Greetings, today our manna is from Deut. 12; Psalm 97 & 98; Isaiah 40; Revelation 10.

June 8 - Melchizedek Devotional Perspective

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Deuteronomy 12

We now see the description of how the people are to **guard His charge**, by <u>properly administering</u> his laws and right rulings in the promise land. Several processes were to be followed.

YHWH's Chosen Place of Worship

Deu 12:1 "These are the laws and right-rulings which you guard to do in the land which Elohim of your fathers is giving you to possess, all the days that you live on the soil.

Deu 12:2 "Completely destroy all the places where the nations which you are dispossessing served their mighty ones, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree.

Deu 12:3 "And you shall break down their slaughter-places, and smash their pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire. And you shall <u>cut down the carved images of their mighty ones and shall destroy their name</u> out of that place. Footnote: ^aThe names of the gentile deities (mighty ones).

Deu 12:4 "Do not do so to יהוה your Elohim,

Deu 12:5 but seek the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses, out of all your tribes, to put His Name there, for His Dwelling Place, and there you shall enter.

Deu 12:6 "And there you shall take your ascending offerings, and your slaughters, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and your vowed offerings, and your voluntary offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock.

Deu 12:7 "And there you shall eat before יהוה your Elohim, and shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households, in which יהוה your Elohim has blessed you.

Deu 12:8 "Do not do as we are doing here today – each one *doing* whatever is right in his own eyes.^b Footnote: ^bSee <u>Jdg 17:6</u> and <u>Jdg 21:25</u>.

They were to follow YHWH's laws and right rulings on how He should be worship. In Deut. 12:8, we see they had been worshiping YHWH 'their way'; not His way. They were worshiping by doing 'whatever was 'right' in their own eyes'. Believers should worship

YHWH according to His Word; the Bible. Heathens, before knowing the one true Elohim, follow man-made religions and traditions of men in various countries – that is what lost people do. We have all been there.

When we believe in Yahusha, and enter in covenant with Him, we are to throw out and tear down the old heathen paraphernalia and practices associated with 'man-made holidays' and traditions; and break all associations to their 'mighty-ones'; Saturnalia &Tammuz ['Christmas'], Ishtar ['Easter'], Isis, Osiris, etc. the gods go by many names in different countries.

We are to enter His rest and inherit His kingdom. Worship Him on His Shabbats and on His moedim. Follow Covenant Torah. Today, if you hear His voice, you can accept His proposal and enter His rest through Yahusha HaMashiach. He is the Door that leads to the 'promise land' of the Father! In the book of Revelation, John says in:

Rev 4:1 After this I looked and **saw a door having been opened** in the heaven.

Did you catch that? 'Having been opened', implying it had been shut! By His flesh and blood, He tore down the wall of separation to the promise land; He conquered the enemy! We partake in the covenant confirming meal, of bread and wine, in remembrance of Him and all that He has done for us. Now, rest, rest, in Him. Praise Him! He is worthy to open the scroll! He is our kinsman Redeemer. He held the right to open the seven sealed scroll; the deed to our redemption; the deed to creation's redemption; and the deed to the land.

The generation we are reading about in Deut. 12 had not yet entered His rest nor received the inheritance.

Deu 12:9 "Because <u>you have not yet entered the rest and the inheritance which יהוה</u> <u>your Elohim is giving you.</u>

Deu 12:10 "But you shall pass over the Yarděn, and shall dwell in the land which יהוה your Elohim is giving you to inherit, and He shall give you rest from all your enemies round about, and you shall dwell in safety.

Deu 12:11 "And it shall be, <u>that unto the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses to make</u> <u>His Name dwell there, there you are to bring all that I command you</u>: your ascending offerings, and your slaughters, and your tithes, and the contributions of your hand, and all your choice offerings which you vow to יהוה.

Deu 12:12 "And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim, you and your sons and your daughters, and your male servants and your female servants, and the Lewite who is

within your gates, since he has no portion nor inheritance with you.

Deu 12:13 "Guard yourself that you do not offer your ascending offerings in every place that you see,

Deu 12:14 except in the place which יהוה chooses, in one of your tribes, there you are to offer your ascending offerings, and there you are to do all that I command you.

Deu 12:15 "Only, whatever your being desires you shall slaughter and eat, according to the blessing of יהוה your Elohim which He has given you, within all your gates. The unclean and the clean do eat of it, of the gazelle and the deer alike.

