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Beit Gan-Eden

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A Messianic congregation of
Believers in Yeshua HaMashiach

SHABBAT NEWSLETTER

Day 22 of the 9th Biblical month
of 7571 (Septuagint)

Parashah 9 Vayeshev ~And dwelt



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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 Abba ~Father. 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! (Ps 72:18-19)

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. Amein".

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.

B'RACHOT YELEDIM ~Blessing the Children ברכות ילדים

Prayer for boys from Gen 27:27b-29. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Efrayim and M'nasheh ... Prayer for girls from Num 6:24-26. May Y'HoVaH make you, like Sarah, Rivkah, Rachel and Leah...

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'hak and Ya'akov, who watches over these precious children of Your servants. We ask this in Yeshua's Name, Amein.

SHABBAT SHUL ~School (Held during Torah readings & Drash)

Children ages 6 (Prep) to 12 may attend with Mark and Rachel. Younger children may attend with a parent. Shabbat Shul begins in the adjoining room (F5), straight after "Blessing the Children" and prior to the Parashah readings.

Shabbat Shul ends at the start of the "Yeshua Remembrance Service".

Parents, please resume proactive responsibility for your children during and after the Remembrance Service. Corridors and other common areas of the Southport Community Centre are not play areas. Parents please assist.

PRAYER FOR THE LOST SHEEP OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL (Mat 15:24).

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MISHPACHAH ~family MEMOS

- **SOCIAL FELLOWSHIP** at Broadwater Parklands today after the service. BYO and a plate to share.
- **VIDEOS OF BGEMC SERVICES ARE LIVE & ON DEMAND.** Please note: **the broadcast video is primarily whomever & whatever appears on the screens.** To watch videos go to www.bgemc.org & click or tap the Livestream button. For audios of the drash or whole service, use DOWNLOADS tab on the BGEMC website.
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TORAH ~Service of The Word

Parashah 9 Vayeshev ~And dwelt

Torah: B’resheet ~Genesis 37:1 - 40:23

Haftarah ~Prophets: ‘Amos ~Amos 2:6 -3:8;

Ketuvei HaShelichim: Acts 7:9 - 16 ~specifically 9-10

~Writing [of] the Apostles

Drash ~sermon: MMin Sean “Yitzhak” Nicholson

Hazak, hazak, v’nit’chazek! ~Be strong, be strong, and let us be strengthened!

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BGEMC Gold Coast -- Saturdays 2pm

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Tasmanian Gender Madness

I'm 6'7" with size 15 feet and my hands are hairy. If I lived in Tasmania (I don't), and I was contemplating a gender experiment (I'm not), new laws would mean I could simply sign a statutory declaration to change my birth certificate and become a woman in a moment of time.

*Martyn Iles | November 28, 2018
ACL <https://tinyurl.com/yc8y jy6c>*

You would laugh, but I'd sue you for offending me based on my gender identity. That's section 17 of the Tasmanian Anti-Discrimination Act, in case you doubt.

Women would know full well who I was, but they'd have no right to keep me out of their gym, their changeroom, their toilet, or even their women's shelter. They'd be on the hook for discrimination.

But their concern would be well-founded. Most trans-women are lesbians (in other words I would still like women, for those trying to keep up).

Women Speak Tasmania have confirmed "numerous cases" of male-bodied "trans-women" gaining access to women's only spaces, including gyms, shelters, bathrooms, and prisons and committing sexual assaults.

I could even sign up for women's rowing. I'd have to be accepted. I'd win. They'd have to shut up. Or else.

In Canada, transwomen are even using anti-discrimination laws to extract compensation from women who refuse to wax their male genitalia.

I'm flat out getting a pair of men's shoes in Australian stores, but heels would be a whole other nightmare. "We don't stock men's sizes, sir" the bewildered shop assistant would say. I'd sue her for failing to use my preferred gender pronouns (it's ne/nym/nis/nymself). Bigot.

For the first time in Australian law, we are contemplating crossing a threshold. Not merely prohibited speech, but now compelled speech. The law compels us to say things whether we like it or not.

But the madness is not over yet.

As the activists say, gender is like a galaxy. It can never be understood, but it can always be explored (an actual quote from a gender-bending school resource).

My intergalactic expedition might lead me to discover fascinating facets of my gender previously unknown to me.

I might discover my inner aethergender, which is a wide, commanding and powerful gender. It's ok to combine this with other genders, so I could still be a woman, too.

By reason of near infinite combinations of gender identities, I could do whatever

I want. It's just gender expression.

But if you decided not to employ me because of my frankly bizarre gender expression – like being an overbearing and rude aethergender transwoman – or you criticise me or tell me that I've lost my mind, you'll be sorry. The same goes if you discipline me at work for bad behaviour.

The legal protection of “gender expression” may mean that's discrimination and hate speech.

As mad as it sounds, I can't find anything in the definition of “gender expression” (which has been helpfully included in the act) to preclude this.

I may approach a minister of religion with my transwoman girlfriend (that means we're both men, just don't dare say so). I may ask him to marry us. He may think he can refuse, but I might equally find his refusal (and his assumption that I am a man) to be offensive conduct.

The minister of whom I speak is in for a roller-coaster ride. It'd be a high calibre constitutional law case, potentially dragging on for years and costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. It will be his perceived right to refuse to solemnise a marriage against my right not to be offended.

