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Vaetchanan

“Ask for Mercy”

Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

Isaiah 40:1-26

Luke 3:2-15



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Service Hours:

Service: 10:00 AM – 12:15 pm

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Isaiah 40:1,2 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: For she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

Psalms 137:1,2 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hung our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are they that mourn: for **they shall be comforted.**

Romans 12:15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and **weep with them that weep.**

2 Corinthians 1:3,4 Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of **mercies**, and the God of all **comfort**, Who **comforts** us in all our tribulation, that **we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble**, by the **comfort** wherewith we ourselves are **comforted of God.**

Lamentations 1:2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: Among all her lovers she hath **none to comfort her**: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

Lamentations 3:21-23 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. Surely **the LORD'S mercies** are not consumed, surely **His compassions fail not. They are new every morning**, great is Thy faithfulness.

Deuteronomy 3:23-25 **I begged** the LORD at that, saying, Lord the LORD, you have begun to show your servant your greatness, and your strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to your works, and according to your mighty acts?

Please let me go over and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon.

Deuteronomy 3:26,27 But the **LORD was angry** with me for your sakes, and didn't listen to me, and the LORD said to me, Let it suffice you, speak no more to me of this matter. Go up **to the top of Pisgah**, and lift up your eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and see with your eyes: For you shall not go over this Jordan.

Deuteronomy 4:1,2 Now, Israel, **listen** to the statutes and to the ordinances, which I teach you, to **do them**, *that you may live*, and go in and possess the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, gives you. You **shall not add to the word** which I command you, **neither shall you diminish** from it, that you may **keep the commandments** of the LORD your God which I command you.

Revelation 22:18,19 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and **shall cleave unto his wife**: And they shall be one flesh.

Deuteronomy 4:4 But you that did **cleave** unto the LORD your God **are alive** every one of you this day.

Deuteronomy 4:5-8 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should do so in the midst of the land where you go in to possess it. **Keep** therefore and **do them**, **for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.** For what great nation is there, that has a god

so near to them, as the LORD our God is whenever we call on him? What great nation is there, that has statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

Deuteronomy 4:9 Only take heed to yourself, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life: but teach them to your sons, and your sons' sons.

Deuteronomy 4:28-31 But from there you will seek the Lord your God and you will find him, if you search after him with all your heart and with all your soul. **When you are in tribulation**, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, you will return to the Lord your God and obey his voice. For the Lord your God is a merciful God. **He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.**

Deuteronomy 5:29 O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children forever!

1 John 2:3-6 And hereby we do know that we know him, **if we keep his commandments**. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: Hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

1 John 3:24 And he that **keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him**, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

1 John 5:2,3 By this we know that we love the children of God, **when we love God, and keep his commandments**. For **this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments**: And his commandments are not grievous.

Deuteronomy 6:4,5 Hear, Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD is one: And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 These words, which I command you this day, **shall be on your heart**, and you shall teach them **diligently** to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them for a sign on your hand, and they shall be for symbols between your eyes. You shall write them on the **doorposts of your house, and on your gates**.

John 10:7 Then said Yeshua unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **I am the door** of the sheep.

Deuteronomy 6:24,25 The LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, **to fear the LORD our God, for our good always**, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day. **It shall be righteousness to us, if we observe to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he has commanded us**.

Deuteronomy 7:9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

Isaiah 40:1,2 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: For she hath received of the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

John 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 40:3,4 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, **Prepare ye the way of the LORD**, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every

mountain and hill shall be made low: And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

Isaiah 40:5 And the Glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it(him) together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

(JPS) **Isaiah 40:5** The Presence of the Lord shall appear, And all flesh, as one, shall Behold — For the Lord Himself has spoken.!

John 1:29a The next day, he saw Yeshua coming to him, and said, **Behold, the Lamb of God,**

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we Beheld His Glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) **full of grace and truth.**

Exodus 34:6,7a And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, **merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.**

James 1:10,11 But the rich, in that he is made low: Because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: So also shall the rich man fade away in his ways.

Isaiah 40:6-9 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: Because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people are grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: But **the Word of our God shall stand for ever**. **O Zion**, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain, **O Jerusalem**, that bringest good tidings, **lift up thy voice with strength, lift it up, be not afraid**, say unto the cities of Judah, **Behold your God!**

John 6:50,51 This is **the bread** which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the **living bread** which came down from heaven: If any man eat of **this bread**, he shall live forever: and **the bread** that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world

JEREMIAH 40-44

Jeremiah 40:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away captive unto Babylon.

Jeremiah 40:2,3 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the LORD hath brought it and done according as he hath said: Because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you.

