

Counting of the עֹמֶר, Omer, 2026

Day 32

by, Marc Gravelle

marc@bondservantsofyeshua.ca

Psalms 78: 32 – 39

In the middle of *Psalm 78*, we come to the eight *verse* stanza, that connects the two opening and the two closing sixteen *verse* stanzas. Here the Psalmist directly reminds his readers that in spite of the historical inconsistencies of the children of Israel, from the days of the wilderness journey to the trials and tribulations leading up to David's ascension to the throne of Yisrael, the only thing that has ever kept them together **IS THE ROCK OF YISRAEL, THE HOLY ONE OF YISRAEL**. As you consider just how wretched Yisrael's history has been in relation to the absolute holiness of the Creator, the concept of humility, should begin to creep into your thoughts. Recognizing the recorded activities of even chosen men who have received the revelation brought forth through the Scriptures, is even more humbling, because the excuses for misbehavior, arrogance and blatant Sin, blatant transgressions of the Words of His Torah of Life, **IS** nothing more than human **SELF JUSTIFICATION**, that verifies the inherent rottenness of human flesh. Thankfully, as we will learn later, Yahweh recognizes this problem and extends His forgiving Grace. But before I comment on those considerations, if you are led, please take the time to offer up your voices with thanksgiving for yet another day to give Him praise for all that you are, in Him.

Psalms 37: 11-20

*11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes upon him with his teeth. 13 Yahweh shall laugh at him: for He sees that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. 16 A **LITTLE that a righteous man has, IS BETTER than the riches of many wicked.** 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but Yahweh upholds the righteous. 18 Yahweh knows the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of Yahweh shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away.*

Paramount in my thoughts throughout all of this week **IS** the fact that my heavenly Father will guide me through all the trials and tribulations that I am, and or will go through, and that we all, at some point in our lives, will go through, and as far as I am concerned, that is when I believe that Yahweh's promises become so wonderful, the promises that say, **I will NEVER leave NOR forsake you**. I can tell you that both Janice and I, have, and to some degree, are still going through difficult times, and **IF** I told you all the circumstances and the seemingly impossible situations that have happened, you would probably believe that **IT IS** a Hollywood script, and that those kinds of things do not happen in real life. However, through it all, we take great comfort in knowing that whatever Yahweh puts us through, **IS** for our own benefit, and with Him at the helm, we will grow stronger because of it. In the past, before knowing and surrendering my heart to my heavenly Father, I would have been a basket case by now, but I am absolutely convinced that whatever we are going through, **IS** Yahweh's

doing, because He wants us to learn to Trust Him, and, walk in obedience to **ALL** of His Commandments, and not pick and choose which ones, **WE**, want to obey. Yahweh's grace and mercy, will see us through it all, and I can honestly say, that I see His handiwork in all of it, and be it ever so slowly, I am learning more and more how to put **ALL** of my **TRUST** in Yahweh. That is why I have chosen to speak on *verses 12-16 of Psalm 37*, where it says:

The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes upon him with his teeth. 13 Yahweh shall laugh at him: for He sees that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. 16 A little that a righteous man has, is better than the riches of many wicked.

The wicked are not just the rapist, murderers, and career criminals, etc., the wicked, according to Yahweh, **ARE**, all the people that **REJECT** the Words of His Torah of Life, for the Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life are **TRUTH**, and anyone that rejects the **TRUTH**, is, in essence, telling Yahweh, that they believe the lies of satan, who teaches the whole world, that the everlasting Words of Yahweh's Torah of Life, have somehow been abolished and done away with, and, that instead of being under what they call the Law, they believe that they are under grace, which, to them, means, they do **NOT** have to keep any part of the Words of what they call the **LAW**, the Torah, which actually the teachings and instructions of Yahweh. However, as anyone who is a serious student of Scripture can see, Yahweh has a totally different opinion, as to what is going to happen to the people who willingly choose to **REJECT** the Words of His Torah of Life, His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the people that Yahweh describes as, being **WICKED**. According to the Psalmist, the wicked **makes plans to destroy the JUST, and take all that he has**, all that Yahweh has provided for him, because of that person's loving surrendered obedience to the Words of the Father's Torah of Life, and the wicked, just salivates over what He thinks he is going to get away with. But then, we are told that Yahweh **LAUGHS** at the wicked, and He does that, because Yahweh is omniscient, and He sees what the future holds for all of these wicked people, the people that categorically **REJECT** and despise the Words of His Torah of Life.

