Master. Walk as children of light – Footnote: bSee Eph 2:2, Eph 4:18, Col 3:7.

Eph 5:9 for the **fruit of the Spirit^C** is in all goodness, and righteousness, and truth – Footnote: ^CSee Php 1:11. Eph 5:10 proving what is well-pleasing to the Master.

Eph 5:11 And have <u>no fellowship with the fruitless works of darkness</u>, but rather convict^d them. Footnote: ^dSee Joh_16:8.

Eph 5:12 For it is a shame even to speak of what is done by them in secret.

Eph 5:13 But all *matters* being convicted^d are manifested by the light, for whatever is manifested is light. Footnote: ^dSee <u>Joh_16:8</u>.

Eph 5:14 That is why He says, "Wake up, you who sleep, <u>Isa 26:19</u> and arise from the dead, and Messiah shall shine on you."

There is much kingdom work to be done. We should **redeem the time**. Speak to one another with psalms and hymns; build up and do not tear down. Time is short and there is still much to learn, share, and much prophesy to be fulfilled; as well as to be understood!

- Eph 5:15 See then that you walk exactly, not as unwise, but as wise,
- Eph 5:16 <u>redeeming the time</u>, because the <u>days are wicked</u>.
- Eph 5:17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the desire of יהוה is.
- Eph 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is loose behaviour, but be filled with the Spirit,
- Eph 5:19 speaking to each other in psalms and songs of praise and spiritual songs, singing and striking the strings in your heart to the Master,
- Eph 5:20 giving thanks always for all to Elohim the Father, in the Name of our Master יהושע Messiah,
- Eph 5:21 subjecting yourselves to each other in the fear^e of Elohim. Footnote: ^eSee Exo_20:20.

The latter part of Ephesians 5 speaks beautifully as to how we, the temple [the tabernacle] are all jointly fitted together; in proper order and function; with respect and support of one another; and functioning in our gifts and position. Read the following verses with this mindset.

- Eph 5:22 Wives, subject yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Master.
- Eph 5:23 Because the husband is head of the wife, as also the Messiah is head of the assembly, and He is Saviour of the body.
- Eph 5:24 But <u>as the assembly is subject to Messiah</u>, so also <u>let the wives be to their own husbands in every respect.</u>
- Eph 5:25 <u>Husbands, love your wives, as Messiah also did love the assembly and gave Himself for it,</u>
- Eph 5:26 in order to set it apart and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, f Footnote: f Rev_19:8-9.
- Eph 5:27 in order to present it to Himself a splendid assembly, not having spot or wrinkle or any of this sort, but that it might be set-apart and blameless.
- Eph 5:28 In this way husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.
- Eph 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but feeds and cherishes it, as also the Master does the assembly.
- Eph 5:30 Because we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.
- Eph 5:31 "For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his

wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Gen 2:24.

Eph 5:32 This secret is great, but I speak concerning Messiah and the assembly.

Eph 5:33 However, you too, everyone, let each one love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she fears her husband.

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Find the 'Rotten' Fruit

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Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)		Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) (of King Jehoclachin's captivity)
10	33:21 - 39:29 (fall of Jerusalem - any prophetical aspect of Volume closes here)	10/05/12

Prophecy Against Gog

This chapter also has prophetic significance:

The Defeat of Satan

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years have ended, Satan shall be released from his prison,

Rev 20:8 and he shall go out to lead the nations astray which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, Eze 38:2 to gather them together for battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the set-apart ones and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of the heaven and consumed them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil, who led them astray, was thrown into the lake of fire and sulphur where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they shall be tortured day and night forever and ever.

Eze 38:1 And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 38:2 "Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshek, and Tubal, and prophesy against him.

Eze 38:3 "And you shall say, 'Thus says the Master יהוה,

- "See, I am against you, O Goō, the prince of Rosh, Meshek, and Tubal.
- Eze 38:4 "And I shall turn you around, and I shall put hooks into your jaws, and shall lead you out, with all your army, horses and horsemen, clad perfectly, a great assembly with armor and shields, all of them handling swords.
 - Eze 38:5 "Persia, Kush, and Put are with them, all of them with shield and helmet
 - Eze 38:6 "Gomer and all its bands, the house of Togarmah from the far north and all its bands, many peoples with you.
- Eze 38:7 "Be ready, prepare yourself, you and all your assemblies that are assembled unto you. And you shall be a guard for them.

Eze 38:8 "After many days you shall be called up. In the latter years you shall come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Yisra'ěl, which had been a continual waste. But they were brought out of the

peoples, and all of them shall dwell safely.

