

Parashah 5 Hayyei-Sarah (Sarah's Life)

Day 27 of 8th Biblical month **Bul בול** (1 Kings 6:38)

Day 27 of Tishrei the 1st Jewish month of 5777.

Day 29 of October the 10th Gregorian month of 2016



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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'vev'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.

ברכות ילדי מ BLESSING THE CHILDREN B'rachot Yeledim

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

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Torah: **B'resheet (Genesis) 23:1 - 25:28**

Haftarah (Prophets): **M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 1:1-31**

Ketuvi HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Mattityahu (Matthew) 8:19-22

Mattityahu (Matthew) 27:3-10

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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MISHPACHAH MEMOS

TORAH PEARLS THIS AFTERNOON AFTER LUNCH.

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Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Malachi & Tamar's home.
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SHABBAT SCHOOL

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark Batakin. Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins, in the adjoining room, straight after "Blessing the Children", which is prior to the Parashah readings. Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service" at which time parents are expected to resume proactive responsibility for their children.

FREE ON-LINE Messianic Calendar (uses calculated Jewish dates)

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Israel's Role in the Shameful UN Temple Mount Decision

Israel Today , October 27, 2016 by Aviel Schneider

UNESCO's efforts to rewrite history in Jerusalem are illogical and blatantly anti-Israel, but that doesn't excuse Israel's government from its role in this fiasco.

It's all too easy to point a finger at the international community and call this resolution political, hypocritical and even antisemitic. It's also true that Jerusalem is not mentioned once in the Koran, while it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. It is clear to anyone with any sense that the first and second Jewish temples stood on the Temple Mount.

But what has the government of Israel done to defend this truth, besides screaming at UNESCO after the fact?

Following the reunification of Jerusalem in 1967, Israel strictly forbade the flying of the Israeli flag and Jewish prayers atop the Temple Mount. Even when it rules that there is indeed a historical connection between the Jews and the Temple Mount, Israel's Supreme Court - which in all other cases protects religious freedom - upholds the ban on Jewish prayer at Judaism's holiest site.

Jews wearing prayer shawls and carrying prayer books and Bibles are denied entry to the Temple Mount (the same goes for Christians). Any non-Muslim even suspected of uttering silent prayers atop the sacred plateau is immediately arrested by the Israel Police and taken in for questioning.

The Temple Mount, which is today occupied by two mosques, has been under the autonomous rule of the Islamic religious watchdog Waqf since the Six Day War in 1967. It is no secret in Israel that the government fears upsetting the Muslims, and so has abandoned the Temple Mount to them.

And that sadly includes letting the Muslims destroy Jewish history.

During the 1990s, the Waqf unceremoniously dumped 400 truckloads of excavated debris into the valley below the Temple Mount. The Muslims were building a third mosque in the lower levels of the mount known as Solomon's Stables. Under the watchful eyes of Israeli governments, including Netanyahu's, much of Israel's history at its most sacred site was trashed.

Two archeologists, Tzachi Davira and Dr. Gabriel Barkay, along with thousands of volunteers, took it upon themselves to save as much of that precious history as possible. They began sifting through the dump site, and in the ensuing years have found and preserved thousands of coins, stamps, potshards and tiles from the First and Second temples.

Speaking to Israel's Channel 2 News, the archeologists said they had recovered no fewer than 500,000 artifacts, but have had to do so solely on private funding. The Israeli government has failed to finance this important work!

Anyone decrying the antisemitic behavior in the UN must also hold Israel at least partially responsible for it. According to Davira and Barkay, the government of Israel has done nothing beyond words to actually preserve Jewish history at the Temple Mount.



"We have repeatedly asked the government for financial support over the years, but have not received a shekel," said Davira. "Nor was even one of our

finds from the two Temple periods was published in the Foreign Ministry's official literature submitted to UNESCO."

When speaking abroad, Israeli politicians preach of the importance of the Temple Mount to the Jewish state, but their actions at home suggest otherwise. In so doing, they weaken Israel's claims and bolster Islam's efforts to rewrite history.

Pope Francis: God Gave the Land to Israel

October 27, 2016 by Israel Today Staff

Amid the uproar caused by a UN resolution passed this week denying any Jewish connection to Jerusalem and its Temple Mount, Pope Francis on Wednesday insisted that Israel's ties to the Holy Land are both ancient and divinely ordained.

"The people of Israel, who from Egypt, where they were enslaved, walked through the desert for forty years until they reached the land promised by God," the pope said during a speech about migration.

Shortly after, the pontiff met with Israeli Deputy Minister for Regional Cooperation Ayoub Kara who, despite not being Jewish or Christian himself (Kara is a member of Israel's Druze population), said Francis' words were a clear rebuke of the UN and its efforts to rewrite history.

Also on Wednesday, Knesset Speaker Yuli Edelstein wrote to the Vatican, urging it to more forcefully reject the UN resolution, which Edelstein called "an assault on history and...deeply offensive to both Christianity and Judaism."

Ancient Papyrus Again Proves Israel's Biblical History

October 27, 2016 by Tsvi Sadan in Israel Today

Bible scholar and Israel Prize winner Shmuel Ahituv on Wednesday revealed a rare papyrus fragment in which Jerusalem is mentioned. The papyrus was obtained in an undisclosed manner through the theft prevention division of the Israel Antiquities Authority (IAA). The ancient parchment has been dated to the 7th century BCE, which makes it one of only three papyri documents from that era.

The document from the First Temple period, of which only two lines of ancient Hebrew script have survived, is a dispatch regarding a gift of wine "to Jerusalem."



The text itself reads: "[hand]maid of the king, from Na'arata, wineskins, wine, to Jerusalem." The city of Na'arata, or Naarah is mentioned in Joshua 16:7. The gift of wine was sent either to King Manasseh, King Amon or King Josiah - who reigned during this period.

