### Parashah 38 Korach (Korah)

Day 5 of 4th Biblical month

Day 5 of Sivan the 9th Jewish month of 5776. Day 11 of June the 6th Gregorian month of 2016



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# TEHULLAH - Service of Praise

Welcome to Beit Gan-Eden (House [of] Paradise)! We are gathered here in the name of our righteous Messiah, Yeshua, to worship our Heavenly Father (Abba). Yeshua tells us. "Y'HoVaH is Spirit and worshipers must worship Him in spirit and in truth." Yochanan (John) 4:24. Shabbat Shalom, everyone!

# TEFILLAH - Service of Prayer

All sing: "Sh'ma Yisrael, Y'HoVaH Eloheinu, Y'HoVaH echad. (Deu 6:4)
Baruch Shem kavod malchuto, le'olam va'ed!"

All say: "Hear, O Isra'el, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, Y'HoVaH is one!

Blessed be His Name. His glorious Kingdom is for ever and ever."

Leader: "V'ahavta et Y'HoVah elohecha b'kol l'vav'cha u'v'kol nafsh'cha u'v'kol m'odecha." All say: "And you shall love Y'HoVaH your Elohim with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. (Deut 6:5)

And Yeshua said: "Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Torah and the prophets are dependent on these two mitzvot." (Mat 22:37-40)

Leader: "Y'HoVaH hu Yeshua HaMashiach". (Phil 2:11; 1Cor 12:3; Luke 2:11) All say: "Yeshua the Messiah He is LORD". Amen.

## BLESSING THE CHILDREN B'rachot Yeledim ברכות ילדים

Parents to their boys: "May Y'HoVaH make you, (name/s) like Efrayim and M'nasheh (and personalise) Genesis 27: 27b-29.

Parents to their girls: "May Yah make you, (name) like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah (and personalise) Num 6:24-26.

All pray together: "Heavenly Abba preserve these children for their fathers and mothers. May they be led into a life of obedience and faith through the Tanakh and Ketuvei HaShelichim. Blessed are You, Yah of Avraham, Yitz'chak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein." Prayer for Israel.

# TORAH = Service of The Word Parashah 38 Korach (Korah)

**Torah:** Numbers 16:1 - 18:23

Haftarah (Prophets): Sh'mu'el Alef (1 Samuel) 11:14 - 12:22

**Ketuvei HaShelichim:** (Writing [of] the Apostles):

2 Timothy 2:8-21; Y'hudah (Jude) 1-25

Drash (message): M.Min. Sean "Yitzhak" Nicholson

Hazak, hazak, v'nit'chazek! (Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!)



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#### TORAH PEARLS THIS AFTERNOON AFTER LUNCH.

HOME PRAYER MEETING this TUESDAY evening.
Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Arthur & Mark Batakin's home.
7pm at 13 Castle Rock St., Parkwood, Qld 4214

#### **COMBINED MENS & LADIES DINNER this THURSDAY 16th June**

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#### Israel Revokes Ramadan Permits after Terror Attack

Tzippe Barrow in Israel Today Jun 10, 2016

Following Wednesday night's terror shooting in Tel Aviv, which left four Israelis dead and 16 injured, Israel revoked 83,000 permits issued to Palestinians living in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza Strip during Ramadan.

Each year during the month-long holiday, Israel tries to help Muslim families by easing travel restrictions within Israel and abroad. This year, those privileges have been rescinded, with the exception of humanitarian or emergency medical situations.

The Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT) is the Israeli military body that oversees Palestinian civilian affairs in the territories. COGAT issued a statement saying "all permits for Ramadan, especially permits for family visits from Judea and Samaria, are frozen."

The permits would have facilitated visits to the Temple Mount and to family and friends in Israeli cities and towns.

The Israel Defense Forces also sealed off Yatta, the Arab village near Hebron that is home to Muhammad Muhamra and his cousin, Khalid, the two gunmen, both 21, and revoked more than 200 work permits to extended family members employed by Israeli companies.

Israeli security forces detained several of Muhamra's family members for questioning after searching Muhammad's home.

Arutz7 reports that the Muhamra clan has its share of terrorists. An uncle of the two gunmen is still serving time for a shooting attack that killed four Israelis in 2002.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Hamas called the murders "the first prophecy of Ramadan," saying it "indicated the failure of all measures by the occupation" to stop the violence because it took place near Israel's Defense Ministry headquarters, YNet reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised decisive, intelligent and determined action to track down all collaborators in what he called "cold-blooded murder."

The IDF announced the deployment of two additional battalions to the Judea and Samaria Division.

#### **Palestinians: The Fatah Mess**

by Khaled Abu Toameh by June 7, 2016.

After many years of being gagged, Fatah's young guard is finding its voice. But while members of this faction wish to see a "changing of the guards at the Palestinian palace," this does not mean that they have changed their attitude towards Israel.

