

Parashah 48 Shof'tim (Judges)

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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: D'varim (Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9)

Haftarah (Prophets): Yesha'yahu (Isaiah) 51:12 - 53:12

Ketuvei HaShelichim (Writing [of] the Apostles):

**Mattityahu (Matt) 5:38-42; 18:15-20; Acts 3:13-26; 7:35-53;
1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 1 Tim 5:17-22; Messianic Jews (Heb)10:28-31**

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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Confirmed: Scrubbing Of Isis Intelligence Reports For Political Reasons Done At Senior Levels

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A special congressional joint task force has officially confirmed what has been suspected for months: The Obama administration through U.S Central Command scrubbed intelligence reports showing the rise of ISIS as a critical threat to the United States and the world. The reports were altered for political purposes to present a rosier, less threatening picture of the terror army to the American people. In other words, the administration wanted to prove ISIS was a “jayvee” team as President Obama claimed in September 2014. (For the non-sports fan, JV stands for junior varsity, and it usually means a high school or college's secondary team.)

According to a report released Tuesday by the task force, the scrubbing and changing of reports was done at senior levels, not by low level intelligence analysts.

“After months of investigation, this much is very clear: from the middle of 2014 to the middle of 2015, U.S. Central Command’s most senior intelligence leaders manipulated the command’s intelligence products to downplay the threat from ISIS in Iraq. The result: consumers of those intelligence products were provided a consistently ‘rosy’ view of U.S. operational success against ISIS. That may well have resulted in putting American troops at risk as policymakers relied on this intelligence when formulating policy and allocating resources for the fight,” Congressman Mike Pompeo, who served on the joint task force which investigated the matter, said in a statement Thursday. “The cultural breakdown in Central Command’s intelligence process resulted from an administration-wide understanding that bad news from Iraq and Syria was not welcomed. Claims that ISIS was the ‘JV team’ and that al-Qaeda was ‘on the run’ were both a result—and a cause—of the politicization of intelligence at CENTCOM. This intelligence manipulation provided space for both ISIS and al-Qaeda to grow and it put America at risk.”

“Intelligence products always contain some level of uncertainty. But during this period, nearly every error was in one direction: downplaying the threat from radical Islamic terror consistent with the administration’s narrative that this threat was not significant. I urge the Department of Defense Inspector General to hold accountable the intelligence leaders that failed our service members fighting our wars on the ground,” he continued.

The report also shows a significant number intelligence analysts describing the leadership environment at Central Command as “toxic.”

“The leadership environment within CENTCOM and its Intelligence Directorate deteriorated significantly following the 2013 departure of Marine General James Mattis and his senior intelligence leaders. Survey results provided to the Joint Task Force demonstrated that dozens of analysts viewed the subsequent leadership environment as toxic, with 40% of analysts responding that they had experienced an attempt to distort or suppress intelligence in the past year,” the report states. “Analysts indicated that CENTOM Intelligence Directorate leadership consistently “softened” intelligence assessments to provide more uncertainty regarding possible outcomes. Analysts described the leadership as



risk – averse and unwilling to accept uncertainty in intelligence analysis — which by its very nature deals in probabilities and contingencies rather than certainties. Survey results also indicated that multiple analysts felt that assessments were frequently edited to more positively reflect the situation on the ground.”

The special task force issued a series of recommendations in the report, including restructuring the intelligence review process to prevent editing or altering of intelligence reports.

(Comment: Looks like Trump was right enough about Obama and ISIS)

Are the New Moon celebrations for today?

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Foreword: In many congregations the new moon day celebrations are neglected, even though there is much in the Scriptures about them. Whereas, most congregations will have a mid-week prayer meeting even though there is no Scriptural precedent for doing so. This study is to show the Scriptural basis for worshipping on the New Moon days. This study will not delve into the timing of when the New moon day begins but rather the general question of should it be recognized and observed at all.

What does the Torah say about the New Moons ?

The only Hebrew word that is translated as “New Moon” is Chodesh. Below is the list of the Hebrew words and the relation they have to the English words moon or month. We can see the Hebrew words for moon and month are closely related; the only difference between Yareach and Yerach below is in the vowel pointing which was not added to the Hebrew text till 650AD.

Chodesh #2320 = 255 times month or months; 20 times new moon (KJV)

Yareach #3394 = 26 times moon

Yerach #3391 = 11 times month or months; 2times moon

Seventh New moon.

Lev. 23:23-25 have mikra kodesh(holy gathering) on first day of seventh month.

Num. 29:1 “on the first day of the seventh month you shall have a mikra qodesh, you shall do no servile work, it is a day of Teruah(resounding, acclamation, blowing the Trumpets) unto you.”

Other New moons outside of seventh

Dt. 16:1 “Observe the chodesh of the Abib” The first day of the first Scriptural month will set the timing for the festivals in the Sacred year. Thus Moshe commands the Ysraelites to determine it and observe it.

Num. 10:8-10 instructs the priests to blow the silver chatsotsērot(trumpets) over the sacrifices during the time of New Moons as a remembrance before Yahweh.

Num. 28:11-15 on New moon the priests had to offer special sacrifices in the temple - two bulls, one ram, seven lambs, flour and oil oblations. On Sabbath day the offering was two lambs, flour and oil. There were more sacrifices required for New moon day than for the Sabbath day.

