

Parashah 23 P'kudei (Accounts)

Day 2 of the 1st Biblical month. Happy New Year for Yesterday!

Day 2 of Adar 2 the 6th Jewish month of 5776

Day 12 of March the 3rd Gregorian month of 2016



A Messianic congregation of
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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*)

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

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Torah: Sh'mot (Exodus) 38:21 - 40:38

Haftarah (Prophets): M'lakhim Alef (1 Kings) 7:51 - 8:21

**Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):
Revelation 15:5-8**

Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar Yeomans

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

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☆ MISHPACHAH MEMOS ☆

BGEMC will be celebrating Pesach (Passover) on Thursday evening March 24th. (*That's the evening before Good Friday in the Christian calendar.*)
Our celebrations this year will be in individual homes as we did last year.

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.

HOME PRAYER MEETING this TUESDAY evening.
Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at Malachi & Tamar's home.
7pm at 1/69 Falconer St., Southport, Qld 4215

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Scriptures in Drashah (message): M.Min. Tamar (Robyn) Yeomans

M'lakhim Alef (1Kings) 7:48-51; M'lakhim Bet (2Kings) 11:4-6; 7-9;10;
Sh'mu'el Alef (1 Samuel) 21:1-9;
Tehellim (Psalms) 63:1-2; 73:1-28; 77:13; 96:6; 134:1-3; 150:1-6; 122:1;
Nehemiah 10:39; Tehellim (Psalms) 34:3; 50:5; 55:14; 133:1 ;
Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 52:9 ; Acts 2:44; 3:1; 4:31; 14:27;
1Corinthians 3:9; 1Thessalonians 5:11; Ephesians 2:6.

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BGEMC will be celebrating Pesach on Thursday evening March 24th., which is Thursday fortnight, just two weeks away.

This is the evening before 'Good Friday' of the Easter long weekend.

Our Pesach celebrations this year will again be in individual homes. Our Passover Haggadah (order of service) is available as a pdf on our website. The reason for the date choice follows...

AVIV HAS COME SURPRISINGLY EARLY IN ISRAEL.

Special thanks to Luke and Devina for their research and sharing this information with us. <http://www.learnfromthebible.org/abib-2016-report.html>

The audio, text and video reports on the Aviv, that are presented in the above web site are well worth reading and listening to. They provide substantial information that Aviv (Spring) is early in Israel this year.

There is enough information for us not to follow Nehemia Gordon's declaration of a 13th month, which for them does conveniently put the Karaite Jews in sync with the calculated Orthodox calendar. The link to the Nehemia's Wall, a Karaite Jewish site, follows. www.nehemiaswall.com/hebrew-voices-proclaiming-a-leap-year-of-faith

We have decided to accept the avivreport from Solomon Meyer of יהוה "Yahweh's Obedient Servants Ministry" that there is an early Spring in Israel at the moment.

Historically not to declare Aviv in a year such as this would needlessly delay the whole harvest system for a month and potentially be like a needless curse that would deny access to an available food supply after winter. Logically an early Spring would be a blessing not to be missed for the sake of tradition.

I just spoke to M.Min Sean and in his usual jovial manner he commented that it is within Torah to celebrate Passover and the feast of matzah either this month and/or next anyway.

M.Min Tamar makes the following comment.

"After listening to the "Learn from the Bible" audio, I also noticed that here on the Gold Coast my frangipani tree began losing its leaves in February, when it usually starts losing them in March. That is the only seasonal marker I have in my garden and I thought that it was very strange as I had never noticed leaves falling from the tree so early in the past 12 years."

The following are excerpts from the web page link at the top of this page. The comments below and conclusion is signed by Solomon Meyer.

We obviously do not concur with the words Meyer uses for Y'HoVaH nor Yeshua and have no knowledge of what else he advocates...

Meyer writes: "I have previously presented logical arguments in support of early Abib. Briefly, the entire determination of Abib in Biblical times was an integral part of the Agricultural season.