Let's read what Isaiah had to say about it.

*Isaiah 5:22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away **the righteousness of the righteous** from him! 24 Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame consumes the chaff, **SO their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust:***

WHY?

*Because they have **cast away** the Torah of Yahweh of hosts, and **despised** the Word of the Holy One of Yisrael.*

The Psalmist then says: *the wicked have drawn a sword and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to **slay** such as are of upright (יָשָׁר, Yashar) conversation.* Since it is obvious that the wicked **have NOT, and will NOT believe** what Isaiah said in *Isaiah 5* as to what will happen to the wicked, **IF** they go after the upright, the Yashar, the people that willingly choose to believe, follow and obey the Words of our heavenly Father, the people of Yahweh's Yisrael, then, it is just as obvious that they will not listen to Isaiah when he says in *Isaiah 54:17* *No weapon that is formed against You, (the Righteous, those who believe follow and obey the Words of My Torah of Life), shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is*

the heritage of the obedient servants of Yahweh, and their **RIGHTEOUSNESS** is of Me, says Yahweh.

Next the Psalmist tell us that *their sword shall enter into their own heart*, and their bows shall be broken.

Please understand that the people that are Yashar, **ARE** the people of Yahweh's Yeshar El, יֵשָׁרְאֵל, for it is the name that Yahweh gave to Ya'aqov, after Ya'aqov fought with Yahweh's messenger, and prevailed, and it is also, a composite word, made up of the words, Yeshar and El, where the word Yeshar means, to be smooth, be straight, be right, was upright, pleasing, he led straight, he directed, guided, was made level, and the word, El, which is a short form of the title Elohim, therefore the word *Yisrael or Yeshar El, means, the straight and upright Torah obedient path that Elohim has designed for His family to walk on, the path that will lead all who choose to willingly and lovingly follow it, onto everlasting life, in the kingdom of Elohim.*

Now, even with these kinds of warnings from Yahweh and His prophets, that Yahweh has strategically placed throughout all of Scripture, there are still billions of people, that would fit the category of being **wicked**, and they will continue being wicked and commit evil deeds, unless or until, they finally realize that the Creator of all things, has given us directives on how we are to live, how we are to deal with Him and with each other, and that, it is the one and only way, that leads to everlasting Life, anything else, **IS** a counterfeit, and every one knows that a counterfeit **IS WORTHLESS**. *A little that a righteous man has, IS BETTER than the riches of many wicked*

Psalms 78: 32 – 39

*For all this, they sinned still, and believed not for His wondrous works. 33 Therefore their days did He consume in vanity, and their years in trouble. 34 When He slew them, then they sought Him: and they returned and inquired early after Elohim. 35 And they remembered that Elohim was their Rock, and the High Elohim their Redeemer. 36 Nevertheless they **did flatter** Him with their mouth, and **they lied** unto Him with their tongues. 37 For **their heart was NOT right** with Him, **neither were they steadfast in His Covenant**. 38 But He, being full of compassion, **forgave** their iniquity, and did **NOT** destroy them: yea, many a time turned He His anger away, and did **NOT** stir up ALL His wrath. 39 For He remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passes away, and comes not again.*

Yesterday we read about how Yisrael disobeyed Yahweh, and would **simply NOT listen to, NOR obey the Words of Yahweh's inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, the Words of His Torah of Life**, and today, we see more of the same, *For all this they SINNED STILL*. If we learn anything from the path that the people of Yisrael decided to walk on, the path that lead them **AWAY** from the Words of Yahweh's Torah, **IT IS** that they suffered incredibly **BECAUSE OF THAT CHOICE**. This counting of the Omer study, that we are engaging in, every day, this Commandment from Yahweh, to count the Omer, **IS** so that **WE WILL SEE** the errors that our forefathers committed, and hopefully **LEARN** from them. Yahweh has set a **Path** for **ALL** of mankind to walk on, a **Path** that **will give all people who choose to follow it, Life, joy, abundance, protection, satisfaction and completeness**, a path that **leads to eternal Life** in the kingdom of Elohim, where we will become the Bride of Messiah. Yahweh has done everything, short of **MAKING US OBEY HIM**, which He could well do, since He is omnipotent, **BUT**, that my friends, **IS NOT LOVE**. For love to

be freely given, their must be freedom to choose, or ***IT IS NOT LOVE***, and our heavenly Father ***IS LOVE***, therefore, He gives us a choice. He puts before us ***LIFE and DEATH***, blessings and curses, obedience or disobedience, and then, He gives us the opportunity to choose one of them. He outlines quite clearly in nature and in His Word, that ***IF*** we choose to go against the Words of His Torah, His universal Laws, that there are consequences and some of these consequences are very severe.

