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Psalm - 122

¹ I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of YHVH. ² Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. ³ Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: ⁴ Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of YHVH, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of YHVH. ⁵ For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. ⁷ Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. ⁸ For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee. ⁹ Because of the house of YHVH our Elohim I will seek thy good.

Torah - Numbers 32

¹ Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle; ² The children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, ³ Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam, and Nebo, and Beon, ⁴ Even the country which YHVH smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy servants have cattle: ⁵ Wherefore, said they, if we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession, and bring us not over Jordan. ⁶ And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here? ⁷ And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which YHVH hath given them? ⁸ Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadeshbarnea to see the land. ⁹ For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which YHVH had given them. ¹⁰ And YHVH's anger was kindled the same time, and he sware, saying, ¹¹ Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: ¹² Save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun: for they have wholly followed YHVH. ¹³ And YHVH's anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of YHVH, was consumed. ¹⁴ And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of YHVH toward Israel. ¹⁵ For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people. ¹⁶ And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: ¹⁷ But we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. ¹⁸ We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. ¹⁹ For we will not inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward. ²⁰ And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing, if ye will go armed before YHVH to war, ²¹ And will go all of you armed over Jordan before YHVH, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, ²² And the land be subdued before YHVH: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless before YHVH, and before Israel; and this land shall be your possession before YHVH. ²³ But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against YHVH: and be sure your sin will find you out. ²⁴ Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. ²⁵ And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. ²⁶ Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead: ²⁷ But thy servants will pass over, every man armed for war, before the Lord to battle, as my lord saith. ²⁸ So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel: ²⁹ And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle, before YHVH, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: ³⁰ But if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan. ³¹ And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As YHVH hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. ³² We will pass over armed before YHVH into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be ours. ³³ And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, the land, with the

cities thereof in the coasts, even the cities of the country round about. ³⁴ And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, ³⁵ And Atroth, Shopan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah, ³⁶ And Bethnimrah, and Bethharan, fenced cities: and folds for sheep. ³⁷ And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kirjathaim, ³⁸ And Nebo, and Baalmeon, (their names being changed,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they builded. ³⁹ And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which was in it. ⁴⁰ And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein. ⁴¹ And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the small towns thereof, and called them Havothjair. ⁴² And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

Haftorah - Jeremiah 2

¹ Moreover the word of YHVH came to me, saying, ² Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith YHVH; I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals, when thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was not sown. ³ Israel was holiness unto YHVH, and the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith YHVH. ⁴ Hear ye the word of YHVH, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel: ⁵ Thus saith YHVH, What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after vanity, and are become vain? ⁶ Neither said they, Where is YHVH that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt? ⁷ And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. ⁸ The priests said not, Where is YHVH? and they that handle the law knew me not: the pastors also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit. ⁹ Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith YHVH, and with your children's children will I plead. ¹⁰ For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing. ¹¹ Hath a nation changed their gods, which are yet no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. ¹² Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith YHVH. ¹³ For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. ¹⁴ Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he spoiled? ¹⁵ The young lions roared upon him, and yelled, and they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant. ¹⁶ Also the children of Noph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head. ¹⁷ Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken YHVH thy Elohim, when he led thee by the way? ¹⁸ And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor? or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? ¹⁹ Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken YHVH thy Elohim, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts. ²⁰ For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not transgress; when upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot. ²¹ Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? ²² For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD. ²³ How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; ²⁴ A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. ²⁵ Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go. ²⁶ As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so

is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets. ²⁷ Saying to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. ²⁸ But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. ²⁹ Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith YHVH. ³⁰ In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. ³¹ O generation, see ye the word of YHVH. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness? wherefore say my people, We are lords; we will come no more unto thee? ³² Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. ³³ Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love? therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways. ³⁴ Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents: I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. ³⁵ Yet thou sayest, Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. ³⁶ Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. ³⁷ Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head: for YHVH hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.

Brit – James 2

¹ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Y'shua Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. ² For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; ³ And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: ⁴ Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? ⁵ Harken, my beloved brethren, Hath not Elohim chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? ⁶ But ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment seats? ⁷ Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? ⁸ If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: ⁹ But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. ¹¹ For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. ¹⁴ What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. ¹⁸ Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. ¹⁹ Thou believest that there is one Elohim; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. ²⁰ But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? ²¹ Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? ²² Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? ²³ And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed Elohim, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of Elohim. ²⁴ Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. ²⁵ Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? ²⁶ For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Gospel - Joh 19:1-16

¹ Then Pilate therefore took Y'shua, and scourged him. ² And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, ³ And said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. ⁴ Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. ⁵ Then came Y'shua forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! ⁶ When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find no fault in him. ⁷ The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of Elohim. ⁸ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the more afraid; ⁹ And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Y'shua, Whence art thou? But Y'shua gave him no answer. ¹⁰ Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? ¹¹ Y'shua answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. ¹² And from thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Caesar's friend: whosoever maketh himself a king speaketh against Caesar. ¹³ When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Y'shua forth, and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴ And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! ¹⁵ But they cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. ¹⁶ Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Y'shua, and led him away.