Deu 12:16 "Only, the blood you do not eat, pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:17 "You are not allowed to eat within your gates the tithe of your grain, or of your new wine, or of your oil, or of the firstlings of your herd or your flock, or of any of your offerings which you vow, or of your voluntary offerings, or of the contribution of your hand.

Deu 12:18 "But eat them before יהוה your Elohim, in the place which יהוה your Elohim chooses, you and your son and your daughter, and your male servant and your female servant, and the Lewite who is within your gates. And you shall rejoice before יהוה your Elohim in all that you put your hands to.

Deu 12:19 "Guard yourself that you do not forsake the Lewite as long as you live in your land.

Deu 12:20 "When יהוה your Elohim enlarges your border as He has promised you, and you say, 'Let me eat meat,' because you long to eat meat, you eat as much meat as your being desires.

Deu 12:21 "When the place where יהוה your Elohim chooses to put His Name is too far from you, then you shall slaughter from your herd and from your flock which יהוה has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat within your gates as much as your being desires.

Deu 12:22 "Only, as the gazelle and the deer are eaten, so you are to eat of it. The unclean and the clean alike eat of it.

Deu 12:23 "Only, be strong not to eat the blood, for the blood is the life, do not eat the life with the meat.

Deu 12:24 "Do not eat it, you pour it on the earth like water.

Deu 12:25 "Do not eat it, that it might be well with you and your children after you, when you do what is right in the eyes of יהוה.

Deu 12:26 "Only, the set-apart *gifts* which you have, and your vowed offerings, you are to take up and go to the place which יהוה chooses.

Deu 12:27 "And you shall make your ascending offerings, the meat and the blood, on the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim. And the blood of your slaughterings is poured out on the slaughter-place of יהוה your Elohim, and you eat the meat.

Deu 12:28 "Guard, and obey all these words which I command you, that it might be well with you and your children after you forever, when you do what is good

and right in the eyes of יהוה your Elohim.

Detailed Warning Against Idolatry

Deu 12:29 "When יהוה your Elohim does cut off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you **dispossess them** and dwell in their land,

Deu 12:30 <u>guard yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them</u>, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you <u>do not inquire about their mighty ones</u>, saying, 'How did these nations serve their mighty ones? And let me do so too.'C Footnote: CSee also <u>Deu_18:9</u>, <u>Lev_18:3</u>, <u>Jer_10:2</u>, <u>Eze_11:12</u> and <u>Eze_20:32</u>, <u>Eph_4:17</u>, and <u>1Pe_4:3</u>.

How often do tourists when traveling the world, stop and inquire about how the various nations worship and serve their mighty ones? Often. Most of the time it is even a 'tourist attraction' to 'visit' various temples. In Him, we are to dispossess ourselves from such.

Spiritual entities are attached to all man-made religions and pagan practices. Even traditional and emerging 'churches' say they worship 'Jesus,' yet blend in worldly pagan practices; or they worship another 'Jesus' altogether.

Deu 12:31 "Do not do so to יהוה your Elohim, for every abomination which hates they have done to their mighty ones, for they even burn their sons and daughters in the fire to their mighty ones.

Deu 12:32 "All the words I am commanding you, guard to do it – do not add to it nor take away from it.d Footnote: dSee also Deu_4:2, Pro_30:6, Rev_22:18-19.

1Pe 4:3 <u>For we have spent enough of our past lifetime</u> in doing the desire of the nations, having walked in indecencies, lusts, drunkenness, orgies, wild parties, and abominable idolatries,

1Pe 4:4 in which they are surprised that you do not run with them in the same flood of loose behaviour, blaspheming,

1Pe 4:5 who shall give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Psalm 97 & 98

One day everything will be in proper order. One day all idols will be removed. One day we will rejoice forever. One day there will be no more tears. One day all creation will praise Him. That 'one day' is drawing near.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "The reign of this world has become *the reign* of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Footnote: ^aSee Rev_12:10,

Psa 2:8, Psa 2:28, Dan 2:44, Dan 7:13-14, Oba 1:15-21, Hag 2:22, Zec 14:9.

YHWH Reigns

Psa 97:1 יהוה shall reign. The earth rejoices. Many isles are glad!

Psa 97:2 Clouds and darkness all around Him, Righteousness and right-ruling are the foundation of His throne.

Psa 97:3 Fire goes before Him, And burns up His adversaries round about.

Psa 97:4 His lightnings shall light the world, The earth shall see and tremble.

Psa 97:5 The mountains shall melt like wax before the face of the face of the Master of all the earth.

Psa 97:6 The heavens shall declare His righteousness, And all the peoples shall see His esteem.

