Parashah 12 Vayechi (And he lived) Day 17 of 10th Biblical month

Day 17 of Kislev the 3rd Jewish month of 5777. Day 17 of December the 12th Gregorian month of 2016



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TEHULLAH - 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

Parashah 12 Vayechi (And 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): **Arthur 'Avraham' Batakin**

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



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SHABBAT SHUL (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)

www.menorah.org/January Calendar 2017.pdf

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Islam is primarily a political ideology.

If you are not in submission to Islam and SHARIA LAW you are a Kafir, an infidel. Islam devotes a great amount of energy to the Kafir. The majority (64%) of the Koran is devoted to the Kafir, and nearly all of the Sira (81%) deals with Mohammed's struggle with them. The Hadith (Traditions) devotes 32% of the text to Kafirs. Overall, this Islamic Trilogy devotes 60% of its content to the Kafir. The Trilogy is the source and basis of all Islamic politics, diplomacy, history, philosophy, religion, and culture. See lots of videos and booklets see Bill Warners site: www.politicalislam.com For printed copies of booklets in Australian use: www.geoffhargravesministries.com.au/shop/

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Arab arsonists indicted for fire near Haifa

Arutz Sheva Shlomo Pyotrakovsky, 15/12/16

The prosecution for the Haifa district submitted an indictment against 2 Arabs for an arson attack near Haifa during the recent arson wave.

The prosecution for the Haifa district submitted an indictment and request for arrest to the district court against an 18-year-old and youth from the Arab town of Umm al-Fahm near Haifa for setting a fire near the Jewish community of Mei Ami in that area during the recent wave of fires throughout Israel.

The indictment describes that the two arrived to the front of the Jewish community at around 10 PM, and parked their car near brush along the entry road neighboring a cypress forest.

The two took apart a lighter and lit a flame, which was compounded by the fumes from the lighter. They made sure that this flame caught onto surrounding brush and fled the scene.

As they made their departure, the security coordinator of the community was patrolling the area; he noticed the growing fire and the fleeing vehicle, after which he proceeded to follow.

When the two arsonists discerned that they were being followed, they accelerated in an attempt to escape.

The indictment read, "As a result of the actions of the indicted, fire spread and burnt an area spanning 290 square meters."

The prosecution requested that the court keep the accused under arrest until the conclusion of legal proceedings against them.

Poverty report finds more than 1 in 5 Israelis living below poverty line.

Arutz Sheva JTA, 16/12/16

More than 20 percent of Israelis are living below the poverty line, according to the country's annual poverty report, showing a slight drop from the previous year.

The data for the report released Thursday by the National Insurance Institute was gathered by the Central Bureau of Statistics from a survey of 9,000 Israeli households.

According to the report, in 2015 there were 1,712,900 people living below the poverty line, or 21.7 percent of the population. That was a decrease from the 22 percent in 2014.

For an individual, the poverty line is one living on less than 3,158 shekels, or \$821 a month.

Some 460,800 families, or 19.1 percent, were living below the poverty line, including 764,200 children. That was a slight rise from the 18.8 percent in 2014.

According to the report, the poor in 2015 were poorer than in 2014, with the gap between income and the poverty line increasing.

The poverty rate among haredi families decreased to 48.7 percent from 54.3 percent a year earlier. Haredi families make up 17 percent of the poor families in Israel. A rise in child benefits and more employment were seen as reasons for the decrease.

The poverty rate among Arab-Israeli families increased to 53.3 percent from 52.6 percent in 2014. The report said it was not clear why the rate increased, noting the rise in child benefits.

The minimum wage is expected to rise next month for the second time in a year.

Israel has the highest poverty rates of all developed countries, the report noted, citing figures from the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, or OCED.

An alternative poverty report released earlier in the week by the Israeli NGO Latet found that some 29 percent of all Israelis live in poverty.

Meanwhile, a survey released Wednesday by the International Fellowship of Christians and Jews in advance of the national poverty study found that 81 percent of the Israeli poor say they lack the ability or opportunity to escape the cycle of poverty. The survey also found that 21 percent of the respondents believe their children's economic futures will significantly improve and some 25 percent would leave Israel for another country if they could.

Europe: Illegal to Criticize Islam

by Judith Bergman, December 12, 2016 www.gatestoneinstitute.org/9525/europe-illegal-criticize-islam

