The Jeremiah 33:18 Scripture Passage: 8 Reasons why the Man in Jeremiah 33:18 can only really be one Man, Yeshua! Copyright © by Richard Aaron Honorof

Jeremiah 33:18 "... nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack **a Man** before Me to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to **sacrifice continually**."

8 reasons why **the Man** in Jeremiah 33:18 is not really about the Aaronic priests in general, or about Zadokite priests of Aaron in particular, but is about **one Man**, **Yeshua** from Zadok's family of Aaron; & **His Eternal Blood Sacrifice!**

Jeremiah 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Righteous Branch (Tzemach)!

A King shall reign and prosper, and execute Judgment and Righteousness in the earth. Jeremiah 23:6 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely. Now this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD Our Righteousness.'

The above Scripture is about Messiah **Yeshua** coming <u>from</u> <u>David's family</u>. And 'Tzemach' is the Hebrew word for <u>Branch</u>.

Jeremiah 33:14 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the House of Israel and to the House of Judah. 33:15 In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of Righteousness. (Here 'Tzemach' is again the Hebrew word used for Branch.) He shall execute Judgment and Righteousness in the

earth. 33:16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which He will be called in her, the LORD our Righteousness.' 33:17 "For thus says the LORD, 'David shall never lack a Man to sit on the throne of the House of Israel. 33:18 Nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a Man before Me to offer burnt offerings, to kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice (a blood sacrifice) continually (for all days)." Jeremiah 33:19 And the Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 33:20 "Thus says the LORD, 'If you can break My Covenant with the day and My Covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 33:21 then My Covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers. 33:22 As the host of Heaven cannot be numbered, nor the sand of the sea measured, so will I multiply the descendants of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me.' " 33:23 Moreover the Word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, 33:24 "Have you not considered what these people have spoken, saying, 'The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has also cast them off? Thus they have despised My people, as if they should no more be a nation before them. 33:25 "Thus says the LORD, 'If My Covenant is not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth, 33:26 then I will cast away the descendants of Jacob and David My servant, so that I will not take any of his descendants to be rulers over the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captives to return, and will have Mercy on them.' "

- (1st) This whole passage of Jeremiah 33:14-26 is primarily about **the coming Messiah**, referring to the two divine titles of Yeshua, as a Branch of Righteousness and the LORD our Righteousness.
- (2nd) Jeremiah 33:14-17 is basically pretty much <u>a repeat of</u> <u>Jeremiah 23:5, 6</u>. It is again about the two divine titles of Yeshua, a Branch of Righteousness and the LORD our Righteousness, and

specifically about **Yeshua**, coming <u>from David's family</u>, One who Reigns as King over the House of David & House of Israel forever.

(3rd) In Jeremiah 33:18, the qualifying words related to these Aaronic priests, or to a specific Man from this family of Aaron, the One who does this Sacrifice before God, especially a Blood Sacrifice ('for all days', kol ha yamim in Hebrew) are the words 'before Me,' (lifanay); that whoever these Aaronic priests are, or this one Person from Aaron is, that He comes before God.

The qualifying words 'before Me,' tells us specifically which family of Aaron these priests are, or this Man is from. For this can only relate to one family of Aaron, the family of the **sons of Zadok**; the only family of Aaron which was allowed to come before God, which can be found in six different places in the book of Ezekiel, from chapters 40 to 48. Specifically these places in Ezekiel are 40:46; 42:13; 43:18, 19; 44:15, 16; 45:4; and Ezekiel 48:10, 11.

In these chapters Ezekiel 40 through 48, all the other Aaronic priest families were told by God that they could no longer come into God's Presence in the Temple, and also that they would now no longer be allowed to minister any blood sacrifices before God, but that they would only be allowed to minister to the people.

Here are two of the Scriptures from Ezekiel on these sons of Zadok: Ezekiel 43:18 And He said to me, "Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD, 'These are the ordinances for the altar on the day when it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. 43:19 You shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests, the Levites, who are of the seed of Zadok, who approach Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord GOD." Ezekiel 44:15 "But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me; and they shall stand before Me to offer to Me the fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD.

44:16 "They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table to minister to Me, and they shall keep My charge."