Psa 97:7 All are put to shame who serve carved images, Those boasting of matters of naught. Bow yourselves to Him, all you mighty ones.

Psa 97:8 Tsiyon shall hear and be glad, And the daughters of Yehudah rejoice Because of Your right-rulings, O יהוה.

Psa 97:9 For You, יהוה, are the Most High over all the earth, You shall be greatly exalted, over all mighty ones.

Psa 97:10 You who love יהוה, hate evil! He guards the lives of His lovingly-committed ones, He delivers them out of the hand of the wrong.

Psa 97:11 Light is sown for the righteous, And gladness for the upright in heart.

Psa 97:12 Rejoice in יהוה, you righteous, And give thanks at the remembrance of His Setapartness.

Psalm 98 Sing and rejoice

Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord

Psa 98:1 Sing to יהוה a new song! For He has done wonders; His right hand and His set-apart arm Have brought Him deliverance.

Psa 98:2 יהוה has made known His deliverance; His righteousness He has openly shown Before the eyes of the nations.

Psa 98:3 He has remembered His loving-commitment And His trustworthiness to the house of Yisra'ěl; All the ends of the earth have seen The deliverance of our Elohim.

Psa 98:4 Raise a shout to יהוה, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

Psa 98:5 Sing to יהוה with the lyre, With the lyre and the voice of a song,

Psa 98:6 With trumpets and a voice of a shophar; Raise a shout before יהוה, the Sovereign.

Psa 98:7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, The world and those who dwell in it.

Psa 98:8 Let the rivers clap their hands, Let the mountains sing together for joy before יהוה,

Psa 98:9 For He shall come to judge the earth. He judges the world in righteousness, And the people in straightness.

Isaiah 40 Reading Isaiah 40 reminds us to prepare the way for the King of kings. Today,

by staying in His Word and seeking His truth, many stumbling blocks have been removed. We have climbed out of the ditch of man-made religions and sought understanding directly from His Word.

As we climbed out of the muck and mire of blended worship, we reached the top and shouted we have found it; we found it! Found what? We found the narrow path that leads to righteousness! Then what did we do? We cried out in the wilderness, it's this way, come help us prepare this path and make it straight; help us remove the stumbling blocks and fill in the potholes; help us pull out the weeds and cut back the overgrowth; the King of kings is coming! Look the door is open!

We are His watchmen on the wall, sounding the shofar, sounding the trumpets, the King is coming, the King is coming, make way! Today, make way for Him in your life.

Comfort for Eloah's People

- Isa 40:1 "Comfort, comfort My people!" says your Elohim.
- Isa 40:2 "Speak to the heart of Yerushalayim, and cry out to her, that her hard service is completed, that her crookedness is pardoned, that she has received from the hand of double for all her sins."
- Isa 40:3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, "Prepare the way of יהוה; make straight in the desert a highway for our Elohim.
- lsa 40:4 "Let every valley be raised, and every mountain and hill made low. And the steep ground shall become level, and the rough places smooth.
- lsa 40:5 "And the esteem of יהוה shall be revealed, and all flesh together shall see it. For the mouth of יהוה has spoken."

The Word of Eloah Stands Forever

- Isa 40:6 The voice said, "Cry out!" and he said, "What do I cry?" "All flesh is grass, and all its loving-commitment is like the flower of the field.
- Isa 40:7 "Grass shall wither, the flower shall fade, when the Spirit of יהוה has blown on it! Truly the people is grass!
- Isa 40:8 "Grass shall wither, the flower shall fade, but the Word of our Elohim stands forever." Footnote: a 1Pe 1:24-25.

Throughout the Bible 'witnesses have been 'voices' crying in the wilderness.'

- The witness of the children of Israel wanderings in the wilderness.
- o **John, the Immerser**, crying out in the wilderness; making way for Yahusha
- Yahusha being led away to the wilderness, 40d/n being 'tempted' by Satan but standing firm on the witness of His Word.

- Acts 1:8 And you shall be my witnesses...
- Rev 11:3 "And I shall give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, clad in sackcloth."

Isaiah 40:9-31 sounds like a voice of a witness, crying out to lost ones to come see and taste that His Word is good and stands forever. Come, walk on the narrow path that leads to righteousness! See, the Master YHWH comes with strength!

The Greatness of Eloah

Isa 40:9 You who bring good news to Tsiyon, get up into the high mountain. You who bring good news to Yerushalayim, lift up your voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid. Say to the cities of Yehudah, "See your Elohim!"

Isa 40:10 See, the Master יהוה comes with strength, and His arm rules for Him. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense before Him.

