

# 9 July

1 Samuel 21|22, Isaiah 65, Matthew 10



## **The valley of trouble, but fear not them**

David flees from Saul to ask of Yahweh, picking up Goliath's sword. There are gathered to him from his father's house and those in distress, debt, bitterness of soul and he became a Captain over them.

Yahweh says "I am sought of them that asked not for me.. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people" (Isa 65:1-2) like Saul. But, "I will not keep silence, but will recompense" (65:6). "I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah", of David, "an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there" (65:9) no longer in exile. The valley of Achor, or 'Trouble' will be "a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me"(65:10). And "behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed" (65:13) When Yahweh creates a new heavens and earth, "Be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy" (65:18) "They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble.. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear" (65:23-24). A wolf will eat like a lamb.

Yeshua's disciples were to preach the kingdom in the valley of trouble. As sheep amongst wolves they were to be, "wise as serpents, and harmless as doves" (Mat 10:16). "Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known" (10:26) "Fear ye not.. for the hairs of you head are numbered. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven" (10:30-32) "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword" (10:34). "Ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (10:22). We are those in bitterness of soul coming to Yeshua, our captain.