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Vezot H'Berachah
“This is the Blessing”

Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12

Joshua 1

Ezekiel 38:19-39:16, Acts 1:1-14



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TORAH PORTION

Deuteronomy 32:2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb.

What is prayed for every Sukkot?

Hosea 6:3 And let us know, eagerly strive to know the LORD, His going forth is sure as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth.

Ezekiel 34:26 And I will make them and the places round about My hill a blessing, and I will cause the shower to come down in its season, there shall be showers of blessing.

Deuteronomy 33:1 And this is the blessing, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

Yeshua upon His departure

Luke 24:50,51 And he led them out until they were over against Bethany: And he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven.

Just before:

Luke 24:36-40 And as they spoke, Yeshua stood in the midst of them, and saith to them, Peace be to you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and **my feet**, that it is I myself: Handle me, and see, for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had spoken, he showed them his hands and **his feet**.

Acts 1:9-11 And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? This Yeshua, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.

Where were they standing?

Acts 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

Exodus 23:14-17 **Three times** thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. Thou shalt keep the **feast of unleavened bread**: (Thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib, for

in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) And **the feast of harvest**, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: And **the feast of ingathering**, which is in **the end of the year**, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field. **Three times** in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord GOD.

Exodus 34:23,24 **Three times** in the year let all your males come before the Lord, the God of Israel. For I will send out the nations before you and make wide the limits of your land, and no man will make an attempt to take your land while you go up to give worship to the Lord, **three times** in the year.

Deuteronomy 16;16,17 **Three times** a year all your males shall appear before the LORD your God at the place that he will choose: At the Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of Booths. They shall not appear before the LORD empty-handed. Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God that he has given you.

***Shalom Regalim** Passover, Pentecost, Tabernacles*

The next regalim for Messiah to fulfill is Tabernacles and He's coming by foot!!

Zechariah 14:3,4 **Then** the LORD will go out and fight against those nations as when he fights on a day of battle. On that day **his feet** shall stand on the Mount of Olives that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

Zechariah 14:9 The LORD will be King over all the earth. In that day the LORD will be one, and his name one.

Zechariah 14:16,17 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whoso of the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain.

Ezekiel 38, 39 along with Zech. 12-14 have been the haftarah portions during Feast of Tabernacles. Could these be implications of when these victories will take place? That Gog will come against Israel during the Feasts of the 7th month.

God's tactical warfare when He fights!

Ezekiel 38:19-22 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel, So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down,

and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: Every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood, and **I will rain upon him**, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Isaiah 24:19-22 The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage, and the transgression thereof shall be heavy on it, and it shall fall, and not rise again. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth on the earth. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

God's plan for the nations is not to destroy them but bring them into subjection. Why did God choose Sukkot as His test of obedience for the Gentiles? The earth becomes God's Sukkah as He reigns! The Season of our joy!! It is taught these events happen at the end of Sukkot. The nations are commanded to rejoice as well.

Deuteronomy 32:40-43 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live forever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. **Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people:** For he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.

Romans 15:10-12 Again he says, **Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people**. Again, Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles! Let all the peoples praise him. Again, Isaiah says, There will be the root of Jesse, he who arises to rule over the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles will hope.

Revelation 18:20 Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her.

Revelation 19:2 For true and righteous are his judgments: For he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

During Sukkot the meals are eaten outside in the sukkah could this be another parallel?

Ezekiel 39:17-21 And, you son of man, thus said the Lord GOD, Speak to every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come, gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice on the mountains of Israel, that you may eat flesh, and drink blood. You shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatted calves of Bashan. And you shall eat fat till you be full, and drink blood till you be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. Thus you shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, said the Lord GOD. And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid on them.

Revelation 19:17,18 And I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the middle of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together to the supper of the great God, That you may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

Deuteronomy 33:1-3 This is the **blessing**, with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. He said, The LORD came from Sinai, And rose from Seir to them. He shone forth from Mount Paran. He came from the ten thousands of holy ones. At his right hand was a fiery law for them. Yes, he loves the people. All his holy ones are in your hand. They sat down at your feet, each receives your words. Moses commanded us a law, An inheritance for the assembly of Jacob. *The law was to be considered a blessing! Given out of love! A law given by the King!*

Jeremiah 23:29 Is not my word like as a fire? Said the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

Light = fire!