Isa 40:11 He feeds His flock like a shepherd, He gathers the lambs with His arm, and carries them in His bosom, gently leading those who are with young.

Isa 40:12 Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured the heavens with a span, and contained the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Isa 40:13 Who has meted out the Spirit of יהוה, or as His counsellor taught Him?

Isa 40:14 With whom did He take counsel, and who instructed Him, and taught Him in the path of right-ruling? Who taught Him knowledge, and showed Him the way of understanding?

Isa 40:15 See, nations are as a drop in a bucket, and are reckoned as dust on the balance. See, He lifts up isles as fine dust.

Isa 40:16 And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor its beasts enough for an ascending offering.

Isa 40:17 All nations before Him are as a non-entity, and they are reckoned by Him as less than a speck, and emptiness.

Isa 40:18 And to whom would you liken Ěl? And what likeness would you compare to Him?

lsa 40:19 The workman moulds a graven image, and the goldsmith overspreads it with gold, and the silversmith casts silver chains.

Isa 40:20 He who is too poor for such an offering chooses a tree that does not rot. He seeks for himself a skilled craftsman to prepare a carved image that does not totter.

Isa 40:21 Did you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been declared to you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isa 40:22 It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in,

lsa 40:23 who brings princes to naught, shall make the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Isa 40:24 Hardly have they been planted, hardly have they been sown, hardly has their stock taken root in the earth, when He shall blow on them and they wither, and a whirlwind take them away like stubble.

Isa 40:25 "And to whom then do you liken Me, or *to whom* am I compared?" says the Set-apart One.

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high and see. Who has created these? He is bringing out their host by number, He calls them all by name, by the greatness of ability and potent of power, a man is not lacking.

Isa 40:27 Why do you say, O Ya'aqoḇ, and speak, O Yisra'ěl, "My way is hidden from and my rights are overlooked by my Elohim"?

Isa 40:28 Did you not know? Have you not heard? The everlasting Elohim, יהוה, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable.

Isa 40:29 He gives power to the faint, and to those who have no might He increases strength.

Isa 40:30 Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men stumble and fall,

lsa 40:31 but those who wait on יהוה renew their strength, they raise up the wing like eagles, they run and are not weary, they walk and do not faint.

Revelation 10

The Angel and the Little Scroll

Rev 10:1 And I saw another strong messenger coming down from the heaven, **robed in a cloud**, and a rainbow on his head, and <u>his face was like the sun</u>, and his **feet like columns of fire**.

John sees a strong messenger from heaven, possibly the Angel of YHWH. I do list another possibility later that we can consider.

A rainbow is on his head and he is robed in a cloud. We know the rainbow is our covenant sign given to us by YHWH. Sadly, that covenant sign has been grossly abused and usurped by the enemy.

Gen 9:12 And Elohim said, "This is **the sign of the covenant which I make between Me and vou**, and every living being that is with you, for all generations to come:

Gen 9:13 "Lashall set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth.

YHWH was the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night that led the captives free out of Egypt.

Rev 10:2 and having in his hand <u>a little book **opened**</u>. And he placed his <u>right foot on</u> the sea and his left foot on the land,

Isa 66:1 Thus said יהוה, "The heavens are My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where is this house that you build for Me? And where is this place of My rest?

Rev 10:3 and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roars. And when he cried out, seven thunders spoke their sounds.

There are few things more 'bone chilling' than hearing the mighty roar of a lion. This seems to be the <u>thundering voice</u> heard from the <u>Lion of the tribe of Judah!</u>

Rev 10:4 And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from the heaven saying to me, "Seal up what the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them."

Rev 10:5 And the messenger whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land **lifted** up his right hand to the heaven, <u>Gen 14:22</u>, <u>Deu 32:40</u>.

Rev 10:6 and swore by **Him who lives forever and ever**, Dan 12:7 **who created the heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it,** a Neh 9:6 that there shall be no further delay, Footnote: Also see Exo 20:11, Psa 146:6, Rev 4:11.

Rev 10:7 but in the days of the sounding of the seventh messenger, when he is about to sound, the secret of Elohim shall also be ended, as He declared to His servants the prophets.

The Secret of Elohim:

- 1. The nations to be co-heirs,
- 2. United in the same body, and
- 3. Partakers together in the promise
- 4. In Messiah through the Good News! HalleluYAH!

Eph 3:3 that by revelation was made known to **me the secret**, as I wrote before briefly.

