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Shoftim

“Judges”

Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Isaiah 51:12-52:12

John 14:9-20



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Service Hours:

First Service: 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

Second Service: 11:45 AM – 2:00 PM

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TORAH PORTION

Matthew 13:24,25 He put another parable before them, saying, The **kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in His field, but while his men were sleeping, *his enemy* came and **sowed weeds** among the wheat and went away.**

Matthew 13:29,30 But he said, Nay, lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: And **in the time of harvest** I will say to the reapers, **Gather ye together first the tares**, and bind them in bundles **to burn them**: But **gather the wheat into my barn**.

John 12:23,24 And Yeshua answered them, The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless **a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.**

John 15:5,6 I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever **abides in me and I in him**, he it is that **bears much fruit**, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and **the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned**.

John 15:8-10 Herein is my Father glorified, that *ye bear much fruit*, so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: Continue ye in my love. **If ye keep my commandments**, ye shall abide in my love, even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

Matthew 13:36-38 Then Yeshua sent the multitude away, and went into the house: And his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the **good seed** is the **Son of man**, **The field is the world**, the good seed are the children of the kingdom, but **the tares** are the children of the wicked one,

1 John 2:18,19 Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, **so now many antichrists have come.** Therefore, we know that it is the last hour. **They went out from us, but they were not of us;** for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us.

Matthew 7:19-24 Every tree that **bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.** Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, **have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works?** And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: Depart from me, ye that **work iniquity.** Therefore **whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them,** I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.

Deuteronomy 18:20 But the prophet, **which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak,** or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Song of Songs 7:11,12 Come, my beloved, let us go out into the fields and lodge in the villages, let us go out early to the vineyards and see whether the vines have budded, whether the grape blossoms have opened and the pomegranates are in bloom. There I will give you my love.

Deuteronomy 16:18 Judges and officers shall you make you? In all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, throughout your tribes: And they shall judge the people with just judgment.

Genesis 18:25b: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

Deuteronomy 32:36a For the LORD shall judge his people.

Acts 10:40-42 God raised him up the third day, and gave him to be revealed, not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen before by God, to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to proclaim to the people and to testify that this is he who is appointed by God as the Judge of the living and the dead.

2 Timothy 4:8 From now on there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: And not to me only, but to all them also **that love his appearing.**

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall not wrest judgment, you shall not respect persons, neither take a gift: **For a gift does blind the eyes of the wise,** and pervert the words of the righteous.

1 Samuel 8:1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

1 Samuel 8:3-5 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and **took bribes,** and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel to Ramah, And said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons walk not in your ways: Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

(JPS) **Deuteronomy 16:20** Justice, justice, shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

(YLT) **Deuteronomy 16:20** Righteousness-righteousness thou dost pursue, so that thou livest, and hast possessed the land which Jehovah thy God is giving to thee.

Deuteronomy 12:3 You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the **carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place.**

Deuteronomy 16:21,22 Thou shalt not plant thee an Asherah of any kind of tree **beside the altar of the LORD** thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up a pillar, which the LORD thy God hateth.

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 If there is found among you, within any of your towns that the Lord your God is giving you, a man or woman who does what is evil in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing his covenant, and has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, or the sun or the moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have forbidden, and it is told you and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently, and if it is true and certain that such an abomination has been done in Israel, then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has done this evil thing, and you shall stone that man or woman to death with stones.

2 Kings 23:4-7 And the king (Josiah) commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. And he **deposed the priests** whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem, those also who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and the moon and the constellations and all the host of the heavens. And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord, outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron and beat it to dust and cast the dust of it upon the graves of the common people. And he broke down the houses of the **male cult prostitutes** who were in the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings **for the Asherah**.

2 Kings 23:13,14 And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, **to the south of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth** the abomination of the Sidonians, and for **Chemosh** the

abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And he broke in pieces the pillars and cut down the Asherim and filled their places with the bones of men.

Deuteronomy 17:16,17 Only he (the King) shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to Return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses, because the LORD has said to you, You shall not go back that way again. **Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart not turn away: Neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.**

1 Kings 10:28,29 And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: The king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: **And so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.**

Deuteronomy 17:18,19 It shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites: and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12a There shall not be found among you anyone that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD.

Deuteronomy 19:16-21a If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. And the

rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. Your eye shall not pity.