And so, with the world bludgeoned into submission, too afraid to speak up or so much as cast a sideways glance, my delusion would be complete. Invented in the confines of my mind, confirmed by the laws of my State, and foisted

upon a powerless community.

Here's the thing: my story is satire, but the legal principles I've invoked are all real. This is what the laws which passed Tasmania's Lower House last week will do, and I've only dealt with some of them.

This is the state where it was already impossible to speak on matters pertaining to marriage, gender, sexuality or family without facing the possibility of legal consequences.

Two high profile legal matters were precipitated because people wrote about the Christian understanding of marriage. Another recent case means it's likely that publicly or privately reading out the Christian scriptures which pertain to homosexuality is unlawful.

There is a plethora of cases being secretly mediated behind the closed doors of Equal Opportunity Tasmania, all based on this indefinable, inexact madness.

But notice something deeper.

Mad as it is, there are three big ideas which run through all of this.

The first is the idea that the truth is intolerable. It must be suppressed by the power of law and the state.

The second is the idea that how I feel in my head is in fact the same as what is real. My reality is so meaningful that it not only demands recognition, but it must be recognised by everyone else. The world must order itself by reference

to my mind, not the other way around.

The third is the idea that nothing less than overt affirmation will do. People must be compelled by the force of law to participate in my lie and affirm my lie.

Is this a surprise to us?

It shouldn't be, because those are exactly the three things the Apostle Paul identifies as characterising a Romans 1 society.

First, he points out that they act in a way designed to "suppress the truth." This is an ongoing, continual activity. It entails the living of life in such a way as to prevent the truth from dawning on a person and convicting them. (Rom 1:18)

Second, he observes the folly of the fundamental human idolatry which finally rears its ugly head – the same which tempted our first parents "to be like God." It is the idolatry of the self – to "exchange the truth about God for the lie and worship and serve creature rather than Creator." We dethrone God as Creator and arrogate that role to ourselves. We are the creators now. The contents of our brain, conceived in lust and desire, will be made reality because we wish it to be so. (Rom 1:25)

And finally, the Romans 1 society will crave nothing less than total affirmation. Not only will we seek to live our own way, but anything which brings that manner of living into question must be turned into approval. Why? Because anything less will enliven the conscience within which, though stifled,

is screaming at us every step of the way, witnessing to the voice of God which says, "you're wrong." (Rom 1:32)

Humanity has found myriad ways to achieve these things throughout the ages. We have used all sorts of ideologies and structures. But in the end, they contain the same basic features which perpetuate the lie: the denial of God and the idolatry of the self.

But little do we realise that down this pathway is no happiness. There is no utopia here. There is no satisfaction. There is no wholeness or fulfilment.

There is only guilt, pain, emptiness, and disintegration. A situation that drives us to "rinse and repeat" – to keep suppressing the truth, to double down on the self-serving, and to scream louder for approval as if it were some medicine to replace God Himself.

It's as if the whole human creature falls out of joint and distorts itself. Everything utterly discombobulates, both physically and mentally.

Ultimately, this is a tragedy.

Yes, we can satirise. Yes, we can shake our heads. Yes, we may even laugh from time to time.

But never forget the tragedy: there are lives at stake.

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The Palestinians No One Talks About

by Bassam Tawil November 27, 2018

Gatestone Institute.

www.gatestoneinstitute.org/13355/palestinian-victims

or <https://tinyurl.com/y82gwlft>



Pictured: Palestinian men sit amid the rubble in Yarmouk refugee camp, Syria. (Image source: UNRWA)

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§ The Western media's obsession with Israel has created the impression that the only Palestinians living on this planet are those who are residing in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This impression does injustice to the Palestinians who are facing horrendous conditions, torture, and death in the Arab countries, especially Syria.

§ Who cares about the suffering of these Palestinians? No one. Every week, scores of foreign journalists travel to the Israel-Gaza border to report on clashes between Israeli soldiers and Palestinian rioters. Have any of these journalists thought of travelling to Syria or Lebanon to report about the atrocities that are being committed against the Palestinians there? Of course not. Why should they do so when the story lacks an anti-Israel angle?

§ The number of Palestinians killed in Syria will soon reach 4,000. Perhaps then, with that gruesome milestone reached, will Western correspondents in the Middle East wake up to the enormity of the crimes that are really being perpetrated against Palestinians?

The 3,903 Palestinians killed in Syria in the past seven years are of no interest to Western journalists or their editors. For them, the reports of the human rights organization monitoring the condition of Palestinians in Syria are rubbish fit for the wastebasket.

Here's some "good" news: In October, only five Palestinians living in Syria were pronounced dead. The London-based Action Group for Palestinians of Syria reports that in October 2017, 12 Palestinians were killed due to war-related incidents in that country. "The list of victims who died in October 2018 includes four Palestinians who were pronounced dead in Teloul Al-Safa, in Al-Sweida desert, south of Syria, and one Palestinian in Damascus," the group said.

According to the human rights watchdog that monitors the situation of Palestinians in Syria, the number of Palestinians killed in Syria since the beginning of the civil war there in 2011 now stands at 3,903. Another 1,712 Palestinians in that country have been arrested by the Syrian authorities, and 316 are listed as missing.

YESHUA REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Leader: 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'hudah. 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 Chullah ~platted loaf

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, make our offering, take some Chullah; smell the spices; take your cup and 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".

Aharonic Blessing (Hebrew & English) from Tamar & Malachi (Num 6:22-27)

Leader: 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.