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light,

Deuteronomy 33:5 He was king in Jeshurun, When the heads of the people were gathered, All the tribes of Israel together.

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 There is none like God, Jeshurun, who rides on the heavens for your help, In his excellency on the skies. The eternal God is your dwelling place. Underneath are the everlasting arms. He thrust out the enemy from before you, and said, Destroy! Israel dwells in safety, the fountain of Jacob

alone, In a land of grain and new wine. Yes, his heavens drop down dew. You are happy, Israel. Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, the sword of your excellency! Your enemies shall submit themselves to you. You shall tread on their high places.

Deuteronomy 34:1a Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho.

Deuteronomy 34:4,5 Then the Lord said to him, This is the land of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, I will give it to your descendants. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there. So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the Lord.

Deuteronomy 34:6,7 And he buried him in a valley in the land of Moab, over against Bethpeor: But no man knows of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: His eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.

Deuteronomy 34:8-12 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses ended. Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him, so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses. But since then there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, in all the signs and wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his servants, and in all his land, and by all that mighty power and all the great terror which Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Joshua 1:1,2 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spoke unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead, now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Joshua 1:6-9 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you. Don't turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. This scroll of the Torah shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. Haven't I commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Don't be afraid, neither be dismayed: For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:16-18 So they answered Joshua, saying, All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God be with you, as He was with Moses. Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage.

Genesis 1:1-3 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty. Darkness was on the surface of the deep. God's Spirit was hovering over the surface of the waters. God said, Let there be light, and there was light.

Chazak, chazak v'nitchazek! Be strong, be strong and may we be strengthened!

Shemini Atzeret - The 8th millennial day

Yesterday Hoshana Rabah 7th day / today the 8th / tomorrow Simchat Torah

Leviticus 23:36 Seven days you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD. On the **eighth day** shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall offer a fire offering to the LORD. It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no work of labor.

#8066 shem-ee-nee' eight

#6116 ats-aw-raw' an assembly,

Please stay an extra day!

The 8th day or 8th Millennium - also becomes the 1st day speaking of new beginnings.

2 Peter 3:12,13 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwells righteousness.

Isaiah 66:22,23 For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

Leviticus 23:39 Also in the **fifteenth day of the seventh month**, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the LORD **seven days**: On the **first day shall be a sabbath**, and on the **eighth day shall be a sabbath**.

Revelation 20:1-5 Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him **for a thousand years**, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the **thousand years were ended**. After that he must be released for a little while. Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were

those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. **They came to life** and reigned with Messiah for **a thousand years**. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the **thousand years were ended**. This is the first resurrection.

7th day

Revelation 20:6-8 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, **Gog and Magog**, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea.

Revelation 20:11-15 Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, **and books were opened**. Then **another book was opened**, which is the book of life. And the dead were judged by what was written in the books, **according to what they had done**. And the sea gave up the dead who were in it, Death and Hades gave up the dead who were in them, and they were judged, each one of them, **according to what they had done**. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:1-4 Then **I saw a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

The 8th day!

Revelation 21:9-14 Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates **the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed**— on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three

gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Ezekiel 48:30-34 These shall be the exits of the city: On the north side, which is to be 4,500 cubits by measure, three gates, the gate of Reuben, the gate of Judah, and the gate of Levi, the gates of the city being named after the tribes of Israel. On the east side, which is to be 4,500 cubits, three gates, the gate of Joseph, the gate of Benjamin, and the gate of Dan. On the south side, which is to be 4,500 cubits by measure, three gates, the gate of Simeon, the gate of Issachar, and the gate of Zebulun. On the west side, which is to be 4,500 cubits, three gates, the gate of Gad, the gate of Asher, and the gate of Naphtali.

Ezekiel 38:1-3 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against **Gog, the land of Magog**, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus said the Lord GOD, Behold I am against you, **O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal.**

Deuteronomy 22:8 When you build a new house, then you shall make a battlement for your **roof**.