- While Geert Wilders was being prosecuted in the Netherlands for talking about "fewer Moroccans" during an election campaign, a state-funded watchdog group says that threatening homosexuals with burning, decapitation and slaughter is just fine, so long as it is Muslims who are making those threats, as the Quran tells them that such behavior is mandated.
- "I am still of the view that declaring statistical facts or even sharing an opinion is not a crime if someone doesn't like it." Finns Party politician, Terhi Kiemunki, fined 450 euros for writing of a "culture and law based on a violent, intolerant and oppressive religion."
- In Finland, since the court's decision, citizens are now required to make a distinction, entirely fictitious, between "Islam" and "radical Islam," or else they may find themselves prosecuted and fined for "slandering and insulting adherents of the Islamic faith."
- As Turkey's president, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, said, "These descriptions are very ugly, it is offensive and an insult to our religion. There is no moderate or immoderate Islam. Islam is Islam and that's it." There are extremist Muslims and non-extremist Muslims, but there is only one Islam.
- It is troubling that Western governments are so eager to crack down on anything that vaguely resembles what has erroneously been termed "Islamophobia," which literally means an irrational fear of Islam.
- Considering the violence we have been witnessing, for those Westerners who have studied Islam and listened to what the most influential Islamic scholars have to say, there are quite a few things in Islam of which one legitimately ought to be fearful.

Several European governments have made it clear to their citizens that criticizing European migrant policies or migrants is criminally off-limits and may lead to arrest, prosecution and even convictions. Although these practices constitute police state behavior, European governments do not stop there. They go still farther, by ensuring that Islam in general is not criticized either.... (article continues see link)

Iran Breaks Nuclear Deal and UN Resolutions

by Majid Rafizadeh, December 15, 2016 www.gatestoneinstitute.org/9584/iran-breaks-nuclear-deal

- "We will have a new ballistic missile test in the near future that will be a thorn in the eyes of our enemies." Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.
- The range of existing Iranian ballistic missiles has grown from 500 miles to over 1,250 miles (roughly 2,000 kilometers), which can easily reach Eastern Europe, as well as countries such as Israel.
- In addition, Iranian Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehqan said that there would be no limit for the range and amount of missiles that Iran will develop.

The nuclear agreement, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action Agreement (JCPOA) -- effective, as of October 18, 2015, according to the State Department - clearly and distinctly stipulates that Iran should not undertake any ballistic missile activity "until the date eight years after the JCPOA Adoption Day or until the date on which the IAEA submits a report confirming the Broader Conclusion, whichever is earlier."

Not only is Iran avoiding honoring this stipulation, but also Iran's ballistic missile operations have significantly ratcheted up. More importantly, there has been no criticism at all from the Obama administration or other involved parties regarding this critical violation.

As cited by Iran's state-owned Fars News Agency, Brig. Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, Iran's commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force, said in Tehran on Dec 6, 2016:

"In addition to enhancing the precision-striking power and quality of ballistic missiles, the Iranian authorities and experts have used innovative and shortcut methods to produce inexpensive missiles, and today we are witnessing an increase in production [of ballistic missiles]."

In addition, Iranian Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehqan said that there would be no limit for the range and amount of missiles that Iran will develop. He boasted:

"90 percent of the country's defense systems have reached an acceptable standard and enjoy competitive quality compared with the weapons of advanced countries; production of the national individual weapons and efforts to improve the quality and precision-striking power of ballistic missiles are among the defense ministry's achievements in the defense field."

Fars News reported on a December 6, 2016 statement from Iran's Defense Minister:

"His remarks came as the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) fired 2 home-made 'Qadr H' ballistic missiles from the Eastern Alborz Mountains at a target in Iran's Southeastern Makran seashore some 1400km away... The missiles were fired on the sidelines of the main stage of the IRGC drills in Central Iran and various parts of the country."

One missile, which was launched on March 2016, had a clear message written on it that said in the Hebrew language: "Israel should be wiped off the Earth". Fars Agency adds:

"Qadr is a 2000km-range, liquid-fuel and ballistic missile which can reach territories as far as Israel... The missile can carry different types of 'Blast' and 'MRV' [Multiple Reentry Vehicle] payloads to destroy a range of targets. The new version of Qadr H can be launched from mobile platforms or silos in different positions and can escape missile defense shields due to their radar-evading capability."

ISIS claims rocket attack on Israel

Arutz Sheva JTA, 15/12/16 www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/221793

Islamic terror group claims responsibility for rockets fired at Israel from Egyptian territory.

JTA - The ISIS terror organization claimed responsibility for firing two missiles from the Sinai Peninsula at an Israeli border crossing, adding that the Israeli military had retaliated with airstrikes.

The long-range Grad rockets fired Monday were aimed at a crossing on the Israel-Egypt border, but landed in Egypt. The Islamic State has claimed in the past that it fired rockets at Israel from the Sinai.

Rocket alert sirens sounded in southern Israel on Monday, though no rockets were found to have landed in Israeli territory.

The Islamic State, or ISIS, said late Wednesday that the Israel Defense Forces responded to its missiles with the strikes on an ISIS position in the Sinai. The IDF does not respond to such statements.

In recent years, Israel has allowed Egypt to send extra infantry battalions into the Sinai Peninsula to fight Islamist terrorists. Under the terms of the 1979 Israel-Egypt peace treaty, Egypt must ask Israel for authorization before sending troops into the Sinai, which is supposed to remain demilitarized.

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YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

"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. ³²It 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.