

Parashah 14 Va'era -I appeared-

Day 27 of the 10th Biblical month.

Day 28 of Tevet the 3rd Jewish month of 5776

Day 9 of January the 1st Gregorian month of 2016

17th Anniversary



A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

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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. in Aramaic and Greek texts but not most English translations.*) All say: "**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

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Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 6:2-9:35

Haftarah (Prophets): Yechezk'el (Ezekiel) 28:25-29:21

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

Romans 9:14-17; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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

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SHABBAT SCHOOL

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Devina Sleaford and 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.

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

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Sh’mot (Exodus)8:1 (7:26); Yonah (Johah) 1:2; B’resheet (Genesis)1:3;
Revelation 22:17; Mattityahu (Matthew) 16:18-19;
Sh’mot (Exodus) 8:25 (8:21); 1 Corinthians 10:1-2;
Sh’mot (Exodus) 8:28; Yochanan Alef (1 John) 2:15;
Messianic Jews (Hebrews) 11:13-16; Sh’mot (Exodus) 10:11; 24.

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Is Heaven the Christian's Promised Land?

Challenging Commentary in Israel Today, January 03, 2016 by Brian Hennessy.

For centuries, Christians have considered Heaven the ultimate reward for deciding to follow Jesus. Death was celebrated in gospel songs as crossing the river Jordan, transforming Heaven into the Promised Land. It was a comforting metaphor for those who had to say goodbye to deceased loved ones before Jesus returned.

For most of my Christian life I too assumed Heaven was the destination of the true believer. But one day I decided to look up all the verses that promised life in Heaven – and, lo and behold, I couldn't find one! I saw that our inheritance is “reserved for us in Heaven” (1 Pet. 1:4). That our names “are enrolled in Heaven” (Heb. 12:23). That our “citizenship is in Heaven” (Phil. 3:20). But nowhere did I see we are promised an eternal life in Heaven – or even a temporary stay.

The only afterlife I found promised to us in the Bible was in a resurrected, immortal body here on earth. And that new body wouldn't become ours until Jesus returned! “For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible” (1 Cor. 15:52).

Like most Christians, I suspect, I just assumed resurrection occurred when we died and our spirit “ascended” to Heaven. But if going to Heaven is what the Bible means by ‘resurrection,’ then what's the point of Jesus coming back to earth to raise the dead? Because the dead in Christ would be in Heaven already, and the rest would simply join the party in Paradise when they died. And if you think about it, once there who'd ever want to come back to earth?

I began to see how this hope of Heaven had completely overshadowed the hope of resurrection. It made a bodily resurrection unnecessary. Yet wasn't the promise of being included in Jesus' resurrection victory over bodily death the good news that electrified the world in the first century? If resurrection is just a graduation of disembodied spirits to the unseen spiritual world of Heaven, which Plato taught, then death still reigns as the final arbiter of life on this planet. And the joke is on us. As Paul said, “If the dead are not raised [on earth], let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die” (1 Cor. 15:32).

It seems in the course of history Yeshua's message about the kingdom of Heaven got twisted to mean we had to go to Heaven to receive it. But the kingdom Yeshua talked about was coming to earth! Didn't he teach us to pray to the Father... “Thy kingdom come?” And wasn't John told in his heavenly vision that all those Jesus had purchased with his blood “shall reign upon the earth?” (Rev. 5:9,10).

This promise of a heavenly kingdom on earth is nothing less than the fulfillment of the covenant promise made to Abraham and his seed that they “...would inherit the earth” (Rom. 4:13). “For all these died in faith without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, confessed they were strangers and exiles upon the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own” (Heb. 11:13,14). There are no countries in Heaven!

Anthony Buzzard in his book, *Our Fathers Who Aren't in Heaven*, writes: “Our fathers...looked forward, as did New Testament Christians, to entering and inheriting the land of promise, the Kingdom of God on earth, by



resurrection from the dead.” (pg. 69).

Well, if we don't go to Heaven after we die, where do we go? The New Testament never really says, but seems to remain consistent with the Old Testament view that Sheol (“Hades” in the Greek) is our temporary destination. It is not a place of reward or punishment, but a place of unconscious rest. “For there is no activity or planning or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol where you are going” (Eccl. 9:10).

The phrase used repeatedly in the NT is that we “have fallen asleep” (1 Cor. 15:6, 18,20,51). But wherever our spirit goes between death and resurrection, whether conscious or unconscious, we are assured of one thing: Father God will never let go of us. “For neither death nor life...can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:38,39).

There we will stay until the trumpet blows and “the dead in Messiah will be raised, and we [who are still alive] will be changed” (1 Cor. 15:52). And life on our sin-sick planet will finally become – Heaven on earth!

Terror wave on the decline?

Arutz Sheva By Cynthia Blank 1/7/2016,

The terror wave that swept Israel over three months ago appears to be on a downward trend, new data released by the Israeli Security Agency (ISA or Shin Bet) on Thursday revealed.

December 2015 marked the first month with a noted decrease in the number of terror attacks as compared to the previous month.

According to the Shin Bet's data, 246 attacks - 183 of them firebombings - were recorded in December, compared to 326 in November.

The trend also appears to be regional, as reflected in the graph below: Judea-Samaria (red) was the target of 194 attacks in December, compared to 265 in November; Jerusalem and its environs (blue) was targeted in 43 attacks, compared to 52; and two attacks were conducted within the "Green Line" (green), compared to five the previous month. The total number of attacks monthly is recorded in grey.