Eze 38:9 "And you shall go up, coming like a storm, covering the land like a cloud, you and all your bands and many peoples with you."

Rev 20:9 And they came up over the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the set-apart ones and the beloved city. And fire came down from Elohim out of the heaven and consumed them.

Eze 38:10 Thus said the Master יהוה, "And it shall be in that day that words arise in your heart, and you shall devise an evil plan:

Eze 38:11 "And you shall say,

- 'Let me go up against a land of unwalled villages,
- · let me go to those at rest who dwell safely,
- all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,'
- Eze 38:12 to take plunder and to take booty,
- to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited,
- and against a people gathered from the peoples,
- acquiring livestock and goods, who dwell in the middle of the land.

Jer 49:31 "Arise, go up to the nation at ease that dwells safely," declares יהוה. "It has no gates or bars, they dwell alone.

Jer 49:32 "And their camels shall become plunder, and their large herds booty. And I shall scatter them to all winds, those who cut off the corner, and bring their calamity from all its sides," declares יהוה.

Zec 2:4 and he said to him, "Run, speak to this young man, saying, 'Yerushalayim is to remain unwalled, because of the many men and livestock in it.

Zec 2:5 For I Myself am to her,' declares יהוה, 'a wall of fire all around, and for esteem I am in her midst.' "

Eze 38:13 "Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, and all their young lions shall say to you,

- 'Have you come to take plunder?'
- Have you gathered your army to take booty, to bear away silver and gold, to take away livestock and goods, to take great plunder?' "'

Eze 38:14 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and you shall say to Gog, 'Thus said the Master 'In that day when My people Yisra'el dwell safely, would you not know?

• Eze 38:15 "And you shall come from your place out of the far north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army.

Rev 20:8 and he shall go out to lead the nations astray which are in the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, <u>Eze 38:2</u> to gather them together for battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea.

- Eze 38:16 "And you shall come up against My people Yisra'ěl like a cloud, to cover the land in the latter days it shall be.
- And I shall bring you against My land, in order that the nations know Me, when I am set apart in you, O Gog, before their eyes."

Eze 38:17 Thus said the Master יהוה, "Are you the one I spoke of in former days by My servants the prophets of Yisra'ĕI, who prophesied for years in those days, to bring you against them?

- Eze 38:18 "And it shall be on that day, on the day when Gog comes against the land of Yisra'ěl," declares the Master יהוה, "that My wrath shall come up in My face.
- Eze 38:19 "For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, 'On that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Yisra'ěl,

Rev 16:18 And there came to be noises and thunders and lightnings. And there came to be a great earthquake, such a mighty and great earthquake as had not came to be since men were on the earth.

- Eze 38:20 so that the fish of the sea,
- o and the birds of the heavens,
- o and the beasts of the field,
- o and all creeping creatures that creep on the earth,
- o and all men who are on the face of the earth shall shake at My presence.
- o And the mountains shall be thrown down,
- o and the steep places shall fall,
- o and every wall fall to the ground.'

Zec 14:2 And I shall gather all the nations to battle against Yerushalayim.^a And the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into exile, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Footnote: ^a Joe 3:2, Zep 3:8, Rev 16:14.

Zec 14:3 And יהוה shall go forth, and He shall fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And in that day His feet shall stand upon the Mount of Olives, which faces Yerushalayim on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, from east to west, a very great valley, and half of the mountain shall move toward the north and half of it toward the south.

Eze 38:21 "And I shall call for a sword against Gog on all My mountains," declares the Master , "the sword of each one being against his brother.

- Eze 38:22 "And I shall judge him with pestilence and blood,
- and rain down flooding rain and hailstones, fire and sulphur, on him and on his bands and on the many peoples who are with him.

Rev 16:21 And great hail from the heaven fell upon men, every hailstone about the weight of a talent. And men blasphemed Elohim for the plague of the hail, because that plague was

exceedingly great.

Eze 38:23 "And I shall exalt Myself and set Myself apart, and I shall be known in the eyes of many nations. And they shall know that I am יהוה." '

Psalm 89

F.B. Meyer Psalms 89:1-18 NO GOD LIKE OUR GOD - [Text in brown]

To understand this psalm we must turn to <u>2Sa_7:1-29</u>, where God [YHWH] guaranteed that David's kingdom should be continued to his descendants. Nathan's words are quoted in <u>Psa_89:3-4</u>. But in contrast with these promises, which were conditional upon the faithful obedience of David's descendants, the psalmist sorrowfully recites the disobedience of the Chosen People. There could be no doubt as to the divine faithfulness to Covenant engagements. See <u>Psa_89:1-2</u>; <u>Psa_89:5</u>; <u>Psa_89:8</u>; <u>Psa_89:14</u>. And the object of this psalm is to inquire whether that faithfulness does not include the recall and restoration of a sinful nation, as it most certainly does include the continued blessing of an obedient one.