Fatah's young guard is neither interested in, nor authorized to, give up the "right of return" for Palestinian refugees -- or even take the basic step of recognizing Israel as a Jewish state. In short, the actors might change, but the same show will go on.

The international community, meanwhile, is busy burying its head in the sand of Abbas's very messy backyard. The participants at the Middle East peace conference held in Paris last week may have missed the latest revolt against the PA president. Had they been paying attention, instead of calling for a two-state solution, they might have demanded that Abbas and his Fatah faction get their acts together, and include Israel in the show. Perhaps they also would have mentioned that this ought to happen before Hamas takes over the West Bank and creates another Islamist regime there, too.

Palestinian Authority (PA) President Mahmoud Abbas is once again facing insurrection -- this time from the young guard in his ruling Fatah faction.

Even autocracy has its limits, and after many years of being gagged, Fatah's young guard is finding its voice.

This renewed power struggle between the young and the old guard is probably a positive sign. It seems to signal the Palestinians wish to see new faces in power. However, just because members of this faction wish to see a "changing of the guards at the Palestinian palace" does not mean that they have changed their attitude towards Israel. This young guard, in fact, is neither interested in, nor authorized to, give up the "right of return" for Palestinian refugees -- or even take the basic step of recognizing Israel as a Jewish state. In short, the actors might change, but the same show will go on.

But change is sometimes good. Injecting new blood into the old and corrupt political system known as the Palestinian Authority might be a start.

So who is behind this move to introduce changes into the Palestinian leadership and what is the goal of that drive? Will the effort have any impact on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

The latest campaign is being waged by senior Fatah officials belonging to the Fatah Revolutionary Council - one of the factions' two important decision-making bodies (the second is the Fatah Central Committee). The Revolutionary Council, Fatah's legislative body, has more than 80 members, most of whom are regarded as representatives of the young guard in the faction.

Last week, more than half the members of the Fatah Revolutionary Council signed a petition calling for a "correctional revolution" in their faction. Some Palestinians see the petition as marking the beginning of a "revolution within a revolution." The petition, which calls for major reforms in Fatah, is first and foremost directed against Abbas and his old guard colleagues in the Palestinian leadership.

The petition carries the signatures of several Fatah officials who until recently were considered Abbas loyalists. Abbas is thus being challenged even by those who were until now considered within Fatah among his staunch supporters. This challenge joins the one issued by several other Fatah officials, who have come out in public against Abbas's autocratic rule... (full article) www.gatestoneinstitute.org/8209

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#### He Created them Male and Female

Biblically explaining gender confusion to your teenagers by Cookie Schwaeber-Issan in Kahila News Jun 8, 2016

Genesis 5:2 says that God created male and female, blessed them and called them mankind, so how did that order get so out of whack in recent days?

In today's world, we are suddenly being faced with the issue of "transgender" identity – girls trapped in a boy's body and vice-versa. Yet, in

order to believe whether or not this is a legitimate and real issue, we must first understand the spiritual connotations to this new dilemma.

If we literally take Genesis 5:2 at face value, we understand that God created two genders which were different, anatomically, emotionally and visually. The fact that he blessed them already displays God's lack of error, judgment or confusion. To be blessed means to have God's stamp of well-being, legitimacy and measure of success. So if gender confusion did not emanate from God, then from where did it enter?

The answer is also found in the very beginning of time – among the first two gender species, Adam and Eve. In fact, Genesis 3 gives a full account as to where all lies and confusion emanate.

The serpent is described as being more "crafty" than any of the animals God had made. The dictionary describes the word "crafty" as skillful in underhand or evil schemes; cunning, deceitful and sly. These definitions are very much akin to lying and a total lack of honesty or being forthright.

From this, we understand a couple of important concepts.

Firstly, the serpent, also known as Satan, is very adept at disguising and cloaking his message in deception, evil and dishonesty. A good, positive and blessed message does not need to be veiled in lies. It is attractive right from the start and doesn't need to be disguised.

Secondly, the fact that Satan would take such great pains to be that skillful in advancing evil shows that he is neither a friend of mankind nor one who wishes to respect the blessing given to God's creation.

From this, it can be deduced that he actually is set on destroying the blessing, deceiving all creation and humiliating it to a point of depravity – yet in a way that no one will suspect, which is why he must be crafty and sly.

Knowing all this, we can clearly see that any messages which come from the enemy, Satan, are intended to injure, wound and destroy mankind. How does he transfer these poisonous missives in order to accomplish his goal? Simple – he uses what appears to be reason and logic to question God's intended order.

As we read Genesis 3, we see that Satan reasonably questions Eve, asking her, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" Immediately, he cleverly plants doubt and confusion into what was a clear and irrefutable command of God. As she, herself repeats the full text of God's command, she begins to wonder if it's really possible that eating the forbidden fruit will cause her to truly die. This is where her own sense of justice and equity begins to take over. At that point, Eve begins to spiritually extrapolate that such a good, gracious and generous God could not have possibly meant that death would result in disobeying His command.