The decrease in number of attacks is also reflected in lower numbers of casualties and injured victims.

Three Israeli civilians were killed and 44 injured in December, compared to 10 murdered and 58 wounded in November. Those murdered last month were the victims of two stabbing attacks - in Jerusalem's Old City on December 23 and in Hevron on December 7.

Nearly half (21) of those injured in December were the victims of car-ramming attacks. An additional 16 were injured in stabbings, five were wounded in shooting attacks, and two more in physical assaults.

Despite the decline in attacks, the Shin Bet noted there is a growing effort by Hamas to plan and carry out attacks in Israel, in order to harm the Palestinian Authority and keep the terror wave from fading.

The Shin Bet stressed that it, the IDF, and police are continuing to make every effort to thwart attacks by arresting known terror operatives and monitoring Palestinian activity on social media.



Haniyeh: We won't back down from 'Palestine'

in Arutz Sheva Jan., 09, 2016

Senior Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh continued to threaten Israel on Thursday, declaring in a speech in Khan Yunis that Hamas will never back down from its goal of controlling all of what it considers "Palestine", and urging Palestinian Arabs to continue attacking Israelis.

"Hamas will not accept a solution apart from Palestine on all the land from the river to the sea," he said in the speech, excerpts of which were quoted by NRG/Makor Rishon. "We are building the power underground and above ground. Behind enemy lines. On the earth, sea and sky."

"We are building the power here that will surprise the world, not just to defend Gaza, but to liberate Jerusalem and liberate the Al-Aqsa Mosque and to free all of Palestine," said Haniyeh, whose relatives have in the past received medical treatment in Israeli hospitals. "The building of power here in Gaza is part of the strategic plan of our people."

The terrorist leader added that "we will not allow for the intifada, that the Palestinians are carrying out against military personnel or civilians since October in the West Bank and Israel and has reached its 100th day, to be brought down."

Haniyeh in his speech also praised terrorist Nashat Milhem, who remains at large a week after murdering three people in Tel Aviv last Friday.

"We do not know where he is but he is embarrassing the Zionists and making history," Haniyeh said of Milhem and added, "He's a hero who sowed the seed of death in the streets of Tel Aviv and brought life to our people."

Hundreds of armed Hamas terrorists march in Jerusalem

In Arutz Sheva By Ari Yashar 7/Jan 2016.

www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/206111

Hundreds of masked and armed terrorists from Hamas's Al-Qassam Brigades "military wing" took part in a terrorist funeral attended by thousands in Jerusalem earlier this week, in an alarming show of force.

The multitude of terrorists fired in the air with automatic assault rifles, and waved knives and machetes in a spectacle common in Gaza, but as rare as it is shocking in the capital.

Video from the incident - which took place in the northeastern Shuafat neighborhood just roughly 100 meters from the French Hill neighborhood and near Hebrew University - was exposed by Channel 10 on Thursday night, after footage from it surfaced on YouTube.

The occasion was the funeral of Mohammed Saeed Ali, whose body was recently returned by Israel despite security cabinet decisions calling not to return the bodies of terrorists as a deterrent measure, and so as to prevent the funerals from being used to recruit new terrorists.



On October 10, Ali surprised security forces who asked to see his identification at the Damascus Gate of the Old City, and was caught on security camera lunging at them and stabbing two officers, causing a third to be accidentally shot by security forces who responded and shot the terrorist dead. Two of the officers suffered moderate wounds, while the third was in serious condition.

When Ali's body was returned earlier this week, thousands formed a human river in the streets of Shuafat just a stone's throw from French Hill, with the sound of rapid machine gun fire puncturing the air.

Amid the gunfire, and while waving knives and machetes, the masses chanted: "this is how Mohammed taught us! How to slaughter the Jews! Wave the swords! We are the people of Mohammed Deif!" Deif is the Hamas terror chief who survived a sixth attempt on his life during 2014 Operation Protective Edge in Gaza, after Israel delayed the assassination strike.

Hamas enjoys strong support in eastern Jerusalem, and in 2007 won in the region in the Palestinian parliamentary elections.

The terrorist group, which has the genocide of Jews written into its charter, has recently stepped up its calls for shooting and suicide attacks, urging the current terror wave to be taken up a notch.

In response to the video from the funeral, the Israeli police said in a statement: "the police are conducting enforcement activities in the Shuafat refugee camp, which is supervised by an orderly crossing from Jerusalem in which all those going in and out of the camp are checked."

Just on Thursday evening a 16-year-old Arab terrorist armed with a knife was arrested at the checkpoint leaving Shuafat on his way to conduct a stabbing attack.

ILVT - www.iltv.tv Today's main broadcast headlines include:

- Israeli Tourists in Cairo come under fire as members of the Muslim Brotherhood attack popular hotel.
- The site of the deadly Tel Aviv terror attack reopens less than a week after 2 people were killed there; Terrorist Nashat Milhelm still on the run.
- Israeli police launch a major crackdown on illegal weapons. The nationwide sweep aims to end rampant gun crime in the Arab sector.
- Israel approves plans for a new Druze town. Druze leaders are upset the site will be built on former Arab village.
- Interview with Bezalel Gleiser of 'EZSAVE' to discuss how his company's revolutionary app is saving consumers money by analyzing & negotiating utility bills on their behalf.
- 3,400 year old 'Citadel' fortress discovered in the northern Israeli town of Nahariyah during residential apartment foundation building.

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YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

³¹ "Here, the days are coming," says Y'HoVaH, "when I will make a renewed 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)

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.