In the first division, Psa 89:1-18, the singer enumerates the divine attributes. God's [YHWH's] mercy is conceived as a stately mansion, which is being reared, story by story, throughout the centuries. The enduring heavens, the mightiest natural forces, such as the tides, the glorious mountains, are emblems of qualities in God's [YHWH's] nature. He is described as going forth in a triumphal procession, preceded by Mercy and Truth; and we are invited to accompany Him, and to walk in the light of His countenance.

I Will Sing of the Steadfast Love of YHWH

Psa 89:1 I sing of the loving-commitment of יהוה forever; With my mouth I make known Your trustworthiness To all generations.

Psa 89:2 For I said, "Loving-commitment is built up forever; <u>You establish Your trustworthiness in the heavens."</u>

Psa 89:3 You said, "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant Dawig:

Psa 89:4 I establish your seed forever, And shall build up your throne to all generations.' "Selah.

"The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, etc." Gen. 49:10. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him comes the chief ruler [prince]; but the Birthright is Joseph's," 1 Chron. 5:2.

Psa 89:5 And the heavens praise Your wonders, O יהוה, Your trustworthiness, too, In the assembly of the set-apart ones.

Psa 89:6 For who in the heavens is comparable to יהוה? Who among the sons of the mighty is like יהוה?

Psa 89:7 El is greatly feared In the company of the set-apart ones, And awesome above all

those around Him.

Psa 89:8 O יהוה Elohim of hosts, Who is mighty like You, O Yah? And Your trustworthiness is all around You.

Psa 89:9 You rule the swelling of the sea; When its waves rise, You still them.

Psa 89:10 You have broken Rahab in pieces, as one who is slain; You have scattered Your enemies With the arm of Your strength.

Psa 89:11 The heavens are Yours, The earth also is Yours; The world and all that fills it. You have founded them.

Psa 89:12 North and south – You have created them; Tabor and Ḥermon rejoice in Your Name.

Psa 89:13 You have a mighty arm, Your hand is strong, Your right hand exalted.

Psa 89:14 Righteousness and right-ruling Are the foundation of Your throne; Loving-commitment and truth go before Your face.

Psa 89:15 Blessed are the people Who know the sounding! They walk, O יהוה, in the light of Your face.

Psa 89:16 In Your Name they rejoice all day long, And they are exalted in Your righteousness.

Psa 89:17 For You are the comeliness of their strength, And by Your good pleasure our horn is exalted.

Psa 89:18 For יהוה is our shield, And the Set-apart One of Yisra'ěl is our Sovereign.

Psalms 89:19-37 THE COVENANT WITH DAVID

In this section the psalmist draws put, in detail, the fundamental prophecy by Nathan already mentioned; first, in the promises given to David, <u>Psa 89:19-27</u>; and second, in those relating to his descendants, <u>Psa 89:28-37</u>.

David's origin was very humble. His dignity and power were all of God. But our Father never sets a man in any position and fails to supply the gifts needed for it. When He chooses, He anoints, strengthens, and protects. Victory also is granted over the man's enemies, because God's [YHWH's] faithfulness and mercy are beside him, <u>Psa_89:24</u>. The relationship between the soul and God [YHWH] is very intimate; on the one hand you have <u>Psa_89:26</u>; and on the other <u>Psa_89:27</u>.

What a precious promise is Psa 89:28! From this point the psalmist turns to expand the promises to David's line. They may be chastened, but not permanently rejected. In Psa 89:33 the twin attributes of mercy and faithfulness are again blended as the ground of hope of sinful and unworthy men. God's [YHWH's] word, once spoken, is inviolable. He is bound by His oath. Sin cannot alter His promise or the obligations under which He has laid Himself. His unchangeableness is a bed-rock upon which we may build with certitude.

Psa 89:19 Then You spoke in a vision to Your lovingly-committed one, And You said, "I have given help to one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people.

Psa 89:20 "I have found My servant Dawid; With My set-apart oil I anointed him,

Psa 89:21 "With whom My hand is established; My arm also strengthens him.