Jeremiah 40:4,5 Now see, this day I am freeing you from the chains which are on your hands. If it seems good to you to come with me to Babylon, then come, and I will keep an eye on you, but if it does not seem good to you to come with me to Babylon, then do not come: See, all the land is before you, if it seems good and right to you to go on living in the land, Then go back to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has made ruler over the towns of Judah, and make your living-place with him among the people, or go wherever it seems right to you to go. So, the captain of the armed men gave him food and some money and let him go.

Jeremiah 40:6-8 So Jeremiah went to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, in Mizpah, and was living with him among the people who were still in the land. Now when it came to the ears of all the captains of the forces who were in the field, and their men, that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, ruler in the land, and had put under his care the men and women and children, all the poorest of

the land, those who had not been taken away to Babylon, Then they came to Gedaliah in Mizpah, even Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Seraiah, the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah, the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

Jeremiah 40:9,10 And Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, took an oath to them and their men, saying, Have no fear of the servants of the Chaldeans: Go on living in the land, and become the servants of the king of Babylon, and all will be well. As for me, I will be living in Mizpah as your representative before the Chaldeans who come to us: but you are to get in your wine and summer fruits and oil and put them in your vessels and make living-places for yourselves in the towns which you have taken.

Jeremiah 40:11,12 In the same way, when all the Jews who were in Moab and among the children of Ammon and in Edom and in all the countries, had news that the king of Babylon had let Judah keep some of its people and that he had put over them Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, Then all the Jews came back from all the places to which they had gone in flight, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, to Mizpah, and got in a great store of wine and summer fruit.

Jeremiah 40:13,14 Now Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were in the field, came to Gedaliah in Mizpah, And said to him, Has it come to your knowledge that Baalis, the king of the children of Ammon, has sent Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to take your life? But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, put no faith in what they said.

Jeremiah 40:15,16 Then Johanan, the son of Kareah, said to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, Let me now go and put Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, to death without anyone's knowledge: Why let him take your life so that all the Jews who have come together to you may be sent in flight, and the rest of the men of Judah come to an end? But Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, said to Johanan, the son of

Kareah, You are not to do this: For what you say about Ishmael is false.

Zechariah 8:18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, **The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth,** shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts, therefore love the truth and peace.

Tammuz-golden calf

Jeremiah 41:1,2 Now it came about **in the seventh month** that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the king's seed, having with him ten men, came to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, in Mizpah, and they had a meal together in Mizpah. Then Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men who were with him, got up, and attacking Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the sword, put to death him whom the king of Babylon had made ruler over the land.

Jeremiah 41:3-5 And Ishmael put to death all the Jews who were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldaean men of war. Now on the second day after he had put Gedaliah to death, when no one had knowledge of it, Some people came from Shechem, from Shiloh and Samaria, eighty men, with the hair of their faces cut off and their clothing out of order, and with cuts on their bodies, and in their hands meal offerings and perfumes which they were taking to the house of the Lord.

Jeremiah 41:6,7 And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, went out from Mizpah with the purpose of meeting them, weeping on his way: And it came about that when he was face to face with them he said, Come to Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam. And when they came inside the town, Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and the men who were with him, put them to death and put their bodies into a deep hole.

Jeremiah 41:8,9 But there were ten men among them who said to Ishmael, Do not put us to death, for we have secret stores, in the country, of grain and oil and honey. So he did not put them to death

with their countrymen. Now the hole into which Ishmael had put the dead bodies of the men whom he had put to death, was the great hole which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha, king of Israel: And Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, made it full of the bodies of those who had been put to death.

Jeremiah 41:10 Then Ishmael took away as prisoners all the rest of the people who were in Mizpah, the king's daughters and all the people still in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the armed men, had put under the care of Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam: Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, took them away prisoners with the purpose of going over to the children of Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:11-13 But when Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the armed forces who were with him, had news of all the evil which Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had done, They took their men and went out to make war on Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, and they came face to face with him by the great waters in Gibeon. Now when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces with him, then they were glad.

Jeremiah 41:14,15 And all the people whom Ishmael had taken away prisoners from Mizpah, turning round, came back and went to Johanan, the son of Kareah. But Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, got away from Johanan, with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon.

Jeremiah 41:16 Then Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, took all the rest of the people whom Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had made prisoners, after he had put to death Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the people from Mizpah, that is, the men of war and the women and the children and the unsexed servants, whom he had taken back with him from Gibeon:

Jeremiah 41:18 Because of the Chaldaeans: For they were in fear of them because Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, had put to death

Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had made ruler over the land.

Jeremiah 42:1-3 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah, the son of Hoshai, and all the people from the least to the greatest, came near, And said to Jeremiah the prophet, Let our request come before you, and make prayer for us to the Lord your God, even for this small band of us, for we are only a small band out of what was a great number, as your eyes may see: That the Lord your God may make clear to us the way in which we are to go and what we are to do.