Deuteronomy 20:1-4 When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people and shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: Let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, for the LORD your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.

Deuteronomy 21:1,2 If in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to possess someone is found slain, lying in the open country, and it is not known who killed him, then your elders and your judges shall come out, and they shall measure the distance to the surrounding cities.

SONG OF SONGS

A RETURN TO GOD AS OUR KING *Shepherd*

speaking:

SOS 2:7 I have adjured you, daughters of Jerusalem, By the roes or by the hinds of the field, Stir not up nor wake the love till she please!

Shulamite is speaking!

SOS 2:8,9 The voice of **my beloved!** Behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. **My beloved** is like a roe or a young hart: Behold, he standeth **behind our wall**, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice.

Shulamite is speaking!

SOS 2:10 **My beloved** spake, and said unto me, **Rise up, my love**, my fair one, and come away.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 2:11,12 For, lo, **the winter is past, the rain is over and gone**, The flowers appear on the earth, the time of the singing of birds is come, and **the voice of the turtledove** is heard in our land.

Ezekiel 34:26 And I will make them and the places all around my hill a blessing, and I will send down the showers in their season, they shall be showers of blessing.

Jeremiah 8:7 Even **the stork** in the heavens knows her **appointed times**, and the turtledove, swallow, and crane keep the time of their coming, but my people know not the laws of the LORD.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 2:13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. **Arise, my love**, my fair one, and come away.

Proverbs 10:5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 2:14 **O my dove**, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, **let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice**, for sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

Genesis 3:8,9 And there came to them the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the evening wind: and the man and his wife went **to a secret place** among the trees of the garden, away from the eyes of the Lord God. And the voice of the Lord God came to the man, saying, **Where are you?**

Jeremiah 23:20-24 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: In the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have

not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? **Can any hide himself in secret places** that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? Saith the LORD.

Psalm 80:8,9 You **took a vine out of Egypt**: Driving out the nations, and planting it in their land. You made ready a place for it, so that it might take deep root, and it sent out its branches over all the land.

Psalm 80:14,15 **Come back, O God of armies**: From heaven let your eyes be turned to **this vine**, and give your mind to it, Even to the tree which was planted by your right hand, and to the branch which you made strong for yourself.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 2:15 Take us **the foxes, the little foxes**, that spoil **the vines**: For our vines have tender grapes.

Ezekiel 13:3,4 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel, **thy prophets are like the foxes** in the deserts.

Jeremiah 23:25-28 I have heard what the prophets said, that **prophesy lies in my name**, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? Yea, **they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart**, Which think to **cause my people to forget my name** by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

Shulamite is speaking!

SOS 2:16,17 **My beloved is mine, and I am his: He feedeth among the lilies.** Until the day break, and the shadows flee

away, **turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether.**

SOS 1:7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, **where thou feedest**, where thou makest thy flock to rest at noon.

Shulamite speaking:

SOS 3:1,2 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth: **I sought him, but I found him not.** I will rise now, and go about the city in the streets, and **in the broad ways** I will seek him whom my soul loveth: **I sought him, but I found him not.**

Hosea 5:5,6 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: Therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity, Judah also shall fall with them. They shall go **with their flocks and with their herds** to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him, he hath withdrawn himself from them.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near.

Jeremiah 29:12-14 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: And I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD, and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

2 Chronicles 15:2b-4 The LORD is with you, while ye be with him, and if ye seek him, he will be found of you, but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.

Shulamite speaking

SOS 3:3,4 The watchmen that go about the city found me: To whom I said, **Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?** It was but a little that I passed from them, **but I found him** whom my soul loveth: I held him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 3:5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake **my love**, till **she please**.

ACT III. The Shulamite searches for her Beloved {3:6-5:2}

She falls asleep again

DOJ speaking

SOS 3:6 Who is this that cometh out of the wilderness like **pillars of smoke**, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all powders of the merchant?

Joel 2:30 *And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.*

Psalm 74:1 O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger **smoke** against the sheep of Your pasture?

Exodus 13:22 He did not take away the pillar of cloud by day or the pillar of fire by night from before the people.

DOJ speaking

SOS 3:7,8 **Behold his bed**, which is Solomon's, threescore valiant men are about it, of the valiant of Israel. They all hold swords, being expert in war: Every man hath his sword upon his thigh because of **fear in the night**.