History - 2Ch 22:1-12

¹ And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. ² Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Athaliah the daughter of Omri. ³ He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counselor to do wickedly. ⁴ Wherefore he did evil in the sight of YHVH like the house of Ahab: for they were his counselors after the death of his father to his destruction. ⁵ He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramothgilead: and the Syrians smote Joram. ⁶ And he returned to be healed in Jezreel because of the wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel, because he was sick. ⁷ And the destruction of Ahaziah was of Elohim by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom YHVH had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ⁸ And it came to pass, that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. ⁹ And he sought Ahaziah: and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him, they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought YHVH with all his heart. So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom. ¹⁰ But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. ¹¹ But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. ¹² And he was with them hid in the house of Elohim six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

Stand alone Aleph Tav's

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Section	BCV	Nth Word	Between the words...
Torah	Num 32:11	10 th	Upward (H4604) and HaAdamah (the land/earth)
Torah	Num 32:28	4 th	Moshe and Eleazar
Torah	Num 32:31	7 th	Saying (Lehomar) and Happy (asher)
History	2Ch 25:2		
History	2Ch 25:20		
HafTorah	Jer 2:20		
HafTorah	Jer 2:27		

Num 32:11 אִם-יֵרְאוּ הָאֲנָשִׁים הָעֲלִיִּים מִמִּצְרַיִם מִבֶּן עֶשְׂרִים שָׁנָה וְלַמַּעְלָה **את** הָאֲדָמָה אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁבַּעְתִּי לְאַבְרָהָם לְיִצְחָק וּלְיַעֲקֹב כִּי לֹא-מִלְאוּ אַחֲרָי:

Num 32:28 וַיֵּצֵאוּ לָהֶם מֹשֶׁה **את** אֶלְעָזָר הַכֹּהֵן וְאֵת יְהוֹשֻׁעַ בֶּן-נוּן וְאֵת-רָאשֵׁי אֲבוֹת הַמַּטּוֹת לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

Num 32:31 וַיַּעֲנוּ בְנֵי-גֹד וּבְנֵי רְאוּבֵן לֵאמֹר **את** אֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֶל-עֲבָדֶיךָ כִּן נַעֲשֶׂה:

Commentary

Ahavta

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Commentary - Year 3 Sabbath 19

Numbers 32:1-42 - Jeremiah 2:1-37 - Psalm 117 - James 2:1-26

Umiqueh Rav / Much

Psalm 117: “*His lovingkindness is great toward us, and the truth of Yahweh is everlasting. Praise Yahweh!*” As a backdrop for this portion, remember that Yahweh’s lovingkindness is great toward His people, and His truth endures forever.

Numbers 32

Gad, being named first (after the first sentence), seems to have instigated the request to settle on the east side of the Jordan. The tribes of Gad and Reuben had abundant cattle. They may not have had more than other tribes, since all of the tribes shared in the spoils from the conquest of Midian, but they placed an emphasis on material possessions, for which the Midrash faults them. (V.16) They spoke of making pens for their livestock before speaking of making places for their children to live. (V.24) Moses reversed their statements, saying, “*Build yourselves cities for your little ones, and pens for your livestock*”. (V.26) Then they rephrased their statements in more appropriate order.

The people of these tribes were young, or not yet born, when Israel had met with disaster for falling into the faithlessness of ten spies that went to scout the Promised Land. Now Moses forcefully reminds them, lest they bring God’s wrath upon themselves as their fathers did. They will not be able to give up fighting God’s battles, and settle into comfortable living, until all of their brethren have also obtained their inheritance.

This is written for our admonition (1 Corinthians 10:7). We will not be able to give up fighting God’s battles, and settle into comfortable living, until all of our brethren have also obtained their inheritance!

(V.17) Gad and Reuben promised to “*be armed ready to go before the sons of Israel, until we have brought them to their place, while our little ones live in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land.*” (V.20) But Moses said that they should “*march before Yahweh . . . until He has driven His enemies out*”, indicating that fulfilling God’s will is to be more our concern even than being compassionate toward others.

The fighting actually lasted seven years, and the tribes of Gad and Reuben fulfilled their promise to help the remaining tribes drive out Yahweh’s enemies.

(V.38) The cities that were taken, which were named after idols, were renamed.

Jeremiah 2

(V.3) *“Israel was holy to Yahweh”*; evil came upon all who tried to consume them. (V.5) But they walked away from Yahweh.

(V.8) *“Those who handle the law did not know Me; the rulers also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal and walked after things that did not profit.”* (V.13) *“My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn for themselves cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.”* (V.37) *“Yahweh has rejected those in whom you trust, and you shall not prosper with them.”* (V.31) *“Why do My people say, ‘We are free to roam; we will come no more to Thee?’”* (V.35-36) *“Behold, I will enter into judgment with you because you say, ‘I have not sinned.’ Why do you cheapen yourself so much to change your way?”*

The same way that natural Israel went seems to be the way that followers of Yeshua have gone. Those who handle God’s Word do not know Him. Their teaching is based on the false gods of pleasure and position and money: though people trust them, Yahweh has rejected them, and their followers will not prosper. So-called “Christians” say that they are free to do whatever they feel is right, without being guilty of sin. But look-out, for such will be judged by God!

James 2

(V.14) *“What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works?”* Can one be saved by saying he has faith, if he shows no fruit – results of that faith? What are we saved from, if we are continuing in sin? For what do we believe that Yeshua suffered for us, if whatever we do is acceptable?

(V.19-23) *“You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder. But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he offered up Isaac his son on the altar? You see that faith was working with his works, and as a result of the works, faith was perfected; and the Scripture was fulfilled which says, ‘And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,’ and he was called the friend of God.”*

Abraham believed what God promised, and therefore obeyed in offering his son, showing confidence that God would perform what He promised.

Faith means that we recognize that our way is wrong, and accept Yeshua for our atonements: to bear our deserved punishment, and put His righteousness upon us – so that we walk with God in a new life of spiritual reality.

Here we must “overcome” the enemy of sin, until we all obtain the Promised Land, where we will live in perfect peace and prosperity. It is not that we earn salvation, but rather that real faith creates results in our lives.

If we believe that Yeshua, in lovingkindness, suffered for our sins, then we do not desire to keep sinning, adding to His sufferings. If we understand that His truth endures forever, then we can see how Israel’s journey is for a lesson to us.

If we have “much cattle”, we need to consider our prosperity in light of God’s purpose for our service to Him.