

# Parashah 38 Korach (Korah)

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## TEHILLAH = 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

Prayer for boys from *Gen 27:27b-29*. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Efrayim and M'nasheh ... Prayer for girls from *Num 6:24-26*. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah...

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 the lost sheep of the House of Israel (*Mat 15:24*)

## TORAH = Service of The Word

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**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): Arthur 'Avraham' Batakin**

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

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**Analysis: How many Palestinians are there in the West Bank? It depends.**  
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*Two men observe the Israeli settlement of Maale Adumim in the Palestinian West Bank from Jerusalem on January 23, 2017 THOMAS COEX (AFP)*

### **Lies, damned lies, and statistics**

How many Palestinians are there in the West Bank? Well, it depends on who you ask the question to. Palestinians? Israelis? Which Israelis? The number of answers to what seems to be a simple question will surprise you. Moreover, is the accurate answer that important? Is the answer “a lot” good enough?

No it is not. Current policy and long-term plans crucial to the fate of Israel are based upon those very numbers. The demographic race is the basis to the questions of whether to be or not to be in the West Bank. Where to be or what to leave, if anything at all? To stay in the West Bank or withdraw before Palestinians outnumber Jews living between the Mediterranean Sea and Jordan River? Bring more settlers to the West Bank or, or rush into a two state solution before the number of Palestinians turns the notion of a “Jewish State” into a long lost dream?

The demographic craze is the hottest game in town, and most answers to these existential questions are based on demography. Presumably on facts, but in reality on “alternative facts.” Or what could be described as a fake reality





appropriated by all to serve their political agenda. Moral discourse, formerly used by the left, or the discourse of historic rights, once used by the right, are replaced by demographic and incorrect arguments. Fake reality in the service of ideology.

So how many Palestinians are there in the West Bank? In a heated meeting of the Knesset Security Committee a few months ago, the representative of the Civil Administration (the Israeli civil- military governing body that runs the West Bank) presented the figure of 2.93 million Palestinians, Jerusalem outskirts excluded. Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, a member of an Israeli-American demographic research team came up with the number 1.75 million, over one million less! Prof. Sergio Della Pergola, a prominent Israeli demographer who is usually at odds with Ettinger, claimed that the more accurate number is 2.4 million – still less than the almost three million presented by the Civil Administration but 650,000 more than Ettinger’s team gathered.

Confused? Rightfully so. It is not only that statistics is far from being an accurate science; this particular issue leaves much room to variations and manipulations to serve The representative of the Civil Administration, for instance, explained that they get the number from the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics, considered by him and many others to be a reliable source. He admitted, though, that his office does not keep track of the Palestinians who leave via Ben Gurion airport and that contrary to other methods they count the 15,000 Palestinians who live abroad, come back to register and leave again. The civil administration numbers are those used by the military and the secret service as database for operation.

The more academic Della Pergola admits there are some problems with the Palestinian registration system. The 350,000 Palestinians living in East Jerusalem are counted twice – once as citizens of the West Bank, once as residents of East Jerusalem. Ettinger, politically affiliated with the Israeli political right, uses numbers and figures like a magician juggling with at least three balls in the air.

“The numbers offered by the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics are far from accurate”, he tells i24NEWS. “The number of reported births, for instance, is inconsistent with school registration.” He claims Palestinians are reluctant to report deaths for domestic and financial reasons. His bottom line is no need to hurry, no need to separate from the Palestinians, certainly no reason for a Palestinian State. Jews, according to Ettinger, are not going to be outnumbered by Palestinians in any near future.

His arch-rival in the game of statistics is Arnon Soffer, a prominent Israeli Geographer specializing in over four decades worth of claims that “demography threatens the very existence of the Jewish state.” Ettinger was accused of publishing dubious numbers to prevent the pullout from the Gaza Strip in 2005; Soffer, on the other hand, claimed that leaving Gaza will not be a sufficient demographics solution, and that Israel will have to leave the territories densely populated by Palestinians. The left – Labor and Meretz alike – call for a two state solution



before it is too late and Israel becomes a bi-national state. The right, on the other hand, rebuffs the warnings and think of them as empty threats to promote a political agenda.

While the mutual political discretization is quite understandable, the big gaps in numbers and figures presented by both sides is quite confusing. Even more surprisingly, no side is actually lying. Let us call it “differences in interpretation and contradictory prognosis.”

An examination of Palestinian emigration is an illuminating example. Palestinians do leave the territories for good or temporarily. That is a fact. Those who leave should not be included in the figures. Despite this self-evident logic, no authority was able to provide reliable numbers of those emigrating. There are several ways to leave the West Bank, yet only the number of those leaving through the Allenby Bridge crossing to Jordan is vaguely known. All other hubs such as airports, remain a mystery.