- (4th) We know in verse 17, <u>the Man from David</u> who will reign as King <u>is Yeshua</u>. So then **the Man** <u>mentioned in verse 18</u>, is this verse about a group of Aaronic priests coming from the one family of Zadok, about Zadokite priests in general? <u>Or is this verse about one specific Son from Zadok</u>, the Man (Yeshua) who is <u>before God</u>, (אֵלְשָׁ מִלְּכְּנְי), the One who does the Sacrifice '<u>for all days</u>' (בַּרְּבָּנְיִמְים), the Eternal Blood Sacrifice ...? It is Yeshua!
- (5th) Verse 24 is about **the two families** that God had chosen, David's family and Aaron's family. Chosen for what? Chosen in relation to the coming of the Messiah, & the two divine titles of **Yeshua**, a Branch of Righteousness, the LORD our Righteousness. What is God saying? That these two families had been chosen for God's Son Yeshua to come to earth **through the virgin**. We know from Luke 1: 5, 6, 29-36, that Yeshua is from these two families, from David's family & from high priest Zadok's family of Aaron.

How can we be sure that this is what verse 24 actually means?

Because this passage from verse 14 to 26 is a <u>future</u> Messianic prophetic passage about **Yeshua**, about Tzemach, the Branch, and about **Yeshua's** <u>two divine titles</u>, a Branch of Righteousness and the LORD our Righteousnes; i.e. "The days <u>are coming</u> ..."

(6th) If we could <u>superimpose Yeshua</u> over these two Jeremiah 33 verses, 17 & 18, we can see that Yeshua <u>fits these verses perfectly</u>. If Yeshua is **the Man** being talked about in verse 17, then Yeshua <u>must also be **the Man** of verse 18</u>, who was prophesied to also be coming from the Zadokite high priest family. How to prove this?

Remember that angel Gabriel had told Miriam that her Son Yeshua would Reign on the throne of His father David and would Reign over the House of Israel forever. And indirectly that Yeshua would also be from the same family of Aaron (Luke 1:36, 5) as Miriam's relative Elisheva and Zechariah, whom God said in Luke 1:6 were both **righteous** (what **Zadok** means) <u>before God</u>. These

are the qualifying words, which show that both her relatives were from the Zadokite high priest family, which was also Yeshua's own blood kin family from His own virgin mother Miriam.

Yeshua's mother <u>is the virgin</u>, which means that her Son Yeshua <u>could never be an Aaronic priest</u>, since He had no earthly father. Also <u>He could only be from one tribe</u>, the tribe of Miriam's father, which was the tribe of Judah. Yeshua could only be from one tribe, and never from the tribe of Miriam's mother, Levi. But our Lord Yeshua <u>is always from the two families</u> of His virgin mother.

(7th) Here is <u>another major mystery</u> which has been overlooked ... In 70 A.D., at the destruction of Jerusalem's 2nd Temple, <u>all the Temple geneology records of the Aaronic priests were destroyed</u>. Therefore no records exist today of who is from Zadok's family.

Therefore only **Yeshua's Blood Sacrifice** totally fits this Jeremiah 33:18 verse, and also the whole Jeremiah 33:14-26 passage. **Yeshua** is the Man being referred to in verse 33:18, the One who does **the Eternal Blood Sacrifice** "for all days!"

This means <u>only Yeshua can be the fulfillment</u> of this whole Messianic passage, from Jeremiah 33:14 to 26.

Jeremiah 33:18 Yeshua is this Man from Aaron!

8th) Numbers 18:20 Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You shall have no inheritance in their land, nor shall you have any portion among them; 'I am your portion and your inheritance' among the children of Israel." Also seen in Ezekiel 44:15, 16, 28.

Even though Yeshua came to earth as both the Son of God & the Son of Man, only as **the Son of Man** could Yeshua provide Atonement for both the sins of mankind and for the earth, because the earth was given to man. But the earth was cursed by God.

So only <u>a perfect Man</u> could redeem both the sins of mankind and also the curse that God had originally spoken over the earth.

Genesis 3:17 "Cursed is the ground for your sake ..."

Numbers 35:33 "'So you shall not pollute the land where you are; for blood defiles the land, and <u>no atonement</u> can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it. 35:34 Therefore do not defile the land which you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell; for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.'"