"The Israelites relied on the first crop of the year to feed their animals and replenish their own food supplies. There would be a tremendous amount of concern in those times then that the crop be certified Abib as soon as possible in



order for the harvest to begin. In some cases, undoubtedly, the very survival of the people would depend on a timely approval of the High Priest to offer the wave sheaf.

Talmudic record tells us that the High Priest would even “collate” a wave sheaf, bringing the most mature stalks of grain from various farms and various fields and producing a sheaf.

A harvest delayed by a month would mean extended shortage of feed stuffs and the probability of a lost harvest as a month delay could mean a harvest lost in the fields.

“Another consideration has to be the seven-week interlude between the barley (offered at Feast of Unleavened Bread) and wheat (Offered at Shavuoth) crops.

“A delay in Abib to offer the Barley would definitely mean damage to the wheat crop seven weeks later.

“Imagine each farmer, knowing where and when he planted the first crop after the Feast of Tabernacles checking that crop each day, looking for the first sign of emerging heads and finding the most ripe stalk during the waning 12th moon; then choosing that stalk and bringing it to the priest for approval to harvest in the next month. It was for this reason that the grain was allowed to be parched for the meal offering, to give every opportunity to accept early Abib and allow a timely harvest of the crop.

“We should resist all of the artificial and non-scriptural delays that have been built in by Jewish tradition and faulty reasoning. Determining Abib is a simple process, yet a process that has always been based on a judgment call, at one time of the High Priest, now we are put into the unenviable position to make these judgments for ourselves.

“I base my determinations on a number of factors as listed below. I recognize that the scriptures do not plainly say “look for Barley” or “this is what you shall seek”. Rather, the Word of Yahweh is simply to Moses that “this month is the first of months” (Exodus 12:2). “It is for this reason that I include looking at all the factors that I do. The only requirement is that there be a sheaf of harvest-able grain to offer after the Sabbath during the Feast of Unleavened Bread.

“We know from the Exodus story that the events transpired in the time of year when Barley was in heads, but wheat was not (Genesis 9:31-32).

“We also know the name of the Month is Abib (Deuteronomy 16:1), meaning young, green or emerging ears of grain.

“What has happened however is that there have been added a number of man-made definitions, assertions, and stipulations over the years that seem to delay confirming Abib. I continue to challenge the conventional thinking, in an effort to shy away from Jewish tradition, and seek the hand of Yahweh in the process....”

“...*Conclusion:* It is my judgment that there is significant and verified evidence that the season is well-advanced in Eretz Israel. In my opinion, there is sufficient fully mature grain, in both the “wild” and “agricultural” crops that a first of the first-fruits sheaf would be available to wave on the evening after the Sabbath of March 26, 2016 and that there would be sufficient grain (parched or raw) to be ground into the required meal offering at that time. Therefore, it is my expressed conclusion that the New Moon crescent we seek on the evening of March 9, 2016 will be the first of the New Year, and begin the month of Abib.” *You can read the full article here.*

www.learnfromthebible.org/abib-2016-report.html



Miraculous outcome from attack on crowded bus in Israel.

By Arutz Sheva Staff on 3/10/2016,

“There was a feeling that this was going to be a massacre”, said a passenger on bus targeted by drive-by shooting recalls harrowing experience under fire. People screamed ‘Shema Yisrae’”.

On Wednesday, terrorists opened fire on an Egged bus at Ramot Junction. The attack, made on a major thoroughfare just minutes from the Ramot neighborhood, stunned Jerusalem residents.

Shmuel P., a passenger on the bus targeted by the attackers, recounted the harrowing experience in an interview with Hamevasser.

A Jerusalem yeshiva student in his 20s, Shmuel regularly rides on the Egged 32 line from Ramot to downtown Jerusalem.

“From what I understand”, says Shmuel, “the [terrorists’] car was sitting just in front of the bus stop for the bus I was on, waiting to open fire.”

“When people started to get on and [others] off the bus, two armed men started to fire through the car windows towards the bus stop. I stood by the bus window and saw them hold rifles and shooting.”

“Things went crazy then on the bus. We’re talking about a bus that’s almost always filled with passengers, and in the morning it’s really packed. People laid on the floor and started to scream in panic.”