Prof. Ahituv emphasized that "not only is this papyrus the most ancient external biblical source that mentions Jerusalem in Hebrew script, but also, until



now, no papyrus documents from the First Temple period have been found in the Land of Israel except one from Murabat creek." The papyrus also draws attention to high-ranking women in the Judean administration.

Eitan Klein from the IAA theft prevention division said that "this document is a rare testimony to orderly administration in the Kingdom of Judea. The document highlights the centrality of Jerusalem as the economic capital of the kingdom in the first half of the 7th century BCE."

IAA head Israel Hason said that this papyrus points to the possibility that "more findings of great importance to our heritage are waiting to be discovered in the Judean desert. World heritage artifacts are being robbed daily ... Israel should allocate the resources for a historic operation of methodic excavation in all the caves of the Judean desert."

Minister of Culture and Education Miri Regev said that the discovery of the papyrus "upon which the name of our capital Jerusalem is in full display is yet further testimony that Jerusalem was and will forever be the capital of the Jewish people ... even if UNESCO ratifies its unfortunate decision ten times over."

COMMENTARY: What Is Israel's Constitution?

Israel Today October 27, 2016 by Brian Hennessy

Views expressed are the author's and do not necessarily reflect the positions of Israel Today.

I'm not referring to the political document governing the current State of Israel. But rather the God-given covenant under which the entire nation of Abraham's descendants abides. Because there seems to be some confusion among both Jews and Christians as to what Israel's constitutional covenant is.

Israelis, and Jews worldwide, consider it to be the Mosaic Law. In fact, many Christians think that, too. And it's easy to understand why. That covenant not only gave Israel the judicial, social and moral framework that distinguished it from the other nations, it revealed God's highest standard of moral living on earth. Of course we know the nation hasn't functioned in that covenant for over 2000 years because of the exile and destruction of the Temple. But that has not kept the Jewish people from continuing to observe a remnant of the Law's practices, which has helped maintain their identity throughout the centuries. But here is the problem. The Mosaic Law was never the constitutional covenant upon which Israel was founded. The Abrahamic Covenant was. And the two were fundamentally different at their core.

In Galatians 3:15-25, the apostle Paul compares the two covenants and shows the Abrahamic covenant was based solely on a promise, which had to be received by faith. And since that is what Abraham did, God had declared him righteous by that faith. But the law covenant, which came four hundred and thirty years later, did not require faith. "For the Law is not of faith" (Gal 3:12). It was based on 100% obedience. Not upon God keeping His word. And because Israel, no matter how hard she tried, could never obey it, the nation paid an awful price for failure. Including three horrific expulsions.

But here is the main point Paul wanted us to see. Because the Law was based on a totally different premise it could "not invalidate the [Abrahamic]

covenant previously ratified by God” (Gal. 3:17). If it had it would have replaced that covenant, and the inheritance would have been based on Law and not on a promise. But “God had given it to Abraham by means of a promise” (Gal 3:18). Therefore, even when the Law ruled over Israel, the Abrahamic covenant continued as Israel’s main constitutional covenant right up until the first century when Yeshua entered the picture. And then everything changed.

Now, most Christians understand that the law covenant was completely fulfilled by Yeshua. For as Scripture informs, “it had been ordained through angels by the agency of a mediator, until the seed would come to whom the promise had been made” (Gal. 3:19). That meant the Mosaic Law had an expiration date tied to the coming of “the seed,” who we know was Messiah Yeshua.

But if he was the promised “seed,” the heir to all that was spoken to Abraham, it meant he also fulfilled the Abrahamic covenant. However, God did not leave Israel without a governing covenant. As we know, before Yeshua ascended to Heaven he instituted a new covenant based on God’s mercy and grace, making the New Covenant Israel’s official constitutional covenant today. Even if Jewish Israel does not yet accept it as such.

Does that mean the first two covenants no longer have a voice? Not at all. I like to think of Israel’s new constitution as a three-layer covenant cake. And that the top layer, the New Covenant, is still dependent upon the bottom two layers for support. For the spiritual truths established by the two former covenants are very much present in the New Covenant.

The founding Abrahamic covenant still testifies to the truth “that the righteous man shall live by faith” (Hab. 2:4). And that, “without faith it is impossible to please God” (Heb. 11:6). It also supports the historic claim of Abraham’s chosen line of descendants to the land and the promises, as represented by today’s returning Jews. The only part God changed was the sign of the covenant – the requirement for physical circumcision. That initiation rite, the seal of righteousness, transitioned to a spiritual circumcision of the heart, known as the “born again” experience.

The same with the Mosaic Law. It continues to testify to the accuracy of New Covenant doctrine based on the Law’s types and shadows. And still reminds the righteous of God’s demand for holiness and obedience - “to walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own Kingdom and glory” (1 Thess. 2:12). And it can still confront the lawless for their immoral, ungodly behavior. But the 613 commands of the Law as mediated by Moses are now “obsolete” (Heb. 8:13). The power of the indwelling Holy Spirit now makes it possible for us to keep the intent of the whole Law, to love God and our neighbour as ourselves... “For he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the Law” (Rom. 13:8).

We are just waiting now for the day when all Israel will recognize its New Covenant constitution. When that happens, Jewish and non-Jewish believers will then be able to enter God’s restored Kingdom of Israel in a covenant of peace.

“My servant David will be king over them, and they will have one shepherd....and I will make a covenant of peace with them; and it will be an everlasting covenant...and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forever” (Ezek. 37:26).

Brian Hennessy is author of Valley of the Steeples.



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³¹ "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.³² 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.³³ "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.