Jeremiah 42:4,5 Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have given ear to you, see, I will make prayer to the Lord your God, as you have said, and it will be that, whatever the Lord may say in answer to you, I will give you word of it, keeping nothing back. Then they said to Jeremiah, May the Lord be a true witness against us in good faith, if we do not do everything which the Lord your God sends you to say to us.

Jeremiah 42:6,7 If it is good or if it is evil, we will be guided by the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we are sending you, so that it may be well for us when we give ear to the voice of the Lord our God. And it came about that after ten days the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 42:8,9 And he sent for Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces who were still with him, and all the people, from the least to the greatest, And said to them, These are the words of the Lord, the God of Israel, to whom you sent me to put your request before him.

Jeremiah 42:10-12 If you still go on living in the land, then I will go on building you up and not pulling you down, planting you and not uprooting you: For my purpose of doing evil to you has been changed. Have no fear of the king of Babylon, of whom you are now in fear, have no fear of him, says the Lord: For I am with you to keep you safe and to give you salvation from his hands. And I will have

mercy on you, so that he may have mercy on you and let you go back to your land.

Jeremiah 42:13-16 But if you say, We have no desire to go on living in this land, and do not give ear to the voice of the Lord your God, Saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we will not see war, or be hearing the sound of the horn, or be in need of food, there we will make our living-place, Then give ear now to the word of the Lord, O you last of Judah: The Lord of armies, the God of Israel, has said, If your minds are fixed on going into Egypt and stopping there, Then it will come about that the sword, which is the cause of your fear, will overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and need of food, which you are fearing, will go after you there in Egypt, and there death will come to you.

Jeremiah 42:17,18 Such will be the fate of all the men whose minds are fixed on going into Egypt and stopping there, they will come to their end by the sword, by being short of food, and by disease: Not one of them will keep his life or get away from the evil which I will send on them. For this is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel, has said: As my wrath and passion have been let loose on the people of Jerusalem, so will my passion be let loose on you when you go into Egypt: And you will become an oath and a cause of wonder and a curse and a name of shame; and you will never see this place again.

Jeremiah 42:19,20 The Lord has said about you, O last of Judah, Go not into Egypt: Be certain that I have given witness to you this day. For you have been acting with deceit in your hearts, for you sent me to the Lord your God, saying, Make prayer for us to the Lord our God, and give us word of everything he may say, and we will do it.

Jeremiah 42:21,22 And this day I have made it clear to you, and you have not given ear to the voice of the Lord your God in anything for which he has sent me to you. And now be certain that you will come to your end by the sword and by being short of food and by disease, in the place to which you are pleased to go for a living-place.

Jeremiah 43; 1,2 And it came about that when Jeremiah had come to the end of giving all the people the words of the Lord their God, which the Lord their God had sent him to say to them, even all these words, Then Azariah, the son of Hoshai, and Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the men of pride, said to Jeremiah, You have said what is false: The Lord our God has not sent you to say, You are not to go into the land of Egypt and make your living-place there.

Jeremiah 43;3-5 But Baruch, the son of Neriah, is moving you against us, to give us up into the hands of the Chaldeans so that they may put us to death and take us away prisoners into Babylon. So Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not give ear to the order of the Lord that they were to go on living in the land of Judah. But Johanan, the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces took all the rest of Judah who had come back into the land of Judah from all the nations where they had been forced to go;

Jeremiah 43;6,7 The men and the women and the children and the king's daughters, and every person whom Nebuzaradan, the captain of the armed men, had put under the care of Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet and Baruch, the son of Neriah, And they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not give ear to the voice of the Lord: And they came to Tahpanhes.

Jeremiah 43;8-10 Then the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take in your hand some great stones, and put them in a safe place in the paste in the brickwork which is at the way into Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, before the eyes of the men of Judah, And say to them, This is what the Lord of armies, the God of Israel, has said: See, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar, the king of Babylon, my servant, and he will put the seat of his kingdom on these stones which have been put in a safe place here by you, and his tent will be stretched over them.

Jeremiah 43;11,12 And he will come and overcome the land of Egypt, those who are for death will be put to death, those who are to be prisoners will be made prisoners, and those who are for the

sword will be given to the sword. And he will put a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt, and they will be burned by him: And he will make Egypt clean as a keeper of sheep makes clean his clothing, and he will go out from there in peace.

Announcements

Tuesday Prayer Team meets for prayer and Worship 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Thursday Manna Time is held at El Shaddai Ministries from 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM.

Saturday Torah Club meets upstairs at ESM from 12:30 PM 2:30 PM.

Conference (Date change)

August 2nd,
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Join us at El Shaddai Ministries as Pastor Mark will be Hosting a conference Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday with Rabbi Mark Fishman as he speaks on the Month of Elul, “The King is in The Field”

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Israel Trip

October 2026

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