**Some Questions to Ponder:**

1. From all the readings for this week, which particular verse or passage caught your attention and fired your heart and imagination?

I was quite intrigued by His Honor, Eliyahu ben Avraham’s, comment:

Yeshua never told his talmidim to go and preach “Messiah” or “Yeshua.” His message was to proclaim the “Mesorah” and talmudize the nations (Gentiles).

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 18:14?

**[But...] the Lord your God has not given you** – What was not given to the Jews?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 18:15?

**[A prophet] from among you, from your brothers, like me** – What does this mean?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 18:20?

**which I did not command him to speak** – What are we to understand from this pasuk?

**or who speaks in the name of other gods** – Why is this said when other gods are false?

**[That prophet] shall die** – How was he to die?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 18:22?

**If the prophet speaks [in the Name of the Lord]** – What are the limitations of this?

**you shall not be afraid of him** – How is this fear manifest?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 19:14?

**You shall not pull back [your neighbor’s] landmark** – What is the meaning of the Hebrew phrase: לֹא תַסּיג?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 19:15?

**One witness [shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity]** – What principle do we learn from this pasuk?

**for any iniquity, or for any sin** - What would be the effect of this?

**By the mouth of two witnesses [... the matter will be established]** – What does this expression mean?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 19:17?

**Then the two men... shall stand** – What is this text referring to?

**between whom the controversy exists** – Who are these folks?

**before the Lord** – How do we accomplish this?

**who will be in those days** - Now could one stand in front of those who are not in his day?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 19:18?

**And the judges shall inquire thoroughly**- How do they do this?

**and behold, the witness is a false witness** – Is this a single witness?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 19:19?

**as he plotted** – What do we learn from this wording?

**to do to his brother** - Why does Scripture state, “to his brother?”

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 20:3?

**“Hear, O Israel”** – Why is this put here?

**against your enemies** – Who are these people?

**Let your hearts not be faint** – How are we to understand this?

**Let your hearts not be faint** – What will cause our hearts to be faint?

**you shall not be afraid** – What will cause us to be afraid?

**and you shall not be alarmed** – What will cause us to be alarmed?

**and you shall not be terrified** – What will cause us to be terrified?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 21:2?

**then your elders...** – Which elders are to go out?

**and they shall measure** – Where do they begin their measurement?

**to the cities around the corpse** – In which direction?

1. What question/s were asked of Rashi regarding Deut. 21:7?

**Our hands did not shed [this blood]** - But would it enter one’s mind that the elders of the court are murderers?

1. What in the Torah Seder this week fired the imagination of the Psalmist as he penned Psalms 124-128?

The Psalmist was fired by the verbal tally of ‘heathen – גוי’ and ‘Suffered / given - נתן’.

1. What in the Torah Seder this week fired the imagination of the prophet in the Ashlamatah of Micah 5:11ff?

The Prophet was fired by the verbal tally of soothsayers.

1. Why is Psalm 127:3-4 so important to a disciple of His Majesty King Yeshua the Messiah of Israel?

Because, as Rashi states, the talmidim of Yeshua are like His sons, the sons of His youth.

1. What in the Torah Seder, Psalm and Prophetic Lesson for this week fired the imagination of Hakham Tsefet as his scribe penned Mark 15:29-32?

**Torah Seder**

The Torah Seder speaks of those who find a man slain man in the field. This “passerby” has an obligation with regard to identifying his murder and atone for his death. D’barim 21:1-9 — Mark 15:29

**Tehillim**

Rather than “mouths filled with laughter” (Psa. 126:2) the mouths of Mark’s “passersby” are filled with insult. Likewise, the Psalm tells us that those who sow in tears will reap in joy (song). (Psa. 126:5)

**Ashlamatah**

The Prophet speaks of doing justice (Micah 6:8‎‎*).* The passersby have no appreciation for justice*.* This is evident in their insults and jeers*.*

1. In your opinion what key message/s did Hakham Tsefet try to convey in Mark 15:29-32?

Be very carefull not to mock or insult anyone.

HH Adon Eliyahu: No Jew has the right to ridicule another Jew! As brothers we are to help one another supporting each other.

1. What important Halakhic principles can be learned from Mark (Mordechai) 15:29-32?

The veracity of the “Prophet’s words are the mark of a true Prophet, not signs and miracles.

Dr. Elizabeth Oakely: 1. Only by the mouth of 2-3 witnesses can true justice be established

2. It is important to discern between the Jewish Messiah and the pagan messiah of the Gentile world.

Adon Ezra: True justice is only accomplished by the hand of HaShem, thru the Written and Oral Torah, as taught by our wise sages/teachers. Anything less is a fraud.

1. In your opinion, and taking into consideration all of the above readings for this Sabbath, what is the prophetic message (the idea that encapsulates all the Scripture passages read) for this week?

Focus on the performance of the mitzvot and the study of Torah in order to defeat or enemies and the enemies of HaShem.

Dr. Elizabeth Oakely: Only by cleaving to our Hakham and be diligent in Torah study,(both oral and written) can we have the level of discernment to judge between a true prophet and a false one.

Adon Ezra: The gap between true justice/order, and the justice of the world/nations, is growing more obvious with time. Let us be ready to give an answer to the hope that lies within.

HH Adon Eliyahu: Community is the greatest blessing we can experience; we should do what we can to support and build the community.