Einstein understood this; he understood that the laws of Physics, when broken, have dire consequences. Newton understood the *law of gravity* and explained to us how he believed it worked. ***IF*** you are on top of a building and choose to walk off that building, you ***WILL*** suffer the consequences and those consequences may be very severe, depending on how high the building is that you walked off of, is. ***IT IS NOT*** Yahweh that ***IS*** punishing you for that act of stupidity, ***IT IS*** the ***LAW*** that Yahweh created and put in place, and when ***THE LAW IS BROKEN*** by anyone, the ***LAW*** meets out the penalty. It is exactly the same way with Yahweh's Torah (Law) for Yahweh created the universe including all the Laws that keep this world and universe of ours together. You break a law, there is a price to pay, and the price has already been established my friends, ***IT IS*** forever settled and or established in heaven, and it will never ever change.

Yisrael disobeyed the Words of Yahweh's Torah (Law) of Life, and that disobedience brought on the wrath of Yahweh, and in His wrath, He sovereignly chose to remove His provisional power, and His protection, from His people, Yisrael, so that they would suffer the consequences of their own rebellious stupidity, and when they did suffer miserably, because of their disobedience, Scripture tells us that they ***returned*** to Yahweh, only to go through the same cycle over and over again. As we study these circumstances of what Yisrael has done over and over again, ***LET US LEARN*** from their mistakes and then, make a conscious choice to willingly choose to surrender our hearts, mind souls and strength to our heavenly Father, in loving surrendered obedience to ***ALL*** the Words of His Torah of Life, for, all who do so, will greatly ***benefit*** from His presence in their lives. He is our Father, and He loves us with an infinite love; that alone, should make everyone turn to Him, but, unfortunately, it does not. Since it seems so obvious that walking contrary to Yahweh's Ways ***IS*** detrimental to one's well being, why are there so many people who do exactly that? Why are there so many people who choose to walk away from Yahweh's ordained Ways? ***IT IS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS SOVEREIGN!***

The teachings of the world and the world system that we live under today, has not really changed much over the past six millenniums of its existence, for, the majority of people, continue to believe that, ***IF IT FEELS GOOD, DO IT***, not being concerned with any of the potential consequences of their actions, because, mankind ***IS*** seeking immediate gratification. Yahweh, on the other hand, ***IS*** offering eternal gratification, but it comes at a cost, we must learn to surrender our hearts, minds, soul and strength, to Him, and then, willingly and lovingly choose to follow and obey ***ALL*** the Words of His inerrant and everlasting teaching and instructions, His Life giving Torah, His Path of Righteousness.

Please, understand who our heavenly Father ***IS***, verse 38 *But He, being ***FULL OF COMPASSION, FORGAVE THEIR INIQUITY, and DID NOT*** destroy them: yea, many a time turned He His anger away, and did ***NOT stir up ALL His wrath.*** 39 *For He remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passes away, and comes not again.**

Here the Psalmist tells us that even though, our ancestors, the people of Yisrael willingly **SINNED** against Yahweh, and **CONTINUED** in their Torahless sinful behaviour, Yahweh was filled with compassion and forgiveness towards them.

Now please think about this for a moment, **IF Yahweh had COMPASSION** towards His people **WHEN** they were willingly **SINNING against Him, HOW MUCH MORE COMPASSION, Grace and Mercy** do you suppose He will show the people, who **WILLINGLY AND LOVINGLY CHOOSE TO OBEY HIM?**

Meditate on that for a while and understand, that as you willingly choose to count the Omer, you **ARE** being **OBEDIENT** to Yahweh's Commandments, and you are in for a treat, because you have found **FAVOUR** with the Creator of the universe. I do not know how this **FAVOUR** will manifest itself in your life, but rest assured, that Yahweh **WILL** somehow manifest His **pleasure** with your obedience. Look for it. because **IT IS** coming. Amein

Yahweh bless you and keep you, Yahweh make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you, Yahweh lift up His countenance upon you and give you **HIS SHALOM**.

Studying and keeping Torah together as a community.

Have a great Elohim blessed week and may Yahweh bless your every thought, and your every deed. Until we meet again, שְׁלוֹם עֲלֵיכֶם, Shalom Aleykem. Amein!