OT:1406 א a roof; by analogy, the top of an altar.

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Gog = the roof representing the philosophy that man can insulate himself against the heavenly power of God

Magog = those who attempt to project this philosophy on earth.

Gog/Magog = The forces of evil who are intent on destroying the people of God.

Habakkuk 2:14 For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

Leviticus 23:42,43 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days, all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel to dwell in booths, (**Succoth**) when I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

Israel flees Egypt with a high hand, to enter the Promised Land and it just so happens their first stop before crossing the Red Sea.

Numbers 33:5 And the children of Israel **journeyed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth.**

*In Egypt they had several hundred years of roots, having settled down. In Egypt they at least had the security of **a roof** over their head and food even though they as a people were not free. They felt they at least had peace and security even though they could not come and go as they pleased. This was one of the biggest psychological choices that could ever be made by a people group!!!! Many would soon regret it!*

Numbers 11:5,6 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: But now our soul is dried away: There is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

They don't remember the holocaust of the children, that's a bad memory from 80 years earlier. WW2 ended Sept 2nd 1945 + 80 = 2025

Exodus 12:37-39 And the children of Israel journeyed from **Rameses to Succoth**, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them, and flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened, because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victual.

There is a connection between Passover and Sukkot and it is based on perspective. We are to remember two things – the food that was eaten – unleavened bread and where they sheltered that first night of freedom – a place called Sukkot! Two basic needs were met food and shelter but they were still missing their freedom.

Matthew 6:25,26 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: For they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

Matthew 6:30-33 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? Or, What shall we drink? Or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.

*Israel made the choice to **embrace freedom** over **having the Egyptian government supply their basic needs**. **True freedom is breaking the chains of government control over their lives**. This was a turning point in the history of Israel. This is the choice America now faces.*

God well remembered the significance of that first night.

Simchat Torah / Shemini Atzeret was to be a day of rejoicing in the Torah!!

John 8 is the very next day after John 7 becomes Simchat Torah / Shemini Atzeret. Instead of rejoicing in the Torah, in Jn 8 they are trying to justify killing someone based on their wrong interpretation of Torah.

John 8:3-5 The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman taken in adultery. Having set her in the midst, they told him, Rabbi, we found this woman in adultery, in the very act. Now in our Torah, Moses commanded us to stone such. What then do you say about her?

(Where is the Word of the Lord?)

Correcting the false views toward the Torah!

Deuteronomy 19:16-19 If a false witness rise up against any man to testify against him that which is wrong; Then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges, which shall be in those days, And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: And, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother, Then **shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother:** So shalt thou put the evil away from among you.

Leviticus 20:10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Remember:

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Every feast of tabernacles this is the torah portion

John 8:1,2 But Yeshua went to the Mount of Olives. Now very early in the morning, he came again into the temple, and all the people came to him. **He sat down, and taught them.**

John 8:6-8 They said this testing him, that they might have something to accuse him of. But Yeshua stooped down, and wrote on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he looked up and said to them, He who is without sin among you, let him throw the first stone at her. Again he stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground.

John 8:9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last:
*(Totally ashamed) Just the day before they rejected the fountain of Living Waters!
 Ever wonder what He was writing in the earth?*

Jeremiah 17:13,14 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed, and they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved: For thou art my praise.

Announcements

Tuesday Prayer and Worship starting at 1:00p.m. at ESM Office.

Thursday Manna Time at 10:00 a.m. at ESM Office.

Saturday – Torah Club **NEW TIME!** Join us on Shabbat at **1:00** p.m. for FFOZ Torah Club and Fellowship!.

October 7 Torah Club will be canceled for today’s Shabbat and will resume October 14 at 1:00 following Shabbat Services.

October 21 & 28 Join us to hear Dr. Danny Ben Gigi teaching for our Shabbat Service.

New Calendars & USB’s New Calendars and new USB’s are here!

Contact Forms We are in the process of updating our current contact information. If there has been a change of address or contact information, there are Contact Forms on the Information table to fill out. We would love to have all our information up to date. Thank you!!

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