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# *El Shaddai Ministries welcomes you to your Sabbath*

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Shoftim

*“Judges”*

Deuteronomy 16:18 – 21:9

Isaiah 51:12-52:12

John 14:9-20



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First Service: 9:00 AM – 11:15 AM

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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.

## JUDGES

**Numbers 21:21-25** And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land: We will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards, we will not drink of the waters of the well: But we will go along by the king's highway, until we be past thy borders. And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: But Sihon gathered all his people together and went out against Israel into the wilderness: And he came to Jahaz and fought against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land **from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: For the border of the children of Ammon was strong.** And Israel took all these cities: **And Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon**, and in all the villages thereof.

**Judges 8:30-35** Gideon had seventy sons who were his own offspring, for he had many wives. And **his concubine who was in Shechem** also bore him a son, whose name he called **Abimelech**. Now Gideon the son of Joash died at a good old age and was buried in the tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. So it was, **as soon as Gideon was dead**, that the children of Israel again played the harlot with the Baals and made Baal-Berith their god. Thus, the children of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them from the hands of all their enemies on every side; nor did they show kindness to the house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in accordance with the good he had done for Israel.

**Judges 9:1,2** And Abimelech the son of **Jerubbaal(Gideon)** went to **Shechem** unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh.

**Judges 9:1-3** And his mother's brethren spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech, for they said, He is our brother.

**Judges 9:5,6** And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: Notwithstanding yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left, for he hid himself. And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

**Judges 9:7** And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Harken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you.

**Judges 9:18-20** And ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, **threescore and ten persons, upon one stone**, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother;) If ye then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you: But if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo, and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and devour Abimelech.

**Judges 9:22-24** When Abimelech had reigned **three years** over Israel, Then God sent an evil spirit **between Abimelech and the men of Shechem, and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech**: That the cruelty done to the threescore and ten sons of



Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them, **and upon the men of Shechem, which aided him in the killing of his brethren.**

**Judges 9:26** And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren and went over to Shechem: And the men of Shechem put their confidence in him.

**Judges 9:44,45** And Abimelech, and the company that was with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: And the two other companies ran upon all the people that were in the fields, and slew them. And Abimelech fought against the city all that day, **and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.**

**Judges 9:47** And it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together.

**Judges 9:49** And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, **and set the hold on fire upon them, so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.**

**Judges 9:50,51** Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and took it. But there was **a strong tower within the city**, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut it to them, and got them up to the top of the tower.

**Judges 9:52-54** And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's head, and all to brake his skull. Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through, and he died.

**Judges 9:56,57** Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: And all

the evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads: And upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

**Judges 10:1,2** And after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel **Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar**, and he dwelt in Shamir in mount Ephraim. **And he judged Israel twenty and three years**, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

**Judges 10:3-5** And after him arose **Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty and two years**. And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havothjair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. And Jair died, and was buried in Camon.

**Judges 10:6** And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served **Baalim**, and **Ashtaroth**, and the **gods of Syria**, and the **gods of Zidon**, and the **gods of Moab**, and the **gods of the children of Ammon**, and the **gods of the Philistines**, and forsook the LORD, and served not him.

**Judges 10:7,8** And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands of **the Philistines**, and into the hands of **the children of Ammon**. And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel: **Eighteen years**, all the children of Israel that were on the other side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.

**Judges 10:9,10** Moreover the children of **Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim, so that Israel was sore distressed.** And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our God, and also served Baalim.

**Judges 10:11-14** And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the **Egyptians**, and from the **Amorites**, from the children of **Ammon**, and from the **Philistines**? The **Zidonians** also, and the **Amalekites**, and the **Maonites**, did oppress you, and you cried to me, and I delivered you out of their hand. Yet you have forsaken me,

and served other gods: Wherefore **I will deliver you no more.** Go and cry unto the gods which you have chosen, **let them deliver you** in the time of your tribulation.

**Judges 10:15,16** And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: **Do thou unto us whatsoever seems good** to You, deliver us only, we pray, this day. And they put away the strange gods from among them and served the LORD: And his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

**Judges 10:17,18** Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and **encamped in Gilead.** And the children of Israel assembled themselves together and **encamped in Mizpeh.** And the people and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

**Judges 11:1** Now **Jephthah** the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and **he was the son of an harlot:** And **Gilead begat Jephthah.**

**Judges 11:2,3** And Gilead's wife bare him sons, and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, **You shalt not inherit in our father's house,** for thou art the son of a strange woman. Then Jephthah fled from his brethren and dwelt **in the land of Tob:** And there were gathered **vain men to Jephthah,** and went out with him.

**Judges 11:4-6** And it came to pass in process of time, that **the children of Ammon made war against Israel.** And it was so, that when **the children of Ammon made war against Israel,** the elders of Gilead went to fetch **Jephthah out of the land of Tob:** And they said unto **Jephthah, Come, and be our captain,** that we may fight with the children of Ammon.

**Judges 11:7,8** And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did you **not hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? And why are you come to me now when you are in distress?** And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore we turn again to you now, that

you may go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

**Judges 11:9-11** And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD be witness between us, if we do not so according to your words. Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: And Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in **Mizpeh**.

**Judges 11:12,13** And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come against me to fight in **my land**? And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because **Israel took away my land**, when they came up out of Egypt, from **Arnon even unto Jabbok**, and unto Jordan: Now therefore restore those lands again peaceably.

**Judges 11:14,15** And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: And said unto him, Thus says Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon.

**Judges 11:21,23** And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: So Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan. So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and should you possess it?

**Judges 11:25,26** And now are you anything better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them, While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that be along by the coasts of Arnon, **three hundred years**? Why therefore did ye not recover them within that time?

**Announcements**

Tuesday	Prayer Team meets for prayer and Worship 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM.
Thursday	Manna Time – Senior Torah Study 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM.
Saturday	Torah Club will be held after services at 2:30 PM.
Sunday	Hayesod Class from 2:30 – 3:30.
Gospel Book is Here!!	The Gospel Book has arrived and is available for sale in our Bookstore and on line!! Purchase for \$39.95 through Tuesday!
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Israel Trip	Join Pastor Mark on his Israel Tour scheduled for the October 19 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2025. Sign up now at and view the itinerary at Yoshertours.com or our website at esm.us.
Saudi Arabia Trip	Join us for an amazing tour to Saudi Arabia, April 5 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> , 2026 to tour the altar of the golden calf, Mt. Sinai, the Split stone and more!! Contact Giomi Emerson at <a href="mailto:giomi@esm.us">giomi@esm.us</a> or <a href="mailto:info@esm.us">info@esm.us</a> for more information and to be on the list at 253-862-8010 ext: 112.

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