Eph 3:4 In reading this, then, you are able to understand my insight into the secret of Messiah,

Eph 3:5 which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His set-apart emissaries and prophets:

Eph 3:6 The nations to be co-heirs, united in the same body, and partakers together in

the promise in Messiah through the Good News, Footnote: ^aSee Rom_11:17-24, Isa_14:1. Eph 3:7 of which I became a servant according to the gift of the favour of Elohim given to me, according to the working of His power.

Eph 3:8 To me, the very least of all the set-apart ones, this favour was given, to bring the Good News of the unsearchable riches of Messiah among the nations,

Eph 3:9 and to make all see how this secret is administered, which for ages past has been hidden in Elohim who created all through יהושע Messiah, b Footnote: bSee Joh 1:3.

Our next devotional will look at Rev. 11 concerning the seventh trumpet, but for now here is an excerpt.

Rev 11:15 And the seventh messenger sounded, and there came to be loud voices in the heaven, saying, "The reign of this world has become *the reign* of our Master, and of His Messiah, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Footnote: ^aSee Rev_12:10, Psa_2:8, Psa_22:28, Dan_2:44, Dan_7:13-14, Oba_1:15-21, Hag_2:22, Zec_14:9.

Rev 11:16 And the twenty-four elders sitting before Elohim on their thrones fell on their faces and worshipped Elohim,

Rev 11:17 saying, "We give You thanks, O יהוה Ěl Shaddai, the **One who is and who was and who is coming, because You have taken Your great power and reigned.**

Rev 11:18 "And the **nations were enraged**, Psa 2:1 and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead to be judged, and to give the reward to Your servants the prophets and to the setapart ones, and to those who fear Your Name, small and great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

Rev 10:8 And the voice which I heard out of the heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is opened in the hand of the messenger standing on the sea and on the earth."

Rev 10:9 And I went to the messenger and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it,^b and it shall make your stomach bitter, but it shall be as sweet as honey in your mouth." Footnote: ^b <u>Eze_2:1-10</u> and <u>Eze_3:1-27</u>. This is a Hebraism which means to receive knowledge.

Both Ezekiel and John went through the same process of eating the scroll or the little book to 'receive knowledge' directly linked to prophesying. It is important to note that the <u>little book was open</u> in the hand of the messenger! Let's look at <u>when it may have</u> been closed.

Dan 12:4 "But you, Dani'ěl, hide the words, and seal the book until the time of the end. A Many shall diligently search and knowledge shall increase." Footnote: ^aSee Dan_12:9.

<u>Daniel was told to hide the words and seal the book until the end</u>. That 'charge' was given to Daniel. That was Daniel's responsibility. With that in mind, we should also consider that this 'messenger', may be Daniel.

Cross-references to Ezekiel:

Eze 2:1 And He said to me, "Son of man, stand on your feet, so that I speak to you."

Eze 2:2 And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me, and set me on my feet. And I heard Him who was speaking to me.

Eze 2:3 And He said to me, "Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Yisra'ěl, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against Me. They and their fathers have transgressed against Me, until this day.

Eze 2:4 "And the children are stiff of face and hard of heart to whom I am sending you, and you shall say to them, 'Thus said the Master יהוה.'

Eze 2:5 "And they – whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are a rebellious house – shall know that a prophet has been in their midst.

Eze 2:6 "And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though thistles and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions. <u>Do not be afraid of their words or discouraged by their looks, for they are a rebellious house.</u>

Eze 2:7 "And you shall speak My words to them, whether they hear or whether they refuse, for they are rebellious.

Eze 2:8 "And you, son of man, hear what I am speaking to you. **Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house, open your mouth and eat what I am giving you."**

Eze 2:9 And I looked and saw a hand stretched out to me. And see, a scroll of a book was in it, Eze 2:10 and He spread it before me, and it was written on the inside and on the outside. And written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe.

Eze 3:1 And He said to me, "Son of man, eat what you find, eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Yisra'ěl."

Eze 3:2 And I opened my mouth, and He fed me the scroll.

Eze 3:3 And He said to me, "Son of man, feed your stomach, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I am giving you." And I ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth.^a
Footnote: ^a Psa_19:10, Psa_119:103, Rev_10:9-10.

Eze 3:4 And He said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Yisra'ěl, and you shall speak to them with My words.....

Rev 10:10 And I took the little book out of the messenger's hand and ate it, and <u>it was</u> as sweet as honey in my mouth, Eze_3:3 but when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter.

Revelation 10 closes with this instruction to John:

Rev 10:11 And he said to me, <u>"You have to prophesy again concerning many peoples and nations and tongues and sovereigns."</u>

~ Shalom ~ Líbby

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