The offering of the sacrifices and the blowing of the trumpets was the priests duty, but the priest obtained their sacrifices from the people, so the people



had a part to play in the service. Also, Yahweh stated in Ex. 19:5,6 "if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Compare 1Pet. 2:9 "You are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light". One of the duties of a priest was to teach the law, Lev. 10:9-11. The regular new moon was not a Sabbath day except the seventh, but there were several important activities done on that day. The crescent moon was observed and the trumpets were blown. There were special services in the Temple that the people had an interest in as they provided the sacrifices. Ps. 81:3,4 "Sound the shophar(curved horn) in chodesh(new moon) / full moon on our festival day, this is a statute for Ysrael..." Here the Psalmist implores the people to sound the Shofar(curved horn) rather than the silver trumpets and not only on the new moon but the full moon during the festival day as well. He draws his point of reference back to the Torah, so even though the Torah did not say blow the shofar at the new moon the Psalmist seems to be encouraging the people to celebrate chodesh (new moon) in a symbolic manner.

How were the New moons were actually observed by the Ysraelites. In the days of King Shaul he had a two day new moon observance. 1Sam. 20:5,18,24. Most Jewish commentators say this is because the month could have 29 or 30days and so they would keep both days to make sure they got the right one.

II Kings 4:23 We see the practice of the woman from Shunem who met with the prophet Elisha on the Sabbath and New moon days. There was no priest there but still they observed chodesh as a special day.

In Amos 8:5 we see the shops in Ysrael were closed on the Sabbath and New Moon day. There is no command not to buy and sell on New moon days but still the Ysraelites esteemed it so much they had the shops close. But Ezra 7:9,10 shows it was not kept as a rest day by Ezra.

The temple service in David's day, I Chron. 23:31; In Sholomo's day, II Chron. 2:4; Hizqiyahu's time II Chron. 31:3; Nehemiah's day Nehemiah 10:33

These verses show that the Sabbaths, New Moons, and annual festivals were all observed in OT times.

Is Yahweh against the Sabbath's, New moons and annual festivals?

Isa. 1:13,14; Hosea 2:11 In these verses Yahweh stated that He hated the New moons and festivals of the Ysraelites and that He would cause the Sabbaths, New moons and festivals to cease. This is because the people in Yeshayah and Hosea's day were living in unrighteousness. If we are living an unrighteous life we cannot keep a day wholly to Yahweh.

Eze. 45:16,17 says the Prince of Ysrael is to take contributions from the people for the purpose of ordering the sacrifices and oblations during the Sabbaths, New Moons, and Festivals.

Eze. 46:1-7 tells how the gate of the Temple is to be shut during six working days but opened on the Sabbath and New Moons. The people were to come and worship before the Temple on the Sabbaths and New moons. During



this time different offerings are prescribed for the Sabbath and New Moon than what is prescribed in Num. 28.

Sabbath- six lambs, one ram, grain and oil

New Moon – one young bull, six lambs, one ram, grain and oil.

In the New Heaven and New Earth all flesh will come and worship before Yahweh during Sabbath days and New Moon days. Isa. 66:22,23 Compare with Rev. 22:1,2 keep in mind that month and moon are closely related. Every new moon we will meet with Yahweh at the New Yarushalem and we will perpetuate our existence by partaking of the new fruit from the tree of life.

So we see based upon both Old and New Testament evidence the New moons were commanded as a special day of religious observance especially for the leaders of the spiritual worship times.

What about some of Pauls writings that seems to downplay the New Moon worship; Such as Galatians 4:10; Col. 2:16; Rom. 14. Peter said Paul wrote some things that are hard to understand that some people will wrest to their own destruction, 2Pet. 3:15,16. Paul commended the Berean believers for testing his words against the Tanakh to see if what he was saying was true or not, Acts 17:11. Paul is to be tested by the Torah. The Torah is not tested by Paul. Isa. 8:20

In Galatians 4:9,10 Paul said they were turning again to something that he was afraid of. This could not be Sabbaths, new moons or festival days as the Galatians never kept these to begin with. In Col.2:16 Paul said no man is to judge us in the Sabbath, new moon or Festivals. Only Yahweh is to judge us in spiritual matters not man. Romans 14 never said any day was right or wrong to keep, he just said to study and be convinced in your own mind. Rightly understood Paul does not contradict the Torah, but even if he did, the Torah is the standard of truth, not Paul.

What relevance are the New Moons to the New Testament believer? Does Yahweh have two standards? One for Jew and another for Gentile? Proverbs 4:18 says the path of the just is as a shining light that shines more and more till the perfect day. So we are all on the path to perfection, but what is perfect? Ps. 19:7 says “the Torah of Yahweh is perfect converting the soul...” So I suggest Yahweh has one standard but He is merciful to those who do not have all the light. The Gentiles will have background habits and customs that are not in accordance with Torah and it takes some time to learn and implement full Torah in one's life.

Conclusion: The New Moon days were kept as special worship times in ancient Ysrael. They were not Sabbath days except for the seventh moon, but they are important worship times that the leaders of the various congregations should not ignore. In the new heaven and earth all people will worship before Yahweh on the new moon days. Even though we have no temple today and Yahweh's people are scattered all over the earth, the Sabbath and new moon are still special worship times to Yahweh. Being that many times the New Moon day will be on a weekday when people are at work the meeting can be held at night as it was in Shaul's time. There should be some organized worship in each congregation for the observance of the New Moon festival days.

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YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

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.