This messy approach turned into a farce in recent months. The far-right Jewish Home party raised the issue of imposing Israeli sovereignty on Area C of the West Bank. Even before the political debate flares, it would make sense to know exactly how many new citizens exactly would be added to the Jewish state. That logic does not apply. Naftali Bennett, head of the party, once used the number 60,000, which certainly sounded more reassuring to his followers than the figure of 125,000 published by the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics, or the almost 300,000 residents of Area C as counted by the UN in Jerusalem. “We know the exact number of Syrian tanks, but fail to know the number of citizens under our control,” grudgingly remarked MK Hiriq Bar (Labor).

The numbers do not only reflect manipulation, but they also reflect the complexity on the ground. Sometimes the problem is the difficulty to distinguish between Areas B and C in the West Bank, to identify the exact borders of each and draw a definitive line. Local Palestinian leaders find the post-Oslo division into areas A, B and C very irrelevant, and perceive it as an abstract line. The bottom line is nobody really knows how many Palestinians will be annexed to Israel if this plan, which is still on the table, actually materializes..

This headcounting is not a game. Annexation, two state solution, bi-national state – all of these or any other solutions to the conflict require precise knowledge. Every number has different implications for the future of Israel and the region. However it often feels as though nobody really wants to know. The blurred picture is more comfortable to all sides – knowing might just be “too much information” in this case.

For the time being, a popular Israeli satirical television show seems to be the most reliable source of information for the demographic puzzle. The year is 2048. The location: the bi-national airport. A border police guard stamps the passports of a Jewish family on their way to Rome. When the father’s turn comes, she freezes with the stamp in mid-air. A huge billboard above her head shows the score: Jews: 9,853,060 and Palestinians: 9,853,060. A real demographic balance. If the father leaves, the balance is disrupted. He must stay – those are the new orders issued by the government. The comic situation captures the spirit and fear of the demographic race.

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## **IRGC Commanders: Our Main Aim Is Global Islamic Rule**

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In recent statements and speeches, Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) commanders have emphasized that the Islamic Revolution in Iran is only the first stage on the path to the spread of the rule of Shi'ite Islam in the Middle East and worldwide, and that the mission of advancing the Islamic Revolution to these heights falls to the IRGC commanders.

The commanders reiterated the argument that the U.S., the leader of the “world of arrogance,” opposes Islam, and thus also Iran, which is, they say, the standard-bearer of the Revolution and its global vision. The U.S., they added, is acting to sabotage the plan to institute Islam worldwide, and is doing so by infiltrating the circles of decision-makers in Iran in order to impregnate them with Western cultural values and spark internal disputes among the Muslims. This is aimed at changing the direction of the Revolution and diverting it from its path. However, the robustness of the Revolution remains, they said, thanks to Iranian Supreme Leader 'Ali Khamenei and the IRGC.

The following are translations of recent statements by senior IRGC commanders on this matter:

IRGC Commander Ja'fari: “We Are On The Path That Leads To The Rule Of Islam Worldwide”

“The Islamic Revolution is aimed at creating an infrastructure of the religion of God on earth, and it will wait for no man on its path advancement. All officials must adapt to the accelerated progress of the Revolution.

“The Islamic Revolution is now in its third stage – that is, [the stage] of assembling the Islamic government, and with God's help it will pass this stage successfully despite the ups and downs that constantly occur.

“The religious seminaries and the IRGC bear the joint mission to advance and deepen the Islamic Revolution. This is God's promise for the salvation of humanity, and we are charged with it. The senior revolutionary clerics and the IRGC will without a doubt actualize God's promises, while implementing a comprehensive plan of the Islamic Revolution for shaping the picture of the Islamic world.

“Our internal spiritual and material potential for creating [such a global regime], and the robustness of the [Iranian] regime, which constitutes the main nucleus of this plan, are expanding in might. According to the words of [Ayatollah Ruhollah] Khomeini, if the revolution and the regime stop on the path, this will cause damage to Islam.”[2] “In order to build the Islamic regime, there is no other path but to advance the Islamic Revolution... As the Imam said: If this Islamic regime is defeated, Islam is defeated.

Deputy Qods Deputy Force Commander Esmail Qaani: “The main aim is global rule, which I hope is not far off.”[6]

IRGC Navy Commander Fadavi: “Today, the thinking of the Islamic Revolution has expanded. Today, we are fighting not at home, but thousands of kilometers beyond [our] borders. Although our equipment does not compare to that of the enemy, with the blessing of faith in God and the martyrdom-seeking spirit, the enemies will fear us.”[7]



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<sup>31</sup> "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'udah." <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.

