

Parashah 12 Vayechi -He lived-

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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: "Yeshua HaMashiach hu Adonai".

And everyone says: "**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 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 12 Vayechi (He lived)

Torah: B'resheet (Genesis) 47:28 - 50:26

Haftarah (Prophets): M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 2:1-12

Ketuvei HaShelichim: Acts 7:9 - 16 (specifically 15-16); Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 11:21-22; 1 Kefa (1 Peter) 1:3-9; 2:11-17

(Writing [of] the Apostles)

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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Orthodox Rabbis Bring Yeshua Home for Christmas

in Israel Today December 24, 2015 by David Lazarus

More than 25 prominent rabbis from Israel and abroad recently issued a statement calling for a renewed look at Jesus, Christians and the New Testament faith. Quoting from their own sages, these outstanding Orthodox rabbis are not ashamed to exalt the name of Jesus, welcoming the carpenter from Nazareth back into the Jewish fold.

“Jesus brought a double goodness to the world,” declare the group of well-known rabbis. “On the one hand he strengthened the Torah of Moses majestically... and not one of our Sages spoke out more emphatically concerning the immutability of the Torah,” and on the other hand “he removed idols from the nations.”

Saying that Jesus, even more than any other Jewish Sage, honored, strengthened and protected the “immutability of the Torah,” is an extraordinary acknowledgement. These leading rabbis are turning the tides of history by removing one of the main stumbling blocks in the path of a major Jewish reclamation of Jesus!

You will recall, that religious Jews rejected Jesus from the beginning, with the accusation that he did not obey the Torah, therefore he could not be the awaited Messiah. In the New Testament, we find the Pharisees arguing with Jesus over Sabbath rules, dietary laws, ritual cleanliness, marriage regulations and more. They insisted that Jesus cannot be the Messiah because “he is teaching everywhere not to obey Moses.” (Acts 6:14) *(Acts 6:8-15 reveals the context. This quote is of what false witnesses were told to say of Stephen at his trial.)*

What we are now witnessing is the undoing of 2,000 years of Jewish rejection and animosity towards Jesus, a miracle by any estimation. For the out-and-out refusal by Jews to accept Jesus is slowly, but surely, coming to an end, as growing numbers of prestigious Orthodox rabbis welcome Jesus back.

And there is more. “After nearly two millennia of mutual hostility and alienation, we Orthodox Rabbis who lead communities, institutions and seminaries in Israel, the United States and Europe... seek to do the will of our Father in Heaven by accepting the hand offered to us by our Christian brothers and sisters,” the statement reads.

Two thousand years of Christian Anti-Semitism, Crusades, Inquisitions and a Holocaust can not keep the Star of Bethlehem from rising again in Israel. This call by these distinguished rabbis to embrace Christians as “brothers and sisters” is no less a miracle. For Jews to accept Christians with such endearment, after so much misunderstanding and anti-Semitic ugliness, can only be understood as a divine work of heavenly grace, the likes of which I find unfathomable.

For as this group of Orthodox rabbis points out, it is their “Father in Heaven” who is calling the Jewish people to lay down the past, put aside the enmity, and willingly embrace Christians and their faith in Jesus. That, my friends, is the deeper work of the Holy Spirit as spoken about throughout Scripture.

As Rabbi Dr. Eugene Korn, Academic Director of the Center for Jewish-Christian Understanding & Cooperation points out, “This proclamation’s breakthrough is that influential Orthodox rabbis across all centers of Jewish life have finally acknowledged that... Christianity and Judaism have much in



common spiritually and practically. Given our toxic history, this is unprecedented in Orthodoxy.”

In their statement, the rabbis want to find a way to acknowledge the differences between Christian and Jewish beliefs, without taking, or giving, offense. _“As did Maimonides and Yehudah Halevi, we acknowledge that Christianity is neither an accident nor an error, but the willed divine outcome and gift to the nations. In separating Judaism and Christianity, G-d willed a separation between partners with significant theological differences, not a separation between enemies,” _the statement concludes.

These so-called “significant theological differences” between Christianity and Judaism are really about Jesus. He is the stumbling block. Jesus may be Messiah, Son of the Living God for the Gentiles, but my Jewish people are still not quite sure just who he is for them. So while these rabbis are making major and unprecedented strides in bringing my people closer to Jesus, they are still far from the truth. For if Jesus is the Messiah for the Gentiles, how much more must he be for the Jews?

Perhaps Jesus will not quite be at home this Christmas in Israel, or Jewish homes around the world, but he is certainly knocking on the door.

'I emptied the magazine into him, he kept on charging'

By Yoni Kempinski in Arutz Sheva, Dec 24 2015

Security guard Katya Sohet tells a story of heroism after she and another guard killed a terrorist at Ariel.

Two security guards at the entrance to the western industrial area of Ariel, in Samaria, were wounded Thursday morning by a terrorist who stabbed them. One guard – a man – suffered numerous wounds to the head and limbs and was classified as being in moderate condition when he was brought to the hospital.

The other guard, Katya Sohet, was lightly wounded in the head. Both guards are 24 years old.

The terrorist is a 22-year-old man from the village Dik who works in the Ariel industrial area. He reportedly showed up for work Thursday morning but left the factory to stab the guards.

Sohet recalled the events:

"It started out as a regular day at work. By 8 a.m. all the laborers had entered and were already at work. And at around 9 a.m., suddenly the door to our booth bursts open, and a man stands there with a knife, maybe even two, I don't remember. And he shouts and starts cutting us up."