Zechariah 3:1-9 [Tzemach: God's Servant from Yeshoshua] 1 Then he showed me Joshua (Yehoshua, or Yeshua) the high priest, (אַת-יָהוֹשֶׁעַ הַכֹּהֶן הַגָּדוֹל) standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at His right hand to oppose Him. 2 And the LORD said to Satan, "The LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel. 4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, "Take away the filthy garments from him." And to him He said, "See, I have removed your iniquity from you, and I will clothe you with rich robes." 5 And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head, and they put the clothes on him. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. 6 Then the Angel of the LORD admonished Joshua (Yehoshua), saying, 7 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also judge My House, and likewise have charge of My courts; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here. 8 'Hear, O Joshua (Yehoshua), the high priest, you and your companions (the other Zadokite priests) who sit before you, for they are a miracle (or a wondrous) sign. For behold, I am bringing forth My Servant, the Branch (Tzemach [אַת-עַבְדִּי צֶמֶה]). 9 For behold, the Stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon the Stone are Seven Eyes. Behold, I will engrave its inscription,' says the LORD of hosts, 'and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that Day' says the LORD of hosts, 'Everyone will invite his neighbor under his vine and under his fig tree." Tzemach the Son of Man! Normally only the Aaronic high priest was the one who made atonement for himself, the other priests and Levites, and for the people of Israel. But according to the Word of God, the Aaronic high priest could never make Atonement for the land. But this Aaronic high priest Yehoshua had just had his iniquity removed by the Angel of the LORD, who prophesied cleansing of the land.

On what basis could his iniquity be removed? Only one basis, **the Lamb of God** that was slain from the foundation of the world. (Revelation 13:9) And then it was announced to Yehoshua and to his companions, who also had to be of Aaronic priests from his group, most likely <u>other Zadokite priests</u>, clearly stating on what basis his iniquity had been removed, through God's prophesy about the coming of **God's Servant**, <u>Tzemach</u>. And God also prophesied <u>the land iniquity being removed</u> (Gen 3:17; Lev 35:33), through **God's Servant** (**the Righteous Servant** in Isaiah 53:11), which all specifically related to **Yeshua and His Blood Sacrifice**!

Here, the Angel of the LORD, (Yeshua, 'the Word of God') speaks from Heaven to this Aaronic high priest named <u>Yehoshua</u>. That's his name in the books of Zechariah and Haggai, but Yeshua is also this high priest's name in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah.

And God then announces to Yehoshua the coming of **God's Servant**, the Branch, (<u>Tzemach</u>) the Messiah. God is prophesying that **His Servant** <u>Tzemach</u> will be coming to earth, who will also be born thru this high priest family of Yehoshua (Yeshua), from the Zadokite high priest family, besides being from king David!

Deuteronomy 32:43 "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; **He will provide Atonement** for **His land** and **His people**." Messiah's Blood made Atonement for the land!

The next place we see Tzemach, the Branch, is when Yeshua returns to earth. This time He will be coming as **the Son of God!**

Zechariah 6:11-13 [Tzemach: **the Man**, Heaven's King and Priest] 11 "Take the silver and gold, make elaborate (kings) crowns, and set them on the head of Joshua (Yehoshua) the son of Jeho-zadok, the high priest. 12 Then speak to him, saying, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, saying, "Behold, **the Man** whose name is the Branch (Tzemach)! From His place He shall branch out, and He shall build the Temple of the LORD! 13 Yes, He shall build the Temple of the LORD! He shall bear **the Glory**, and shall sit and Rule (King) on His Throne; so He shall be a Priest on His Throne. And the counsel of Peace shall be between them both."

[We see this King Priest in Genesis 14:18-20 & Psalm 110:1, 4]

Here again God prophesied to Yehoshua (Yeshua) the Aaronic high priest, whom we can now see is also a Zadokite high priest. For his father's name is Jeho-zadok.

Here, for the second time we see God prophesying the coming of Tzemach (the Branch) to this Zadokite high priest Yehoshua. Since God prophesied this twice, it means God had established that His Son Yeshua would come to earth through this family of high priest Yehoshua of high priest Zadok, of high priest Aaron.

Also we are told twice that Tzemach, the Branch, is the One who will build God's Temple in Jerusalem, and bear the Glory!

This Man is Yeshua, Heaven's King and great High Priest, born the fulfillment of the family line of kings from king David, and also born the fulfillment of the family line of high priests from high priest Yehoshua (Yeshua) of high priest Zadok, of high priest Aaron, through His virgin mother, who carried this 'Seed' of Eve, of Genesis 3:15 ... the fulfillment of both kings and high priests.

Yeshua offered Himself as the Eternal Sacrifice of God to take away the sins of all humanity so we could be eternally sons of God with Yeshua and our Loving Father, the Almighty God of Israel.

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