Psa 89:22 "No enemy subjects him to tribute, And no son of wickedness afflicts him.

Psa 89:23 "And I shall beat down His adversaries before his face, And plague those who hate him.

- Psa 89:24 "But My trustworthiness And My loving-commitment are with him, And in My Name his horn is exalted.
- Psa 89:25 "And I shall set his hand on the sea, And his right hand on the rivers.
- Psa 89:26 "He calls out to Me, 'You are my Father, My Ěl, and the rock of my deliverance.'
- Psa 89:27 "I also appoint him first-born, Highest of the sovereigns of the earth.
- Psa 89:28 "I guard My loving-commitment for him forever, And **My covenant is steadfast with him.**

Psa 89:29 "And I shall establish his seed forever, And his throne as the days of the heavens.

- Psa 89:30 "If his sons forsake My Torah And do not walk in My right-rulings,
- Psa 89:31 "If they profane My laws And do not guard My commands,

Psa 89:32 "Then I shall visit their transgression with the rod, And their crookedness with flogging.

- Psa 89:33 "But My loving-commitment I do not take away from him, Nor be false to My trustworthiness.
- Psa 89:34 "I shall not profane My covenant, Neither would I change what has gone out from My lips.
- Psa 89:35 "Once I have sworn by My set-apartness, I do not lie to Dawig:
- Psa 89:36 "His seed shall be forever, And his throne as the sun before Me;
- Psa 89:37 "Like the moon, it is established forever, And the witness in the heaven is steadfast." Selah.

Psalms 89:38-52 "A CONSUMING FIRE"

Here the psalmist falls into expostulation and lament. Whether he alludes to the time when Jerusalem was taken by Shishak in the days of Rehoboam, 1Ki_14:25-26, or when the youthful prince Jehoiachin was deposed by Nebuchadnezzar, 2Ki_24:10-16, it is impossible to say; but it seemed as if God's [YHWH's] faithfulness had failed. The psalmist dwells sorrowfully upon the contrast between God's [YHWH's] ancient Covenant and the sad reality. The family that had been promised perpetual duration and dominion had lost its luster and had become like a dying lamp.

However, Psalm 89:29-36 holds!

Then the psalmist betakes himself to prayer, and bases his argument upon the brevity of the age. There is but a little while during which God [YHWH] has the opportunity of manifesting His love and truth. Literally the words are, "Remember-what a transitoriness!" Psa 89:47. In the last three verses another plea is presented-that dishonor will accrue to God [YHWH] if He does not arrest the continuance of disaster. The insults and reproaches that are hurled against the servants are really directed against their God [YHWH]; therefore He is entreated, in vindicating them, to vindicate Himself.

- Psa 89:38 Yet You have rejected and spurned. You have been wroth with Your anointed.
- Psa 89:39 You have disowned the covenant of Your servant, You have defiled his diadem in the dust.
- Psa 89:40 You have broken down all his hedges, You have brought his strongholds to ruin.
- Psa 89:41 All who pass by the way plunder him; He is a reproach to his neighbors.
- Psa 89:42 You have exalted the right hand of his adversaries, You have made all his enemies rejoice.

Psa 89:43 Moreover You have turned back the edge of his sword, And have not made him stand in battle.

Psa 89:44 You have brought an end to his splendor, And have hurled his throne to the ground.

Psa 89:45 You have shortened the days of his youth, You have covered him with shame. Selah.

Psalm 89:46-52 a plea for mercy; a plea for YHWH to turn away His wrath; a plea for His loving-commitment to be felt again by His people. The disobedience of Israel and Judah left YHWH no choice but to heavily chastise them through defeat and exile. Yet we know in the end of days, He will gather his people that have been scattered around the world.

Psa 89:46 How long, O יהוה, would You be hidden? Would Your wrath burn like fire forever?

Psa 89:47 Please remember how short my time is; Why should you have created all the sons of men for naught?

Psa 89:48 What man would live and not see death? Who rescues his life from the power of She'ol? Selah.

Psa 89:49 יהוה, where are Your former loving-commitments, Which You swore to Dawid in Your trustworthiness?

Psa 89:50 יהוה, remember the reproach of Your servants, That I have borne in my bosom – Of all the many peoples,

Psa 89:51 With which Your enemies have reproached, O יהוה, With which they have reproached the footsteps of Your anointed.

Psa 89:52 Blessed be יהוה forever! Aměn and Aměn.

Ark Brought into the Temple

~ Shalom ~ Líbby

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