Once she entertains that thought, convincing herself that she must've understood wrong, (self-rationalization) Satan empowers her thinking by assuring her that she hastily misinterpreted God's warning. With 100% certainty, he authoritatively states, "You will not certainly die." It is then that he very cunningly tries to "paraphrase" the "real" intent of God in making such a command. "For God knows that when you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Mission accomplished. Satan has successfully sown the seed of doubt,

disbelief, confusion and distrust. He has opened the door for deception to not only enter but to be fully nurtured and acted upon. It was so simple. All he had to do was have the conversation with Eve. Her willingness to respond was the entrance to the fraud.

Of course, once the act was committed and the consciousness of sin was understood, "Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked," there had to be a level of cover up, "So they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves." Yet, the cover up is just the beginning. There must also be a justification as to why the disobedience took place and even a transference of blame. Who is blamed? Adam says, "The woman you gave me." He isn't just making an excuse, he's blaming God. After all, he reasons, God was the one who made her, and so if a transgression took place, God only has to look as far as His faulty creation. The Adam continues not to accept responsibility by pointing out that it was "the woman who gave him the fruit from the tree to eat."

This is followed by the woman attempting to justify her part in this event by shaking off her share of blame and placing it onto the serpent, "The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Satan's plan is now complete. He sowed the doubt, he challenged God in the mind of His creation, he took on illegitimate authority, he got Adam and Eve to cooperate with deceit, he watched as sin was birthed for the first time, and then he delighted in the fact that the guilt was now being covered, justified and transferred back on to him. None of this came as a surprise to God. He was not taken off guard, because God knows the weakness of humanity. In Psalm 103:14 He reminds us that "He knows our frame, that we are just dust." Yet, together with that knowledge, He also reminds us that He has given us a choice.

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. — Deuteronomy 30:19. In Genesis 4, just before Cain kills Abel, God makes a case to him not to give in to his desires. "If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

In this passage found in Genesis 4:7, he is emphasizing two important things. He is saying that sin desires to have us. It is the enemy of our soul who is so desperate to grab hold of us and ruin our lives and our eternal destiny. However, the hope is found in God's advice, "You must rule over it." Would God even utter those words if it was not possible? Would God demand that we refuse sin if it is beyond our ability and not within our power to control the urge? Would he condemn us for something that is not our free will and circumstances we are unable to change? Many in today's world claim that the tendency towards homosexuality or transgender preference is something with which one is born and that it's chemical, an uncontrolled and unintended desire or a freak accident of nature. Of course, if all this is true, then there is no guilt, no blame and certainly no personal responsibility. *Full article www.kehilanews.com/2016/06/08/hecreated-them-male-and-female/* 

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"Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'hudah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers on the day I took them by their hand and brought them out of the land of Egypt; because they, for their part violated My Covenant, even though I, for my part, was a husband to them," says Y'HoVaH. <sup>33</sup> "For this is the Covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says Y'HoVaH, "I will put My Torah within them and write it on their hearts; I will be their Elohim, and they will be My people. (Yirem'yahu [*Jeremiah*] 31:31-33)

Congregation: Isa 12:2 "See! Elohim is my salvation; I am confident and unafraid; for Y'HoVaH Elohim is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation!" Isa 12:3 Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. Ps 3:8 Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people. Ps 46:7 Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. Leader: "Baruch ata Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech Ha'olam, ha motze lechem m'in ha eretz." (divide challah)

Congregation: "Blessed are You Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the Universe who has brought forth bread from the earth. Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot, how happy is anyone who trusts in You! (Ps 84:12). Give victory Y'HoVaH! Let the King answer us the day we call. (Ps 20:9) I will take the cup of redemption and call upon the Name, Y'HoVaH. (Ps 116:13).

Leader: (with cup in right hand) "The cup of deliverance I raise and in the Name of Y'HoVaH, Yeshua HaMashiach, I call: Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech, ha'olam, boray p'ri ha'gafen." (Replace cup with spices) Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the fruit of the vine.

Leader: Lifting spice container in right hand, says... "Baruch atah Y'HoVaH, Eloheinu Melech ha'olam, boray meenee besamim."

Congregation: Blessed are You, Y'HoVaH our Elohim, King of the universe, who creates the various spices.

Leader: As Avram gave to Malki-Tzedek according to B'resheet (Genesis) 14:18-20, let us all come and bring our offering; then take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup, return to your seats and wait, so we can partake together. Leader: *Pray in relation to what Yeshua has done in connection with the day's Torah portion.* "Let us eat and drink together".

Malachi & Tamar: Aharonic Blessing (see Num 6:22-27). Our Abba and Elohim of our fathers, we thank you for the joy and rest of this Shabbat. May the coming week bring gladness & peace, health & achievement. Like the fragrance of the besamim, we pray that the days ahead bring sweetness to our lives and the lives of our loved ones. May the peace, which we are enjoying linger till we gather for Shabbat

next week. We ask this in Yeshua's name, Amein.