"The other guard who was with me ran out and he may have pushed the terrorist, but as I was coming out I cocked the weapon and started firing at him, and I fired the entire magazine at him, and as I changed it I saw him still coming at me, and I kept firing till he fell to the ground."

"I called the other guard and told him to enter the booth and we called for help and said there had been a terror attack. We were full of blood and it was scary." The two victims, a man and a woman both around age 24, suffered stab wounds to their upper bodies. They were both reported to be fully conscious at the scene.

Magen David Adom paramedics evacuated the man, suffering from



moderate-to-serious wounds, and the moderately injured woman to Beilinson Hospital in Petah Tikva. MDA medic Shai Amichai recounted the scene to Arutz Sheva: "When we came to the gate of the industrial area we saw two young people. One of them was injured somewhere in [her] back or hand. The other one was stabbed in his neck and back."

"The two of them were in communication with us the whole time, and we gave them first aid medical treatment and evacuated them to the hospital in two ambulances."

Initial reports indicate the terrorist arrived with a knife to the main entrance of the industrial park before attacking the two Israeli guards. They shot and eliminated him.

A large presence of IDF and police forces are at the scene investigating a report the terrorist was dropped off by an accomplice.

The Ariel Industrial Park employs many Palestinians as well as Israelis, and is often touted as a place where the two populations work peacefully side-by-side. Security forces are probing the possibility the terrorist was an employee at one of the factories there.

'We have no weapons... we're like ducks in a shooting gallery'

by Benny Tucker In Arutz Sheva Dec.24

Employees at factories in Ariel Industrial Park fear an even worse repeat of stabbing attack on Wednesday morning.

Keren Kopler Berko, who works in the Ariel Industrial Park near the site of Wednesday morning's stabbing attack, expressed the concern of many factory employees in the area.

"Forty minutes ago we heard shots," she recounted to Arutz Sheva shortly after the attack. "We went outside and saw it was full of ambulances and IDF forces."

"We realized there had been a stabbing committed by a Palestinian who arrived at Ariel's gate, in the western industrial area. He stabbed two security guards who were evacuated in ambulances to the hospital."

Kopler Berko said the attack belied the real Arab response to residents' attempts at coexistence. "We receive them with warmth and love, give them employment in our factories, real coexistence and this is what we get?"

She called on the defense establishment to increase security in the area, noting she herself worked in a factory with "twenty Palestinian employees. There is a problem here, the industrial area is not protected. With the same ease the terrorist was able to arrive at a guard stand, he can enter one of the factories."

"The factories have no security guards," she opined. "The employees have no weapons."

Kopler Berko also noted that an attack could come from someone within one of the factories. "They don't even have to come with a knife," she warned. "They work here in the manufacturing hall and they have access to tools."

"We are like ducks in a shooting gallery," she added. "This has to change. There are many women who work here and it's frightening."



Two Dead, One Wounded in Jerusalem Terror Attack

by Roi Yanovsky in Bridges for Peace.



Thursday, 24 December 2015 | Two Palestinian terrorists stabbed two people, wounding one seriously and the other fatally, at around 1:15 PM on Wednesday at Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate. Another civilian succumbed to gunfire wounds hours after the attack, possibly inflicted when the guards fired at the terrorists.

Border Guards shot the two terrorists, killing one and wounding another who later died of his wounds.

Jaffa Gate, scene of terror attack

The gunfire victim was named as Ofer Ben-Ari, 46, a married resident of Jerusalem and father of two. The man who was fatally stabbed was Rabbi Reuven Biermacher, 45, a married father of seven.

A video obtained by Ynet shows that after the terrorists were shot, a group of civilians struggled with one of the terrorist, then kicking him. Police noted that one of the terrorists tried to get up and continue stabbing after he was shot.

The terrorists were identified as Anaan Hamad, 20, and Issa Asaf, 19, both from the Qalandiya refugee camp. Asaf served time this year for "popular" terrorist activity and was released. Hamad was arrested in 2010 after arriving at the Qalandiya checkpoint with a knife with the goal of being detained, as he claimed during questioning that he had come to the checkpoint because he was frequently beaten by his father. The three wounded civilians were taken to Shaare Zedek Medical Center and Hadassah Medical Center in the city. Two of them died while in the hospital in the hours after the attack. Chief Superintendent Asi Aharoni, a spokesman for the Jerusalem district, said that female Border Police officers were stationed at the Jaffa Gate Border on a security mission, and they noticed a crowd of people running in panic in their direction. "They understood immediately that an attack was occurring and they bravely ran to the site, identified two terrorists with knives while one was stabbing someone. They shot at them precisely and prevented more innocent people from getting hurt."

Aharoni reported that the shooting victim may have been wounded by the Border Police. "The police are very highly trained and skilled, but it is possible that a person was wounded by gunfire. Nevertheless, thanks to their heroic action they prevented a much more serious attack from taking place."

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³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a re-newed Covenant with the house of Isra'el and with the house of Y'udah. 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)

Leader: "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 12:2)

Congregation: Then you will joyfully draw water from the springs of salvation. (Isa 12:3). Victory comes from Y'HoVaH; may Your blessing rest on Your people (Ps 3:8). Y'HoVaH Tzva'ot is with us, our fortress, the Elohim of Ya'akov. (Ps 46:7)

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.