“There was a feeling that this is going to be a massacre. People were yelling ‘Shema Yisrael’ in just complete terror. It was a terrible experience. I thought to myself that the walls of the bus are so thin, the terrorists will try to come up to the bus itself [and open fire] within seconds.”

But then, Shmuel recalls, the shooting abruptly stopped.

“After that, the gunfire ended and we heard a big commotion outside. They said the terrorists ran off, and that someone had fired back at them. I couldn’t understand it, why would they run away? They’re terrorists who are ready to commit suicide, they’re supposed to return fire [when fired upon]. And they were two with rifles against one person with a pistol.”

“It was a miracle without a doubt. They could have easily killed dozens of people. There weren’t any cops in the area. We’re talking about a very quiet area that hasn’t had terror attacks.”

Hezi Roth, a Hatzolah volunteer paramedic who arrived on the scene seconds after the attack says it was “a miracle” that no one was hurt and that the bus parked in such a way as to block the terrorists’ car and ruin their plans.

“The terrorists were driving very slowly. They targeted a bus stop with more than a hundred people. All of the sudden the 32 bus comes in and blocks their field of vision.”

“From speaking with the police on the scene, my understanding is that the terrorists decided to flee when their plans for the attack were foiled after they came under fire from the armed civilian.”



Palestinians: Have The Donors Finally Woken Up?

<http://unitycoalitionforisrael.org/?p=17473#> March 10, 2016

The striking teachers are exposing the Palestinian Authority (PA) as playing Western donors for suckers.

No one, in fact, knows how many Palestinians are on the Palestinian payroll. Donors might not be aware, for instance, that they are paying over 50,000 employees from the Gaza Strip to not work. This has been the case since 2007, when Hamas seized control over the Gaza Strip. In response, the PA ordered all its employees to boycott Hamas and promised to pay them full salaries for sitting at home. The Palestinian committee has been tasked to avoid scandal and ensure that donors do not get to the bottom of the case. Western donors want to see a list of the names of Palestinians who are on the payroll of the Palestinian Authority (PA), and the PA is not happy about it.

What is driving this demand? Thousands of Palestinian school teachers in the West Bank are striking for better conditions. The Palestinian leadership, in response, has ordered a security crackdown on the strikers. To justify the crackdown, PA officials have claimed that the strike was organized by Hamas as part of a conspiracy to embarrass and undermine the regime of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

What is really happening is that the teachers are blowing the whistle on PA corruption. They have accused the PA Ministry of Education of wasting donors' funds and deceiving them by inflating the number of teachers. They claim that the list of employees (about 56,000) ostensibly hired by the ministry contains many fictitious names. These include teachers and administrative workers of the ministry.

The teachers also accuse the PA of lying to the donors about their salaries. The information provided by the PA to donors claimed that the PA pays higher salaries to the teachers than the teachers actually receive. In other words, the striking teachers are exposing the PA as playing Western donors for suckers.

The PA's Finance Ministry has yet to publish the general budget for the years 2015 and 2016. The last time the budget appeared on the ministry's official website was in 2014. The striking teachers and other Palestinians say there is something fishy about the Finance Ministry's failure to make public the annual budget for 2015 and 2016. They call this a lack of transparency. According to various sources, the donors' request took PA Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah by surprise. He has referred the request to the office of Mahmoud Abbas and is now awaiting the president's personal intervention in the developing scandal. One report revealed that the PA leadership has formed a secret legal committee, headed by Palestinian official Karim Shehadeh, to prepare a reply to the donors about the discrepancy in the salaries. The committee has been tasked to avoid scandal and ensure that donors do not get to the bottom of the case.

The donors' request explains the hysterical response of the PA leadership to the ongoing teachers' strike in the West Bank. In the past few weeks, PA security forces have rounded up dozens of striking teachers and imposed a reign of intimidation against others. When the teachers planned to hold a protest rally in Ramallah last week, the PA deployed hundreds of policemen and set up checkpoints in various parts of the West Bank in a bid to foil the protest and terrify the teachers.



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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'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.