1 Thessalonians 5:5 Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: We are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casteth out fear: Because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

DOJ speaking

SOS 3:9,10 King Solomon made himself a chariot of the wood of Lebanon. He made the pillars thereof of silver, the bottom thereof of gold, the covering of it of purple, the midst thereof being paved with love, **for the daughters of Jerusalem.**

Amos 6:3-6 You who put far away the evil day, causing the rule of the violent to come near, **Who are resting on beds of ivory, stretched out on soft seats, feasting on lambs from the flock** and young oxen from the cattle-house, Making foolish songs to the sound of corded instruments, and designing for themselves instruments of music, like David, Drinking wine in basins, rubbing themselves with the best oils, but they have no grief for the destruction of Joseph.

Ezekiel 34:10-12 This is what the Lord has said: See I am against the keepers of the flock, and I will make search and see what they have done with **my sheep**, and will let them be keepers of my sheep no longer, and the keepers will no longer get food for themselves, I will take my sheep out of their mouths so that they may not be food for them. For this is what the Lord has said: Truly, I, even I, will go searching and looking for my sheep. As the keeper goes looking for his flock when he is among his wandering sheep, so I will go looking for my sheep, and will get them safely out of all the places where they have been sent wandering in the day of clouds and black night.

Shulamite speaking

SOS 3:11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon with the crown wherewith his mother crowned him in the day of his **espousals**, and in the day of the gladness of his heart.

Shepherd speaking:

SOS 4:1-5 Behold, thou art fair, my love, behold, thou art fair, thou hast doves' eyes within thy locks: Thy hair is as a flock of goats, that appear from mount Gilead. Thy teeth are like a flock of sheep that are even shorn, which came up from the washing, whereof every one bear twins, and none is barren among them. Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet, and thy speech is comely: Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate within thy locks. Thy neck is like the tower of David builded for an armoury, whereon there hang a thousand bucklers, all shields of mighty men. Thy two breasts are like two young roes that are twins, **which feed among the lilies.**

Announcements

<p>Sunday September 15th, 22nd, and 29th</p>	<p>Join us to hear Chaim Eisen from Israel teaching on the High Holidays\'s for three Sunday\'s. via Zoom. Send your email address to nick@esm.us and on the day prior to the event a link will be sent to your email. We look forward to having you with us!!</p>
<p>Monday September 16th & 17th</p>	<p>Join us to see Ted Pierce here at El Shaddai Ministries for a Virtual Israel Tour. Sign up at the back table as there is limited seating each night. We look forward to having you with us!</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Come join us in Prayer and Worship Time on Tuesday\'s Times to be announced during service.</p>
<p>October 2, Wednesday</p>	<p>Join us in our celebration of Rosh Hashanah!! We will be hosting it at Federal Way Performing Arts Center, 31510 Pete von Reichbauer Way S, Federal Way, WA 98003. S at 7:00 PM. We are excited to celebrate together and we look forward to seeing you there!!</p>
<p>Lulav & Etrog</p>	<p>It is time to order the Lulav & Etrogs for our Sukkot Celebration!! The set is \$42.00 and will be ordered on September 20th. Sign up at the back table and if you have any questions at all, contact Giomi.</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>Join us for Manna Time at 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM. at ESM Office.</p>

Saturday – Torah Club	Join us on Shabbat at 2:30 p.m. for FFOZ Torah Club and Fellowship!
Israel Trip	The Israel Trip has been postponed to December 1-12, 2024 and there is room to sign up!! If anyone would like to join the trip, it is important to sign up as soon as possible. The Itinerary is posted on our website. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.
New Book	Pastor Mark’s book America at War is here!! The book will be available on Sale for \$19.95 for a limited time.. Purchase at esm.us or in our Bookstore.
New USB	Available now is our new Homeschool USB that has Kids Torah Teaching with 1,130 Printable PDF Pages, Plus the 2024/2025 Heavens Declare Biblical 16 month Calendar download and Pastor Mark’s New God’s Day Timer 3 rd Edition PDF of 230 Pages! With the purchase of Pastor Mark’s Book, “America at War” of \$39.95 the USB comes with it for free, or the USB may be purchased on it’s own for \$25.00. Available now in our Bookstore and at esm.us.
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